

**UNITARIAN  
UNIVERSALIST  
FELLOWSHIP**  
OF KLAMATH COUNTY



Soul Matters June Theme: Delight

Service Leader: Cheryle-May Ramirez and Julia Jackman

**This Sunday there will be a short service followed by our annual picnic: This is an In Person ONLY event due to no internet.**

**We will meet at 11 am at the shelter in Wiard Park 2800 Wiard Street.**

Please bring a dish to share, Eco friendly plates, utensils and cups. Some drinks will be provided.

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## Announcements

### Congregational Meeting Information on Possible Purchase Opportunity

Hello friends,

I have been thinking quite a lot about the prospect of purchasing the Grocery Pub property and turning it into our new physical home. This is particularly important to me as I am the incoming board chair, and as such will be bearing a lot of responsibility for the direction we take through the next two years.

It feels a bit like we are in the middle of an avalanche of activity and ideas, and also some anxieties. I am sending this out before our congregational meeting July 3rd to decide whether to place an offer on the property. I think it is really important for us to take

a moment to breathe, step back, and look at the bigger picture of what we want long term. I feel like there is a bit of chaos and haphazardness to the process unfolding right now, and we need to be more grounded before making this very important decision.

It is important to discern what exactly we want, and how we are going to achieve it, and to ask if having this building and space will get us there. What exactly is the best use of our resources, financial and human, right now?

We need to know that this is truly the best thing for our congregation. Yes, we have been in uncertain territory since covid, and then the loss of the space at St. Paul's, and the recent loss of the meeting space with the Quakers...it has been disheartening and really difficult. Because of these things it is exciting to imagine having our own space to do what we like, and when. And it really is a sweet spot in many ways! In this light, let's take stock of the pros and the cons of the UU Grocery Pub. These are not exhaustive lists, only what is on my mind, so please add to them as you see fit.

#### PROS

1. Affordable, unusual opportunity for financing
2. Building is in excellent condition
  3. Main meeting space is adequate for our primary worship service needs, and can accommodate some growth
  4. Very usable outdoor space that won't require huge amounts of work to maintain.
  5. Potential for producing some income through rental as meeting and venue space
  6. Decent neighborhood with a park nearby
7. Central location, convenient to most of our group
8. Potential to create kitchen area
9. Parking is adequate

#### CONS

1. We will need to tap into our savings to place a significant down-payment (important to keep our mortgage payments manageable)
2. A lot of modifications will need to be made to make the space usable for our purposes, e.g. A LOT OF WORK, and money.
3. Ownership always comes with unexpected costs: are we prepared to deal with damage, repairs, ongoing maintenance?
4. We will be responsible for all utilities, including internet service.
  5. Inadequate space for children/RE - this is a HUGE problem if we hope to attract young families to the church.

6. Limited space for social activities, e.g. tables to sit around for discussions, meals, etc.
7. Possible lack of human power to take care of all the little and big things that need to be managed
8. Non ADA compliant bathroom; there is only one bathroom.
9. Purchase of building and subsequent costs may interfere with our stated desire to support the SOUUP intern minister program

Our mission statement says:

***The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Klamath County seeks to offer a forum for religious freedom and the pursuit of knowledge, to extend spiritual fellowship to all people, and to provide a place of renewal to foster a life of community, awareness and action.***

We need to ask ourselves if purchasing this building helps us achieve this mission. As we prepare to have a congregation-wide meeting to vote on the purchase of the Grocery Pub, please read over this carefully, add anything you might think of and bring your thoughts to the table. I welcome any responses by phone or email as well.

In gratitude,

Julia

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## **Congregational Meeting and Vote Monday July 3, 2023**

After several tours of the property at 1201 Division Street, the former Grocery Pub, by several members of the congregation, a membership vote to make a purchase offer is scheduled for Monday July 3, at 7 pm on Zoom. (link will be sent later)

The property task force has determined that renting from another church is not in the best interest of the future of our congregation. Members' consent is needed for negotiations to move forward. If you have not had a chance to tour the site, look up The Grocery Pub on Google. Several photos of the pub and garden can be seen among the menu shots.

Our discussion and vote must happen on Zoom as our last meeting of the summer is the

picnic Sunday, June 25. A week's notice is required for a congregational meeting. Many questions have been addressed but we welcome any inquiries you may have. Please share them at the picnic or send them to Faith at [DFL5523@gmail.com](mailto:DFL5523@gmail.com),

Hope to see everyone at the picnic/potluck at Wiard Park at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Faith Leith

**Check your email for a Reminder and ZOOM Link for the Congregational Meeting which will be sent on Monday June 26th and again on Sunday July 2nd.**

## **Newsletter Changes**

The decision has been made by the newsletter editor and agreed on by the board to go to a monthly Newsletter starting next month, July 28th. In September there will also be a weekly reminder on Sunday morning with the ZOOM link for that Sunday's service. I would welcome feedback on how the newsletter can better serve you as a UUFKC member or friend, please email me at [cherylemay@gmail.com](mailto:cherylemay@gmail.com)

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

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

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CONNECTIONS (Part 1 of 2) \*

Barbara Turk

The June 25th closure of the 2023 UUA G A means we have a new UUA president. The UUA is 62 years young, since 1961 merger of Unitarianism & Universalism. (Our fellowship became part of American Unitarian Association April-1957.)

Early UUA presidents:

Rev. Dr. Dana McLean Greeley, 1961-1969, last president of AUA; peace activist, civil-rights leader

Rev. Robert Nelson West, 1969-1977, authorized Beacon Press to print the Pentagon Papers. WOW!! Our UUFKC car-pooled to RVUUF in Ashland to hear David Ellsworth speak on papers. West established UUA Office of Gay Concerns, authorized UUA's first religious education curriculum on sexuality; created, "UU WORLD" newspaper; was credited with saving UUA from bankruptcy; saw congregational growth.

Rev. Paul Nathaniel Carnes, 1977-1979, supported desegregation, civil liberties; established affirmative actions for women and minorities in ministry; reinstated UUA's Dept. of Social Responsibility (particularly racial equality). He died two years into his term (lymphoma-1979).

Rev. Dr. O. Eugene Pickett, 1979-1985, selected to complete Carnes term, then elected president; authorized creation of hymnal, SINGING THE LIVING TRADITION; facilitated rewriting UUA principles; responsible for UUA's first major capital campaign & UUA donor program.

This concludes the first four UUA presidents & their historical impacts. Next newsletter at the end of July read Part Two, note the formality change from use of gents' full names, to use of middle initials, to, "Call me Bill"; marriage equality, and an "Oregon connection".

\* UU WORLD Spring/Summer 2023

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### News From the Wider Community

**Here is a Good Resource For More Information On  
What's Going On in Oregon For LGBTQ2SIA Rights**  
Basic Rights Oregon: <https://www.basicrights.org/about>

### **Pacific Western Region Newsletter June 2023**

**Please click this link to access this months PWR newsletter:**

<https://uua874.activehosted.com/index.php?action=social&chash=8a56257ea05c74018291954fc56fc448.6150&s=b8d2a5ab86a92bacfd9437ee6d21814e>

### **Klamath Basin Audubon is Looking for Volunteers**

KBAS President, Vice-President and Treasurer positions are open

KBAS's mission is to provide the opportunity for all to experience and appreciate our region's wildlife, focusing on birds and other natural resources.

For a detailed description of each of these positions and a timeline for involvement Please contact Cheryle-May Ramirez at [cherylemay@gmail.com](mailto:cherylemay@gmail.com).



# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST MINISTRY FOR EARTH

*Respect Life. Restore Earth. Renew Spirit.*

Please Click Here for the Lastest news and events from UUMFE:

<https://api.neonemails.com/emails/content/ULtTDKvMqdOtyyapsQbAcA4rhFZHbE F6KBJiWLHki-Y=>

## **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.

### **Hospitality**

If you would like to volunteer or learn more about the hospitality committee please email [http://klamathuu@gmail.com](mailto:http://klamathuu@gmail.com) attention Connie DeVry

**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** – Julia Jackman president, Michelle Pine secretary, Mary Kelley treasurer, Jerry Brown & Katie Johnson at-large

**Worship** – Cheryle Ramirez chair, Franny Howes, Michelle Pine and Katie Johnson

**RE** – Tammy Walchak

**Social Justice** – Chair Katie Johnson

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

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

**Communications** – Cheryle Ramirez, Don Leith and Bill Lewis

**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.