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Sunset Bandon Oregon

Summer Break
Services Resume September 10, 2023

July/August News



Board President's Message

Greetings UUFKC Members and Friends! Wow, what a wild couple of months: we have gone from being, once again, out of a meeting space, to being soon-to-be building owners! On August 1, we will officially close on the purchase of the former Grocery Pub building. Ahead of us lie many new opportunities and challenges, and a chance to deepen our roots in the community in new and creative ways. In the next few weeks, we will be very busy preparing our new space for Sunday services, and revitalizing the garden into an additional meeting space and sanctuary.

I look forward to this journey with all of you, as we imagine how our Fellowship will flourish and grow in the year to come.

See you soon!!

Julia Jackman

Update on Purchase of 1201 Division Street

A purchase offer was made on the Grocery Pub after our Congregational Meeting where we voted on moving ahead toward becoming property owners. The offer was followed by a counter offer which the board and property task force accepted.. We are now in the process of closing on the property by August 1. An inspection of the property was completed with no significant problems found.

In anticipation of closing there will be a planning meeting tomorrow at Sally and Chuck Wells home. We'll meet at 10 am at 820 N. Eldorado. Come prepared to sign up for specific tasks. Please RSVP to Sally at candseldorado@charter.net or call her at 541-892-1457

The decision has been made by the newsletter editor and agreed on by the board to go to a monthly Newsletter. Look for the next Newsletter on August 25th. 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

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

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

CONNECTIONS (Part 2 of 2) *

Barbara Turk

Early UUA presidents: (con't.)

Rev. Dr. William F. Schulz, 1985-1993, social & environmentalist justice activist, involved with Transylvania Unitarians after fall of Ceausescu regime; founded Partner Church Program, turned newspaper UU WORLD into magazine

Rev. Dr. John A. Buehrens, 1993-2001, engaged Boy Scouts of America over issues of God and acceptance of bi-sexual, gay, lesbian, transgender scouts and scout leaders; oversaw introduction of OWL (Our Whole Lives) sexuality education curricula; creation of Skinner House Books; re-branded "THE WORLD", as "UU WORLD".

Rev. William G. Sinkford, 2001-2009, first Black UUA president, championed marriage equality, championed reintroduction of a, "language of reverence" in UU'ism. His quote, "We Stand on the Side of Love", inspired the UUA's "Stand With Love" public advocacy campaign, later, "Side With Love" (some folks are in wheelchairs).

Rev. Peter Morales, 2009-2017, first Latino UUA president, made public witness central to his presidency, particularly for immigration reform & interfaith solidarity; oversaw sale of UUA's historic buildings on Boston's Beacon Hill; also relocation to current 24 Farnsworth St., Boston. Resigned three months prior to end of his second term.

For three months early in 2017, appointed by UUA Board, a historic trio of interim co-presidents, Rev. Dr. SOPHIA BELANCOURT (per 2023 GA, UUA pres.), Rev. William Sinkford, & Dr. Leon Spencer served. Among their goals: Increase number of BIPOC leaders and staff at UUA. At June 2017 UUA G A, the Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray was elected to a 6-year term. ** While presiding her priority was, "...dismantling white supremacy culture".

The "Oregon Connection"— After two terms as UUA president, Rev. Bill Sinkford , "Call me Bill", in 2009 moved to Senior Minister/Advisor to UU Urban Ministry, in Boston. In 2010 he was called, accepted, served as Senior Minister at First Unitarian Church, Portland, to his retirement in 2022 .*** Currently, he's at All Souls Unitarian in Washington, D.C., as transitional minister, until All Souls finds a new minister. With grandchildren in Oregon, Sinkfords retain their Portland home, to one day return to the City of Roses.

* UU WORLD Spring/Summer 2023 ** "Leadership" & Susan's reflections, pg. 22-26 UU WORLD Spring/Summer/ 2023

*** When a minister retires or resigns s/he cannot participate in that church for two years, thus Bill's good fortune to serve All Souls. The late Rev. Forrest Church, son of Idaho's late U S Senator Frank Church, once pastored All Souls. Activist Paula Cole-Jones, originator of prospective UUA Principle 8, attends All Souls.

News From the Wider Community

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.



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

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Pacific Western Region

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For PWR and UUA news please click on the

link: <https://uua874.activehosted.com/index.php?action=social&chash=975e6107778ce7a40b9878bfb96a16a7.6184&s=c2e1bdf2a221a00051b501fff924d0eb>

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

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.



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> 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!

Joys and Sorrows:

To have your joy or sorrow posted in the weekly eNewsletter, please email 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 to have this posted in the weekly eNewsletter. *(We reserve the option to edit, condense, or not publish any submission.)*

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!

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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

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