

UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST
FELLOWSHIP
OF KLAMATH COUNTY



"There is nothing to prove and nothing to protect. I am
who I am and that is enough."
—Richard Rohr

February at UUFKC



1201 Division Street Klamath Falls

Greetings and happy mid-winter! 🏔️ 🧑‍🎄 🌂

So how are we holding up? Ready for the sun yet? Hankering for some warm weather??? I sure am...what happened to The City of Sunshine. anyway?? Fear not, soon you will be wishing for a little cloud cover and a cooling rainshower. Well, in the meantime, winter though it might be, there are tiny signals around us that remind us that spring and sunnier skies are not too far away. I have noticed subtle signs such as

more bird activity (Robins have been bustling around!), and a few green things poking through the soggy mulch. A tiny bit longer day, something about the smells in the air...

It has been really exciting seeing new faces coming to our cozy sanctuary. It has been gratifying seeing the results of so much hard work and commitment coming to fruition. It has been delightful experiencing such thoughtful and meaningful worship services. I think we have a really important place in this community, and I look forward to seeing that grow and evolve.

Blessings and goodwill and love to all,

Julia Jackman, Board Chair
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Upcoming Worship Services

This Sunday January 28, 2024 the service will be hosted by Cheryle Ramirez with a presentation from Mary Kelley titled "How I came to be a Unitarian Universalist."

We meet at 10:30 am at 1201 Division Street or on ZOOM

ZOOM Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81192245035?pwd=cVB0dGVkbnkJKnNanVqd3A4TkNNM1UwQT09>

Discussion Circle

Seeking topics of interest to those who like to join us at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday.. Always looking for ideas. Or we would welcome folks' input on our meeting place and how we can improve it. Coffee will be provided.
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Upcoming Services for February

February 4th Michelle Pine will present the Soul Matters Theme for February: "Justice & Equity"

February 11th is Social Justice Sunday Hosted by Lee Curran.

February 18th we will have Faith Marsali as our guest speaker.

February 25th we will continue to hear from fellow congregants on "Why I became a Unitarian Universalist" Jerri Guinther-Menard will be our speaker.

The Worship Committee welcomes your feedback. Please leave us a note in the box provided in the Fellowship Hall or email the Worship Committee directly at cherylemay@gmail.com

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).



Funds and Fundraising

Do you have something you would like to sell and give them proceeds to the fellowship? If so please take a picture of the item and bring it to church and Michelle or Katie will be happy to help you post it and figure out a good way to get it to the buyer.

Would you like to help organize a yard sale? If so, please speak with Connie or Michelle. If you have any other fundraising ideas you would like to try please speak with any board members!

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

- Mark your calendar for the next game night. It will be this Tuesday, January 30th from 4:00 - 7:00. See Connie or Tammy

for more details. Dinner will be provided.

- 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 dfcurran@gmail.com / 808 394-8792

News From the Wider Community

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Final Proposed Revisions to Unitarian Universalist Association Bylaws on Core Religious Values Released Congregations will have until February 2024 to propose amendments

December 12, 2023

Boston, Mass. (December 13, 2023) – The Unitarian Universalist

Association (UUA) is announcing that the Article II Study Commission, charged with reviewing and updating UUA Bylaws related to the core religious values of Unitarian Universalism, has released its final proposed revisions to the Article II Bylaws. The [proposed revisions are online](#).

“It is a fundamental act of hope to consider revising and revitalizing our agreement together as congregations. Ever since we released our draft for comments last year, we’ve seen an outpouring of creative energy around what this proposal represents: the chance for the current generations of [Unitarian Universalists] to take an active hand in shaping our faith,” said the Commission in a letter to Unitarian Universalists (UUs).

At the UUA’s annual General Assembly in June, delegates voted to advance recommended changes to Article II, which last underwent a wholesale revision in 1987. Article II of the Unitarian Universalist Association Bylaws - “Principles and Purposes” - articulates the covenant which unites the UUA’s member congregations and covenanted communities. The process for examining and revising this core religious language reflects the faithful practice of Unitarian Universalism. It also reflects UUs understanding of their faith as a Living Tradition, rooted in democratic practice and engagement. A final vote on the revised Article II will take place at General Assembly in 2024.

UUA member congregations will still have the opportunity to propose amendments to the final language until February 1, 2024. Under the amendment process defined in the UUA Bylaws, any proposed amendment at this stage will need the endorsement of at least 15 certified congregations. These endorsements will require the action of their governing boards or their congregations. Qualified amendments will be considered at the UUA’s General Assembly in June 2024, where they will need to receive 75 percent of the vote to pass. The full Article II revisions will need two thirds of delegates at the General Assembly to

vote in favor of the final language for adoption.

"The Article II Study Commission, the UUA Board of Trustees, member congregations, and individual UUs have all done important work advancing this necessary, challenging, and invigorating conversation about the future of Unitarian Universalism," said Carey McDonald, the UUA's Executive Vice President. "We thank them for their efforts, and we know that congregations and UUs will continue to bring thoughtful and honest consideration to the next phase of this process."

You can learn more about the Article II revision process and hear from members of the commission at [UU World](#). The UUA's [General Assembly in 2024](#), themed "Love Unites, Stories Ignite," will be fully virtual.



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

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.

