



# BUUF News

May 14, 2015

## Coming in May ...

May 17, 4pm

All Congregational Meeting & Potluck

[The complete calendar available here.](#)



## Call to Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 17th 4pm  
Followed by a Potluck around 6pm

*Dear Members and Friends of BUUF,*

You are invited to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday May 17th, starting at 4pm, directly followed by a potluck dinner. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share! The meeting will be held at the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (BUUF), 6200 Garret Street, Garden City. Child care will be provided. Please contact the office staff with your child care needs.

Friends and members are encouraged to attend and participate in our annual business meeting.

*Only members can vote.*

The Annual Meeting will review the 2015 fiscal year (July 2014- June 2015), with emphasis on the Budget and election of officers. The meeting will also focus on the many accomplishments of the past year and appreciate the many congregants who have contributed to the work of the church.

The board also plans to continue the new practice of holding a congregational meeting at the beginning of the program year. Please look for more information in late summer.

## Bring Flowers June 7, Flower Communion

Sunday, June 7 will be our Flower Communion when we go to a single service at 10 a.m. for the summer months. People each bring a flower or two and then at the end of the service everyone picks out a different flower to take home. The flower communion was an idea of Norbert Capek, minister of a large Unitarian church in Prague. He thought that flowers help us understand our beliefs, that we are all different and yet we all have worth, we each have our own beauty. Also, that we, like flowers, not only bloom where we're planted, but we travel - send out seed, send out tendrils to find better light and better soil.

## Get to Know Us Better

**Courtyard Concert Series Coming!  
Mondays in July**

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## SUNDAYS

**May 17 - 9:30 & 11:15am**

*"Free Thinking Mystics With Hands,"  
Rev. Dana Worsnop*

**May 24 - 9:30 & 11:15am**

*"Peace and Freedom," Rev. Dana  
Worsnop*

**May 31 - 9:30 & 11:15am**

*"The Good and the Perfect," Rev.  
Dana Worsnop*

**June 7 - 10 am Single Service**

*Flower Communion Service - All  
Generations  
Rev. Dana Worsnop & Emmie  
Schlobohm*

[Full descriptions available here.](#)

## BUUF Happenings This Week

**Travel Bugs Visit Cloud 9 in  
May**

*Karen Raese*

Memorial Day Weekend is one of the biggest travel periods in the year. While everyone else is flying and driving around, the travel bugs will be staying in Boise and enjoying the

*Marti Gudmundson, Music Committee Chair & Concert Series Coordinator*

Come enjoy Monday evenings in July listening to a variety of local music in BUUF's lovely courtyard! Bring your friends and family and pack a picnic dinner to enjoy outside. We hope that anyone and everyone who enjoys music will come - neighbors, friends, BUUF members and friends, folks from across the Treasure Valley.

\*\*\* I'll be seeking volunteers to help with these four events: volunteer monitors (trained by Bridge Event Center staff this spring), ticket takers, merchandise table monitors, set-up/breakdown help, publicity helpers, posting flyers, etc..

We are also in need of more shade canopies and any media connections with local newspaper or television calendar editors. Please let me know if you'd like to help. Watch for sign-up sheets or contact me, Marti Gudmundson, at [martiloo429@gmail.com](mailto:martiloo429@gmail.com) or cell - (612) 722-9132.

## **Speak From the Heart; Listen With Your Whole Being**

*Louise Jacobsen*

In true community, people know they are safe to speak their most vulnerable truths straight from the heart. Because in true community, people listen with their whole being, without attempting to offer advice, heal or convert others. It provides a safe space for a person to discover their own truth.

Creating this community is the goal of the Creating Compassionate Community covenant groups. We do this by studying and practicing Compassionate Communication based on the work of Marshall Rosenberg and his book *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life*.

Joan Landsberg shared about her experience: "I've learned to ask 'real questions for real information' instead of offering unasked for advice disguised as a question, as in, 'Have you thought of doing such and such?' We learn Compassionate Communication by doing it, which is leading to a deepening of community."

The Creating Compassionate Community groups meet every two weeks at BUUF. They are ongoing groups with renewable four-month commitments. New sessions will begin June 11 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) and 18 (1:00-3:00 p.m.). Childcare may be arranged. For more information, contact Lars Bergeson, [larsavatar@gmail.com](mailto:larsavatar@gmail.com), 208-860-5575; or Louise Jacobsen, [louisej9630@gmail.com](mailto:louisej9630@gmail.com), 208-891-8062.

## **Religious Exploration**

**for Children & Youth**

### **Join the Fun Outside some Sunday Morning this Summer!**

**Come to Hogwarts Academy - BUUF RE Style!**

*Emmie Schlobohm, Director of Religious Exploration for Children and Youth (DRE)*

**Play Quiddich on our beautiful grounds!**

**Which house will you be selected for?**

**Transfiguration! Herbology! Potions! Defense**

**Against the Dark Arts!**

This summer our RE classes will explore Unitarian Universalist principles and values in the context of J.K. Rowling's Harry



holiday with BUUF friends, old and new. Join us on Saturday, May 23 at Cloud 9 Brewery for an afternoon of refreshments and (hopefully) good weather. We will be meeting at 2pm. Cloud 9 is located at 1750 W. State Street, and has a good menu, including gluten-free and vegetarian options. This will be the last Travel Bugs meeting until September. Questions? Contact Patty Nakaoki, 208-409-0807 or Karen Raese 208-891-1234.

## **Sages Family Advocates**

*Tom von Alten*

Join the BUUF Sages on May 28 when our guest speaker will be Brad Talbutt, Recruiting Director for Family Advocates, a non-profit organization that "works to strengthen families and keep kids safe by empowering everyday people to protect and enrich the lives of youth." Chuck Tate suggested the organization for the topic of court-appointed special advocates (CASA). We meet for conversation and a no-host breakfast at the Kopper Kitchen (2661 Airport Way), 9:30 am, Thursday, May 28. Newcomers are welcome!

## **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.

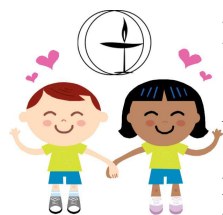
June 14th we will be reading *Americanah* by Chimamanda Adichie. We will gather at the home of Aletha Lundblad, 163 E. Ryegate Dr., Meridian, ID 83646 208.884.0553 [alethalundblad@gmail.com](mailto:alethalundblad@gmail.com).

July 12th we will be reading *Sea Runners* by Ivan Doig. We will meet at the home of Carol Wilke, 5186 E. Trail Way Dr., Boise.

August 9th we will be reading *All the Light We Can Not See* by Anthony Doerr. Place to be determined.

Sept. 13th we will be reading *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. Place to be determined.

Potter books and films. We need professors to guide our lessons! You will be grandly supported by your Headmistress, Professor Schlobledore, and Head of Gryffindor House, Professor JenGonagle, (Emmie Schlobohm and Kristin Jenkins). If this makes your cauldron boil and your broom want to fly, please contact Emmie Schlobohm, Director of Religious Exploration, at 658-1710 or [dre@boiseuu.org](mailto:dre@boiseuu.org). Professorships are available for a short time only!



## RE Game Day - May 24

### *The play's the thing*

Emmie Schlobohm, DRE

The weather is beautiful! Our grounds are delightful! Let's go out and play! On May 24, your young people's Religious Exploration program would like to invite you to come out and play with us. During our two services, our young people will be out on the grounds for our traditional Game Day led by guides, advisers, and youth. After both services, everyone will be invited to join in the fun and play some games out in the fresh air!

## ... Where Children are Wise and Adults Can Play

### *RE guides and advisors needed for next year*

Emmie Schlobohm, DRE

Our young people are a miraculous bunch! They bring smiles, laughter, and joy to us all every week. If you haven't spent time in one of our Religious Exploration classrooms, you're truly missing out on a whole lot of fun, wonder and awe. Religious Exploration for children and youth is looking for teams of guides and advisers to lead and follow our youth through next year's explorations, discoveries and transformations. If you would like to join in on the phenomenon that is Religious Exploration, please contact Emmie Schlobohm, DRE, at 658-1710 to find out more about teaching in our classrooms - nursery through high school.

## Social Justice Outreach

### Join Us for Pride Day!

#### *March with Us in Boise's Pride Parade*

Come Saturday, June 20, for the Boise Pride Parade. Rally begins at 10 a.m. on the capitol steps. Parade begins at 11. We have two banners that walkers will be carrying. Please join us and let's have a good turnout. This year we hope to have a color guard, complete with flags. If you are interested in joining us, contact Michael Casias or Nancy Harms, 658-1710 or [nancy@boiseuu.org](mailto:nancy@boiseuu.org). Planning Meeting will be Wednesday, May 27, 6:15 - 7:10 p.m. in the Library.



Festival will be held in BODO again this year. Begins at 12 p.m. following the parade. BUUF has a booth that needs to have people giving information. It's a lot of fun. Join us!!

## Committees

### All Silent Auction

Claudia Fernsworth

June 7th to 21st, after services and during the week.

If you would like to receive our emails contact me at [erins4960@msn.com](mailto:erins4960@msn.com)

Happy Reading!

## Quick Links

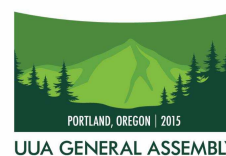
[BoiseUU.org](http://BoiseUU.org)

[Religious Exploration for Children & Youth](#)

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[Unitarian Universalist Association](#)

[Pacific Northwest District of the UUA](#)



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## Submission Calendar

*The BUUF News will be published on the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month. All deadlines are at NOON on the date listed. Submissions received after NOON will be held over until the next issue.*

DEADLINE/PUBLISHED

May 25 / May 28

Jun 8 / Jun 11

Submission Requirements:

<http://boiseuu.org/submissions.html>

Submit ONLY newsletter articles to:

[newsletter@boiseuu.org](mailto:newsletter@boiseuu.org)

If you are at BUUF for a meeting, be sure to check it out. You just never know what will be there.

Junior High Room, South Wing

Help needed for SET UP Saturday June 6 10am (Before the noon to 3:00 party for Dana).

Contact Claudia Fernsworth if you can help with DATA ENTRY or if you have any new or gently used items to donate. Food items or certificates for a service you would like to donate are especially welcome. What can you make or do? Fill out a donation form found on the Hospitality table or on line at <http://boiseuu.org/auction-donation.html>.

## Leadership

### In the Interim

Our work together as Interim Minister and congregation is nearly done. Indeed, the most significant task - calling your next settled minister - has been successfully accomplished.

Someone described Candidating Week with Rev. Sara LaWall as a week-long party. It sounds like you made a strong connection with her to begin your on-going relationship. Bravo! Brava! Good Work!

The Board, with the help of the Stewardship Team and Finance Committee, has a budget to present to you at the Annual Meeting Sunday that will fund some long-time dreams of yours. I don't want to steal their thunder before the meeting, though I do think it will prove to be a positive, forward-moving meeting that will carry on the amazing energy so many of you reported after Candidating Week.

Realizing dreams is always a stretch for a congregation - the best kind of stretching that the mission of the church means to help you do. If you have not yet completed a pledge card, please get yours in as soon as you can.

And, if after such an uplifting week with Rev. Sara, you feel inspired to increase your pledge to helping your ministry together get off on sound footing, then go right ahead.

As I said on Celebration Sunday, this year you have the opportunity to give to both the immediate future of BUUF and its long-term existence as an institution that does great good in the world. And you have done it. You have proved yourselves, once again, to be an enthusiastic and generous, forward thinking and devoted congregation of such good people.

Woo Hoo! You can be so proud of yourselves!

Serving as your Interim Minister has been a gift and an honor. For me, the best and most satisfying result of my time with you is something yet to unfold. What will make me that happiest is a long-term and successful partnership with Rev. Sara. That will be far more your doing, yet I will be following your progress together from afar and with interest and affection, my prayers and continued good wishes.

May it be so.

*With love,*

*Dana*