

BUUF News

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IN THE INTERIM

So now we're a month into this interim time together. I'm getting to know you all better each day, and you're getting to know me little by little as well. I represent change just by walking into a room, or stepping into the pulpit. Our work together is NOT business as usual.

During the interim time there are five tasks for the congregation to undertake:

Honoring the Past – acknowledging the congregation's heritage,

Discovering a New Identity – redefining and re-engaging mission,

Allowing New Leadership to Emerge,

Renewing Denominational Ties – connecting and re-connecting

Committing to New Ministry – engaging the future with zest.

I am serving you through this time of transition, and yet I am also serving the minister who will follow me.

Nothing will satisfy me more at the end of our time together than seeing you call a new minister with anticipation and delight. And so we begin with that ultimate end in mind.

We will begin the first task of honoring history and heritage with a workshop sponsored by the Interim Ministry Transition Team on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9 am to noon. To this workshop we ask you to bring the fullness of your memories for creating a timeline as well as photos and mementos for building a congregational "scrapbook." (See later in this issue for more details.)

This will be a great way to honor your history – the congregations you have been.

I use the word congregations deliberately because the truth is you have

always been changing. Every time just one new person joins the fellowship, you become a new congregation. And so you have been many congregations throughout your history.

Our lives are always changing, and sometimes we are graced with the recognition of those changes.

This workshop will honor all those past congregations, so that you may carry them with you as you move ahead. For nothing is ever really lost, the good, the bad, the ugly, the beautiful, the graceful, the awkward, the unlucky, the magical, the maniacal...

It's all something you will carry with you as you grow into the next congregation you will become. The one that is ready and excited to welcome a new minister and live into and up to all that you know you can be.

So please join me and the Transitions Team for a blast from the past which will lay the foundations of the work we will do creating and living into your future.

With anticipation, dana

PS I want to thank all the committees and groups and individuals who have welcomed me so warmly. I have already put some of the gift certificates to good use, and I've loved the recommendations of places to go and things to see, the music, the books, the mementos which help me feel at home at BUUF and in Boise. You are kind and generous folk.

SUNDAYS

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

Changing, Changing, Changing, Rev. Dana Worsnop

The great insights of the Buddha include the realization that everything

is always changing – arising and passing away. Human suffering arises when we resist this deep truth, when we wish to hold onto the way things have been or wish to avoid some future change. The path to liberation lies in holding everything more lightly. Mike Lemieux, Music. Susie Hardy, Service Coordinator.

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

Boston Bound and Back Again, Boston Bounders 2013

Our Junior High youth once again journeyed to Boston this past summer on their bi-annual pilgrimage. Come hear from this crop of Boston Bounders about their adventures in Beantown and beyond. BUUF Choir, Music. Mary Hester, Service Coordinator.

Oct. 20 – 9:30 & 11:15 am

Past, Present and Future Tense, Rev. Dana Worsnop

Though we are often encouraged to live in the present, be mindful in the moment, in truth the past and the future are present in every breath. Everything that has gone before has brought us to this particular moment, and the future is forming even as we breathe. Will Smith, Music. Patricia Heeb, Service Coordinator

Oct. 27 – 9:30 & 11:15 am

Telling Your Story, Rev. Dana Worsnop

The stories we tell end up defining who we are. What are the stories of this congregation? How do they define you? Are they a complete view? Which stories will carry you into the future and which do you want to move beyond? Lessie Brown, Music. Nancy Harms, Service Coordinator

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

It's hard to believe BUUF is a quarter of the way through our program year! The summer gave the Board time to develop rapport and trust with each other - and to become a team.

I feel the Board's work began at an all-day Saturday retreat held Sept 14. Board members, with the help of our Interim Minister, adjusted our lenses, rolled up our sleeves and went to work to identify what it was the Board needed to take on this year.

Here they are, three goals we want to rock the boat with, and one task that must get done.

We will play with the ways which we practice being an open and inclusive community. For those at service September 15, this looked like saying our name before speaking into the microphone as a way of introduction. That small shift felt good to me; maybe because after four years, I am still trying to put names, faces and stories together.

As we adjust how we practice being an inclusive community, we wish to cultivate a culture of abundance expressed through internal and external Stewardship. Steward comes from Old English, *st+ 'weard*, which is to be a ward of a hall/ house. A steward is also a person whose responsibility it is to take care of something. What is that something you wish to be a steward of, and how can BUUF create space for that and nurture it?

Lastly, the Board and Program Ministry Council (PMC) will continue to clarify governance and leadership rolls. While the job of the Board is to oversee and protect our financial and physical assets, it is also to protect BUUF's reputation and how our UU principles are carried forward. Without the help of the PMC to coordinate how the ministries in the congregation work together, the Board would not be able to look at the overall health, vision/mission and goals of the congregation which you elect us to steward.

Beginning sometime in January, the Board will begin following the Unitarian Universalists Association guidelines to walk through the process of establishing a search committee that will lead BUUF to select a settled minister. This process is fairly specific, so more details will come later in the year.

Seems like a fairly dry newsletter, but as I dip my hands into the soil of this congregation and begin to make this work real, I am led into a ministry that connects me to the human condition and pulls on my heartstrings. We really are in this together.

In fellowship, Robyn

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RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

The Three Cs in our Religious Exploration Classrooms

Emmie Schlobohm, Director of Religious Exploration

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Our new program year is launched! Children fill our building's wings with laughter, enthusiasm, and inquiring minds. Every Sunday, we have ten teams of dedicated volunteers guiding and advising the spiritual journeys of all involved. After years of creating welcoming and engaging classroom environments for our children and youth, this year, we take the next step and formalize our improved model for our teaching teams and their classrooms across all of Religious Exploration for Children and Youth. This fall, with compassionate intention, each member of our teaching teams has committed to guide a class two Sundays per month. This will create an environment of the Three Cs – Community, Connection, and Consistency for our children and youth, and for our guides and advisors. Our volunteer guides and advisors have always created the spiritual space for exploration and inquiry, but this year, all members of our teams have enthusiastically agreed to increase their time in the classroom so that the children and the teachers can build community, strengthen the connections between fellow travelers on this spiritual journey, and support the essential consistency in terms of who is there and what is being offered which lays the foundation for safety and comfort in the classroom environment. And for most classes, we have a volunteer substitute, dedicated to that particular class, who has agreed to be the back-up for members of that classroom's team if a substitute guide is needed.

With their gifts of heart, compassion, and commitment, I am honored and privileged to work alongside these 34 individuals. In the words of

Aberihani...

"Love is our most unifying and empowering common spiritual denominator."

Please Register Your Children for Religious Exploration Classes

Religious Exploration Team, Jen Grush-Dale and Alissa Williams, co-chairs, buuf.re@gmail.com

As the new school year kicks into high gear, please take time to register your children for Religious Exploration (RE) here at BUUF. Please return one form per family, including nursery-aged children. Forms are available in the BUUF information rack in the north vestibule, in the classrooms or on the BUUF website. Thank you for your quick response. This vital information will allow us to make plans to accommodate all our children and youth. Scholarships are available so do not let the registration fees keep you from registering your children! Registration allows us to contact you and your children about events at BUUF, special classroom activities and helps us to get to know your children better.

First Sunday Celebrations in Children's Religious Exploration

This October, we will start our monthly celebrations of the natural world – here and everywhere - in our all-ages First Sunday Children's Chapel. Once a month, all elementary-aged children meet together and this year, Jeanette Ross and a team of guides will explore the natural world in our own backyard and all around the Earth. If you'd like to join this highly engaging and interactive journey, adult helpers are always welcome. Come once or every month, or anytime in between! Just follow the

joyful noises coming from the RE classrooms.

Children's Dedication

Our children are an essential and life-affirming part of our congregation. Unitarian Universalists believe that each child brings new life and hope into the world and we, here at BUUF, include a special ceremony to dedicate ourselves to the spiritual growth of our children during a Sunday service. If you would like to have your child(ren) dedicated, please note that October 20 is our next scheduled date. For more information, or to indicate your interest, please contact Emmie Schlobohm, Director of Religious Exploration at 658-1710.

News from your Children's Religious Exploration for Children and Youth

With our program year launched, here are some things to keep in mind...

Our classrooms are filled with amazing learning and exploring every Sunday morning! Please join our outstanding classroom guides as often as you'd like to experience the wonder that is going on.

Flu season is fast approaching! 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 or sanitize 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.



What lies ahead?

Jay Wechselberger, IMTT Member

Now that our interim minister, Rev. Dana Worsnop, has arrived, your Interim Ministry Transition Team (IMTT) is planning ahead for many activities and workshops that will prepare us to move into the next stage of our history – selecting a new settled minister in about two years.

To prepare us for that important decision the IMTT and Rev. Dana will do the following:

- Facilitate closure to the 25 years of ministry under Rev. Elizabeth Green
- Gather feelings from congregants as we move ahead
- Provide a forum for hopes and aspirations
- Facilitate readiness for our next settled minister

Help the fellowship with developmental tasks of governance and congregational life as we move into the future

All of this will benefit from your participation and involvement. The most serious decision will be to invite our next settled minister, by a vote of the membership. Are you a voting member?

Here are the requirements. You must be at least 16 years of age, complete the path to membership (currently, take the Becoming a Member class), and sign our membership book. You must also pledge to support the congregation with your time and/or treasure. Non-members, including those in the 'friends' category, can comment and provide input throughout this process, but do not have the privilege of voting.

You can be part of this important transition period in our history. Become a member! If you have questions contact the Fellowship Connections Team at buufmembership@gmail.com.

What's Your Name?

Wanda Jennings

We have new people at BUUF all the time who do not know your name. Also, our new Interim Minister, Dana Worsnop is trying to learn your name.

You can help by ALWAYS wearing your name tag! If you forget your name tag, make a temporary one at the Newcomer Cart.

You can also help by stating your name when you speak into the microphone when introducing folks during the welcoming and when you speak during joys and sorrows.

Everyone thanks you for your effort in helping us to learn "What's Your Name"!



What comes before "Woyaya?" Why, "On Our Way Here," of course!

Ann Sabin & Jeanette Ross, IMTT Co-Chairs

Last month we referred to the lyrics of "Woyaya," highlighting that while we consciously don't know the future we are creating for BUUF, we have confidence in our hearts to lead the way. To be able to move forward, a vital step for us as a congregation is to honor our past. On Saturday, October 19, 9am - 12pm at BUUF, the IMTT is facilitating "On Our Way Here," a workshop to address these very topics. What has BUUF meant to us? In what major, minor, or life-changing event did BUUF play a role for you?

Saturday October 19 we will survey a timeline of our shared history, marking our watersheds and accomplishments. To this we will add significant events in our personal stories. We will mark major community events also, then in small groups consider what we have learned about ourselves and want to carry forward.

What should you do?

1. RSVP to attend (there will be an e-vite sent out, as well as sign up at BUUF).
2. RSVP to volunteer (You just need the calling; no prerequisite required).
3. Bring photos and mementos to

create a large scrapbook-style montage;

4. Bring snacks if you need them; coffee and tea provided;
5. Be ready to participate in small breakout groups; post notes along a time line; and take the opportunity to share with the group some thoughts bestirred by the breakout sessions.

"On Our Way Here" is open to all members and friends, all ages, including young people who have completed Coming of Age. Other young people and children will have activities available, both related and not related to the time line theme, in an adjoining room.

To RSVP, or ask any questions, please contact the Interim Ministry Transitions Team (buuf-transition-team-2013@googlegroups.com, or Co-Chair Jeanette Ross, 208-378-1217).

Exploring Pagan/Nature Spirituality

Debbie Espen

We will be discussing our feelings regarding the popular image of witches and the secular Halloween vs the Wiccan religion and Samhain. Also, we will be celebrating Harvest time and honoring the Change of Season into the Dark Time of the year, a time for introspection. Come join in on Friday, October 11, at 7pm in the Channing Room, South Wing, BUUF.



A View From The Bridge

Jolene Schow

Welcome back from a busy summer! As usual, the Bridge Event Center was also welcoming many people to the site for weddings, receptions, showers, corporate events, and BUUF events. This happens all year round, but the summer is a particularly busy time for BEC because our grounds are a unique place for others to host their events. We have the opportunity through this resource to introduce BUUF to people who otherwise would never hear about us. If only by sharing our site, they leave here knowing a bit about our community.

We are already booking events for next summer and hope you will spread the word when you hear of people looking for a place to hold an event. Funds generated via these rentals (during times the Fellowship isn't using the site) go into the general fund to support BUUF operations. It's a Win-Win situation for all involved.

Please give Karen Raese or Cathy Carmen a call (891-8081) if you have any questions. Our website has lots of helpful information:
www.bridgeeventcenter.com.



BEC's MVPs for September

The Bridge Event Center wishes to give a verbal MVP trophy to all the wonderful and dedicated troops who worked through the heat of the summer to keep the entire site looking wonderful for the congregation and all the visitors who had a chance to attend events at BUUF and enjoy the beauty. There are too many people to name, but we acknowledge the many hours of work necessary behind the scenes to achieve the lovely grounds. Thank you Landscape Committee, Adopt-A-Place & Work Party volunteers, and everyone sharing their expertise and time.

COMMITTEES

Stewardship Strand

The word stewardship is a noun meaning:

The careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

At BUUF stewardship encompasses not only fiscal care but care of each other.

The Stewardship Strand includes:

Fellowship Connections Team- which focuses on newcomers, involvement opportunities, and the pathway to membership

Congregational Care Team – ready to assist members and friends in need

Volunteer coordinator, Festivities Committee and the new Financial Stewardship Council.

Also included are *Affinity Groups* which are groups who meet because of BUUF they include:

Supper club- meet over a monthly meal

Humanists- gather to discuss humanist issues

Gaming Group- come together to play role play board games

Sages- gather to discuss issues of interest to the more experienced

Fringe Group- discuss interesting spiritual and supernatural topics
Exploring Pagan / Nature – gather to honor nature and paganism
Spiritual Circle – taking a pause to be spiritual

Travel Bugs- share travel experiences and tips

Medians- 20-40 year old who gather

The Other Book Club- group members select popular books to discuss

Classics Book Group- discussion of classical books

Women on the Verge- small groups of women

Men's Group- men gathering to do manly things

Are you in an Affinity Group not listed above or are you interested in joining one of the groups or even starting your own? If so please contact

buuf.stewardshipstrand@gmail.com -

Miriam Woito - Strand Leader

Fundraising News

Claudia Fernsworth, Fundraising Chairman

Holiday Silent Auction time again!

Mark your calendar.....

Gather up those new and slightly used items you no longer want and save

them for our November 3 to 17 Silent Auction in the south Wing Hall. You can bring them to BUUF on Sunday October 27 unless you make other arrangements with Claudia Fernsworth.

and/or

You can make some sort of holiday food like a pie, cake, cookies, waffles, muffins, pancakes, etc . The food will be described for the bidding, and then arrangements will be made between the high bidder and the chef (you) as to when and where the food will be delivered. So far we have 4 pies and 1 plate of pancakes (The ever popular Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Pancakes) donated.

and/or

You can ask a business you know if they would make a donation. Donation request letters and forms are in the box on the desk opposite Nancy's desk. They can also be found on our website boiseuu.org; go to "News and Events" and click on "Holiday Auction." If you are making a donation, please fill one out ASAP so that the database can be started. Thanks ahead of time.

JUSTICE OUTREACH

March for Immigration Reform

Sue Philley

Unitarian Universalists are invited to join the March for Immigration Reform organized by the Coalition for Immigrants, Sunday, October 6. Celebrate a National Day of Dignity and Respect at Ann Morrison Park, 1000 Americana Boulevard, Boise. Food at 2pm March begins at 3pm. We are also seeking a small group of women who are willing to stand up that day for Immigration Reform. To volunteer or for more information, contact Sue Philley, TransForm Idaho, 208-340-9450.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Fellowship, Fun, & Potluck, Second Saturday Oct 12

Debbie Espen

Sponsored by Fringe Topics Discussions (which meets Third Thursdays at BUUF - all welcome)

Come Fellowship and have Fun with us. Bring Harvest and Halloween foods to share.

Arrive at 6pm. Blessing of the food at 6:15, when the Potluck begins. (Don't be late!)

Wear Fringe Topic type costumes (space aliens, spooks, Bigfoot-seekers, and any sort of other fringe-odd outfits) OR wear fringed outfits (get it?). Adults, teens and kids!

Last Rights for All of Us

Jeanette Ross

Some years ago, several Boiseans, including Unitarian forefathers and mothers, decided that those of us who will someday need an understanding of the funeral business (and that's all of us) should have access to information about business aspects of the

end of life. That organization thrives as the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Idaho. After a wry smile thinking as we Huumanists considered ourselves as consumers of death-related services, we invited the state president Sherri Rudai to join us for our September meeting.

Sherri came with information and an armload full of resources. FCAI membership, a modest one-time fee, includes forms and access to a funeral services provider with a contracted low fee. An annual member meeting features a community speaker. Best of all, the many informational booklets are available, online, for browsing. Put fcai.fortboise.org in your web browser for access to booklets and much more. The address may sound familiar; it is the website for former state fcai president Tom von Alten, continuing as host for fcai.

Join us for October's meeting, October 20 at 11:15am, ready to share (or hear about) "Moments that changed me," a sharing of a significant, life-altering event.



Playing this board game you will have fun at the same time you learn ...

Debbie Espen

Something New to do! First Fridays Board & Card games for adults, teens and kids!

Bring your games and lets play! Friday Oct 4, 7pm in the Balazs Room, South Wing, BUUF

Become a member...

Fellowship Connections Team

If you have you been coming to BUUF for a while now and realize it is time to become a full-fledged member, now is your chance!

The Fellowship Connections Team has not held a Joining Ceremony since April, and it is time that we provide



Israel and Palestine Peace T-Shirt

Debbie Espen

UUs for Justice in the Middle East (UUJME) meet Friday, Oct. 25, at 7pm in the Balazs Room in the South Wing, BUUF. You do not have to be UU to attend! Bring a friend. We will present information (sometimes a speaker, sometimes a documentary film. TBA) and there is always time for Q&A and Discussion! Bring your concerns and/or questions.

that opportunity for you to sign our membership book. We will be holding a "Becoming a Member" class on Sunday, November 3. The class will then be held every other month on the first Sunday following the second service. The joining ceremony will be held soon thereafter. Watch for notices in the Sunday bulletin and weekly emails for locations and more detailed information.

To become a member you must take the "Becoming a Member" class or have been a pledging member of another UU church. Once you complete the class and sign our membership book you will gain all the privileges of membership and be able to vote in all of the important decisions regarding our congregational life.

Remember, there are many important decisions to be made by our congregation in the following years: deciding on the direction we take in social justice, preparing for a settled minister following Rev. Dana's interim ministry, and the final selection of a settled minister. You must be a member to vote in the most important of these decisions!

Sage Autumn

Tom von Alten

With cooler weather setting in, let's share stories of "summer vacation," whether this year's, or one of your memorable ones. The BUUF Sages invite you to a presentation potluck and a no-host breakfast at the Kopper Kitchen (2661 Airport Way), 9:30 am Thursday, October 10. For our second meeting of the month, Professor Coston Frederick will present "Oh What a Word is 'Man'." Same time, same place, same day of the week, October 24.

All are welcome! Contact Tom von Alten at 378-1217 or tva@fortboise.org for more information or to be added to our reminder list. If there's something on your mind, to present, to be presented, or someone you'd like to have as a guest speaker, let me know.

The New Chalice

Inspired by the great chalice used at the UUA General Assembly in Louisville, Elton Hall spoke informally with several people about designing a chalice for the pedestal created by Greg Duffy, who had previously designed and built the pulpit at BUUF. Ned Brewer offered a significant donation toward a new chalice. Elton and Nancy Harms, chair of the Interiors Committee, approached Zella Bardsley, steel artist, about a chalice. Zella had created the steel arch that marks the beginning of the Walk Through Time across the North parking lot. Zella came to BUUF, took measurements, and drafted a sketch of a possible chalice. Nancy took the sketch to the Interiors Committee where some modifications were suggested, and Zella accepted the commission to create the chalice.

Thanks to the work of the Interiors Committee and Nancy, and to the donations of Ned Brewer and Elton and Kathy Hall which covered the cost, the chalice was unveiled at the Water Communion on September 8. And thanks to the artistry of Zella,

BUUF has a waxless chalice that should serve the congregation for years to come.

The Other Book Club

Erin Logan

Come join us for lively discussion on books and other topics. We meet on the second Sunday of the month from 7 to 8:30 PM.

October 13 we will be discussing *The Roundhouse* by Louise Erdrich. We will meet at the home of Roy and Sue Montague, 199 W. Rooster Dr., Eagle, 938-0256.

November 10 we will be discussing *Behind the Beautiful Forever* by Katherine Boo. We will meet at the home of Erin Logan, 2116 N. 17th, Boise 336-4960. This book is a narrative non fiction selection.

December 8 we will be discussing *Blood, Bones and Butter*, the inadvertent education of a reluctant chef by Gabrielle Hamilton. We will meet at the home of Benita Coleman, 8169 W. Beckton Ln, Garden City. 375-9082. This is a memoir, nonfiction.

We will not gather in January due to the anticipated icy, snowy, hoarded road conditions at this time of year. Books on tap for February, March and April include *A street cat named Bob*, *Memoir of a Part time Indian*, and *Notes from the Sand*. If you'd like to get on our email list, let me know at erins4960@msn.com

Happy Reading.

BUUF Travel Group – Trekking in Peru

The BUUF travel group heads to South America this month. Bob Smith and Erin Logan will share their adventures visiting Cusco, Peru and during a four day trek along the Inca Trail ending at Machu Picchu. Join Bob and Erin on this trek Friday, October 25 at 7:00pm in the Channing room at BUUF. For more information or to share your journey please contact Karen Raese (853-3865) or Patty Nakaoki (409-0807).



Fringe Topics Discussion: Climate Change and Human Adjustment

Debbie Espen

We humans are pretty adaptable. So what should we do to adjust to climate change? Have you ever moved somewhere where you had to get used to a different climate and different lifestyle? What if we have to do that on a grand scale? Lets talk about it at the next meeting of Fringe Topics Discussions, the Third Thursday of October, the 17, at 7PM in the Channing Room of the South Wing of BUUF.



Share the Ride

Amy Stinnett

Are you in need of a ride to BUUF? Do you regularly attend and have room in your car for an extra person or two?

Please email and let us know! We will try to match up those who need rides with a fellow BUUF'er who lives close by and is willing to share the ride.

Email your name, phone, and address, along with which service you attend to Rideshare@boiseuu.org or contact the BUUF office at 658-1710.



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THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS...

INTRODUCING....

Our Interim Minister, Dana Worsnop. Get to know her better in the article on the **back of the calendar**.

GOSH, IF ONLY I COULD REMEMBER A NAME...

While not everyone likes them, nametags are a useful tool for many. With a new minister and new faces at the Fellowship, wearing your nametag will help everyone. See the article on **page 4**.

OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Community, Connection and Consistency - The 3 C's in our classrooms First Sundays also bring a different kind of celebration to our elementary aged kids. See **page 3** for more info about how to be involved.

SHARE A RIDE

Need a ride to BUUF? Have space in your car to give a someone in your neighborhood a ride? Check out **page 7** to find out how to participate.

NEXT Newsletter Deadline...TUESDAY, October 15, 2013 at NOON

BUUF's New Minister

Elton Hall

The Rev. Dana Worsnop, BUUF's Interim Minister, launched the church year with the Water Communion on September 8. She introduced herself to the congregation, including BUUF children, by speaking of her passions in life and ministry at BUUF.

By the time she was six years old, Dana had lived in Australia, Ontario and Michigan. At the age of 10, she knew she wanted to be a writer. Graduating from Plymouth Salem High School—home of, yes, the Plymouth Rocks—she attended Northwestern University and then the University of California, Berkeley, Graduate School of Journalism. Yet even though she had become city editor of a local paper, she realized that daily journalism was not her calling. But it was not until she became an elementary school teacher and eventually taught the third grade that she realized why. Teaching touched her heart and nurtured how people live and think. Twelve years of teaching led to deeper understanding of and compassion for both herself and her students.

Dana was a competitive gymnast in middle school, and a chance remark from a friend watching her do a floor exercise in college led her to try t'ai chi ten years later. Though t'ai chi was not a great success, it led her to Buddhist meditation and thought—and this took root in her. She has been a regular meditator for a decade and has attended several retreats. She began to see her life as a spiritual journal, and this inexorably led her to ministry.

Introduced by a friend to the First Unitarian Church of Oakland, Dana immediately knew she had come home. She felt a call to the ministry, and with the Starr King School for the Ministry only a mile from her house in Berkeley, she seized the opportunity offered.

Dana did an internship in Toronto and an interim ministry in Calgary. She was called to Atkinson Memorial Church in Oregon City, where she served faithfully and happily for a decade. In 2008, a capital campaign there led to a \$1,000,000 building expansion and improvement project. After 10 years, she felt that she and the Atkinson congregation had done as much together as they could, and when she heard of BUUF's impending need for an interim minister, she was immediately interested. And the rest is history.

Welcome Dana to our congregation and introduce yourself to her. She wants to meet congregants, to listen to them, and to try some experiments—knowing not all will be successful—to help BUUF see its way forward with renewed spiritual commitment, enthusiasm, and joy.



History Keepers Note

Janelle Wintersteen

It was the two years or so before BUUF employed its first minister, Armida Alexander, that the members were asked to fill out the most surveys. It felt like every three months or so a survey about a new question came out. Earnestly we filled out all surveys. Members not only filled all requisite boxes and spaces to indicate how they thought about some issue, each of us usually wrote a note in the margin at least once about why we had voted on some question. Those members assigned to reading the surveys and tabulating the results were expected to read those comments. When the survey results were presented to the Fellowship, a couple of those comments were part of the presentation of the survey results. This way when we discussed survey results, we discussed individual comments also.

I recently filled out an online survey. Depressing. No room for comments and I doubted that real people would be putting the results of the survey together. It would be a computer program instead. I am sure that makes it easier for those who will present the results and UU's have lots of opportunities to speak up in other ways—and we can be trusted to do so. Still, the process of filling out surveys in the eighties had a vibrancy to them that would be missing from an online one.

WIDER COMMUNITY

Idaho Friends of Jung Film at the Flicks

The Idaho Friends of Jung will screen the film *Finding Joe* at the Flicks Theatre on Tuesday, October 15. The film deals with the famous mythologist Joseph Campbell and his concept of "the hero's journey," which is the journey of self-discovery. Part biography of Campbell, part a deep exploration of his understanding of myth, the film is a contemporary look at what we can learn from ancient and modern myths.

Plan to attend. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door. IFJ members will be present from 6:15 p.m. to greet you, and Bill Renwick and Elton Hall, both of the IFJ Board, will conduct a brief discussion of the film after the showing. Join IFJ for an exploration of our lives, including slaying dragons, uncovering treasures and perhaps getting closer to the holy grail we each seek in our own ways.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		01 6:30pm» BEC Class 7pm» Men's Chalice Circle 7pm» class-All Things Shining	02 5:30pm» Gaming Affinity Group 5:30pm» Yoga w/ Mark 6:30pm» PMC Monthly Meeting 7:15pm» Choir Rehearsal	03 6:30pm» Library Committee Mtg 7pm» class-Energy & Global Warming	04 6pm» BEC Event 7pm» Board Game Night	05
06 9am» OWL Class 9:30am» CHANGING, CHANGING, CHANGING 11:15am» CHANGING, CHANGING, CHANGING 12:45pm» Community Connections	07 4:30pm» Partner Church Comm Mtg 7pm» Eating for Energy 7pm» Meditation Group	08 8am» Quest Exec Monthly Mtg 6:30pm» BEC Class 7pm» class-All Things Shining	09 5:30pm» Gaming Affinity Group 5:30pm» Yoga w/ Mark 7pm» TransForm ID 7:15pm» Choir Rehearsal	10 9:30am» Senior Sages (Kopper Kitchen) 7pm» Worship Services Comm Mtg 7pm» class-Energy & Global Warming	11 7pm» Pagan Chalice Cir	12 9:30am» Congregational Care Team 1pm» Teacher Retreat & Deck the Halls Planning 6pm» 2nd Saturday Potluck
13 9am» OWL Class 9:30am» BOSTON BOUND AND BACK AGAIN 11:15am» BOSTON BOUND & BACK AGAIN 3:15pm» Quest Ministry Team Mtg	14 6pm» Quest Integration Group Mtg & Potluck 7pm» Meditation Group	15 12pm» BUUF News deadline 6:30pm» BEC Class 7pm» Men's Chalice Circle 7pm» class-All Things Shining	16 5:30pm» Gaming Affinity Group 5:30pm» Yoga w/ Mark 7:15pm» Choir Rehearsal	17 10:30am» History Keepers 6:30pm» BUUF Board Mtg 7pm» Fringe topics Discussion Grp 7pm» Women on the Verge II 7pm» class-Energy & Global Warming	18 11:30am» BEC Wedding	19 9am» Interim Minister Transition Team All Congregation Workshop
20 9am» OWL Class 9:30am» PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE TENSE 11:15am» PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE TENSE 11:15am» hUUmanists	21 1pm» Bridge Event Center Committee 7pm» Class-Common Read/Common Good 7pm» Meditation Group	22 6:30pm» BEC Class 7pm» class-All Things Shining	23 9:30am» Newsletter assembly 5:30pm» Gaming Affinity Group 5:30pm» Yoga w/ Mark 7pm» TransForm ID 7:15pm» Choir Rehearsal	24 9:30am» Senior Sages (Kopper Kitchen) 5:30pm» Personnel Comm Mtg 7pm» Fellowship Connections Team	25 7pm» Travel Bugs 7pm» UUs for Justice in the Middle East	26
27 9am» OWL Class 9:30am» TELLING YOUR STORY 11:15am» TELLING YOUR STORY 12:45pm» UU for Newcomers	28 7pm» Adult RE cmte 7pm» Meditation Group	29 6:30pm» BEC Class 7pm» class-All Things Shining	30 5:30pm» Gaming Affinity Group 5:30pm» Yoga w/ Mark 7:15pm» Choir Rehearsal	31		