

UNITARIAN  
UNIVERSALIST  
FELLOWSHIP  
OF KLAMATH COUNTY



"We affirm the power of Love to heal what is broken, to hold us together across pluralities of diverse religious practices and beliefs, to hold us when things fall apart, to grow our capacities, and to guide us as we return again and again in our families and communities to side with Love."

—Rev. Dr. Sheri Prud'homme

## March at UUFKC



## 1201 Division Street Klamath Falls

Greetings my fellow Fellowshipippers!

Welcome back to winter...sheesh, just as I was starting to look at my yard and all the springtime tasks that need to happen, it goes and snows! As some of you know, Bob and I were in Japan for most of February. Winter was still a thing (including a blizzard in Tokyo when we first arrived - while one suitcase that included Bob's winter coat and shoes remained somewhere in the USA, of course...), and one of the things that struck me was the meticulous care of the city's trees. They were all pruned to perfection to create the perfect shape and size for their home on the busy city sidewalks, and parks. I was fascinated by

their leafless shapes. I am always fascinated by trees anyway, but I was so impressed by the angles and bumps created by years of pruning and trimming to achieve just the right shape. I wished I could fast forward to see all these exacting trees with their spring foliage!

Our Fellowship could be seen as such a tree. I think we are more in the stage of looking at the shape and trying to decide how best to trim and shape to get the desired result. It is a bit wild and shaggy at the moment, branches crossing and rubbing on each other, some areas a little thin, some kind of bunched up. Hmm. How to proceed? Maybe a little guiding here, a snip or two there, add some fertilizer, patch up that rough spot, prop that limb with a little support...

We are settling into our new space nicely and enjoying the freshness of it. But we are also keenly aware of those things that could be a little smoother, work a bit better for us. It is small, but cozy; it is a little cold this winter and the heater seems on its last leg; we are experimenting with orienting our seating; we are very aware of the children in their space working happily while we are enjoying a moment of silence; we are meeting our financial obligations while new ones loom...such as a new heating system. As board chair, I am delighted to see how people are taking ownership of our new sanctuary and enjoying it during worship services as well as community and social gatherings, but also looking to the year ahead and what needs to happen to keep things going smoothly.

I want to let you all know the current shape of our governing structures so you can help with our pruning and shaping process. I am not the most organized person, and my attention tends to get pulled this way and that very easily, so I see this as a group effort, with the master pruner making suggestions along the way.

First, we are going to be in need of new board members. Our fiscal year begins July 1, and we typically vote on board vacancies at our annual meeting in April. At present, one at-large position is being filled with a temporary person who may or may not want to remain in place. Secondly, our treasurer position will be open in July. Mary Kelley graciously, if reluctantly, took over this role a year ago

as I moved into the board chair position; she would be delighted to pass this role on to someone else! In any case, we are going to be looking for new board members along with a new treasurer in the near future. As spring approaches, we will also need a team of people who are willing to do some actual pruning and shaping of our garden and grounds. Our Stewardship committee needs people to help with developing a budget for the coming year, and overseeing our financial stability. And we always need willing folks to help with leading worship services. So, that is the shaggy shape of things at the moment. Do we have some willing pruners out there?? Let me know what you think!

In Peace and Service,

Julia Jackman, Board Chair  
[juliackjackman@gmail.com](mailto:juliackjackman@gmail.com)



## Upcoming Worship Services

This Sunday, March 3rd, 2024 the service will be hosted by Michelle Pine with a presentation on the Soul Matters Theme: Transformation

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

ZOOM Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81192245035?pwd=cVB0dGVkbnkxNanVqd3A4TkNNM1UwQT>

**Discussion Circle**

No Discussion Circle this Sunday

Dean & Faith

**Upcoming Services and Events for March**

March 7th: Game night from 4:00 - 7:00. Come and have fun, fellowship and food.

March 10: Guest Speaker: Elaine Cornick Founder of the "Cultural Butterfly Project"  
Elaine will give us her unique perspective on transformation. She will be speaking to us via ZOOM. Hosted by Lee Curran

Discussion Circle: We are going to experiment on Sunday, March 10. Mark your calendar and watch this space for more information.

Faith & Dean

Daylight Savings time Starts

March 17: Poetry Service! Please limit to 3 to 4 minutes. This will include intergenerational Poetry readings. Hosted by Cheryle-May Ramirez

Note: Spring Equinox this week

March 24: Why did you become a UU? Presenter is Bill Lewis. Hosted by Cheryle-May.

March 31: Social Justice Sunday: LGBTQIA Hosted by Lee Curran

Easter Sunday

Trans Day of Visibility

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](mailto:cherylemay@gmail.com)

## Joys and Sorrows

Chuck is having health concerns and we are keeping both Chuck and Sally in our thoughts and sending them our love.

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).



## Funds and Fundraising

Save the Date & Good Stuff

Our first rummage sale in our new home will be held the first weekend of May. We hope to make enough (along with grants) to fix our heating situation.

If you don't have room to store your contributions, we can help. (Furniture and appliances, clothing & jewelry, knickknacks & toys,).

Let's do this!

Faith, 503-522-6063, cell & text  
[DFL5523@gmail.com](mailto:DFL5523@gmail.com)

Save those bags!

We are going to need paper and plastic bags for the rummage sale. Grocery stores are tighter with them than they used to be. They want you to purchase them. So put some aside so we can bag up peoples purchases.

Sincerely, your yard sale team

**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](#)

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## Announcements

- **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. Please unplug the air purifier when you leave.

- Carol Imani left Klamath Falls for a move to Portland in October of 2022 and left behind several friends. She'd love to come back sometime this spring for a short visit to see some of them and needs a place to stay for a few nights. She's very flexible about when it could be. Please reach out if you could help Carol Imani at [kfbaguette.com](https://kfbaguette.com)
- Carbon Farming <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rvHJKqU-mZo&authuser=0>
- Jerry Brown is looking for a cell phone if you have one you are no longer using please reach out to him at [geodejerry@gmail.com](mailto:geodejerry@gmail.com)
- As we begin the Green Sanctuary process, we have the opportunity to learn from our neighbor congregation in Grants Pass. This is a learning opportunity that is intersectional and relevant for our Fellowship. If you have questions, please reach out to Lee Curran [dficurran@gmail.com](mailto:dficurran@gmail.com) **March 20** - Climate Justice & Racial Reconciliation in a Predominantly White Community, led by UUs of Grants Pass, OR and Pursuit Church of the Nazarene. Click on the brown "March 20 above, it is a live link to register for the zoom link. **Click on the brown March 20 above, it is a live link to register for the zoom link.**
- Link to Indian School  
Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPyCZY8vsyY&authuser=0>
- Your Justice Action Team (JAT) will be sponsoring the first annual **UUFKC Earth Day Fair on April 21st** (International Earth Day is the next day, 4/22). This year's International Earth Day theme is Planet vs. Plastics; find out more: <https://www.earthday.org/>



It will be informative, interactive and fun and.....there will be eco-friendly giveaways! Stay tuned for more details.

We are asking folks to create art to be displayed with the theme of "What the Earth Means To Me". We encourage you to incorporate recycled/repurposed materials into your creations. Your creations are not limited to visual art, they can be poetry, a song or wherever your Earth muse takes you! After all, you can't have e**ART**h without art!

If you have any ideas or resources for the Earth Day Fair, please reach out to Lee Curran [dfcurran@gmail.com](mailto:dfcurran@gmail.com)

- 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](mailto:dfcurran@gmail.com) / 808 394-8792

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## 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](mailto: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

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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 Katie Johnson at: [uufkcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:uufkcnewsletter@gmail.com)**

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