

UNITARIAN  
UNIVERSALIST  
FELLOWSHIP  
OF KLAMATH COUNTY



Original Water Color Bill Beilke

Soul Matters June Theme: Delight

Service Leader: Cheryle-May Ramirez

**This Sunday's service: At 11 am In Person at the Friends Church 1918 Oregon Avenue Or Via ZOOM**

Sunday's Service is our annual Flower Communion and this year is the centennial of the ceremony.

The Flower Ceremony, sometimes referred to as Flower Communion or Flower Festival, is an annual ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community.

Originally created in 1923 by Unitarian minister Norbert Čapek of Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Flower Ceremony was introduced to the United States by Rev. Mája Čapek, Norbert's widow.

Klamath Unitarians is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday Worship Service

Time: June 11, 2023 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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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87078028578?pwd=UzVGTWIMSTVGUFozTIZhV1QzaE1mdz09>

**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!

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## **Announcements**

### **Discussion Circle**

No Discussion Circle Sunday. The monthly Board Meeting is scheduled at 10 am so we can all help with sorting and storing our things after the service.

### **Please Read**

## **Possible Purchase Opportunity**

Dear members of the UUFKC,

We have an opportunity to purchase ourselves a home! Your Property Task Force has been looking for some time now at potential rental and purchase possibilities. On the rental front, it appears that there is basically nothing in Klamath Falls within our price range. Sharing with other churches is also problematic, as the few we've investigated would require that we meet in the afternoon.

On the purchase side, there is also almost nothing within our price range. BUT we found that the Grocery Pub 1201 Division Street in the Mills Addition has been for sale for some time, and we asked Sherry McManus, a broker with Coldwell Banker, to arrange to show it to us. The Task Force took a tour, had an unexpectedly positive feeling about it, and arranged for more of the congregation to tour it. Twelve members looked at it yesterday, and the general feeling was also positive.

It is not perfect, it does not fully provide for our needs and wants, but it is POSSIBLE and has the POTENTIAL to be a really good home for our Fellowship. AND we can afford it, using the property sale monies we have been saving for this eventuality. We did not even

know if we would be able to get a mortgage loan, but Sherry does some personal financing on her own, and she is willing to provide the needed funding for us. Her kindness makes it much easier and cheaper for us to make this purchase.

The asking price is \$175,000; Sherry would probably make an initial offer of \$150,000...and we'll see where we end up. We would plan to make a 20% downpayment, and finance the rest. The term of the loan will depend on what we think we can manage as a monthly payment, and we will have over \$30,000 left to help with the changes and improvements we would expect to make over time. To make the monthly loan payment and pay the operating costs we will depend on your continuing and possibly growing support.

This is a congregational decision. We need you to vote yea or nay on going ahead with this purchase, and we need to move quickly. Please respond to Faith at [df15523@gmail.com](mailto:df15523@gmail.com) with an up or down vote. Drive past and look through the front windows and into the garden if you like....it's on Division Street at the crossing of Wantland Ave. We may be able to arrange a third tour of the interior if required, but time is of the essence and if you feel you can vote on our recommendation, we'd appreciate it.

## Flower Communion This Sunday June 18th



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We will celebrate our traditional UU flower communion so plan to come and bring a flower to contribute. We will have extra also if you have no access to flowers. Everyone will then take a flower home. This year is the 100th anniversary of the flower communion.

## Moving Day

Everyone is invited to stay after the service on June 18 to help consolidate our things into the office area. The 25<sup>th</sup> service is the annual picnic at Wiard Park. We take a summer break in July and August.

The sorting will be finished for the most part. We just need as many hands as possible to spend part of coffee hour folding chairs, moving walls (on rollers), packing up worship items.

We plan to unpack before our service at a new meeting place in September. Watch the monthly newsletters in July and August for updates from the Property Task Force.

## Coffee Hour Host Reminder

June 18th- Barb

June 25th- Faith

Thanks so much for your time and energy :)

## Save The Date

Our Annual picnic is Sunday June 25th at Wiard Park. There will be a short service starting at 11 am with a potluck to follow. Watch the newsletter for details.

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

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

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## CONNECTIONS

Barbara Turk

For father's, "I think it not improbable that man, like the grub that prepares a chamber for the winged thing it has never seen but is to be—that man may have cosmic destinies that he does not understand. And so, beyond the vision of battling races and an impoverished earth, I catch a dreaming glimpse of peace." (Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.)

Mrs. John B. Dodd (no given name?!?), of Spokane, WA, asked for recognition of fathers. The Spokane ministerial alliance offered June's third Sunday; so proclaimed by Spokane mayor, and the state's governor. That was June 19, 1910.

But, it took longer (than a UUA G A vote), for an official Father's Day. In 1957 U S Senator Margaret Case Smith, in a proposal, wrote for 40 years Congress ignored fathers, "singling out just one of our two parents". LBJ signed a 1966 Proclamation; in 1972 Nixon's signature made it Public Law 92-278.

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In 1865, when the last of those having been held in bondage in Texas were told they were free, it was June 19th. The news' bearers, U S Army troops in Galveston, TX.

Opal Lee\*, a Black woman, shared, "Even into my 80's, I had a nagging feeling that I should be doing more". As if it wasn't sufficient, she had bachelor and master degrees, taught school, was a social worker, had a family, volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, AND her farm helped a food bank serve 500 families a day.

In 2016 she drew attention to "JUNETEENTH" by organizing a march from Fort Worth to Washington, D.C. In 2019 she started a petition earning 1.5 million signatures favoring a holiday. In 2021 Congress passed a federal holiday,

JUNE 2023

From Opal \*, “Older people don’t always remember we have power...so much to teach younger generations.” And, “...when we work on it, slowly, persistently, change happens.”

DADS, and those that father: “Senior”, “some-experience”, “brand new”, do connect generations, like Opal (now 96 years young).

\* 6/7/2022 AARP

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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 Latest news and events from UUMFE:

<https://api.neonemails.com/emails/content/ULtTDKvMgdOtyyapsQbAcA4rhFZHbE F6KBJiWLHki-Y=>

### **Ukraine**

**Donate**—Donate to UUSC's Emergency Response Fund to help Ukrainian

Refuges: [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, Julia Jackman, Michelle Pine

**RE** – Tammy Walchak

**Social Justice** – Chair Katie Johnson

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

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

**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.