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November News



## 1201 Division Street Klamath Falls

Greetings UU people!

We are officially moved into our new building! So much excitement and joy to have this cozy space for our own. There are a few finishing touches and small projects still being completed, but the main things are done and it is a go!! Please be patient as we figure out how to arrange our worship space to best accommodate people and objects and figure out the best way to move people through the area before and after services – it is a learning experience! We look forward to growing and learning with you all in the year to come.

I do want to remind everyone, now that the cold and flu and Covid season is upon us (again): if you are not feeling well, please stay home on Sunday and join us on Zoom. Consider wearing a mask while in the sanctuary space, especially if

you think you may have recently been around a sick person. We have some elders and others with health conditions among us and we need to be especially careful around these folks! Please feel free to reach out to me if you have questions or concerns about anything related to this congregation.

In peace,

Julia Jackman, Board Chair  
541-281-1979  
[julickjackman@gmail.com](mailto:julickjackman@gmail.com)

## **November Worship Services**

If you or someone in your household is sick please join us via zoom.



November 5th: Michelle will be our service leader and Cheryle will be Tech. Michelle will be discussing the soul matters theme for November which is Generosity. Worship committee meeting after service.

November 12th: TBD

November 19th: Social Justice Service. Lee Curran will be our service leader. Board Meeting after service.

November 26th: Cheryle will be the service leader and will present personal spiritual path or "How I became a UU."

The Newsletter is now monthly. Look for the next Newsletter on December 1st, and all following newsletters the 1st Friday of the month. There will also be a weekly reminder on Friday and again on Sunday morning with the ZOOM link for that Sunday's service. I would welcome constructive feedback on how the newsletter can better serve you as a UUFKC member or friend, please email me at [uufkcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:uufkcnewsletter@gmail.com).

[Our first service in our new building:](#)



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

### **Cares and Concerns**

- Sally Wells is not feeling well. We will be in touch and let the congregation know if she or Chuck needs anything.
- Long time friend of the Fellowship, Bob Millard, is in the hospital at Rogue Valley Medical center, in Medford where he is recovering from a heart attack. For updated information and to send well wishes contact him and his wife Wendy on Caring Bridge [WWW.caringbridge.org](http://WWW.caringbridge.org)

To have your joy or sorrow posted in the Newsletter, please email [uufkcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:uufkcnewsletter@gmail.com). First names, full names or anonymous joys and sorrows are welcome. Please keep it brief (one or two sentences).

### **Lee Curran's Presentation from Sunday, October 29th**

I am delighted to present this mixed media print, titled “Light Up the Love” to share our new sacred space. The flaming chalice is a symbol of our faith and represents sacrifice and love, the light of reason, the warmth of community, and the flame of hope.

“Light Up the Love” was created by Honolulu artist, Brennan Simcock, a friend of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu and husband of justice leader, former congregation president and my dear friend Carla Allison. It is one of three prints, another hangs in the First UU’s sanctuary.

According to Brennan, several printing techniques were used to create ‘Light up the Love’ including burning the paper edges, carborundum and collage. Carborundum is a

powdered grit and is mixed with paste that is then painted onto, in this case,

a plexiglass plate. When dry, the plate is then inked, cleaned and placed on the press.

I would like to end with this poem, “Better to Light Candles” by Merle Shain:

It is better to light candles than to curse the darkness. It is better to plant seeds than to accuse the earth. The world needs all of our power and love and energy, and each of us has something that we can give. The trick is to find it and use it, to find it and give it away. So there will always be more. We can be lights for each other, and through each other's illumination we will see the way.

Each of us is a seed, a silent promise, and it is always spring.



**Please don't forget that we now have monthly expenses that need to be covered for our new building. Please donate as you are able:**

**Mail Donations to:**

PO Box 391

Klamath Falls, OR 97601

**Donate Via PayPal:** visit our PayPal donations page [HERE](#)

**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.
- 5. If you have something you would like to sell and donate the proceeds to the church, take a picture of it and bring it to church! Michelle or Katie will help you post it and sell it online.**

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, Archivist

This summer I reviewed some of our Archives (we began 1957; Archives began 1994). In 1999 our wildly-clad, partying-hard UU's celebrated Halloween in the Pine Grove hall. Low and behold, GOD appeared!! The Archives even have a great color photo. (How can that be?!?)

One attendee arrived in a white sheet labeled, "SHEET HAPPENS". Of course never omitted were our many, costumed children. Where are they now, almost a quarter century later?

The 2005 Archive had a UUA CLF \* newsletter, one item entitled, "Naming the Unnameable One", by Rev. Victoria Weinstein. Now Rev. Dr. Weinstein, doctorate 2011. She serves UU Church of Great Lynn, Mass.

So, in 1999, was it GOD (or "DOG" \*\*), or maybe one of dozens of Biblical names Weinstein noted like, "That in which we live and move and have our being" (St. Paul)? Or this take-off on the Lord's Prayer: "Divine Waiter who sets a banquet before me, even in presence of mine enemies". (My "banquet" is not just food, but all which encompasses me.)

Rev. Barbara Pescan, a Weinstein colleague, offered this: "unnameable magnificent intensity".  
Whew!

Weinstein wrote, "The notion of God being intimately involved in our lives comes to us courtesy of our Jewish and Christian heritage". Also, "It would behoove us when we hear, "GOD", to be accomplished translators of the name. Because one thing is sure. God doesn't seem to be going away any time soon." (DISCUSSION TOPIC??)

(Our GOD visitor Halloween-1999, was a local, highly respected CPA, beloved UUFKC member, with a great sense of humor.)



Thanks Bil & Jeff Keane. Their "Family Circus" cartoon, 07 Oct. 2023:  
"Our arms are the only ones God has to hug people".  
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

\* UUA Church Larger Fellowship

\*\* Pre-2024 summer break, let's revisit, "Blessing of Pets" at a garden service.

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## **Making Oregon a Safe Place for Everyone**

Since the passage of SB 577 in 2019, the civil rights unit at the Oregon department of justice operates the nation's first statewide hate crime and bias incident response hotline, dedicated to supporting victims and witnesses targeted with hate or bias based on their protected status (such as race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender).

- The civil rights unit engages in community, government, and law enforcement outreach and training regarding civil rights issues affecting communities in the state of Oregon;
- Topics which will be discussed in this presentation will be the latest laws regarding hate crimes and bias incidents in the state, and what are examples of hate crimes and bias incidents;
- What is the difference between hate speech and free speech, and how can I respond to affirm community values when I witness or learn about bias or hate;
- What can I do about the escalation of hate, intimidation, extremism and the growth of racism and intolerance in our communities;
- What resources are available for victims and witnesses of discrimination and

bias;

- How can the statewide bias response hotline help you report hate crimes and bias incidents and explore support?

**The League of Women Voters of Klamath Falls is hosting the Oregon Department of Justice Bias Training:**

**Where: SKYLAKES COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER,  
Multipurpose Room 2200 N. Eldorado Ave. Klamath Falls, Oregon**

**When: November 15, 2023, 4:00 P.M.**

**Ask Faith if you have questions.**

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## **News From the Wider Community**

### **UUSC**

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.

### **Sign up for Guest at your Table**

Each fall season, we ask our supporters to join with UUSC for our longest-

established, multi-generational education and fundraising program, **Guest at Your Table**. This year's theme is "Pursuing Liberation."

**Will you make time on your congregational calendar to participate this year?**

The human rights challenges we face across the globe today put the lives of people and the sustainability of the planet in critical danger. But grassroots movements for change are rising to meet the obstacles before us. Together, we can support the transformational solutions our world needs — which are being created now by communities directly impacted by injustice.

Through the program, you'll invite four "guests" to your spiritual table to learn more about their inspiring work and their beautiful visions of a brighter future.

[Take a few moments now to learn more and get started on planning a Guest at Your Table program with your congregation.](#)

Digital resources are available to download, including a sermon, sample worship services, and videos. You can also order print materials to support your campaign.

**Unitarian Universalist congregations have always been regenerative spaces that build community and strengthen belonging.** I hope the stories of UUSC partners in this year's Guest at Your Table program will help you invite more of your congregation's members to our collective work for justice.



Thank you for all that you do each day to pursue liberation.

Kind regards,

Julian Sharp

*Senior Associate for Congregational Support  
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee*



## 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.

### **Social Justice Committee**

**Chair Lee Curran**

Please join us in this opportunity to explore how we can partner and collaborate on social justice actions that reflect the needs and values of our community.

Please contact Lee Curran [dfcurran@gmail.com/808](mailto:dfcurran@gmail.com/808) 394-8792 with any questions/ideas.

### **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. 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!

COME JOIN US!

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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, Michelle Pine and Katie Johnson

**RE** – Tammy Walchak

**Social Justice** – Chair Lee Curran

**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.