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EVERGREENE

Reverend Elizabeth Greene

Who are we?
What makes us unique?
Why do we exist?

Good questions! If we, as a congregation, have some agreement on the answers to these questions, we will do even better than we do now at nurturing souls and helping to heal the world. The new year is always a good time to reflect on what has gone before, and then stretch our hearts and minds and souls to envision ourselves at our best. The enthusiasm that has been rising in us all fall can help us articulate our dearest values.

On January 23-25, our dynamic and energetic church will be participating in a Vision-Mission process, designed to include EVERYONE (including our creative and wonderful youth) in wrestling with the deep question of who we are. What is the "song" of this congregation? What deep values allow us to embrace an ever-widening diversity of people, sheltering us all in reverence and commitment? What shared vision will take us out into the world, where we can embody the historic UU tradition of service and commitment?

Watch for Judy Frederick and her merry band of Vision-Aires every Sunday, inviting you to participate, even facilitate. If you happen to miss these folks in person, feel free to call Judy at 362-4935, or e-mail her at ecfkona@msn.com.

I am feeling a great spirit afoot in our Fellowship. The first half of this year could have brought us to a place of tension or stress, given the Fall Stewardship Campaign, budget woes, etc. But no! We are part of the hope

this country is feeling. We are part of a faith that can carry the saving message of Unitarian Universalism to more and more people.

May 2009 bring peace to our souls and the world. May it see joy and hope to all people.

SUNDAYS

January 4, 10 am, one service followed by potluck

"Beginnings," Rev. Elizabeth Greene

Of course, life is always beginning anew every day. But humans take certain times to reflect on what has gone before, and what we hope will happen. Mark Zimmerer, service coordinator. Connor von Huene, music.

January 11, 9 & 11 am

"What Are We Here For?" Rev. Elizabeth Greene

On the weekend of January 23rd and 24th, we will all join in asking questions like Who are we? What makes us unique? What is our purpose? Elizabeth reflects a bit, in a preliminary way. Carol and Jay Wechselberger, service coordinators. Bonnie Bastian, music.

January 18, 9 & 11 am

"Martin Luther King, Obama and Great Expectations," Elton Hall

Martin Luther King, Jr., transcended his own religious tradition, learned from Mahatma Gandhi, and set a course that led to the election of Barack Obama as president. We will explore what he knew and how it applies to our nation, our expectations and ourselves. Beverly Harley,

service coordinator. BUUF Band Project, music. Wanda Jennings, celebrant.

January 25, 9 & 11 am

"Reflections on a Sabbatical, Part II: The Shadow Knows" Rev. Elizabeth Greene

Sharing more of her six-month sabbatical, Elizabeth will focus on the 30 days she spent on retreat at St. Gertrude's Monastery in Cottonwood, Idaho. Things arise, when you live with just yourself for that long. Tony de Angelis, service coordinator. Jo Douglas and Patti Raino, music.

February 1, 10 am one service followed by potluck

"Groundhog Day," Rev. Elizabeth Greene

Are there any patterns in your life you don't want and don't seem to be able to rise above? After a Saturday-night viewing of the movie "Groundhog Day," Elizabeth will talk about how we do and don't change. Debbie Espen, service coordinator. Choir and Carrie Bastian, music.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sue Philley, Board Chair

One of the most transformative events in our Fellowship's life occurs Saturday, January 24, as focus groups meet at BUUF to create a collective Vision for the coming six years. *Myths about Communicating Congregational Identity* by Lynne M. Baab, was the recent feature in the November Alban Institute's Alban Weekly. In it she describes why a clear and appropriate Vision is critical to healthy congregations; i.e. conveying a clear communication will help the congregation connect to the community around it. Clear expressions of values and identity will also have a deep impact on the congregation itself. The expectations of people involved in a congregation are shaped by what they hear about that congregation.

For decades congregational leaders have been making decisions—both consciously and unconsciously—about identity and values and how they are communicated. All congregations need to periodically rethink and explore who they are and what they value. Even if all the people attending a congregation stay the same over a decade, each of those people would undergo personal changes in that time, and those personal changes would change the priorities and emphases of that community of faith. And, of course, no congregation is composed of exactly the same members over a decade or more. Changes shape the values of each congregation. Baab also argues that everything congregations say and do contributes to their identity, so paying attention to actions, technology, publications, and use of symbols that communicate priorities and the distinctiveness of “Who we are and what are we about” should be front and center for all congregations.

Sign up on Sundays or contact Judy Frederick for more information.

Who, What, Why

A Collaborative Workshop to Develop the Vision & Mission of BUUF

Saturday, January 24th 8:30, 1:00, or 6:00 pm

Come share your hopes, dreams, ideas, and suggestions for the future of BUUF. Together, we will create and put into words the essence of:

who we are, what makes us unique, why we exist.

Then, we will explore how to achieve this vision as a congregation.

WE NEED YOU to help create vision and mission statements that will guide the future of BUUF. Together we can articulate our purpose and move forward as a cohesive community. Sign up for one of the 3, three hour sessions - 8:30, 1:00, or 6:00 at mwoito@att.net Questions? Call Judy Frederick at 362 4935 or Miriam Woito at 890 6074 MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THIS IMPORTANT EVENT!!

Making Our Sunday Services More Spiritual

From the Sunday Services Committee

In an effort to make our worship services more spiritual we would like to make fewer announcements from the pulpit. If you have an announcement for Sunday please send it to nancy@boiseuu.org by 5 PM on the Wednesday before and she will get it printed.

If you have an announcement that misses the deadline, please consider printing it and putting it in the order of service or on the chairs yourself, after checking with the service coordinator.

Thanks for your help in making our worship services more spiritual.

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Religious Exploration



Greetings and Salutations!!

Emmie Schlobohm, Director of RE

Our Religious Exploration program is a magical place where you can find your inner whimsy, wonder and awe, and where children are wise and adults can play!

Hello, I'm Emmie Schlobohm and I'm your new Director of Religious Exploration. I have been involved in the Boise UU Fellowship's Religious Exploration (RE) program for close to 15 years, as I've taught, served on the RE Committee, and participated with my two boys in all the wonderful programs RE has to offer. I am so very honored, awed, and thrilled to be a part of this new ministry of my heart!

Our RE program not only involves our children and their immediate families, but also the congregation as a whole as you are involved as witnesses and participants in the children's spiritual growth and your own. I feel that our congregation is a part of something miraculous within our Treasure Valley community, the greater Unitarian Universalist community, and within each of us. As I start out on this new journey, I

invite all of you to come along for the ride and to help me make the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's Religious Exploration program a shining star in our community and our hearts.

If you have any questions or ideas for the future or if you'd just like to come and find out who I am, please join me for one of the following informal meet-and-greet sessions, refreshments provided. I'd love to get to know you better! All ages are encouraged and welcomed to come!!

Sunday, January 11, 2009

10:15 am to 10:45 am in the Raible class room in the north wing

12:15 pm to 12:45 pm in the Stowe class room in the north wing

Embrace the journey and enjoy the ride!!

Children's RE Committee

The Children's Religious Exploration committee is very excited to welcome Emmie Schlobohm as our new Director of Religious Education. The committee is ready to offer our support as she embarks on this new adventure with us! We bid a farewell to our DRE's, Cathy Carmen and Karen Raese. They have done a wonderful job and offered leadership, friendship and an outstanding RE program over the past year and a half!

This New Year will find our committee busy planning for our future sponsored events and the growth in the Children's RE programs. We welcome additional members for the celebrations we sponsor, Sunday RE coordination and monthly meetings. If you would like more information about joining us, contact a committee member or call Angie at 336-0738, tateappraisal@msn.com.

Returning Your Guest At Your Table Boxes

Please remember to return the Guest at Your Table boxes and checks on January 4 or January 11. The RE classes will be collecting these for children in RE. If you do not have RE children, you can return your boxes to the DRE office. If you didn't get a Guest at Your Table box, you can still contribute to the UUSC programs for human rights and social justice. Please deposit your check payable to UUSC in the specially-marked Guest at Your Table box located in the DRE office. You'll be signed up for a one-year UUSC membership with a \$40 contribution.



Adult Education News

Mike Philley

In this newsletter you will find the Adult Education Spring 2009 Bulletin. This is our most attractive and compelling slate of offerings ever—certainly there is something for everyone! January is the time to sign-up—just fill out the registration form, attach a check, and mail or return it to BUUF.

At the end of May I'll step down as chairperson of the Adult Education Committee. For seven years I've been honored to lead an exciting program that has become an important part of our Fellowship. I will leave with gratitude for the accomplishments, friendships, and deepened sense of community I have experienced through the Committee's work.

I wish to thank our minister, Elizabeth Greene, my stalwart Committee members both past and present, and BUUF's office manager, Gerry Morris, for deeply appreciated support over the years as we've developed this successful program.

COMMITTEES

Join the BUUF IT Circle

BUUF IT Circle is a initiative to improve the data and technology to meet the future needs and goals of BUUF. With the rapid growth BUUF is experiencing, we need to put a dynamic system or systems in place. Any individuals are welcome to join regardless of their technical experience. For more information and ways to contribute please feel free to email Mitchel Bethel at call 208-695-7912 or mitchel.bethel@gmail.com.



Fundraising News

Claudia Fernsworth

Get ready to spend “AN EVENING IN PARIS” right here at our AUC-TION! There will be delectable hearty hors d’oeuvres (not dinner), fine ambience, entertainment, and of course—fabulous things to bid on. Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 7 and invite your friends. If you want to dress like you are spending AN EVENING IN PARIS, that will add to the fun. Tickets are \$20 each and will be available at the Book Nook every Sunday, or call me at 853-1526 to reserve yours. This is our biggest FUNdraiser, so do plan to come.

Of course VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED before, during and after. Sign up on the clipboard in the North Vestibule.

CHOCOLATE EVENT—I am soliciting people who make excellent chocolate desserts to sell at our First Annual CHOCOLATE EVENT—April 4 from 1 to 4. Give me a call at 853-1526 if you would like to contribute.

Getting by In Hard Times

Would you like to be part of an informal “networking” group, to see how we can be of help to each other in these difficult times?

The Board and the Congregational Care Team are sponsoring a get-together after church on Sunday, January 4, where all who is concerned about community needs can meet and talk about supporting each other.

This will not be primarily about money, because neither the Fellowship nor individuals has a whole lot of that. But how about trading baby-sitting? Can you fix cars, if a family has a breakdown? Need help writing a resume? The possibilities seem limitless! Even if you are not in need, or don’t feel you have something to

offer, you might attend this meeting and be surprised!

Child care will be provided.

Green January

Bryan Jennings

The Green Sanctuary Committee will hold its first meeting of the new year on Monday, January 5, 7:00 pm at BUUF. We will be discussing projects for the coming year. We need new members for the committee, and we really need your ideas. If there’s something you’d like to help us do to contribute to the greening of BUUF or the survivability of the world at large, please meet with us, and we’ll talk about it. We will also begin planning an Earth Day service or other Earth Day activities for April. For further information, call Bryan or Wanda at 362-7563 or e-mail desertfox4@cableone.net.

Membership Memo

A sometimes update on what is going on with your Membership Committee

After several months of work, talking with church leaders, reviewing what other UU fellowships do, and making many revisions, the Membership Committee made a recommendation to the board for a Path to Membership. The Board approved the final version on November 20. As you may recall, back in August the membership approved a change to our bylaws providing for a Path to Membership. This path provides prospective members with an historical background on UU, and BUUF in particular. It also outlines the advantages and responsibilities of membership. By following the Path, all new members will have the same understanding of what being a member of this faith community means. The Path will be published in full on our website in the near future for your reference, but in the meantime, here are the basics:

The traditional Path to Membership in the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship shall include the following, or the alternatives listed:

1. Complete the New UU class or an alternative.
2. Meet with the minister to gain an understanding of the advantages and responsibilities of membership.
3. Find ways to participate regularly in the BUUF community as able.
4. Respect the principles and purposes of the UUA, and the mission and covenant of the Fellowship.
5. Provide monetary support by completing an annual pledge form and volunteer service to this community as able. Waivers to the requirement for monetary support may be made when needed.
6. Sign the membership book.

From now on, prospective members will be asked to complete the Path to Membership prior to signing the membership book. If you have any questions about the Path, feel free to talk to any board member or someone from the Membership Committee.

SOCIAL ACTION

January Social Action Project: The Idaho Human Rights Education Center

Arlene Baldwin

About the Human Rights Education Center:

The mission of the Idaho Human Rights Education Center is to “promote respect for Human Dignity and diversity through education and to foster individual responsibility to work for justice and peace.” The center achieves this mission through educational programs with teachers and students, community leadership and advocacy in human rights. The Center was founded in 1996 to construct a memorial to human rights. In August 2002, that vision became a reality when the world class Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial opened to the public. Today, thousands of school children and adults tour the Memorial each year and participate in our programs.

We have a dream!

Once again, BUUF will take part in the Martin Luther King/Human Rights Day March and Rally. The event will take place on Monday, January 19.

Marchers will gather in the Hatch Ballroom on the second floor of the Boise State Student Union Building to make posters starting at 9:30 a.m. The march begins at 10:45 a.m. and will culminate in a rally at the Boise City Hall Plaza.

For more information about this year’s events, visit <http://mlk.boisestate.edu>.

Let’s empower BUUF to help heal the world

BUUF did a lot of work over the past few months to strengthen our financial status. Soon, we’ll spend time updating our mission statement

and creating a vision. Now, we’re asking all BUUF members and friends to set aside part of one weekend (a Friday evening and Saturday morning/afternoon) Feb. 27-28 to explore what our fellowship can do to help the wider world at a Social Justice Empowerment Workshop.

Join national UU facilitators the Rev. Ralph Galen and Pam Kelly to discuss such questions as: What social justice issues should BUUF pursue? Do we want to concentrate on a few issues or make as wide an impact as possible? How can we get more people involved in BUUF’s social justice work? How can we live our new mission and vision statements (and UU values!) through what we do in the community?

In the strategic planning process, BUUF members and friends said they want our fellowship to be known for its social justice work. You can help make that happen by taking part in the Social Justice Empowerment Workshop Feb. 27-28. Save the dates now, and watch the February newsletter and Sunday bulletins for sign-up opportunities.

BUUF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Other Book Club

Join fellow BUUF members and friends in the Other Book Club on January 11, 2009, 7pm in the BUUF Library for a discussion of *Willful Creatures* by Aimee Bender. This is a collection of short stories by an author who will be coming to Boise in February for the Log Cabin Readings and conversation series. This is your chance to read and talk with friends about her work before she comes. Since the December meeting got snowed out, discussion will also cover Barack Obama’s *Dreams from My Father*.

One Man Reflects on “Violence of Language”

Jeanette Ross

The title Darrell Johnson has chosen for our January 11 meeting prepares us for an intriguing, wide-ranging perspective on this important subject. Whether deliberate or not, hidden or obvious, that which judges—and hurts, diminishes or confuses its victim does more damage than most of us acknowledge. Darrell will help us identify the implications of our all-too common language.

Humanists believe in—and support—the fullest development of human potential. This presentation is part of a year-long look at the ways we may inadvertently diminish that potential—or enhance it. Join us at 11am in the library at BUUF for thoughtful talk that must, alas, end with the end of the BUUF service taking place at the same time. For more information contact Rick Groff or Jeanette Ross.

Ministry Lunches

Ministry Team

As our church gets bigger and bigger, it is harder and harder to find time to just chat with our minister, Elizabeth Greene. To help remedy this lamentable circumstance, the Ministry Team (formerly known as Committee on Ministry) sponsors two no-host lunches a month, to which everyone is invited. There is no agenda—you bring your ideas, questions, sharing, or whatever, and Elizabeth is there as part of a convivial luncheon gathering. January times:

Tuesday, January 6, 11:30 am, International Chinese, Glenwood near Chinden

Friday, January 30, 11:30 am, URS cafeteria (previously Washington Group, even more previously Morrison-Knutson), 1750 Front; cross Broadway from eastbound Connector, enter doors behind fountain.

Join us!

New UU Class Offered Again Soon

Would you like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism? Are you thinking about becoming a member of BUUF? Then the New UU class is for you! This class will offer you the opportunity to meet other newcomers, church leaders, and members. It will provide you with some history, and give you a glimpse into the inner workings of the Unitarian Universalist Association and of BUUF in particular. It will also reveal the many ways you might become involved in the life of this community.

The New UU is the first step toward membership required in the Path to Membership (see page 4) recently approved by the board. But, even if you don't plan to join right away, the class is fun and informative.

This time around, the class will be offered on two successive Saturdays: January 31 and February 7, 2009 from 10:00 am until about 2:30 pm. For more information you can contact Membership chair, Jay Wechselberger, at 871-3765 or jay_wex@hotmail.com.

BUUF Music Notes

Carrie Bastian

I've often said that December is to musicians what April is to accountants: busy! This December has been no exception. Even so, it has been a joyous kind of busy. Thanks to all who participated in our mostly music Sunday on December 14. And thank you to Mother Nature for sending the lovely snow to compliment the music.

If you're thinking about a New Year's resolution that will add more beauty and joy to your life, resolve to participate in choir beginning on January 7! The choir will be on break for the next couple of weeks. We will resume our regularly scheduled rehearsals (Wednesdays from 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm) on January 7 in preparation for our February 1 performance. Step out of the shower and come sing with the BUUF choir!

Update on the BUUF Band Project: We are currently in the process of selecting a band name. Mike Lemieux found a web site called bandnamemaker.com. Enter a word and the site will generate a list of possible names for your band. I thought I'd give it a try by entering the word "gnostic." I got "Reindeer of the Gnostic Salmon." Needless to say, we're still looking. In the meantime, we're preparing for a January 18 performance.

Thanks to all who expressed interest in the band. As much fun as it would be to have a jam session with twenty-three people or so, it simply isn't workable for a Sunday service setting. In order for the band to function and perform for BUUF on a regular basis, there must be a solid core. After much discussion among those who performed on November 16, it was decided that spots for guest musicians will be available from time to time. As each song has its own particular musical needs, Mike will audition those who's skill sets match the band's needs. This will hopefully offer both stability for the band and opportunity for those who wish to contribute their talents. Please talk to Mike or me if you have any questions.

Sage in Winter

Tom von Alten

The BUUF Senior Sages welcome in the new year with the help of two professors in our midst: on January 8 Chuck Lauterbach presents "The Oedipus You Thought You Knew," and on Jan. 22, Elton Hall on "Religion v. Science." For almost two centuries, people have debated whether religion and science can be compatible or are mortal enemies. What is really behind this debate? Why are extreme positions put forward? Why would anyone really care about such a debate? We'll explore the issues involved, who has been engaged, and why the debate may amount to much less than has been made of it.

We meet twice a month for a no-host

breakfast, interesting presentations and lively discussion at the Kopper Kitchen (2661 Airport Way), at 9:30am on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Newcomers are welcome, no reservation is needed and we don't check IDs. Join the conversation!

Friendship Dinner!

It's Suppertime! Come join your BUUF friends for an intimate dinner in someone's home on Saturday, January 17. It is a great way to get to know people better. Sign up on the clipboard and someone will call you to bring a dish and enjoy lively conversation. Contact Wanda Jennings at 362-7563 or desertfox4@cableone.net.

People's Poetry Project

Ink runs from the corners of my mouth.

There is no happiness like mine.
I have been eating poetry.

Mark Strand

If this makes your mouth water, then you need to join a new movement we're launching at BUUF: the People's Poetry Project. This will be a series of monthly salons/poetry readings focused on a single, specific poet each month, and selected by you—the people. So, to put us in the mood, and to encourage us to brush up on our *Poetry 101* skills, the Adult R.E. program is providing a workshop on how to read poetry like a pro. The title of the class is "Reading Poetry Like Your Life Depended On It." Facilitated by Kim Philley and Debra Smith, the class will be held at the Fellowship on Saturday, March 7, from 9:00 am until noon, after which we will share a potluck lunch and read (or eat) poetry to our hearts' content. Membership will be limited to 20 people, but the salons are open to all. \$10.00.

Just Married! The Musical

direct from Provincetown Massachusetts

Mark your calendars for February 14, Valentine's Day, when *Just Married*,

The Musical will present at 7pm at BUUF. Tickets are by reservation only by e-mail justmarriedthemusical@q.com or by calling Stacey at 208.713.7847. Pay by cash or check only at the door. Our profits are being donated to the Idaho Equality Committee. The event is being widely publicized and is expected to sell out.

The following is a revue from the First Parish U U Church in Brewster, Massachusetts.

“Jon Arterton and James Mack’s performance of their “Just Married (The Musical)” is an on-our-feet, thunderous applause, you-got-our-hearts theatrical event. This autobiographical revue weaves threads of the Bible, family relationships, and the struggles of growing up and coming out into the whole cloth of a loving relationship.

The backdrop is the hard won right for gay and lesbian couples to be legally married in Massachusetts. Their songs and narration tell the stories of their growing up, coming out, ultimately meeting one another, falling in love and getting married.

The audience alternately laughed and cried and finally shared in the exultation of marriage rights won and celebrated. The evening was both entertaining and thought-provoking. All of the audience at First Parish Brewster, both gay and non-gay, were captivated by Jon and James’ resonant vocalization and poignant story.

At the conclusion of the performance, the full house erupted in spontaneous unanimous joy, celebrating the triumph both of marriage rights for all (in Massachusetts), and the enjoyment of this poignant, funny play.

PNWD & UUA

**Gathering in Peace
February 20-22**

The 2009 Pacific Northwest District Annual General Meeting (PNWD AGM) will be in Salem, Oregon Feb. 20-22. This is an exciting meeting of

Unitarian Universalists from around our area. Come for a full weekend of shared learning, governance, fellowship and fun. Rev. Dr. William F. Schulz, the keynote speaker, will challenge us to examine our personal commitments to peace and peacemaking. Go to www.pnwd.org/agm.php for more information.

**AGM Volunteers
Wanted**

Attendees at AGM 2009 in Salem, Oregon, February 20-22, can receive a rebate of \$66 for volunteering at least six hours. Sign up with Laura Stine, the Volunteer Coordinator, either by phone to 503-364-2849, by email at lstine@ide-nw.org, or by mail to Laura Stine, 1635 Capitol St. NE, Salem, OR 97301.

**Unitarian Universalist
Associataion General
Assembly, A Meeting
of Congregations
June 24-28, 2009, Salt Lake
City, Utah**

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. General Assemblies shall make overall policy for carrying out the purposes of the Association and shall direct and control its affairs. Plus they have many interesting, challenging, educational, and spiritual programs. You will be amazed by how wonderful GA is and how it will change your life. You could even be a delegate representing the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship!

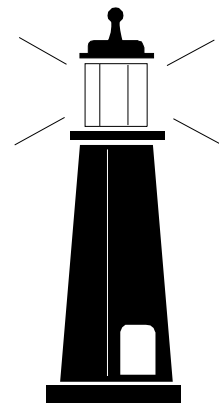
This is the closest General Assembly will be to Boise, so this is your chance to attend this exciting event with Unitarian Universalists from around the world. Go to uua.org for more information.



Celebration!

- Twenty fabulous years together,
- BUUF and Elizabeth Greene,
- We party the night away,
- With great music; pork and beans.
- Eating Elizabeth’s favorite foods,
- We add to our time line,
- We write blessings on crystal stones,
- Fiona plays her violin so fine!
- Natalie creates an historical video,
- A poem for Elizabeth by Jane,
- Coston’s Chair Stacking Boogie,
- Mike’s dinner music and songs entertain.
- Old time favorites by Andy and Bob,
- Lorel’s trivia game, which everyone won,
- We close with Lynne’s beautiful song,
- Thanks to all who created this magical fun!

Wanda Jennings
November 28, 2008



Many thanks to all who contributed to our Time Line of 1988 to 2008 on the weekend of November 22 and 23. We will add them to our files. As time goes on, members may want to add items to the Time Line. Such items should be meaningful to BUUF members, short, dated and signed. They may then be placed in the History compartment in the copy room.

— *History Keepers*

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS...

WHO, WHAT, WHY

A Collaborative Workshop to Develop the Vision & Mission of BUUF. Come help us decide where BUUF is headed in the future. See **the insert** about how and when.

INTERESTED IN JOINING BUUF?

Find out more by reading about our new Path to Membership on **page 4**. Then mark your calendar for the next New UU Classes. See **page 6** for details.

GETTING BY IN HARD TIMES

Would you like to be part of an informal “networking” group, to see how we can be of help to each other in these difficult times? See **page 4** for more information.

DON'T MISS THE MLK/HUMAN RIGHTS DAY ACTIVITIES

Plan to join us on January 19. More information is available on **page 5**.

REGIONAL & NATIONAL UU ASSEMBLIES HAPPENING SOON

The PNWD Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the UUA General Assmebly are both happening this spring and into summer. Check out **page 7** for details on how you can participate!



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January 2009

Events are at BUUF unless noted

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				01 BUUF OFFICE CLOSED 7pm» Thursday Night Chalice Circle	02	03
04 (Week 01) 8:30am» Social Action Comm. 10am» "Beginnings" 11:15am» Newcomers Orientation 11:30am» Potluck luncheon 12pm» Getting By in Difficult Times 12:30pm» Curious Explorers Chalice Cir. 12:30pm» Music Committee 5pm» Landscape Committee	05 7pm» Stewardship Committee 7pm» Green Sanctuary Team	06 7pm» Men's Chalice Circle	07 5pm» Personnel Committee 7:15pm» Choir	08 9:30am» Sr Sages (Kopper Kitchen) 7pm» Thursday Night Chalice Circle 7pm» Sunday Services Cmte	09	10 9:30am» Congregational Care Team
11 (Week 02) 9am» "What Are We Here For?" 10:15am» Meet & Greet the new DRE 10:45am» Meet & Greet the new DRE 11am» "What Are We Here For?" 11am» Humanists 12:30pm» Welcoming Congregation Committee 12:30pm» Boston Bounders meeting 12:30pm» Single Parents Chalice Circle 12:30pm» Newcomer Orientation 1pm» The Cool Group Chalice Circle 7pm» Other Book Club	12 7pm» Interiors Committee	13 4:30pm» Partner Church Committee	14 Women on the Verge II 7pm» RE Cmte 7pm» Ministry Team 7:15pm» Choir	15 10am» History Keepers 12pm» BUUF News deadline 7pm» BUUF Board 7pm» Membership Committee	16	17
18 (Week 03) 9am» "MLK, Obama and Great Expectations" 11am» "MLK, Obama and Great Expectations" 12:30pm» Single Parents Chalice Circle 12:30pm» Newcomers Welcome Chat 1pm» Phoenix Rising Chalice Circle	19 7pm» Adult RE cmte 7pm» Bridge Event Center Committee	20 7pm» Men's Chalice Circle	21 7:15pm» Choir	22 9:30am» Sr Sages (Kopper Kitchen) 6:30pm» Mission Vision planning	23	24 8:30am» "Who,What,Why" 1pm» "Who, What, Why" 6pm» "Who, What, Why"
25 (Week 04) 9am» "Reflections on a Sabbatical, Part II: The Shadow Knows" 11am» "Reflections on a Sabbatical, Part II: The Shadow Knows" 12:30pm» Single Parents Chalice Circle 12:30pm» Newcomers Welcome Chat 1pm» "The Cool Group" Chalice Circle	26	27 10am» Library Committee 6pm» BUUF Mommas' Night Out	28 9:30am» Newsletter assembly 7pm» Small group ministry council 7pm» Coming of Age 7:15pm» Choir	29	30 7pm» Travels in Borneo	31 9am» New UU Class 7pm» "Groundhog Day" movie