



Island Passages

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July 2003

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3 6:00 PM Potluck and Fireworks at the B's, Everyone welcome.	4	5
6	7 9:00 AM Building Committee meeting at John A's.	8	9	10	11	12
13 10:00 AM Sunday Service at the church property.	14 8:30 AM "Shooting the Breeze About Seismic Events," Current Affairs Discussion Group at the Lighthouse Cafe.	15	16	17	18	19 9:00 AM Work party at the church property. See item on page 2.
20	21	22	23 7:00 PM Board meeting at Trinity.	24	25	26
27 10:00 AM Sunday Service at the church property.	28 8:30 AM "Shooting the Breeze About Seismic Events," Current Affairs Discussion Group at the Lighthouse Cafe.	29	30	1 <i>August</i>	2	3

JULY SERVICES There are four scheduled services over the summer so that we may stay in touch during our off-season. Expect them to be a little off-beat — different location (at the church property approximately two miles northwest of Freeland on the west side of Hwy 525), time (10:00 a.m.), broad interpretations of UUism, and of course the differences that having an outdoor service will impose on the logistics.

July 13— Malcolm F. will present the “Zen of Golf.”

July 27— Ryan Drum will guide an ecology tour of the property.

August events TBD. Call the church phone number in August or check next month's newsletter for more info.

UUCWI 2004 BUDGET

Operating Fund approved by the congregation June 29, 2003

\$ 2004 approved

Income	
Pledges made	31000
Pledges anticipated	1000
Worship service collections	1400
Interest income	150
Fundraising	2500
Miscellaneous Income	650
Total Income	36700
Expense	
Office Expense	3366
Facilities	5200
Administration	19300
Worship Service	5550
Music	4140
Faith Development	2580
Ministerial Search	0
Pastoral Services	100
Membership	100
Social Action	400
Canvass	550
National & District Dues	3310
Leadership Development	400
Total Expense	44996
Net Income	-8296

BOARD NOTES

The Board spent most of its monthly meeting hammering out the budget and planning the congregational meeting. For complete minutes see the UUCWI web site.

2004 PNWD ANNUAL MEETING

The 2004 PNWD Annual Meeting and Cascadia Conference will be held February 13-15 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria. Rev. Bill Sinkford, President of the UUA and Rev. Dr. Phillip Hewett, Minister Emeritus, Unitarian Church of Vancouver will talk about "Living our UU Principles in 2004."

Registration forms will be online at www.pnwd.uua.org and in the November issue of Changes.

NEW AND IMPROVED ONLINE RESOURCE

Mary Marsh, PNWD Librarian, wants you to know the online resource catalog for PNWD's Dorothy Spoerl Lifespan Library has been greatly improved! If you need a resource for worship, teaching, parenting, leadership, social justice or anything in between—this is a super place to go. The web site address is <http://www.pnwd.uua.org/catalog/librarycatalog.htm> You can reach Mary at library@pnwd.org or 800-313-7693.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

from Malcolm F., Committee Chair

A survey and ledger of this year's services are listed on the following two pages. Please fill them out and return them to me.

We started the year with a self-imposed wish to keep costs as low as we could. To that end, we resolved to involve members (free!) more than previously. Several members organized services and spoke for the first time, and comments were uniformly encouraging. We hope to continue this trend—UUCWI has many talented and varied members, all whom have some sort of UU message to offer.

We struggled, however, with the support needed to float a service—the ushers (room set-up people), facilitators (who plan and run the service), and coffee/snack bringers. Next year we may merge the facilitator and usher jobs, thus requiring fewer volunteers per Sunday. We have detailed job descriptions for each need. None are overly demanding!

In each annual report we emphasize that UUCWI is a lay-led church, —we rely almost entirely on members to do everything. Those who step in so frequently when others won't are sure to run out of steam, risking a burnout. Worship services are the heart of our congregation, and therefore we encourage regular attendance. Please make church your chief commitment for Sunday, not the "nothing better to do" approach. Having said all that, thanks to all those who stepped up to their membership responsibilities.

BUILDING COMMITTEE & WORK PARTIES

Work Parties at the property have been scheduled for July 19, August 16, and September 20. All work parties start at 9:00 a.m. Beverages and hot dog roast at noon. Come and see how things are shaping up!

Building Committee meetings are scheduled for July 7 at John A.'s home, 9:00 a.m., and at Peggy B's home, 9:00 a.m. on August 4. If you have thoughts, ideas, or input regarding the finalization of our site plan, please come to the meeting(s), or contact a Building Committee member.

SOME AUGUST OUTDOOR FUN

The Skagit UU Fellowship has invited us to an event on August 17. They will have a picnic and mountain biking or hiking session sponsored by the Skagit UU Rolling Thunder Bicycle Club at Ebey's Landing starting at noon.

Directions: Just north of Coupeville on Hwy. 20, turn left on Libbey Road and follow it 1.5 miles to Hill Valley Drive. Turn left and enter the park. Exact location of picnic area will be determined later. Bring your own picnic lunch. For more info, contact Matt McDaniel at 360-428-1831 or mlmcdan@earthlink.net

Worship Questionnaire *2002-2003*

The Worship Committee would very much value your comments and suggestions. Kindly rate this past year's services (list on reverse side) on how they appealed to you: 1 = just as soon have missed it, through 5 = I'd love more like this. Full disclosure, please - no need to append your name! Your comments will help our plans for next year. We don't expect you to rate every service; leaving a blank indicates no strong input.

Note mix, mostly driven by budget and availability: 23 led by congregants, 12 by ministers, 9 by guest lay speakers

General: Please underline or add your response:

PA sound system helpful? Yes/No _____

Which parts of the services do you particularly like? hymns; joys and concerns; opening ritual; congregational discussion; special music; coffee time _____

Emotional/spiritual content: want more/less? Intellectual content: want more/less? Elaborate as desired _____

Mix of services. Like more: congregants; local speakers; UU ministers; happy with past year's mix (23 congregants, 12 guest ministers, 9 other guest speakers)? _____

Free form: Please help us with what you'd like - Topics? Speakers? Special events? Content of service? Value of services? Length of service; Formality/informality? etc If you have a speaker to recommend, please give us contact information and a bit of background.

Other comments or suggestions for Worship Committee. _____

Thank you! Committee: Malcolm F. (Chair); Peggy B.; Susan C.; Linda G.; Bill G.; Al G.; Sandy M.
Please return your survey to Malcolm F.

Worship Calendar 2002-2003

Date	Speaker/Topic	Evaluation: 1 (Liked least) to 5 (Liked most)
Aug 18, '02	Susan Morrisson Beatrice Potter	
Sept 8	Ingathering/Salmon Bake/Gathering of Waters	
Sept 15	Mike Mallory and Gaia Our Living Tradition	
Sept 22	Larry Daloz Theoreau: Quarrelling with God	
Sept 29	Barbara Davenport Who Am I?!	
Oct 6	Linda Good Confucius	
Oct 13	Suzanne Fageol Unworthiness: Virtue or Vice	
Oct 20	Al Grapel The Search for the Historical Jesus	
Oct 27	Ed Brock The Art and Science of Dialogue	
Nov 3	Don Wollett Erosion of Civil Liberties	
Nov 10	Davenport What Do I Love?	
Nov 17	Halim Dunsky The Dances of Universal Peace	
Nov 24 (T'giving)	Amanda Aikman Just Say 'No' to Nothing	
Dec 1	Congregants Abraxas Communion	
Dec 8	Sarah Richards/ Internal Archetypes The Princess and the Hag	
Dec 15	Al Grapel Gospel Birth Stories	
Dec 22 (Christmas)	Holiday Music Service Intergenerational	
Dec 29 (New Year's)	Alex Holt Creating Sabbath Time for Ourselves	
Jan 5, 2003	Stan Crow: New look at RE and CRE	
Jan 12	Ruth Yarrow, Jeanie Sedgely Hanford Wastes	
Jan 19 (MLK)	Susan Crowell MLK, the Spirituality of Discomfort	
Jan 26	Ken, Anne Heller, et al. Min. Search Workshop	
Feb 2	Baird Bardarson	

Date	Abortion-Helping People in Trouble Speaker/Topic	Evaluation 1 (Liked least) to 5 (Liked most)
Feb 9	Leon Hopper Love is a Deeper Season	
Feb 16	Malcolm,Nancy Eco-Economy	
Feb 23	Al Grapel Jesus, the clever subversive	
Mar 2	Mitch Howard Abyss Gazing 101	
March 9	Davenport What is My Gift to the Family of the Earth?	
Mar 16	Susan Crowell's family Social action/Down and Dirty	
Mar 23	Alan Merson Carnal Capitalism/Soulless Socialism	
Mar 30	Sarah and Congregants This I Believe	
April 6	Amanda Aikman's Play Young UUs	
April 13	Al Grapel Jesus:Death and Resurrection	
April 20 (Easter)	Davenport How Shall I Live, Knowing I Will Die?	
April 27	Carol Bingham Hospice info	
May 4	Malcolm, Heidi Hymn Sing	
May 11 (Mother's Day)	Bill Graves, Peggy Bardarson Flower Communion	
May 18	Stan Crow Faith of a Heretic	
May 25	Anna Bachmann Iraq Visit	
June 1	Al Grapel Jesus the man	
June 8	Malcolm Ferrier A Rationale for Atheism and Values of Humanism	
June 15 (Father's Day)	Dowd, Barlow The Great Story	
June 22	Jamal Rahman Islam and Sufism	
June 29	Suzanne Fageol Anglican woman priest's view of Islam	

KEN'S KOLUMN

from out-going UUCWI Board President, Ken M.

I guess all I have left to say in this column is thank you. It's been a really enjoyable year, and my tenure as president has been both rewarding and educational. This is largely due to the generous help, advise, encouragement, and support I received from every person in this community. Some special words or thanks come to mind when I look back on this year. To Bill G.: Thanks for your leadership last year. I learned how to be a more objective and impartial leader from you. To Al G.: Thanks for helping me not bite off more than I could chew. To Dave C.: I know we would not have accomplished all we did without Dave's hard work and consistent support. To Baird B.: Baird wore so many hats this year he was e-mailing himself to keep himself informed. Baird is one of the driving forces of this community and we are fortunate to benefit from all his endeavors. To Roy B.: Roy's contribution was quiet, as much of it happened in the background, but without Roy's work I feel the land addition would not have been possible. To Gail A.: Thanks for your optimism, encouragement, and efficiency. To Elaine W.: Thanks for all the work away from the ball. As a past Board secretary I appreciate all the work above and beyond your Board duties. To Mavis C.: Thanks for always being there when I needed you. I wish we could pay you what your worth—'cause we'd have to be really wealthy to do that, and it would cool to be really wealthy. Finally, to Sandy: Thanks for being so understanding and supportive through all the late meetings and long Sundays. I couldn't have done this without you. And to everyone in our community: Thanks for the pleasure and privilege of serving as Board President this year.

CHECK OUT THE BOOK CLUB

If you enjoy stimulating discussions and fellowship, the UUCWI Book Group has a great lineup for 2003-2004. Please put the following list on your calendar and join us for all or some of the following. Specific meeting places and facilitators will be posted in future newsletters.

Meeting "formula" is the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., except November, which will be on the second Tuesday (to avoid Thanksgiving).

September 16 "Atonement," by Ian McEwan
 October 21 "Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World," by Mark Kurlansky
 November 11 "The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency," by Alexander McCall Smith
 December 16 Book Swap Potluck at Gail's
 January 20 "Embers" by Sandor Marai
 February 17 "Ella Minnow Pea," by Mark Dunn
 March 16 "Housekeeping" by Marilynne Robinson
 April 20 "The Twentieth Wife," by Indu Sundaresan
 May 18 "The Little Friend," by Donna Tartt *Note: this is not available in paperback, but should be by next May.*
 June 15 Potluck and Planning Session at Francie's

MORE CANDIDATES!

The Ministerial Search Committee has been in contact with three candidates, in addition to the one who withdrew last month. One of these additional has been interviewed. The MSC will listen to another preach next month. The third has declined to apply due to the commute that would be necessary. Assuming that a satisfactory candidate is identified, the committee plans to delay any candidating weekend until September, when everyone in the congregation can be involved.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

from Malcolm F., Chair; Baird B.; Bill G.; Nancy S.

We were reconstituted in September 2003. We decided our goal was to have a series of SA programs that met, as far as we could, these criteria:

- brought together groups of church members to do SA
- were local focus rather than far off
- did things directly, rather than just raised money
- could somehow be measured for efficacy
- were visible, so some good publicity came to UUCWI
- involved as many UUCWI members as possible.

We, of course, seldom were able to meet all criteria in any one project. Here's our list:

1. Bayview Peace demonstrations/war protests. Led by Baird and Peggy B., but soon involved lots of other members and locals. Included ads in SW Record.
2. Continuation of above, via participation and financial support (\$100) of ensuing Peace and Reconciliation Network
3. Church service on EcoEconomy (UU Seventh Principle)
4. Follow-up ARE session on Eco Footprint
5. Earth Day Eco Footprint booth at Whidbey Institute
6. Visits to County Jail, Coupeville. (This fizzled out.)
7. Imported 80 Guarini baskets via UUCWI Peace Corps member Toyon Copeland. We sold them, making enough profit to sponsor half a year of training for a Guarini person. More baskets are on the way
8. Collection and delivery of household goods for a family burned-out of their home in Greenbank
9. Compiled and publicized a list of all local youth groups and SA activities they could engage in
10. Woodinville church-construction work party
11. \$100 support to local Hearts and Hammers
12. \$100 support to local Habitat for Humanity
13. Set up trash-cleanup program with County—expect to start on Mutiny Bay Rd (behind our new property) in the Fall
14. Sponsored and organized members' purchases of shade-grown, fair-trade coffee
15. Maintained UUCWI Website, drawing attention to all we do, and encouraging members to continue with their many individual SA efforts..
16. Sponsored a motion at the Annual Meeting to reinforce congregational desire and commitment to an eco-friendly building on our site.