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December News



1201 Division Street Klamath Falls

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In peace,

Julia Jackman, Board Chair
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December Worship Services

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

December 3rd: "What Role Does Mystery Play in Your Spiritual Beliefs?" Michelle will be our service leader. We will meet in person at 1201 Division Street with the service starting at 10:30 a.m. The service will also be available on zoom.

The zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81192245035pwd=cVBOdGVcNkJNanVqd3A4TkNNM1UwQT09>

Discussion Circle: Join us to talk about current events, political or spiritual issues, or whatever is on your mind. As an intelligent, informed group we have lots to talk about. We meet at the table by the bookshelves at 9:30 a.m. Sundays before the services. Coffee will be provided. Dean & Faith

Worship committee meeting after service.

December 10th: Guest Speaker Sally Palcovich. Julia and Cheryle

will be our service leaders. Potluck after service. More details below.

No discussion circle.

December 17th: Social Justice Service. Lee Curran will be our service leader. Board Meeting after service.

December 24th: December 24, 2023: Christmas eve. We will gather to sing and celebrate the season. More information to follow, the weekly Bulletin will have additional information.

The Newsletter is now monthly. Look for the next Newsletter on December 29th. 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 Katie at uufkcnewsletter@gmail.com.

Joys and Concerns

- On November 5th our SOUUP brethren at RVUUF held Rev. Sean Parker Dennison's long-awaited Installation Ceremony, and reception. A colleague of Rev. Sean's, Rev. Carlton Elliot Smith, preached the service. Rev. Smith attended Rev. Sean's ordination in 2000. The installation was "covenantal". RVUUF, "called" Rev. Sean; he accepted. The celebration also recognized the 70th anniversary of RVUUF's acceptance by UUA as an official congregation. (April 1957 UUFKC was accepted...just a tad younger.) RVUUF members gave Rev. Sean a stole and a cash gift. Handmade stoles, a tradition, have designs with meaning to fellowship/church, region, recipient.
- Long time friend of the Fellowship, Bob Millard, is recovering from cardiac surgery and a heart attack. He has been home for 2 weeks after a long stay in Medford and received word from his doctors this week that his heart is healing!
 - Nancie Carlson, long-time UUFKC member, now in Albany, is due hip replacement surgery in December.
 - Carol Degutis, is recovering from knee surgery in late October.
- At year's close (11/15), this from Rev. Christina Rivera (YoUUs in Service) of UUA's Church of Larger Fellowship: "What care will you do this season for mind, body?"

Barbara Turk

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



A December Note from your Treasurer:

We have reached a milestone in our Fellowship and are settling into our new home. We have spent most of the funds that were earmarked for improvements to make our new space work for us. As we continue to use our new house we are certain to see more that needs to be done to make it meet our needs. It will also be important to be able to fund those future projects. Fundraising ideas are needed that combine socializing and fun with raising money. If you are able to help we need you on the Stewardship Committee. We also have to continue being cautious about how we spend money. It is important that all purchases including in kind donations be approved by the Building Committee and the Board before money is committed.

As always, a big THANK YOU to all of our generous and committed members and friends.

Mary Kelley, Treasurer

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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](#)

Announcements

- **Potluck & Christmas Tree**

Join us for our first indoor potluck Sunday, Dec. 10, after the service. As we don't have a real kitchen, we will treat this as we do the picnic. Please bring your own dishes and take them home to wash. Suggested: Plates, silverware, cups, and bowls (as there may be soup). To add to the holiday spirit, Bill Lewis will bring a tree for the youth (and young at heart) to decorate after the meal.

We are blessed to have this special place to meet. Let's enjoy it!

- **Host Needed:** Please sign up to set up or clean up during Coffee Hour. It's an easy way to contribute to the community. Once a month or a couple of times a year, your help would be appreciated. We have a checklist and will soon have a brief training so all will run smoothly during this important time after the service.
- **Your Justice Action Team** recognizes that food security is a problem in our community. We will be collecting non-perishable food items, toilet paper, toiletries and pet food to be donated to the Quaker Food Pantry which will distribute these items the last two Tuesdays of the month. There is a plastic bin to place

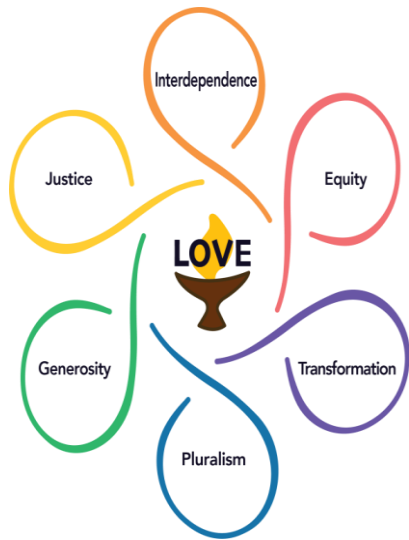
your donations; your generosity and care for our Beloved Community is much appreciated! If you have any questions, please reach out to Lee Curran dflicurran@gmail.com / 808 394-8792

- Since we are heading into winter and snow season the Building and Grounds Committee is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to be in charge of snow removal. If you are willing to commit to keeping the sidewalks and the small parking space clear of snow this winter please contact David Ramirez at ramirez.d.m@gmail.com. Alternatively If anyone knows of someone willing to do snow removal for a small fee please let David know. If there are no volunteers or low price options we will need to look at commercial snow removal alternatives.



News From the Wider Community

Final Version of Article II Revision Available



The [final draft of the Article II revision](#) is now available as is an updated version of the [flower graphic](#) you can use. Next steps:

- Read this new version. Absorb it. See how it resonates with you.
- You may want to amend it. If so:
- We have created a [submission form](#):

Please remember:

- All amendments need to be endorsed by at least 15 certified congregations (including the proposing congregation).
- Endorsement is by an action of the governing board or a vote of the congregation.
- The deadline for submitting an amendment is 11:59 p.m. Eastern on February 1, 2024.
- Specific details for submitting amendments are described in the form.

All qualified amendments will be considered at General Assembly 2024. Article II

amendments require a 3/4 approval vote to be incorporated. Once any amendments have been resolved, a 2/3 approval vote is required to adopt a new version of Article II.

Thank you for your engagement in this process. This is one of the ways that Unitarian Universalism is alive in this world.



Help Wanted

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Klamath County relies on volunteers to make our Sunday services flow, provide enjoyable coffee hours and social events, and engage with the wider community. And now that we have a building and garden, we have a variety of needs related to the maintenance and upkeep of our space. If you are interested in helping out in any way through our committees or other activities, please contact Julia Jackman at juliackjackman@gmail.com

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

Religious Education (children): Tammy Walchak

Justice Action Team: Chair Lee Curran, Faith Leith, Bill Lewis, Julia Jackman, Connie Devry, Clio Deardoff, Cheryle Ramirez.

Fellowship: Coordinator/Chair, VACANT

- Membership & Cares and Concerns sub-committee: Bill Lewis, Barbara Turk

- Hospitality sub-committee: Faith Leith

- Socials and Fun: Connie Devry, Tammy Walchak


Building and Grounds: Coordinator/Chair, David Ramirez

- Garden sub-committee: Julia Jackman (temporary)

Stewardship: Mary Kelley chair, Barbara Turk

Communications: Katie Johnson, Don Leith, Bill Lewis

Connections



Installation Celebration Generosity

Reverend Sean's Installation Ceremony on Nov 5 was such a beautiful honoring... of him and of the long, meaningful history of this congregation. Way to raise the RVUUF -- and some money for the minister!

"Thank you all for your generous support for Rev. Sean's lovely stole. In addition, we were able to give Rev. Sean \$450 in cash." - Donna Barrett, representing the Tripod

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 Katie Johnson at: uufkcnewsletter@gmail.com**

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.