

UNITARIAN  
UNIVERSALIST  
FELLOWSHIP  
OF KLAMATH COUNTY



Soul Matters January Theme: Finding Your Center

Service Leader: Cheryle and Franny

**This Sunday's service: At 11 am In Person at the**

## Friends Church 1918 Oregon Avenue Or Via ZOOM

### Radical Welcome- Hello 2023!

UU is a liberal faith that seeks to offer a radical welcome to all who enter. What a poetic idea but what does that mean? Radical welcome is more than opening the doors, it's a way of relating that affirms our UU Principles. Let's explore and imagine how radical welcome can be a part of the 2023 congregational journey.

### Coffee Hour is Back!

Plan to stay after the service Sunday and visit. We will have coffee, tea, and juice. And a few cookies.

We would not object if you bring a snack to share.  
See you every Sunday for the foreseeable future!

To Participate Via ZOOM click on the link below

Klamath Unitarians are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Time: 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87078028578?pwd=UzVGTWIMSTVGUFozTIZhV1QzaE1mdz09>

Meeting ID: 870 7802 8578

Passcode: 167120

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## **Announcements**

### **New Member Ceremony**

This Sunday we will welcome 5 new members into our fellowship with a short ceremony and signing of the membership book. We congratulate Cathy Day, Bill Lewis, Patrick Jaross, Tamy Bjorklund and Jerri Menard for taking this step on their spiritual journey.

### **Discussion Group Meets at 10 am in the children's classroom**

**Topic:** Spiritual Journeys in the Expressive Arts

Led by Patrick Jaross

### **Cleanup of “Our Space” Tomorrow Please Note Time Change**

Our Friends expect us to keep our area clean. We agreed to do this when we signed the lease. Since we only meet once a week, a thorough cleaning is not necessary every week. A few of us are cleaning up each week (taking out trash, sweeping up where needed, checking bathrooms, etc.) but we should start the new year with a more extensive cleansing.

**Saturday, Jan. 14, 11 am to 1 p.m.**

Please bring cleaning tools and/or products.

For questions, call Faith, 503-522-6063

## **Save the Date**

We have an exciting learning opportunity coming up. Please consider joining us after the service on January 29th.

### **Stewardship Round Up**

**Sunday January 29, 2023 12:30-2:15**

Stewardship (financial and equity) is part of what makes our community thrive. We are hosting this Stewardship Round Up as a chance to support volunteers who are new, seasoned and everyone in between!

This time will be spent learning more about what it means to steward the community. Presenters include QuianaDenea Perkins who will talk about stewardship and our current volunteers who will share their volunteer experience and skill set. The workshop will close with hands-on opportunities to learn some basics of the building. NO RSVP REQUIRED. Bring your energy + calendar.

## **January Message From Intern Minister QuianaDenea Perkins**



Friends! It was my absolute pleasure to visit Southern Oregon in December. So many good connections and conversations. It gave us all a lot to think about and work plans will be flowing for the coming months.

Next, I was asked this great question when I was visiting and I felt the answer was worthy of sharing with you:

***What is the role of the intern minister?***

From the UUA Internship Manual:

The MFC's (Ministerial Formation Committee) philosophy of ministerial formation is based on the integration of theory and practice, commonly understood as critical practice, or praxis. An Internship...offers opportunities to develop ministerial skills in a supportive setting and with an experienced supervisor. It provides an environment in which to integrate historical and theological understandings with the practice of ministry.

***I am learning how to be a Minister by being a Minister***, with support and direction from Rev. Sean Parker Dennison and a dedicated Learning Committee. I work with the boards, lay leaders, and small groups in a ministerial capacity not limited to spiritual direction and strategic planning. In this way, I am a Minister in formation; I am a minister who is humble enough to know, I still have some valuable learning to do and what a gift we get to learn and grow together.

Below you will find the way with me in January! May the snow be light and our hearts be full!

### **Klamath**

Open Zoom Hours: Tuesday January 10, 2023 2:30-5:30 [Pastor QDP Weekly Open Zoom](#)

Sunday Service January 15, 2023 11:00 am Radical Welcome- Hello 2023!

Leadership Training Sunday January 29, 2023 12:30-2:00

### **QuianaDenae Perkins**

Ministerial Intern

Southern Oregon UU Partnership

My primary work days are Sunday, Tuesday- Friday,  
I am based in the EASTERN time zone.

Meeting link: [meeting with QDP](#)

### **Please participate in the Pantry and Garden**

Our Friends are asking for help with the pantry and garden.

Faith Leith

[DFL5523@gmail.com](mailto:DFL5523@gmail.com)

## Website Changes:

Thanks to our volunteer Don Leith we have made improvements on our website and we have a new link.

<https://uufkc.com/>

For board meeting minutes and Annual meeting minutes click the link below:

<https://uufkc.com/governance/>

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## CONNECTIONS

Barbara Turk

Pondering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“We may have all come on different ships, but we’re in the same boat now.”

Dr. King \* had been asked to, “just let Alabama return to normalcy”. Following Selma’s, “Bloody Sunday”, March 7, 1965, he called, “clergy of all faiths” to march with him in Selma on Tuesday, March 9th.

Rev. James Reeb, UU minister, sought permission from UUA and American Friends Service Committee’s Boston Metropolitan Housing Program to do so. (He was community relations director of AFSC program.) He did march with MLK, and hundreds of clergy. After lunch, exiting a black-owned cafe with two other UU clergy, they were chased. Reeb died March 11, 1965, result of a head blow from a bat or pipe. He was 38.

Speaking in Montgomery March 25, 1965, MLK noted, “The only normalcy we will

settle for is the normalcy that recognizes the dignity and worth of all, allows judgement to run down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream. The only normalcy we will settle for is normalcy of brotherhood, normalcy of true peace, normalcy of justice”.

“THE TIME IS ALWAYS RIGHT TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT.”

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\* UUA CLF Jan. 2004  
FRIENDS JOURNAL March 1990

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## Social Justice News

### UU College of Social Justice

As UUCSJ continues to evolve in the midst of still unfolding global health, geopolitical and climate change disasters, we commit to **collaborate**, **co-create**, and **curate** youth, young adult, and multi-generational learning opportunities using an experiential education pedagogy for social justice education.

Link

<https://uucsj.org/what-we-do/>



Click on the link below to view the Newsletter from UU Ministry for Earth:  
[https://api.neonemails.com/emails/content/QT-B7zdOQ98oBBrCKj\\_oBpS-4CKvRMc3KUKdcZOQzZQ=](https://api.neonemails.com/emails/content/QT-B7zdOQ98oBBrCKj_oBpS-4CKvRMc3KUKdcZOQzZQ=)

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### News From the Wider Community

The graphic for "Seminary for a Day" features a watercolor-style background with soft washes of purple, blue, and green. On the left, a logo consists of a large blue "S" with "eminary" in white script, "FOR A" in white sans-serif, and "DAY" in white sans-serif on a black rectangular background. To the right, the title "Transcendentalism Comes West" is written in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. Below the title, a portrait of Rev. John Buehrens, a man with glasses and a beard wearing a dark suit and tie, is shown. At the bottom left, the text "Rev. John Buehrens" is in a large, bold, black sans-serif font, with "Saturday, January 28, 2023" in a smaller, black sans-serif font below it.

TO: UU Congregations, Fellowships and Churches

Your members and friends are cordially invited to join us virtually for [Seminary for a Day](#)

on Saturday, January 28, at First Unitarian Portland. **This year's spiritual theme is Transcendentalism.**

**Our keynote speaker is Rev. John Buehrens**. Rev. Buehrens served as UUA President, 1993-2001. A prolific author, his most recent one about our heritage is CONFLAGRATION: How the Transcendentalists Sparked the American Struggle for Racial, Gender, and Social Justice (Beacon, 2020).

Rev. Buehrens will offer a keynote on the first Unitarian Transcendentalist on the Pacific Coast, the Rev. Thomas Starr King. He exemplified key spiritual practices of the Transcendentalists that need renewal among us today: personal reflection (often in the form of keeping a journal), and deep interpersonal connections crossing conventional boundaries.

In addition, Rev. Buehrens will offer a workshop entitled, "God Optional: Theologies Among Us Today." John Buehrens and Rebecca Ann Parker surveyed the hope-filled thought patterns in progressive religion today in their book, A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion in the 21st Century (Beacon, 2010). While their framework borrows from a heritage of Judeo-Christian systematic theology, it also makes room for humanist, indigenous, and non-Western a/theologies. All such thinking, however, needs to meet some overriding and important tests to be effective. Tests which will be revealed in the workshop.

Registration is open until 4:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on Sunday, January 22nd. You will receive a link to join via email on January 23rd.

<https://www.firstunitarianportland.org/events/sfad23/>

If you have any questions or would like any additional descriptions please contact Kerry, [kheintze@firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:kheintze@firstunitarianportland.org)

## **UU Women's Book Club**

**Join us on the first Sunday of each month to** read some of the latest award-

winning books as we interpret how they can be tools for social justice. The UU Women's Book Club will allow an entry point into our priority issues and support individuals looking to build on their understanding to be better allies and co-conspirators.

**This program is scheduled for the following times:**

4 p.m. Pacific / 5 p.m. Mountain / 6 p.m. Central / 7 p.m. Eastern

To register Or for more Information click on the link

<https://uuwf.wildapricot.org/event-5036723>

## **Ukraine**

**Donate**—Donate to UUSC's Emergency Response Fund to help Ukrainian Refugees: [https://donate.uusc.org/give/355250/#!/donation/checkout?preset1=50&preset2=75&preset3=150&preset4=250&utm\\_source=fy22-fund-Ukraine-Response-lightbox&utm\\_medium=lightbox&utm\\_campaign=fy22-fund](https://donate.uusc.org/give/355250/#!/donation/checkout?preset1=50&preset2=75&preset3=150&preset4=250&utm_source=fy22-fund-Ukraine-Response-lightbox&utm_medium=lightbox&utm_campaign=fy22-fund)

Donations will be directed to current and future partners in the region and strengthen their ongoing work of supporting and advocating for communities. UUSC goes "beyond the grant dollar," meaning that our relationships are about more than just providing financial support.

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## Help Wanted

Klamath County needs a non-judgmental spiritual center and we are it. Please take a few minutes and look over our committees. If you can spare a few hours a month, we can make a difference.

### **Coffee Hour Help!**

Our Hospitality group was disbanded when Covid hit. It's been more than two years. We NEED our Coffee Hour back. For socializing after the service every Sunday. We are praying for a couple of volunteers to set up the coffee/tea/cookie table and clean up afterward. Do you have a few minutes to spare to help bring our community together on Sunday mornings? Please call, text, or email Faith.

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**Religious Education** -- Find ways to stimulate the young ones via Zoom. Or park visits. Need folks to think outside the box for the children.

**Worship Committee** -- Chair Cheryle Ramirez Plan Sunday services. Volunteer to be a service leader.

**Membership Committee** -- Chair Barbara Turk Greeters needed for in person Sunday services. Reach out to those in need as the Cares & Concerns group. Especially needed during this time of isolation. A simple phone call can make

someone's day.

**Fellowship Fun Nights** -- Connie DeVry needs some folks to help her plan whatever gatherings outside the service we can hold. Special events planning is included. Sounds like fun!

**Social Justice Committee** -- Very fulfilling work making changes and community connections. We need someone will to chair this vital committee.

COME JOIN US!

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### Joys and Sorrows:

To have your joy or sorrow posted in the weekly eNewsletter, please email [cherylemay@gmail.com](mailto:cherylemay@gmail.com) by Wednesday each week for your submission to be included in Friday's newsletter. First names, full names or anonymous joys and sorrows are welcome. Please keep it brief (one or two sentences).

Any life events, milestones or help needed please email [cherylemay@gmail.com](mailto:cherylemay@gmail.com) to have this posted in the weekly eNewsletter. *(We reserve the option to edit, condense, or not publish any submission.)*

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**Are you new to this community?** Learn more about the seven principles at the heart of Unitarian Universalism [HERE](#), and fill out the form found [HERE](#) to connect more deeply with UUFKC. Please feel free to forward these emails to interested friends!

To have an announcement printed in the weekly eNewsletter, please email [cherylemay@gmail.com](mailto:cherylemay@gmail.com)

## **Committees**

**Board** – Faith Leith president, Michelle Pine secretary, Julia Jackman treasurer, Jerry Brown & Mary Kelley, at-large

**Worship** – Cheryle Ramirez chair, Franny Howes, Julia Jackman, Michelle Pine, Courtney Neubauer

**RE** – Tammy Walchak

**Social Justice** – Chair needed please volunteer

**Membership** – Barbara Turk, Jerry Brown (Cares & Concerns )

**Stewardship** – Julia Jackman, chair, Sally Wells, Mary Kelley

**Communications** – Cheryle & David Ramirez, Don Leith

**Property Task Force** – Sally & Chuck Wells, Connie DeVry, Phil Studenberg, Faith Leith

**Fellowship** – Connie DeVry, chair, Tammy Walchak

## **Pledge to Support UUFKC**

Find this year's pledge request letter from our Board [HERE](#), download a pledge form to return by mail or email [HERE](#), and/or visit our PayPal donations page [HERE](#) to make a one-time or monthly payment toward your pledge.

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