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Services Resume September 10, 2023

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## September News



Our New Home: 1201 Division Street Klamath Falls Oregon

## ***Board President's Message***

### ***A Note From the Board President***

What a month it has been!! We are now the proud owners of a new building, and it has generated so much excitement, enthusiasm, and creativity! Our Fellowship is full of extraordinary people who have been putting in hours of hard, hard work: cleaning, raking, digging, mowing, weeding, painting, planting, planning, hauling, selling, and so many other tasks. We are so blessed with kind and generous members and friends who are diving into this project with energy and dedication, and we are well on our way to having a cozy, functional meeting space and a cheerful children's room. Thank you

everyone!

I want to update folks on a few things that are upcoming. First, we have secured enough in donations and loans to begin the remodeling process we have been planning. This includes turning the small room next to the bathroom into an ADA accessible bathroom (so we will have two bathrooms), cutting out and installing a new door from the main building directly out to the yard, and removing the counter and its support wall. We will be keeping the beautiful varnished pine counter and repurposing it elsewhere in the building - a neat memento from the building's past life as the Grocery Pub! This work will begin on Tuesday, August 29 with the concrete being cut and removed, and the counter beginning to be dismantled. Exciting though it is, **please stay away while this work is being done!**

Though the remodeling may still be in progress, we do intend to meet together on our usual September Sunday after labor day, which is the 10th. It will not be a normal service but rather a day to bless our new space, and gather in fellowship, and enjoy the garden. We expect that most of our gatherings in September will be a bit experimental as we figure out how best to configure the room, and manage audio and visual challenges! Please be patient during this process, and know that the Board and Worship Committee will happily consider any constructive ideas to improve our meeting experience.

There are many other things being discussed and planned for the year ahead. This is a time for sacred settling in, exploring, making meaning, re-grounding, and celebrating! I look forward to this journey with all of you.

With thanks,

Julia Jackman

Board chair/president

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## Survey on Sunday Meeting Time

As we move into our own space we now have the choice on when to meet. Please take the survey and let the worship committee know your preference.

**What time would you like to have our Sunday Worship Service start:**

[10 am](#)

[10:30 am](#)

[11 am](#)

## September Worship Services

Please note that plans are subject to change as we complete our remodeling

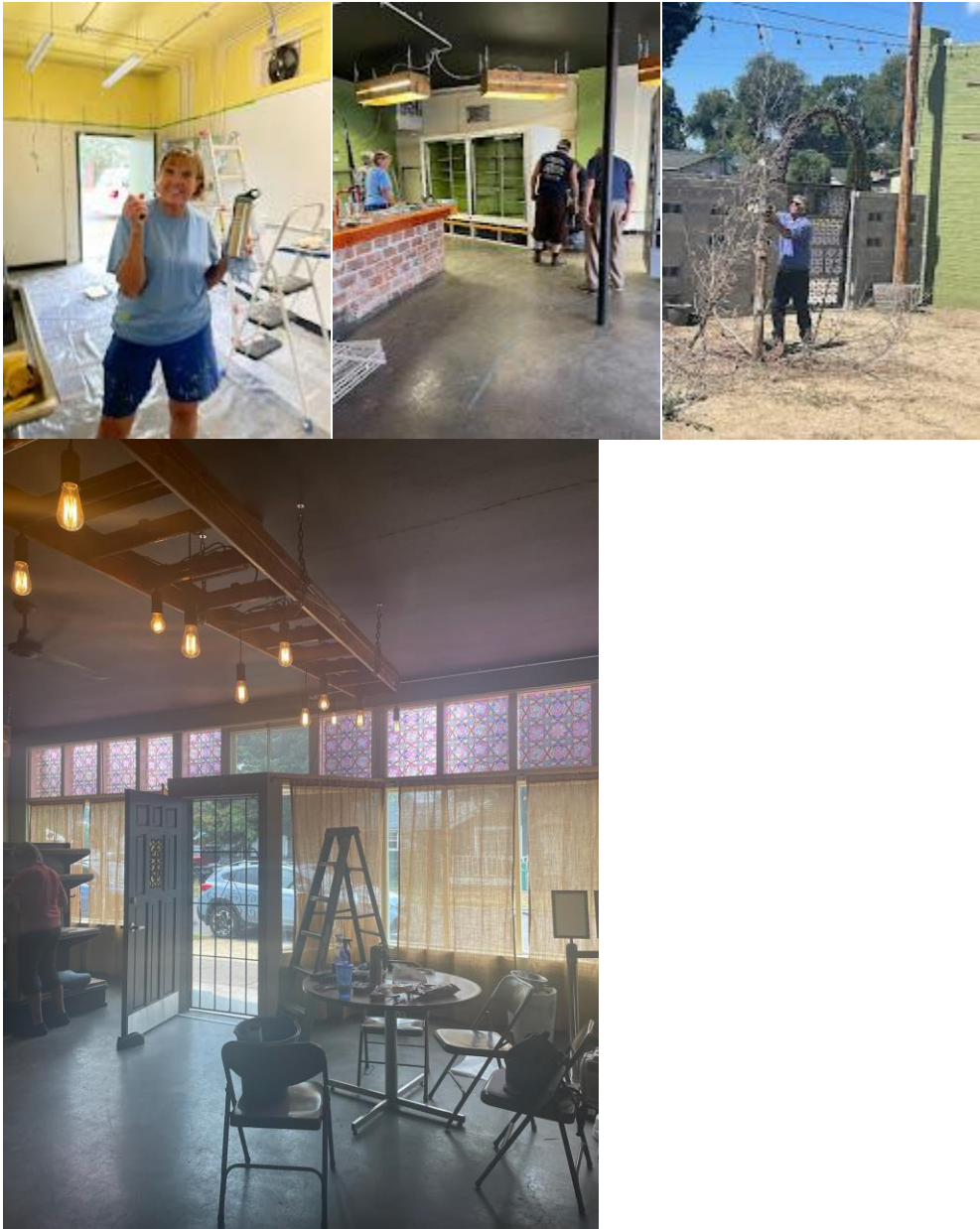
**Sunday September 10:** In-gathering and welcome to our new space. There will be a short service including a building dedication followed by a potluck in the "garden" if weather allows. Time to be determined from the results of the survey.

**Sunday September 17:** Water Ceremony

**Sunday September 24:** TBD

**A Couple of Pictures and Thank you to everyone who has**

## helped with cleaning up the space



Joy Fries has taken on the task of organizing the cleanup: If you are not already on her email list please contact her at [joy8054@hotmail.com](mailto:joy8054@hotmail.com)

This is an incomplete list of names because it depended on my memory so please forgive

me if I have missed thanking you: Michelle Pine especially for your diligent work listing items for sale and finding homes for all of the big items including the tap cooler! Bill Lewis for getting Peoples Warehouse to remove and recycle the old green cooler. Connie Devry for working clearing out the space, helping Joy with the window treatments, donating the curtains, getting the shade covers in the garden, and cleaning up the garden. Also thank you Connie for coordinating with the contractor (Scott) for bids to do the heavy inside remodeling. Sandy for painting the RE Room. Faith especially for refurbishing and painting the picnic tables. Sally Wells, Dean Walchak, Katie Johnson, David Ramirez for having a hand in outside and inside cleaning. Jerry Brown for donating plants. Thank you Katie for refinishing the outside chairs. Barbara Turk for helping from afar and finding someone to rototill. And lastly a special thank you to Joy Fries for coordinating all of it. There is still more to be done so please contact Joy to find out how to contribute.

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 September 29th. 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/>

### **August, 2023, UUFKC Treasurer's Letter**

As your Treasurer I think it is important that we all understand our financial situation as we embark on our new journey as building owners. Our church fiscal year runs from July - June which means that we are right at the beginning of a new year and are facing new and exciting challenges in many ways. We approved a new operating budget in April which has had to be modified and increased in light of our building purchase. The Board continues to tweak the budget as we get a better grasp on what our actual expenses will be.



My first concern is the ability to pay our increased monthly operating costs, which will be roughly double what they had been as renters at the Friend's church. Thanks to our generous members, we have met our pledge goal for the 2023-24 year of \$15,000. We also anticipate an increase in membership and interest in our activities that will help to give us the boost in donations we need. We are also counting on renting space to other groups and increasing fundraising efforts. This takes the effort of every member to extend invitations and increase our visibility. All ideas are welcome on this front. We have something that gives us meaning and community, let's expand the circle! On the expense side of the budget we will not have the intern minister outlay and our original budget had a surplus. This and other small cuts will help to cover our increased expenses.

My second concern is the resources needed to make our new building a comfortable home. As most of you know, most of the proceeds from our previous property are tied up in a CD which comes due in January 2024. Chuck and Sally Wells graciously loaned us enough to manage the down payment when combined with funds we had on hand.

We have an additional \$13,000+ in the CD which we are going to use now to cover the initial costs of the upgrades needed. We have the contractors' estimates and the loan commitments as of this writing to move forward with these upgrades. Many members have already made donations to the Building Fund or donated materials to our project. We currently have \$5,000+ available to cover building improvements.

Many, many thanks to all who have donated money, materials, time, energy, and enthusiasm to this project!! We couldn't do it without you! But there is still much left to be done. If you haven't participated yet there is still plenty of time to join in.

**In summary here are some of the ways you can help:**

1. Donate your time, energy, and enthusiasm to making our building comfortable and welcoming. Contact Joy Fries [joy8054@hotmail.com](mailto:joy8054@hotmail.com).
2. Help with fundraising events in the coming year. Upcoming yard sale needs help. 3. Invite a friend to get involved.
4. Make a one time donation. Mail to PO Box 391, KF, 97601. Make checks out to UUFKC and note in the memo line that it is a donation to the Building Fund.

Thank you so much for all the good vibes and the energy! When we work together we can do

amazing things.

Mary Kelley, Treasurer and the UUFKC Board [marylouise1330@gmail.com](mailto:marylouise1330@gmail.com), 541-281-4320

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## CONNECTIONS

Barbara Turk

“Sound’s role—from the first days of the cosmos, through the long, fruitful path of biological evolution—has always been to connect. The history of sound on Earth is not strictly a history: the world’s earliest sounds are still audible today, all around us, in the grating, washing, and whistling of wind and water on stone. What time has changed is the density and complexity. As life evolved and exploded in diversity, it brought a whirling, chirruping, murmuring cacophony of soundscapes.”  
(D. G. Haskell)

Most soundly, THANK YOU all who stepped up and offered time, skills to make our new facility, “our home”. (And how smart was I to be in Portland as you all stepped up to the plate?)

Fool I am not. Owning something means much effort, all along the way. Even thinking we’re settled, we’re NOT!!! “It’s always something!!!”

From UUA’s own UU Service Committee: “REPAIR, RESTORE, REIMAGINE”

Transcend the Trivial. From Ralph Waldo Emerson:

“What lies BEHIND us and what lies BEFORE us  
Are small matters compared to what lies WITHIN us.”

“Have Faith, Moons Change, Tides Change, Things Change.” (A tile)



“TO DO: Can Do. Will Do. Must Do. Deep Do”. (Note pad)

“It’s not what you look at that matters, it’s what you see.” (H. D. Thoreau)

“If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn’t lead anywhere.” (A calendar)

“What might have been and what has been

Point to one end, which is always present.

Footfalls echo in the memory...” (T. S. Eliot’s Four Quartets)

## WELCOME HOME

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## **News From the Wider Community**



# 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/liWucolQwTMjl4w4EddenV1PbUIx8a6Oz-XkiTEkNU0=>

## **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](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 UUFGC. 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.