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The Voice of UUUC
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President's Message

The U3C board of directors is holding its annual retreat this coming Saturday, September 29. This is our opportunity to learn about each other, about our different leadership styles and to prepare ourselves with information about our Congregation, which will be used to make decisions in this coming year.

As part of this learning effort we would like to hear from our committees. Already we have asked for a written page detailing what each committee sees as its current mission, for what it may envision as its requirements for the coming year, and what support it will need from our board. The retreat will start at 10:00 am at the Church building, and we will receive each committee and all commentary at this time. Each committee or just its chairman, will have the floor for a limited time (approximately 15 minutes) to make statements. Once a report is received the committee making the report will not be required to attend the rest of the reports, unless there is a desire to do so. At noon the board will move to a private space where we will work on issues for the remainder of the day.

Committee work, and board work, is sometimes judged as tedious and not all that exciting. I've been a member of certain boards where this has certainly been the case. At this juncture, this is not the case with your current board of directors. We have a vital set of people and I consider myself subordinate to them all. With appreciation and a bit of fanfare may it be known that Vice President Connie Erickson, Treasurer Lois Becker, Secretary Julienne DeMarsh, Trustee at Large June Ervin, Trustee at Large Dana MacDonald and Trustee at Large Ryan Zeedyk are an exemplary team and I look forward to an exciting year serving with them. They are all considerate, loving and informed people

So, it's time to prepare, to take stock, to dream and to worship together. With this I remain,
Your most humble servant,

John Aschim

UUUC Landscape Volunteers Needed

On Saturday, Oct 20th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, we will be gathering to do a landscape clean-up on the grounds outside UUUC. Please bring gloves, hand tools, rakes and a wheelbarrow (if you can). Those interested in the firewood that is there, please come and we will help load it. Thanks much!!! For questions contact Dana MacDonald: 541-580-6987.

Sunday Sept. 30th, Care & Concerns 1st Meeting of Our Church Year Right after the church service

We will all gather to share our experiences and contacts during our summer and who needs support and when. We'll also pass the torch to next month's C&C Contacts. All of our sharing is really important and is what makes the committee so valuable. Really looking forward to seeing you all. Bring some goodies downstairs after you've had a chance to say hello and welcome others. -See Ya'all, Merlin Hill



**The Cares and Concerns contacts for the month are:
Joyce Swanson 541-464-5857 & Merlin Hill 309-558-1090*



Upcoming Sunday Service

"The Legacy of JFK"

Rick Staggenborg

To fully appreciate JFK's efforts on behalf of world peace requires us to understand the risks he took in doing so. Today we will explore why Kennedy died and why it matters today.

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.
- Wednesday Women's BUUK Group is reading My Grandfather's Blessings by Rachel Naomi Remen, MD (no book required). We will also discuss choices for our next book. Please contact Margaret McGilvra for more information at 971-570-0933 or marggoggie@gmail.com.
- Fridays at 11:00 am **Choir Practice**
- Medical Qigong & Taiji are offered weekly on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please call 541-733-5678 for more details.
- Last Sunday of the month The Care & Concerns Committee will meet after service.

Coming Up in the Weeks Ahead

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 28, The Art Team meets at UUUC at 2pm.

Saturday, September 29, The Board meets from 10 - 12 pm at UUUC.

Sunday, September 30, Rick Staggenborg will be speaking at the pulpit honoring, "The Legacy of JFK." Glennis Peterson will be your service leader.

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 7, We welcome Donna Smith to the pulpit with a sermon titled, "The Courage to be Free." Lillene Fifield will be your service leader.

Sunday, October 14, Rev. Stephen Landale is back speaking on, "To God or Not to God." Jacie Pratt will be your service leader.

Sunday, October 21, Elaine Balderston leads today's service with a topic of, "Living, Vital, Love."

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

 October 21, after service

 November 18, after service

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!