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The Voice of UUUC
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President's Message

Sunday June 3 is our annual meeting, after services. We have new board members to elect, a budget to adopt and one by-laws amendment. Our Nomination Committee has been talking to all of you. The success of any organization requires diligent leadership; those of you who are in communication with the Committee are appreciated.

The Board has directed me to re-establish the Religious Education Committee. The RE Committee is seen as a pivotal thing for the fledgling RE program the capable Hubbard girls, Savanna and Aspen, have gifted us with. The Board expects to begin its search for a paid staff Religious Education Director before the end of June, a move determinant on the budget we adopt. My thanks to Lois Becker and the Finance Committee for crunching the numbers, allowing us to take a look at what our options are. My thanks to all of you who upped your pledges, empowering us to build up this program.

Slowly, we are growing, and with that come a few growing pains. A third handicapped parking space will be added to the parking lot. As each of us is able, if you are able to walk a small distance, parking as far away as is reasonable leaves a space for those who can't. We all need to be careful and considerate with automobile operation, there has been an issue...

In late April two of our Board members were sent to the Pacific Western Region General Assembly, in Portland. Martha Sinkula and Julienne DeMarsh represented our congregation at this assembly. The information they retrieved will be used in our meetings this coming year. The keynote speech was delivered by Susan Frederick Gray, UUA President, and it's archived. After viewing it becomes clear we have work to do building a faith community that is all inclusive, and that what strength we do have be shared with a world recoiling in pain and frustration. We live in interesting times.

And on a personal note, I believe victory can be declared in having the plumbing work as it should. This in spite of the gentle observations of my buddy the Vice President, Joe Messinger. Yeager's Plumbing and Budget Rooter say hi to all of you.

In Fellowship,

John Aschim

A Final "Final Pledge Report"

(We promise!)

We have news that's too good not to share. Thanks to another pledge that just came in and another supplemental pledge, we now are at 100% of our \$70,000 pledge goal! Thanks again to each of you who made this happen!! Submitted by the 2018/19 Pledge Team

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

➡ June 17, after service

➡ July 15, after service

Recurring Events

(All events are held at the church unless otherwise noted in the announcement.)

- Second and Fourth Sundays at 9:15 am **Men's Discussion Group**. All men 18 years and older are invited to come downstairs and join in discussions of interest.
 - Wednesdays 10:00 am **Non-Violent Communication** meets downstairs in the small meeting room. Contact Jacie Pratt 541.784.5906 for more information.
 - Wednesdays 12:00 to 1:30 pm **Women's BUUK Group** in the downstairs meeting room. The current books being used for our discussion are: "My Grandfather's Blessings" by Rachel Naomi Remen and "My Stroke of Insight" by Jill Bolte Taylor. New members/participants are welcome, no book is required. Contact Margaret McGilvra at marggoggie@gmail.com.
 - Fridays at 11:00 am **Choir Practice**
 - **Qigong Classes and Taiji** are offered weekly on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please call 541-733-5678 for more details.
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Coming Up in the Weeks Ahead

MAY

Sunday, May 27, Michael Wheeler completes this month's services with a sermon topic of, "Fractal or Fragmented, How Are We Communicating Today." Martha Sinkula will be your service leader. The **Social Justice Committee** meets at 11:45 after service.

Memorial Day is celebrated **May 28**

JUNE

Sunday, June 3, The lovely Donna Smith will join us with a sermon titled, "The Wisdom of the Heart." Jan Woodward will be your service leader. There is a **congregational meeting** immediately following service today.

Friday, June 8, Sunday Service Music Committee meets at UUUC.

Sunday, June 10, Al Herring Joins us at the lectern with a sermon titled, "My Love Blows Over the Land." Martha Sinkula will be your service leader. The **Care and Concerns Committee** meets after service today.

Sunday, June 17, Andy and Ben Anderson join us with their own unique style of music and message. There is a **board meeting** after service.

Sunday, June 24, Ryan Zeedyk will speak on, "The Kingdom Within." The **Social Justice Committee** meets at 11:45.



**The Cares and Concerns contacts for the month are:
Joyce Swanson 541.464.5857 & Betsy Callaghan 541.817.3220*



If you have an event coming up please let the office know as soon as you can so we can get it on the calendar and avoid a double-booking situation. The absolute deadline for all announcements is Noon the Wednesday before publication. Thank you!