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EVERGREENE

Rev. Elizabeth Greene

There's a well-known church consultant, Alice Mann, who avoids asking congregations, "What is your mission/vision statement?" Instead, she likes to ask, "What is your song?"

Her point is that the words we put to our mission statements, while important, may not capture the fullness or depth and breadth of our identity. She knows that metaphor can come closer to what we feel in our hearts, about our church homes.

I would like us to reflect on Alice's question. It's a good one to think on for our personal selves, too, but for now, I ask, how would you answer the question, "What is our Fellowship's song?"

The very first one that came to my mind was Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah," followed closely by "Prayer For This House." How about "I Walk in the Garden"? Maybe "Hard Day's Night"? The Beatles could be a rich source: "Hey Jude"; "I Want To Hold Your Hand"; "Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."

Heck, we might just elect "Yellow Submarine" as our theme song: "And our friends are all aboard, many more of them live next door."

In any case, the song path appeals to me a lot. We are approaching our Annual Stewardship Drive, in which each of us takes a searching look at what we are able to provide, materially, to this cherished home of ours. What song do you sing? What song(s) do you want us all to sing?

SUNDAYS

Feb. 6, 9:30 am & 11:15 am

"Love...or Something like It," Bryan and Wanda Jennings

With Valentine's Day coming, remember what Clint Black said, "Love isn't something that you feel, it's something that you do." Beverly Harley, service coordinator.

Feb. 13, 9:30 am & 11:15 am

"Secrets," Rev. Elizabeth Greene

What sorts of secrets do we keep? What effect do secrets have on our lives and relationships? There is still time to type your secret, seal it and get it to Elizabeth! Bev Harley, service coordinator. Cathy Sherman, service coordinator.

Feb. 20, 9:30 am & 11:15 am

"Who Needs God?" Rev. Jackie Kelly

As a UU minister, Jackie Kelly serves as the Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor at St. Luke's. Join Jackie as she reflects on how talking with hospital patients, family, staff and CPE students about their relationships with God has influenced her thinking about how Unitarian Universalists might also need a personal relationship with God. Besse LaBudde, service coordinator.

Feb. 27, 9:30 am & 11:15 am

"Make a Joyful Noise," Rev. Elizabeth Greene

Today, we kick off our Annual Stewardship Drive, focusing for a bit on the material that underlies our vision of love and justice. What song echoes in our hearts, uniting us in joy and connection? Nancy Harms, service coordinator.

DON'T BE AFRAID OF SOME CHANGE!

Beginning **February 6, 2011** there will be a **CHANGE** at BUUF! We will change the times which our services begin. The first service will begin at 9:30 and the second service will begin at 11:15. Mark your calendars! Check your clocks! We are changing the times in an effort to equalize our services.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Debra Smith

When our Pacific Northwest region District Executive, Janine Larson, visited in January, she spoke to us about embracing change. Now, if you are like me, you embrace the idea of change in theory. I am particularly happy with change when someone else changes to meet my needs. Alas, the world doesn't work like that. And truth be told, we UU's are committed to change\spiritual growth as it were. We like it when we can meander down our own paths and change directions. We are not so happy when external situations not of our choosing force us to change. Let's face it, until we reach enlightenment (next year?), we will want to control our lives and we will resist being compelled to change.

The board recently sponsored a workshop to inform committee members (who's not?) about a model for behavior we intend to adopt that will allow us to gracefully accept change. It is commonly called the Deming model, or "Continuous Improvement," or "Plan, Do, Study, Act." [Google it!] In this model, people commit to an ongoing process of envisioning, implementing, evaluating, reflecting and re-acting, and then re-visioning. Our focus for the board is to help committees -- over the next few years -- adopt this process, and to work on envisioning a plan for their committee (mission). From there, committees will determine how they will gauge the success of their activities, and report to the board their findings, and their intended re-visioning process. My experience in business and in teaching is that if we do not embrace the continuous improvement model, then the -- salience of the traditional -- takes over, and we continue to do "the same old thing" because "that's the way it's always been done."

Continuous improvement requires that people adopt a more objective, scientific stance and commit to the process, not attach to the outcome. For an example of this: the Sunday Services Committee will be changing start times for the services beginning this month. The board is interested in how they will assess the success or failure of the time change to achieve their stated goal. The board also wants the Program Ministry Council to evaluate the affect on all other ministries. This requires obtaining and interpreting both quantitative and qualitative data. Data tells a story, and like any story, can either illumine or obscure the truth. Hence, continuous reflection, continuous improvement.

Namaste!



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RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



Winter Reflections

Emmie Schlobohm, Director of Religious Exploration

Last week, I was walking the labyrinth and had the breathtaking experience of being in the flight path of 3 separate gaggles of geese landing on our grounds. Their honking accompanied my walking meditation and when they flew over me at very low altitude, I stopped, closed my eyes and just listened. Yes, I worried about also being in the path of goose droppings, but after the first fly over, those fears were swept away. The sound was mesmerizing and the air moved around me. I felt completely connected to the earth and transformed. That experience has stayed with me and it grounds me in my daily tasks and reminds me of the seasonal cycles of our blue boat home.

Winter is a time of contemplation, reflection, and preparation for me. The mad rush of the beginning of the program year and the marvelous craziness of the holidays are over and the many activities and joys of the spring are ahead. The classes of Religious Exploration for children and youth continue their journey of discovery and joining them in their classrooms is a treat I look forward to every week. This year's crop of Coming of Age *mentos* and mentors are well into their exploration of the big questions. It's a highlight of my month to spend a couple hours with them and Elizabeth and participate in the thoughtful discussions and fun humor.

Our beloved community is filled with vibrant caring people of all ages and surrounded by the wonders of our interconnected web of life. During this time of a slower pace and reflection, I'm thankful to be on this shared journey.

Boston Bounders in aBundance

The Boston Bounders are everywhere and they're ready to help and join in the fun! Our amazing group of junior high youth are striving mightily to make their way to Boston this June. You've seen them as budding baristas, but did you know that they are organizing a Valentine's store and will be preparing serving a Boston dinner at our Second Saturday Fellowship Fun Night in March? Behind the scenes, they will be working hard at BUUF's annual

auction and Gary Anderson's one-man shows through March.

This group is particularly conscious of what's going on around them and they are gathering supplies to help the Cool Group chalice circle put together packages for the homeless in our community. This endeavor is NOT a fundraiser of any kind. They chose to do a service project, as a group, to give back to our community that is so supportive of their efforts. This is a wonderful group that is truly full of wonder. Good things are happening now and great things are in store!

A Thousand Thanks to All of Our Guides, Advisors and Care Providers

Emmie Schlobohm, Director of Religious Exploration

February is the half way point of Religious Exploration's program year. I can't believe it. There have been amazing things happening in the classrooms. The wonderful folks who volunteer to "guide" and advise our children deserve a huge thank you for their commitment to BUUF's children and youth. There would be no Religious Exploration without them. Please join me in extending heartfelt thanks to them and their families who support them.

Elementary Guides

Jeanette Ross
Sandy Cruise
Kristin Bergeson
Kim Gattiker
Jill Palmer
Charlene Becerra
Jenny Moorman
Megan Hunicke
Lisa Johnson
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Parker Butler
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Claudia Fernsworth
Becky Groff
Sharon Barlow-Palm
Cathy Carmen
Jay and Carol Wechselberger
Nancy Riley
Janet Lawler
Sam Schlobohm

From your Religious Exploration Committee:

There's a room full of wise and wonderful guides of all ages just waiting for you!

Have you noticed the sign-up sheets outside the Religious Exploration class rooms? I didn't think so. Well, those magic pages are your ticket to a journey of a lifetime! Our children are amazing and they can change your perspective or even your life. Sign up for an hour of your time in a Religious Exploration class room and experience the wonder!

Nutritious Snacks Needed for our Children and Youth in Religious Exploration Classes

There's a simple way that you can give to our children and youth in a big way: Snack time! Each week all of our RE classes enjoy sharing a nutritious snack together. Our supplies are getting low again.

Some great snacks that you can contribute for our children and youth include Goldfish, Cheezits, and dried fruit snacks. Also, please remember that anything with nuts cannot be used due to allergies. If you're looking for a different snack to contribute -- try mini rice cakes! We have young people with gluten intolerance and they greatly appreciate enjoying snack time too. If everyone adds a box of snack food to their grocery list and brings it to the beautifully decorated hamper just inside the north wing hallway, we'll be up and running with snack time again with a hiccup!

Many thanks from your Religious Exploration Committee

Flu season is here!

Please be aware of some simple preventative steps we will all be taking in the RE classrooms to keep our community healthy: All classroom

surfaces will be disinfected before class; children will wash their hands upon entering the classroom and before snack; all classroom surfaces will be disinfected after class; if your child has any of the classic flu-like symptoms, please keep them home and we will welcome them with open arms when they're symptom-free and feeling better. For more info, please contact Emmie Schlobohm at 658-1710.

Boston Bounders Fundraising activities

Sharon BarlowPalm

February 6 and 13 — between services and after the 11:15 service we'll sweeten the change. Remember the Bounders Christmas Store with divinity, chocolate sauce, nuts, and homemade cards? This was such a success that by popular demand we'll be back with a Valentine Store! In addition, we'll have Valentine fruit baskets for the healthy minded.

March 12 - Boston Bounders will provide a St. Patrick's corn beef and cabbage dinner by donation. There will be a vegetarian option, also. This will replace the potluck dinner that's usually held on the second Saturday. Be ready for good eatin' and lots of fun. Did I mention the dessert auction?

Just in case you are worried that the Bounders are only concerned with

raising money, you can put that worry aside. We are learning about Boston history and the UUA as we prepare for our trip. Among other activities, we are helping the Cool Group Chalice Circle collect items for the handout packets for the homeless.

COMMITTEES

Fundraising News

Claudia Fernsworth

Up-coming fundraising events:

***Saturday, February 5**— Doors open at 5:30. Our biggest fundraiser—the Live and Silent Auction—"Hollywood-A Tribute to Tinseltown". Tickets \$20 through Sunday January 30—Thereafter, \$25—includes buffet dinner and entertainment (see elsewhere for in this newsletter for details)

***Sometime in Mid February**— Preview performance of Gary Anderson's one-man show "Clarence Darrow Revealed" Tickets \$10 to \$20 (no one turned away for lack of funds)

***Friday, March 4—7:30**— "Clarence Darrow Revealed" (see elsewhere for details) Tickets \$10-20 —no one turned away for lack of funds

***Saturday, March 5—4:00**— "Clarence Darrow Revealed" Tickets \$10 to \$20—no one turned away for lack of funds

Did you know?

Twenty years ago, June 1981, BUUF'S Newsletter had these "notes" of the recently held annual meeting...

"John Harms presented the idea of forming a sister church relationship with a church in Romania. Such a friendship could strengthen our sense of history and roots and give us a feel for life in a communist country." It would be enriching to see what interests we share today and to put our children in touch with one another. A motion to explore the possibility of forming the sister relationship was passed. Marge Pease will be visiting in Romania this summer and will talk to people there about it.

The question of whether to applaud musicians at our Sunday services was discussed, and opinion seemed evenly divided. Some people feel that applause detracts from the contemplative mood of the service. It was noted to table the motion (refraining from applause) to allow more time to think about the question."

***Saturday, March 5**—5:45 to 7:15—
Wine and Cheese Reception with
“Clarence Darrow” himself—By
donation for Boston Bounders

***Saturday, March 5**—7:30—
”Clarence Darrow Revealed” Tickets
\$10 to \$20 —no one turned away for
lack of funds

***Saturday, May 14**—1:00 to 4:00.
Chocolate Dessert Extravaganza.
Tickets \$10 for 3 desserts and 1 raffle
ticket. Take home available. Tell
everyone you know!

Understanding BUUF Landscape – Part 1

VISION STATEMENT: To plan
oversee, and participate in creating
the landscape of the four-acre Boise
Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship’s
(BUUF) property at Garrett and
Chelan, the landscape committee
(Committee) will be guided by the
spirit of the BUUF Mission Statement,
which emphasizes supporting each
individual’s (Member, Friend, Neighbor)
search for growth and meaning
and to promote a diverse and nurturing
community and landscape in
harmony with the natural world.

GOALS:

-To create a landscape in harmony
with the spirit of community that is the
BUUF essence, and in harmony with
the climate and soils of the arid Boise
environment

-To invite, encourage and assist
members and friends of the Fellowship
to be the creators and curators of the
landscape

-To minimize water requirements, time
and cost for continued maintenance of
the landscape

-To provide maximum accessibility to
all portions of the property for
everyone.

BUUF Landscape isn’t one simple
organization. No, we have three
distinctly different parts to us. So
when you hear of ‘Landscape’, it
could be one, two or three different
elements. We’ve got the Landscape
Committee, the Landscape Gardeners,
and the Landscape Mowers and
(Weed) Whackers. Some of us operate

in one, two or three of these categories.
It’s also important to recognize
that we’re all vital, there is no hierarchy;
we just have different responsibilities
and/or interests.

See the March newsletter for the
conclusion to this informative article.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Rick Groff

The Idaho Foodbank has a food
backpack program for grade school
age students. Bundles of nourishing
but easily prepared foods are put into
the backpacks of selected children at
the end of each school week. Each
bundle is designed to contain
sufficient food for one child for one
weekend. The program is directed
toward chronically undernourished
children, who are identified by school
administrators.

Approximately 30 people from the
Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
(BUUF) celebrated Martin Luther
King Day by preparing backpack food
bundles. Our participants worked as
part of a larger group of approximately
80 volunteers. The food bundles were
assembled on a line in plastic bags. At
each station, one food item was added
to the plastic bag. By the time the bag
reached the end of the line, it contained
all the designated food items.

In a little over an hour, 1,100 food
bundles were prepared by our team
while another team at the other end of
the building prepared a similar number
of food bundles.

Over 6000 of these food bundles were
prepared during the day. All the BUUF
participants had a great time and left
the Foodbank with a sense of accomplishment.
It seems like a most
appropriate way to honor Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr.

Are You Hungry?

You’ll probably answer no, but many
people around you experience food
insecurity every day. If you have an
interest in making sure that everyone

in our community has access to food,
please join us at our monthly Hunger/
Food Supply Task Force meeting. We
meet at 6:30 pm in the north RE wing
on the first Monday of each month
(February 7 this month). Come explore
the problems and help us figure out
solutions.

Hunger Action and the Capital City Market

Eating more fresh fruits and vegetables
is good for all of us. It is
especially good if you are using Food
Stamps and have been relying on low-
cost foods, which may be higher in
fats and sugars. This spring, for the
second year, the Capitol City Public
Market, where local growers sell fresh
produce, is going to accept Food
Stamps.

We, BUUF, will again operate the
machine that transforms Food Stamp
benefits into tokens that can be used
at the Market to buy fresh food. This
activity works on behalf of economic
justice and makes BUUF a more
visible presence in our community.
Many BUUF members and friends
participated in this volunteer activity
in the 2010 Market season, and know
how enjoyable and rewarding it is.

Once again, we will be using the grant
from the Wholesome Wave Foundation
and our donated funds to make it
easier for Food Stamp Users to buy
fresh produce. For every dollar used
on the Food Stamp Card, up to ten
dollars, the Wholesome Wave
Foundation and BUUF will add a
dollar, doubling the Food Stamp
recipient’s buying power.

Our social outreach funds in February
will be used for this worthy purpose.
25% of non-pledged plate donations
will go to this fund. If you write a
check to BUUF with “outreach” on
the memo line, all of your donation will
go to the fund.

This project is win-win. It benefits
Food Stamp recipients, local farmers,
the local economy, and BUUF by
making us a greater presence in the
community for good works.

Whittier School Hygiene Kits

Nurse Adde of Whittier School plans to pass out the hygiene kits starting in March. While we have a wonderful start with shampoo, conditioner and soap, we still need combs, pencils, toothpaste (small size preferred, but anything welcome) and hair accessories. The RE kids are going to collect new or gently used books that will be put in the kits also. The deadline for donations is February 20. Thank you for your generosity towards our partner school! If you have any questions, contact Sheila Ames at sheilaames@cableone.net.

BUUF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

A New Vision from your Congregational Care Team

Yes, I know, the words in the hymnal, the order of service, etc. are just too small. I'm up to 2.25 reading glasses, though my left eye works much better at 2.50. If you have similar problems, we have a stopgap solution for you. Magnifiers are now available at the small tables near the entrances to the sanctuary. Please feel free to use these, then return them after the service. If you can't find one, ask a greeter or a member of the CCT.

Our Pay It Forward Fund was running low, but thanks to the generosity of many here at BUUF, we are able to continue offering grants of up to \$350 to BUUF members and friends who have urgent, one-time needs. If you have too much month left at the end of the money, see Pam Woodies, Kristen Cheyney, Paul Schlobohm, Sheila Ames, or Bryan Jennings. And if you have too much money at the end of the month, the Fund can always use a little more cash, just to make sure we don't run short at a time of need. In other words, donations are always welcome!



Hollywood A Tribute to Tinseltown

Dinner and Auction

Saturday, February 5, 2010

Appetizers and Buffet Dinner

Live and Silent Auction

Relive the golden age of Hollywood. The red carpet is waiting for you. Please join us for a fabulous evening of glamour, delicious food, and great entertainment.

Tickets \$20 (\$25 after Jan. 31)

Tickets are available in the south vestibule after each service on January 30. Or see a member of the auction committee: Gwyn or Bill Reid, Becky Groff, Claudia Fernsworth, Patty Nakaoki, Nancy Harms. Tickets are also available from the BUUF office during office hours.

Auction items include travel and vacation packages, outdoor adventures, dining, personal services, private parties, art and collectibles, and many more sensational items! See the latest list of auction items: <http://boiseuu.org/special-auction.html>

We will accept auction donations through February 1. Donation forms are in the north vestibule, or you can donate on-line: <http://boiseuu.org/auction-donation.html>.

We could also use volunteers for the event. Please contact Becky Groff or Claudia Fernsworth.

BUUF Is on Facebook

More than 250 people are friends with BUUF on Facebook! Join us for reminders of Sunday service topics and special events plus extras that help illuminate what we've been talking about at church and news from the wider UU world. Just search for Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and be part of our spiritual social network. If you'd like to see a link posted or an event publicized on the Facebook page, send it to page administrator Julie Fanselow via a Facebook message or by email to sidewalk208@gmail.com.



Quilt Raffle

Be sure to check out the 2011 quilt from the BUUF Q-UU-ilters, being offered this year by raffle. Tickets can be bought at each Sunday service in January, at the Hoedown on January 8, and in the early part of the evening at the auction on February 5. The drawing will be held at the auction, though you don't need to be present to win. This year's quilt, entitled "The Geishas," is an elegant pattern of beige, rose, and green tones in fabric with Japanese themes, including several images of Geishas. Look for the quilt at upcoming BUUF events. Tickets for the drawing are \$5 each, or \$20 for five. Can't get to BUUF to buy tickets? Contact Harriet Shaklee, hshaklee@cableone.net or Barb Alexander, barbalexander@cableone.net to purchase tickets by mail. All proceeds go to the Landscape Committee to maintain our beautiful grounds in this year of budget shortfall.

A New Twist To Christmas Shopping -- Helping Kids In Need

Kyle Janssen, Nutrition Programs
AmeriCorps*VISTA, The Idaho
Foodbank

Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship recently raised more than \$2,500 for The Idaho Foodbank Backpack Program, which provides food each Friday for children who might not have food over the weekend.

The fundraiser sold “gift cards” giving a donation to the program on someone’s behalf and started because of a lack of gift ideas.

“My mother-in-law is 92-years-old and has everything she needs,” said Carol Sevier, one of the organizers. “We never know what to get her for gifts, so we decided to make a donation in her name.”

Sevier made little cloth backpacks for gift card holders, and Anthony, who prefers to go simply by his first name, designed the cards. All the time and materials to create the cards and card holders were donated.

“This is really neat because it allows a person to donate to a charitable cause, but also give something tangible to the gift recipient,” Anthony said.

The funds will go toward the Backpack Program that supports Whittier Elementary, which the church has “adopted” in recent years. According to Sheila Ames, another fundraiser organizer, the church tries to ensure Whittier students have everything they need.

“The Backpack program is great,” Sevier said, “because it serves a really vulnerable population who can’t really help themselves.”

Last March, the plate collection for the Backpack Program raised \$1,500. Ames said they plan to have more plate offerings for the program and do the holiday gift cards fundraiser again next year.

“Our goal is to fund all the backpacks that go to Whittier,” Ames said. The Idaho Foodbank sends 21 backpacks to Whittier each week.



The group also participated in The Idaho Foodbank’s “Feed the Dream: Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service” on Monday, January 17, volunteering to assemble the food packs that go out to students.

All the food provided through the Backpack Program is purchased through corporate and individual donations. Each weekend backpack costs \$6.20. The cost to sponsor one child for one month is \$24.80, for an entire school year the cost is \$229.40.

Through funding and support, you can provide nutrition for hungry children, because no child should have to go hungry.

Art Show in South Hallway

Stop by the South Hallway and experience a sampling of one of Mark McGinnis's prolific art projects based on Rabindranath Tagore's book of poems, *Gitanjali*. Mark has produced 103 watercolors based on this book of poetry and we are delighted that he is sharing 40 of the watercolors with us from now until March 31. This art show is a companion piece to the Adult Religious Education course Mark is teaching about Tagore. He is also sharing another grouping of these watercolors at the Shangra La Teahouse starting March 1.

Sage Stages

Tom von Alten

Dr. Charles Lauterbach returns to the Sages with another installment of his historical tour of theater. On Thursday, February 10, we'll hear how the audio-visual sensation of medieval theater revived the fortunes of a moribund Church.

Our program initially planned for late January was pre-empted by Wendy Kirkpatrick Shrief's late term *Tales of Abu Dhabi*, but you'll have another chance on February 24 to see how Swedish professor of global health (and co-founder of Doctors without Borders) Hans Rosling makes good on his motto of "no more boring data!" and how his nonprofit Gapminder is making a difference for the U.N. Millennium Development goals.

We meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays for a no-host breakfast and interesting discussion at the Kopper Kitchen (2661 Airport Way). Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Tom at 378-1217 or tva@fortboise.org for more information.

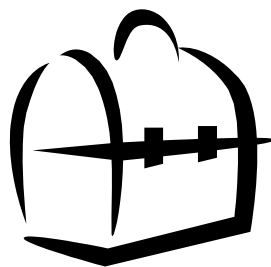
New Chalice Circle for wellness and balance !!!!

The first meeting is February 2, 2011 at BUUF in the Balaze Room at 12:45. The next meeting is on the February

10 at my home, 370 N Linder, in Meridian, at 7:00pm. Please RSVP me by February 5 so I can have survey and a head count. These first two meetings are to build our foundation for what this Chalice Circle will look like. The meetings will be held bi-monthly. First one will be the core group for individual goals and study. Then opening group for education and healthy living and healing.

This is a group of wellness seekers searching for our answers to what is our task, what is our purpose with an open mind, heart, body. To share as an individual our own experience. As a group to seek the knowledge and education to walk towards self care and responsibility for oneness and wholeness. We may possibly base our second survey on Wellness Workbook by John W. TRAVIS MD and Regina Sara Ryan. Those areas of learning are 1 Self-Responsibility and Love 2 Breathing 3 Sensing 4 Eating 5 Moving 6 Feeling 7 Thinking 8 Playing/Working 9 Communicating 10 Sex 11 Finding Meaning 12 Transcending.

For more information call Tesla Gillespie 954-4882 Thank you for supporting me in my passion for health and wellness and this new Chalice Circle.



Ministerial Luncheons!!

Each month, the Committee on Ministry and our minister, Elizabeth, sponsor two no-host lunches, so that people can just gather and have some relaxed time with the minister and each other. We hold the West Lunch on second Tuesdays, and the East Lunch on fourth Fridays. Here are the facts:

Tuesday, February 8, Miss Tami's Cottage and Tea Room, 1031 North

Main Street, Meridian, 11:30. (It's always possible just to have coffee here, too.)

Friday, February 25, the cafeteria in the URS Building (formerly Washington Mutual, even more formerly M-K) on Park, across Broadway on the inbound Extender, 11:30. Go in the double doors behind the big fountain.

As a congregation gets bigger, there are fewer opportunities for this kind of spontaneous conversation, and we have a good time. Join us!

"Laughing all the Way" with our Humanists

Jeanette Ross

Our January 9 meeting was seriously well attended. We started with humorous stories related to our names and/or history. Cartoons circulated, jokes abounded. Saint Peter had several notable interactions at the Golden Gates; Jean Gonzales read the story of how her parents quit the big-time chicken business. A first-timer just happened to have a couple of choice quotes in his wallet.

Next month, Xan Barrett will acquaint us with recent systems of color theory. Jeanette promises a variety of hands-on color experiments, supplies provided. Bonus: a wave of nostalgia when you pick up a crayon. We will shift our meeting times to match new service times, starting at 11:15 February 13, in the BUUF library.



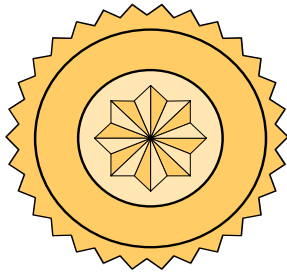
Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East (UUJME),

Boise Chapter, meets at BUUF

Saturday Feb. 12, 4:00 PM

All are Welcome

Come join in the Discussion!



Credo Group Formation

(follow-up to the Naturalism/Spiritualism Sermon)

Saturday, February, 12, 2011, 10:00am, Junior High Room, South Wing, BUUF

In response to the strong interest following the November sermon Naturalism/Spiritualism, presented by Mark McGinnis and Elizabeth, the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is considering forming a credo group or groups as a part of our ongoing efforts on exploration of belief. A credo group is a number of open-minded people who come together to discuss and explore their beliefs. Topics can include God, god, death, religious needs, the soul/spirit, morals, afterlife, ethics, karma, nature, the supernatural, cosmology, dharma, and many others.

BUUF will be having an open organizational meeting to discuss the structure of these groups.

Some of the topics for discussion are:

— how large do we want the groups (6-8, 8-12, 12-18, ?)

— meeting logistics — at what time?, on what day?, how often?, etc.

— should there be a facilitator, or no facilitator, rotating facilitators?

— should the discussions have a structure (talking stones, timers, etc.) or be unstructured?

— should members be expected to prepare for the group meetings?

— other topics to arise at the meeting

Everyone (members and friends) who is interested in this exciting new dimension of our fellowship is welcome attend the meeting and help us shape this new opportunity.

“Through This We Live”

Dr. Mike Cutler, a Native American professor in the BSU Counseling Department

Dr. Cutler shares Lakota/Dakota traditional culture, its values, beliefs, and rituals as he learned and experienced them. Specifically, he provides a brief overview of the Inipi ceremony including some specifics on materials, meanings of the fire/altar/lodge, how an individual comes to be qualified to pour water. He shares some Taku Wakan (things that are holy) and some Inipi Olowan Four Directional song with Fellowship members and friends. Jess McGinnis, Mike’s wife and mother to Gabe and Sam, reads a poem entitled “Indian Children.” Liz Mummey (Assiniboine), a member of the Native American Coalition of Boise (NACOB), shares an oral tradition story with BUUF children entitled *Why the Bear Has a Short Tail*. After the candle is extinguished at the end of the service, everyone (adults and children) takes part in a friendship round dance.

Partner Church News

Gwyn Reid

Since 1993, BUUF has partnered with the Unitarian congregation in Mészkő, Transylvania. The Partner Church committee coordinates activities that help to sustain this relationship.

Message from Mészkő

The following message was received from Mészkő minister, Reverend Robert Balint in early January “We are having a wonderful winter here in

Mészkő. The whole village is covered by snow. Everything is white and peaceful. The holidays have just passed. We had a wonderful Christmas Eve Service in the church, with lots of music. Three of our school girls play a music instrument, so they provided the tune for the celebration. In the first day of Christmas the youth group came with me to Csegez, to perform a Christmas play for the people there. We also had a New Year’s Eve party at the Community house. These days we are in the midst of board and committee meetings planning the budget and closing the year 2010.

“I just wanted to keep you up to date with the things happening here and let you know that we are all right and full of energy, and of course to wish you all a wonderful, peaceful NEW YEAR.”

Fesztival! – Transylvanian Banquet postponed

The Fesztivál Banquet has been postponed until later this spring. Look for more information in the March newsletter.





Time for the Coffeehouse Again!

Here's an opportunity for members and friends to share their talents in a popular "potpourri" format of entertainment, and for listeners to enjoy an intimate evening of music, poetry, dance, comedy, or storytelling. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Harms at either nancy@boiseuu.org or 658-1710. This will be the 2nd Saturday Fellowship Fun Night, February 12, 6 pm.

Listeners, mark your calendars now and plan to bring friends along with a potluck dish to share at the beginning of the evening. We'll have a movie for the younger crowd. The only bread you'll need is donation for drinks. We'll have music by Coston Frederick and Bob Wallace. This will be held in the North Wing.

The Other Book Club

Come join us the second Sunday of the month for lively discussion on books and other topics.

February 13 : Our book is the *Lonely Polygamist* by Brady Udall. We will meet at the home of Erin Logan, 2116 N. 17th St., Boise, 336-4960.

March 13 we will be discussing the *Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz at the home of Benita Coleman, 8169 W. Beckton Ln., Garden City, 375-9082.

April 10, our book is *Freedom* by Jonathon Franzen. We will meet at the home of Dorothy Vanderpool.

In May we have selected *The Finkler Question* by Howard Jacobson. We will meet at the home of Carol Wilke.

Happy Reading!



Attention Ti Qi Chalice Circle Members

We will be meeting the first three Sundays of each month at 1:00 in the North Wing of BUUF. There will be no circle the last week of the month.

Classics Book Club

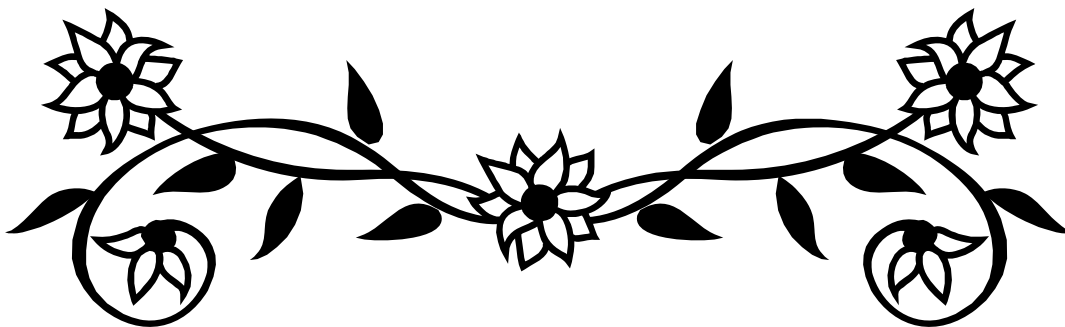
The Classic Book Club will discuss *Cry the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton at Marcia Lyons's home (902 N. 18th St.) at 7:00 on Feb. 9. Come help us find modern meaning in this beloved tale of African apartheid. Call Lorel Case (376-3188) for more information.



BUUF camping 2011!

Karen Raese

It is that time again! Eileen Geddings and I have reserved camping sites at Ponderosa State Park in McCall for a BUUF camping weekend August 12-14. We'd love to know if you want to be there! We have 8 sites (if two "families" share a site we have spots for 16 "families.") Based on your speedy response to us, we will know if we have enough sites for this year's camping fun. We may or may not be able to get more. So now is the time to act. You don't want to miss out. Let us know of your interest by contacting Karen Raese at craigraese@cs.com or 853-3865 or Eileen Geddings at egeddings@cableone.net or 853-0822. It is helpful if you indicate how many people in your group and if you will use a tent, trailer or RV.





selections from

Gitanjali

paintings by Mark W. McGinnis

poetry by Rabindranath Tagore

Boise Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship

South Wing Gallery

January 12 - March 31, 2011

(March 1-31 a different selection
of paintings from the project will
be shown at

Shangri-La Tea Room and Cafe,
18800 W. Overland Rd., Boise)





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THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS...



THE TIMES THEY ARE A'CHANGIN'

Beginning February 6 and for the rest of this program year we will begin our first service at 9:30. We will begin the second service at 11:15. Don't be early and don't be late!

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

There is a lot happening in our Religious Exploration program. Find out how to get involved on **pages 3-4**. There are great opportunities to get to know our kids and youth!

FUNDRAISING -- GIVING BACK TO BUUF

Pages 4-5 have a list of upcoming events for our Fellowship, including the Auction! See **page 6** for details on that event.

ART SHOW IN THE SOUTH WING

Selections from Gitanjali, paintings by Mark W. McGinnis. See **pages 6 and 11** for more details. And check out the show in the South wing.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

There are lots of ways to get active at BUUF! Comb the pages of our newsletter to find new and exciting ways to be involved in the new year.

NEXT the Newsletter Deadline...TUESDAY, Jan. 15, 2011 at NOON

YouCount! February Census 2011

In February the Fellowship Connections Team will be taking a Census to help BUUF better understand:



WHAT IS GOING ON AROUND HERE?

Please help:

- Wear your nametag to Sunday Services and dropping it off in the basket after the service
- Take attendance at **ALL** BUUF group gatherings- attendance forms in the office (committee meetings, chalice circles, work parties, adult RE, potlucks, minister's lunch...)
- Register your volunteer hours (in the office – Purple volunteer registry file marked YouCount!)
- Take the survey (e-mailed to you, on the website, available in the office, or call if you would like one mailed to you)

The information gathered will help many committees better understand who does what for the fellowship. We hope to gain information to help BUUFers get more involved and to know the needs and desires of the congregation.

Please contact Miriam Woito – miriamwoito@gmail.com or 890 6074

To volunteer your help or if you have questions. Thank you!

Clarence Darrow Revealed

by Gary Anderson

March 4, 5 at 7:30pm and March 5 at 4:00pm

Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Sponsored by the BUUF Social Justice & Fundraising committees and Boston Bounders

In this intimate and warts-and-all portrait of a struggling and older Clarence Darrow, nationally renowned actor/expert Gary Anderson, explores a very personal life on the fault lines of change.

When you stand up for what is right, instead of bowing to what is popular, how high is the price you pay? Clarence Darrow was America's most celebrated and reviled lawyer. He took on racism, social injustice and the death penalty. All the while haunted and scarred by personal demons.

Why go? To delve into a relevant fascinating real life character and to hear original musical compositions created as underscoring for this new work by Rich McKinney and played by Kevin Hall - noted Boise bassoon soloist.

Who should you bring? Anyone who believes justice is worth striving for, even if it's not always attainable.

*Tickets: \$10-20, no one turned away for lack of funds
purchase in advance at services or at the door*

Meet "Mr Darrow" at a Wine and Cheese Reception March 5 5:45-7:15pm - by donation to benefit the Boston Bounders

Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

February 2011 Events at BUUF unless noted

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		01 4pm» Friends of Jung 7pm» Inner Resilience Class 7pm» Men's Chalice Circle 7pm» Women on the Verge II 7:15pm» Choir rehearsal	02 6:30pm» BEC Event 6:30pm» PMC Monthly Mtg 7:15pm» Choir rehearsal	03 7pm» Tagore Poetry Class 7pm» Thursday Night Chalice Circle	04 Auction Set up	05 9am» Auction Set-up All Day 6pm» Auction & Dinner
06 10:30am» Welcome Chat 12:30pm» Welcome Chat 12:45pm» Cool Grp Chal Cir 12:45pm» Wellness & Balance Chal Cir 1pm» Tai Chi Chalice Cir 6pm» Stewardship Committee	07 4:30pm» Partner Church Comm Mtg 7pm» Hunger Task Force	08 11:30am» Minister's Lunch 7pm» Inner Resilience Class	09 5pm» Personnel Committee Meeting 6pm» RE Committee Mtg 7pm» Ministry Team 7:15pm» Choir rehearsal	10 9:30am» Senior Sages (Kopper Kitchen) 7pm» Sunday Services Mtg 7pm» Tagore Poetry Class	11	12 9:30am» Congregational Care Team 10am» Credo Chal Cir Mtg 4pm» UUJME 6pm» 2nd Saturday Fun Night Coffeehouse
13 10:15am» Finance Committee 10:30am» Welcome Chat 11am» hUumanists 12:30pm» Rainbow Outreach Comm mtg 12:30pm» Welcome Chat 1pm» Tai Chi Chalice Cir 5pm» Landscape Committee	14 7pm» Interiors Committee 7pm» Men's Chalice Cir 2	15 12pm» BUUF News deadline 7pm» Inner Resilience Class 7pm» Men's Chalice Circle	16 6pm» Coming of Age 7:15pm» Choir rehearsal	17 10am» History Keepers 6:30pm» BUUF Board Mtg 7pm» Memoirs Class 7pm» Tagore Poetry Class	18 7pm» Jung Salon	19 9am» Boston Bounders Dinner Prep 9am» Jung Salon 9am» new UU class 6pm» Boston Bounders Dinner
20 10:30am» Welcome Chat 12:30pm» Welcome Chat 12:45pm» Cool Grp Chal Cir 1pm» Tai Chi Chalice Cir	21	22 10:30am» Library Committee 1pm» BEC mtg 7pm» Inner Resilience Class	23 9:30am» Newsletter assembly 7:15pm» Choir rehearsal 7:15pm» Small group ministry council	24 9:30am» Senior Sages (Kopper Kitchen) 7pm» Fellowship Connections Team 7pm» Memoirs Class 7pm» Tagore Poetry Class	25 11:30am» Minister's Lunch	26 9am» new UU class
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