



# BUUF News

## Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Volume 31 Issue 1

### EVERGREENE

Reverend Elizabeth Greene

Here are questions I'd love to see each of us ponder, this coming year: "What does it mean to have genuine ownership in a congregation? If I feel that I am part 'owner' in our Fellowship, how will that affect my attitudes, my feelings, my speech and my actions?"

It doesn't matter if we are long-term members, friends, shorter-term members, or even occasional visitors. If we get something out of the UU church in Boise, we can have pride and gladness that BUUF is here. If we are happy and proud that an embracing faith stands strong in our Valley, we will feel some sense of ownership. If we find that sense of ownership in our hearts, we ask ourselves what it means to each of us.

Maybe it means reaching out to those we don't know, especially the strangers in our midst. Maybe it means committing to bring our children regularly, that they might learn reverence, respect, confidence. Maybe it means deciding to volunteer, if we haven't been: making coffee, reading for a service, cleaning up, teaching, helping on a committee or task force.

Maybe, above all, it means finding the love in our hearts and acting on it. The late Rev. Forrest Church reminds us, "The one thing that can't be taken from us, even by death, is the love we give away before we go."

### SUNDAYS

*Beginning Jan. 3, BUUF have 2 services EACH & EVERY Sunday during the program year. The services will remain at 9 & 11 am.*

**Jan. 3, 9 & 11 am**

***"Laugh, I Thought I'd Die," Rev. Elizabeth Greene***

Once a year or so, Elizabeth does a "humor sermon," delving deeply into the profound theological significance of laughing. Or, well, does she actually mostly enjoy an opportunity to tell jokes from the pulpit? Besse LaBudde, service coordinator. Carrie Bastian, music.

**Jan. 10, 9 & 11 am**

***"Thank God for Evolution, or Thank Evolution for God?," Loren Bergeson***

Loren shares how 2009 was a year of spiritual insight for him, much of it gleaned from Michael Dowd's book TGFE (Thank God For Evolution), among other sources. TGFE offers a powerful way to reconcile science with the best of religion, in a way that has the potential to accelerate our spiritual growth and the life improvements that go with it. Mark Zimmerer, service coordinator. Conner von Huene, music.

**Jan. 17, 9 & 11 am**

***"Making a Difference," Besse LaBudde and Nancy Harms***

Our faith has blazed a trail to a more caring, more just society, in part living up to Dr. King's "Dream." We will look at the contributions and life

of Martin Luther King, Jr. and what we can do to fulfill his prophetic words. From Martin Luther King, Jr: "Any religion which professes to be concerned about the souls of men and women, and is not concerned about the social and economic conditions that can scar the soul, is a spiritually moribund religion only waiting for the day to be buried." Bev Harley, Service Coordinator, Deb Smith, Celebrant. being hUUMAN (BUUF band,) music.

**Jan 24, 9 & 11 am**

***"Day Selves, Night Selves," Rev. Elizabeth Greene***

"Truth" is a pretty tricky concept, often put forth as the result solely of scientific observation, or at least processes to which we all apply our brains. What, though, of our "night selves," the parts of us that learn truths through myth, intuition, dream and story? Wanda Jennings, service coordinator. Mark Zimmerer and Susan Langley, music.

**Jan. 31, 9 & 11 am**

***"Where Do We Stand?" Rev. Elizabeth Greene***

Last spring, about 120 of us participated in a survey conducted by the respected Lilly Foundation, and they have sent us our results. How do we compare with others? With our own aspirations? Coston Frederick, service coordinator. Cees Hoefnagels, music.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### *To Whom It May Concern*

Judy Frederick

Such a distant phrase that is. It is how we address a missive to someone we do not know: relationships buried in time, distance, or lack of history. So anchored are we in our small experience of time that it is easy to miss the threads trailing all around us. When we recognize a thread and pick it up to weave into our own story, we find ourselves part of a much larger tapestry.

In our peripatetic culture we often find ourselves braided apart from our roots in many ways, both by circumstance and choice. Perhaps that is what we seek when we enter a community such as BUUF – that sense of being part of something larger than ourselves. I suspect it reflects an ancient desire to be part of a tribe.

What to do with this primal drive? We can commit to a tribe, not as a traveler just passing through, but as a weaver who takes up the threads. We do it when we learn and celebrate together and when we come to say goodbye to one of our own. We weave with every conversation held, every meeting attended, and every investment of time, talent, and treasure. The placing of a boulder 'just so'. The grounds mowed, the chairs stacked. Making out a pledge.

Children walk across a bridge and play in a playhouse they did not build. We meditate in a grove of cottonwoods that grew long ago. A simple pasture is now our beautiful grounds. It is a curious evolution.

When we just keep showing up, keep picking up those threads and weaving ourselves into the tapestry, a wonderful thing happens; we find our tribe.

So what will we plant for those who come after us? The ones we will never know?

To whom it may concern ...

### Funding Our Dreams and Vision

The Stewardship Committee has exciting plans for the combined capital and annual budget campaign this spring.

We met with Mary Gleason, our UUA consultant, the first of November and generated a lot of enthusiasm and great ideas to celebrate the wonders of our fellowship. Mary will be returning to BUUF the week-end of December 11-14 to talk with a sampling of members and friends to gather information to help BUUF leadership determine financial opportunities and goals for the spring activities. (By the way, UUA is funding Mary's visit for the December week-end study.)

Last June, the congregation overwhelmingly voted to include a capital campaign to relieve the pressure from our annual operating budget by greatly reducing, or possibly eliminating, our mortgages. Wow, think of the possibilities in our vision that can become realities.

Yes, that's our direction and what the Stewardship Committee has been up to. Stay tuned for more exciting developments after the holidays.

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## 2010!

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# Religious Exploration

## Musings from our Wondrous Wings

Emmie Schlobohm, Director of Religious Exploration

Throughout your life there's a voice that only you can hear. It's a call to the true value of your life - a call to make a difference that only you can make. If you never hear it, something magical will be lost. But if you hear it and heed it, then your life will become a wonderful romance and adventure. Now is the time. Jump in. Make a splash. Change the world.

*~As seen on a book in a Starbucks store - no author cited*

Lately, the universe has been sending me little packages in various forms. Promotional writings on the covers of books catch my eye. Lead in "hooks" for upcoming radio program interviews make me stop and listen and look them up on the internet when I get to a computer. Memories of what I said when I was 18 pop into my head and resonate. I think someone is trying to tell me something. The interwoven theme of all these messages is one of changing the world by paying attention to inner voices and following my heart. I'm listening and following my heart's lead and it all brings me here to our beloved community.

Our BUUF community is filled with compassionate loving souls who are here because we feel that this is where our people are and this is where we feel whole. We come to be together with each other to change the world one person, one smile, one hug at a time. We are all blessed to have found this community and to be embraced and nurtured by the caring, hard working, passionate, and joyful souls of this sacred place. My heart sings out loud to know that we are on this journey and adventure together! Namaste



## Guest at Your Table Donation

Please return your box and contents or make your donation either **January 10** or **January 17**. The boxes and donations of children and youth will be collected in their RE class. Adults can give their box or donation to Becky Groff at the table in the entryway. **Gifts of \$100** or more are eligible to be matched, dollar for dollar, doubling your good works!

You can contact Becky at 336-4921 or [rbgroff@cableone.net](mailto:rbgroff@cableone.net).

Through advocacy, education, and partnerships with grassroots organizations, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) promotes **economic rights**, advances **environmental justice**, defends **civil liberties**, and preserves the rights of people in times of **humanitarian crisis**.

Sharing your blessings through Guest at Your Table ensures that the UUSC's human-rights work continues and builds its membership. Membership is vitally important because UUSC receives no Unitarian Universalist Association or government support.



## Coffee Free Worship Services

In an effort to increase the spirituality of our services we are asking that you help us to keep our worship services Coffee Free.

## COMMITTEES

### BUUF Needs You!

Do you have experience or expertise in marketing or publicity?

The publicity committee is dedicated to getting the word out about BUUF and its programs. We are a small committee (three people) without particular expertise in marketing or publicity. We want to expand our program, and we could use some guidance and advice from someone with those skills. If you are that person, please contact Jay Wechselberger at 871-3765 or [membership@boiseuu.org](mailto:membership@boiseuu.org). Thanks!

## Help Wanted

### Be Part of Our Worship Services

Each worship service takes many hands to make light work. Your hands are needed in a small way every once in a while. Please look for the Worship Service sign-up sheet (on the end of the snack table) and help us by being a greeter, a reader, by making coffee and cleaning up, or by being a song leader. Remember, we're all in this together. We appreciate your help. You can also sign up by calling or e-mailing Wanda Jennings @362-7563 or [desertfox4@cableone.net](mailto:desertfox4@cableone.net).

## Program Ministry Council Begins

Cathy Carmen

There are always 1,001 things going on at BUUF and a new way to assist the committees in their good works is the newly formed Program Ministry Council. To get an idea of how it is structured, please see the BUUF website for the organizational chart. It is in the About Us section, under Board & Staff, see the left column under Related Links. The Program Ministry Council appears in purple on both the first and second pages under the Programs heading. Paul Schlobohm and I, Cathy Carmen, are co-chairs of the newly formed council and its **vision** is: Increase effectiveness of lay ministry programs at the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (BUUF), with a **mission** of: 1. Provide opportunities for congregational participation 2. Develop creative, functional programs that benefit the church community 3. Enhance the coordination, communication, and collaboration for committees and task forces and 4. Support Team Leaders in their work with committees and task forces.

Now, what does that all mean...? Have you ever served on a BUUF committee and needed some assistance in recruiting members? The Program Ministry Council can help! Have you ever wondered how to access and use the talents of another committee to enhance the work you're doing on yours – say, how to do more Social Justice work in the area of Children and Adult Religious Exploration/Education? The Program Ministry Council can help you (and others!) make those connections.

We are currently working to recruit Team Leaders for the six positions on the PMC with a goal of hosting our first meeting in January. If you are interested in getting involved or just want to know more about what we are doing, please contact Paul Schlobohm ([paulschlobohm@mac.com](mailto:paulschlobohm@mac.com)) or Cathy Carmen ([cathycarmen@cableone.net](mailto:cathycarmen@cableone.net)). We're excited to get started!

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Voices from the Shelter

*Nancy Rice*

The Social Justice Plate offering this month is the Interfaith Sanctuary Housing Services. In December many of you made generous donations to the shelter and all were appreciated. In November, you willingly gave many wonderful items for the Family Shelter. Our final gift to this valuable community service will be January plate donations.

Interfaith Sanctuary Housing Services is a collaboration of people of faith and people of conscience who have joined together to shelter and serve individuals and families with children who are experiencing homelessness in Boise, Idaho. Beginning in 2005, Interfaith Sanctuary operated an emergency winter shelter for two seasons and served over 700 men, women and children. In the fall of 2007, Sanctuary was able to purchase a 10,200 sq. foot building in downtown Boise and opened for year-round shelter and supportive services on November 1, 2007. In the first year of operations, Sanctuary served almost 1,000 individuals.

Whether it's a cold winter night or a warm summer evening, the number of nightly residents range from 130 to 145 and have reached as high as 160. We are a community shelter that is operated by only five paid staff and over 60 community and resident volunteers each week! Because of this your generous donations and volunteering is invaluable.

This month, please designate your plate offerings to Interfaith Sanctuary. I guarantee the money is needed and will be used for people who are truly in need.

### *A Special Thank You:*

To each and every person as part of the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. You are so gracious in your various efforts and contributions for the Whittier Elementary children. It gives me a pleasure to be a part of this connection.

*~ Nurse Adelaide*

## BUUF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

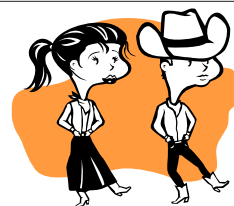
### Our National Survey of BUUF

In May, 2009, many of you took part in a survey of the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship compared with other churches in America given by the U.S. Congregational Life Survey. The results are in and you can view them by going to <http://www.uscongregations.org>. You will see a green strip where you can log in to access our results. These are case sensitive.

**Login: BUUFBoise**

**Password: R2363**

We think you will find the results to be interesting. Elizabeth will be speaking on the results of this survey in January.



***Hoedown is Coming!***

***Get Ready!***

***February 13, 2010***



## CCT Life Skills Training Pronounced “Big Success”!

Yes, we talk a bit differently here on the Congregational Care Team, but our annual Life Skills Training Session on November 7 was definitely a hit with the eighteen people in attendance. We enjoyed excellent interactive presentations by BUUF’s own Board President Judy Frederick, multi-talented speaker Cherie Buckner-Webb, and a wrap-up by the Reverend Greene, who’ll be glad to see you when you haven’t got a prayer.

Of course, she’ll be happy to give you one, but the first person to identify the song, singer, and the “Rev. Greene” in the original reference gets a free CCT greeting card, as well as a prayer!

We are happy to welcome Joe Jeffery to our team and to welcome Teresa Wood back, following her California adventure (hey, that sounds like a good name for a theme park)!

Finally, during this holiday season remember that charity starts at home, so please include the BUUF Food Pantry and our Pay It Forward Fund on your gift list.

## Partner Church News

Gwyn Reid

The January meeting of the Partner Church Committee will be on the second Monday, January 11 at 5:45 PM (We’ll go back to the 1st Monday of the month in February).

If you’re thinking of joining the travelers going to visit our partner church in July, please contact Mary Schwartzman right away. The visit is

from July 6 -15.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Balazs Ferenc Heritage Trust as part of the December offertories. We hope to have the total amount raised in time for the February newsletter.

Happy New Year.

## 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 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 16 and January 23, 2010, from 9:30 am until about 2:00 pm. For more information you can contact Membership chair, Jay

Wechselberger, at 871-3765 or [membership@boiseuu.org](mailto:membership@boiseuu.org).

## Remember the Coffeehouse Beat?

*It’s time to relive it again here at BUUF for the Fellowship Fun Night, January 9 6:00 PM!*

Here’s an opportunity for members and friends to share their talents in a popular “potpourri” format of entertainment, and for listeners to enjoy an intimate evening of music, poetry, dance, comedy, or storytelling. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Harms at either [nancy@boiseuu.org](mailto:nancy@boiseuu.org) or 658-1710.

Listeners, mark your calendars now and plan to bring friends along with a potluck dish to share at the beginning of the evening. We’ll have a movie for the younger crowd. So we’ll see you where you can cool it and get with the bits and hip with the illuminations. You’ll be on cloud nine and get real gone on the cats that’ll perform. And if you get to cookin’ you’re welcome to like get crazy man and lay on fat city with your own beats. The only bread you’ll need is donation for drinks. We’ll have an interpretation of the “beat generation” by Blake Olsen. So don’t be a cube, make the scene! Turtle-necks, bongos, and berets optional.



# DESIGNS OF FAITH

Paintings by Mark W. McGinnis

January 17 – March 4, 2010, (meet the artist, 12noon, January 17)

Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Gallery



**Mark W. McGinnis** is an artist and writer recently relocated to Boise, Idaho from the Southern Black Hills of South Dakota. He was a professor of art for 30 years at Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota. The research orientation of his work has led to projects on a range of subjects including science and philosophy, literature of India and Japan, religion, economics, foreign policy, nuclear weaponry, American Indian history, and explorers of the “New World.” His projects have been featured in over 125 solo exhibitions nationwide. He has published five books.

**Design's of Faith** is a project consisting of 12 essays and 12 canvases that explore 12 religions from an artist's perspective. The series includes Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Baha'i, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, the Dreaming of Aboriginal Australia, Hopi Religion, Ifa Divination of West Africa, and Inuit Spiritualism. In addition to the twelve 92" X 79" canvases, twelve preliminary studies were created on 20" X 17" paper. This showing consists of 11 of the original preliminary studies and one print version (Baha'i).

This exhibition is a companion to the *Art, Religions, and Values Class* the artist is presenting at BUUF Jan. 21- Mar. 4, 2010.

## Ministry Lunches

The Committee on Ministry

Would you like a little time for casual chat with our minister, Elizabeth Greene? Here's how: the 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, Jan. 5, 11:30 AM, Fortune Wok, Glenwood near Chinden

Friday, Jan. 22, 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!



## Other Book Club

Mark your calendars for the following book club discussion. January 10 we will be discussing the *Elegance of*

*the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. We will be meeting at the home of Kathy McGowan, 3496 Holl Dr, Eagle. Her phone number is 939-7215 for more information.

*Satanic Verses* by Salman Rushdie is our book for February. Watch for date and location of discussion in weekly announcements. *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett is our book for March followed by *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristof in April.

Happy Reading.

## “Winter and its Comforts”

Jeanette Ross

What’s special about holidays in the dark? What, far back in human history, has made them holy days? For our December monthly meeting the BUUF humanists considered the ancestry of Christian holiday symbols, and shared those we treasure, irrespective of their most familiar assigned meanings. Jeanette prepared a handout detailing many Christmas symbols and can offer a copy to those interested.

For our next meeting, Sunday January 17, we will open the portal to the future, under the friendly eye of Janus, and talk about whatever we like. You can expect a lively open discussion. We meet at 11 AM in the

BUUF library. For more information, contact Rick Groff or Jeanette.

## Classicists Read

### *Maggie*

BUUF Classicists have begun reading Stephen Crane’s *Maggie — Girl of the Streets* in preparation for their February 9 discussion. Call Lorel Case (376-3188) for details.

## Sage Epiphanies

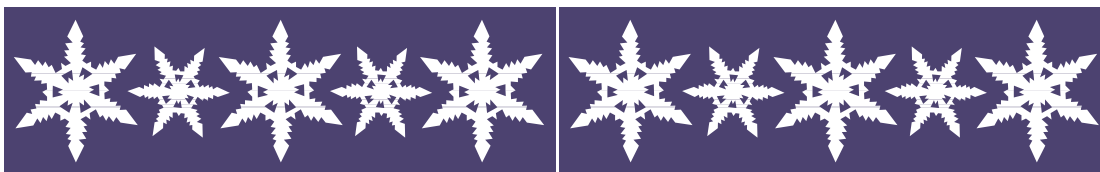
Tom von Alten

The BUUF Senior Sages begin their umpteenth year of jolly semi-monthly get-togethers, on January’s 2nd and 4th Thursdays (the 14th and 28th this month), for a 9:30 AM no-host breakfast at the Kopper Kitchen (2661 Airport Way). If you’ve ever

## GratitUUde AttitUUde

Use a gratitude attitude in the way you speak to others this month. Be conscious of what you say and how you say it.

been, you know it’s interesting, unpredictable, and generally irreverent. January is so unpredictable, we can’t tell you what’s scheduled. Yet. But stay tuned. Or just take a flyer and show up for the \$1.99 breakfast special. Got something to say? Give Tom a call (378-1217) or email (tva@fortboise.org) and get with the program.



## PNWD & UUA

### PNWD District Assembly

*An Invaluable Resource for You and Your Congregation*

*February 19-21, 2010*

*Hilton Hotel, Bellevue, WA*

Register soon at [www.pnwd.org](http://www.pnwd.org)

Come to the annual gathering of UUs from throughout the Northwest. Be educated and inspired to walk out into the world shining the message that our lives matter and our actions make a difference!

See and hear Grammy award-winning entertainer Bill Harley

Meet Rev. Peter Morales, the new UUA President

Meet with hundreds of other Northwest UUs

Share knowledge, experience, and resources

Learn new skills and expand your understanding of UUism at stimulating workshops

Be a delegate and participate in making district decisions at PNWD Annual Meeting

Above all have fun learning, laughing, and worshipping with new UU friends. For more details and on-line registration, visit the Pacific Northwest District website: [www.pnwd.org](http://www.pnwd.org)

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## THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS...



### TWO SERVICES STARTING IN JANUARY

Being in January, we will no longer have a single service on the first Sunday of the month. Please see **page 3** for more details.

### A CAJUN NIGHT

Come join us for our annual auction, our biggest fundraiser all year! Bring your family & friends! See the **back of the calendar** for more details.



### PEACE, PROPAGANDA & THE PROMISED LAND

UUJME (Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East) Presents this film about the U.S. Media & the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: How our Media is manipulated to distort American public perceptions. See the **back of the calendar** for more details.



### NEW IN THE BUUF GALLERY -- DESIGNS OF FAITH

Paintings by Mark W. McGinnis. January 17 – March 4, 2010. For more details, see **page 6**.

**REMEMBER the NEW Newsletter Deadline...TUESDAY, Jan. 19, 2010 at NOON.**

# Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

## January 2010 Events at BUUF unless noted

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>01</b> Office Closed NEW YEARS DAY	<b>02</b>
<b>03</b> <b>9am» Laugh, I Thought I'd Die</b> 10:30am» Welcome Chat <b>11am» Laugh, I Thought I'd Die</b> 12pm» The Cool Group Chalice Circle 12:30pm» Curious Explorers Chalice Cir. 12:30pm» Welcome Chat 5pm» Landscape Committee	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b> 7pm» Men's Chalice Circle 7pm» Women on the Verge II	<b>06</b> 5pm» Personnel Committee 6:30pm» OWL 7:15pm» Choir	<b>07</b> 7pm» Thursday Night Chalice Circle	<b>08</b> 7am» Board Agenda Planning Session 6:30pm» OWL Sleepover	<b>09</b> 8am» OWL Class 9:30am» Congregational Care Team 6pm» Fellowship Fun Night Special
<b>10</b> <b>9am» "Thank God for Evolution..."</b> 9:30am» Welcome Chat 11am» Speaking of Spong <b>11am» Thank God for Evolution</b> 12:30pm» Single Parents Chal Cir 12:30pm» Welcome Chat 7pm» Other Book Club	<b>11</b> 5:45pm» Partner Church Committee 6:30pm» Social Justice Council 7pm» Green Sanctuary Committee 7pm» Interiors Committee 7pm» Welcoming Congregation Committee	<b>12</b> 7pm» 'being hUuman' rehearsal	<b>13</b> 6:30pm» OWL 7pm» Ministry Team 7:15pm» Choir	<b>14</b> 9:30am» Senior Sages (Kopper Kitchen) 7pm» IT Comm Mtg 7pm» Sunday Services Cmte	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9am» New UU Class
<b>17</b> <b>9am» Making a Difference</b> 10:15am» Finance Committee 10:30am» Welcome Chat 11am» Humanists <b>11am» Making a Difference</b> 12:30pm» Welcome Chat	<b>18</b> 4pm» Bridge Event Center Committee	<b>19</b> <b>12pm» BUUF News deadline</b> 7pm» Men's Chalice Circle	<b>20</b> 6:30pm» OWL 7:15pm» Choir	<b>21</b> 10am» History Keepers 7pm» Art, Religion & Values 7pm» BUUF Board	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9am» New UU Class
<b>24</b> <b>9am» Day Selves, Night Selves</b> 10:30am» Welcome Chat <b>11am» Day Selves, Night Selves</b> 11am» UUJME 12:30pm» Single Parents Chal Cir 12:30pm» Welcome Chat 1pm» The Cool Group Chalice Circle	<b>25</b> 7pm» Adult RE cmte 7pm» Arts & Crafts	<b>26</b> 10:30am» Library Committee	<b>27</b> 9:30am» Newsletter assembly 6:30pm» OWL 7:15pm» Choir 7:15pm» Small group ministry council	<b>28</b> 9:30am» Senior Sages (Kopper Kitchen) 7pm» Art, Religion & Values 7pm» Membership Committee	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 4pm» UUJME
<b>31</b> <b>9am» Where Do We Stand?</b> 10:30am» Welcome Chat <b>11am» Where Do We Stand?</b> 12:30pm» Welcome Chat						

Get out your pen! Mark your calendar!

*The AUCTION is coming..... The AUCTION is coming.....*

*Live and Silent Auction*

**"A CAJUN NIGHT"**

*Featuring a New Orleans Banquet and Music*

Saturday February 6, 2010

Doors open at 5:30

Tickets go on sale January 10. They are just \$20 each— (\$25 after Jan 31)

Get them at the BUUF office, or from Gwyn or Bill Reid, Patti Nakaoki, Becky Groff or Claudia Fernsworth



This is our biggest fundraiser, so invite all of your friends and family.

Of course, help is needed—from food prep to clean up to decorations— so be sure to check the North Vestibule for the sign up sheet, or call Claudia Fernsworth at 853-1526

Donations are also needed. If you frequent a restaurant or gym or store, or if you can do any service such as child watching, cook a dessert, muffins, pies, a meal or whatever, cut hair, massage feet or bodies, fix a bike, knit or crochet or,sew, teach a skill, build a dog house or play structure, give a tour, go shopping, etc.—just fill out a donation form found in the North Vestibule. Donation request letters are also found there.

If you have any questions, Call Claudia at 853-1526

*Some of the auction items we already have are:*

Certificate from Cascade Raft and Kayak

Tickets to “Boise Baroque Orchestra” from The Nampa Civic Center

\$50 Gift certificate from 3-D Framing

A cookie bouquet from Cookies by Design

10 tickets to Reel Theater discount locations

*UUJME (Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East)  
Presents:*

## **Peace, Propaganda & the Promised Land**

*U.S. Media & the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict:*

*How our Media is manipulated to distort American public perceptions  
2004, Runtime 80 Minutes*

Peace, Propaganda & the Promised Land provides a striking comparison of U.S. and international media coverage of the crisis in the Middle East. Through the voices of scholars, media critics, peace activists, religious figures, and Middle East experts, the Peace, Propaganda & the Promised Land documentary raises questions about the ethics and role of journalism, and the relationship between media and politics.

*“I cannot recommend this documentary too highly. Peace, Propaganda & the Promised Land should be required viewing for every student, for every taxpayer ...for every citizen in the United States.” — Robert McChesney, author of Rich Media, Poor Democracy*

*“... the film really enlightened me ...[it] will clearly be a priceless educational tool.”- Cecilie Surasky, Jewish Voice for Peace*

UUJME will show this film, with Discussion following, at our meeting (open to everyone) Saturday, January 30, 4-6 PM in the Jr. High Room.

***Please be prompt!***





## BUUF ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM *SPRING 2010*

Life-long Learning ♦ Spiritual Growth ♦ Building Community

### Art, Religions, and Values

An artist's exploration of the following world religions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Baha'i, Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, Confucianism, The Dreaming Religion of the Australian Aborigines, The Religion of the Hopi of the Southwest, Ifa Divination of the Yoruba, and Inuit Spiritualism. Through visual art, readings, and discussions, participants will broaden their understanding of religions, art, and values.

Concurrently with the class, BUUF will be exhibiting the twelve preliminary paintings for Mark McGinnis' *Designs of Faith Project*, which led to the development of this course.

**Leader:** Mark McGinnis, Professor Emeritus of Art, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD

**Schedule and location:** Thursdays, 7- 9 p.m., Jan 21, 28, Feb 4,11,18,25, March 4; Brown Room (north wing)

**Registration fee:** \$25 (includes \$17 cost of class textbook, *Designs of Faith*)

*\*\*Please register by Jan 17 so we know how many books to print\*\*.*

**Maximum enrollment:** 20

### Spiritual Practices

Have you ever said to yourself, "I know I should have a regular spiritual practice, but..."? Well, here's a chance to join others in five evenings of various spiritual practices, giving us time together not only to center and to bond with each other, but also to "try out" different possible disciplines.

We will experience breathing, chanting, prayer, movement meditation, and lectio divina, plus reflecting on sacred writings from several traditions. In addition, there will be time for consideration of our questions and concerns. Elizabeth will facilitate, and we will also have guest practitioners leading us in their disciplines. This is your chance to start your new life, the one with time every day for centering, focusing, getting in touch with what calls you.

**Leader:** Elizabeth Greene

**Schedule and location:** Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., Feb 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23; Brown Room (north wing)

**Registration fee:** \$10

**Maximum enrollment:** 20

### Writing Life Stories

Life stories can have many sources. They can begin with memories associated with an old snapshot or with an uncle's favorite anecdote. They can be of any length, while feeling complete in themselves, satisfying and still provocative. They may be 'true' or truly remembered. They may have a kernel of truth - or not. A story can turn into something bigger— a short story or a novel. But they don't have to.

Families typically have their own collection of memories that can be the basis for good stories. This class will start you on the work of exploring and shaping the raw material of memories— your own or those of others. Each class will be a combination of imagination-building, sharing, skills, and professional secrets.

**Leader:** Jeanette Ross

**Schedule and location:** Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., Feb 11, 18, 25, March 4; Junior High room

**Registration fee:** \$15 (includes cost of photocopied materials)

## Understanding Our Moment in History: Presentations & Workshop

Richard Tarnas, Jungian scholar and cultural historian, will return to Boise to speak about our age of transformation, a time for which the psychologist C. G. Jung used the term *kairos*, the pivotal moment for a fundamental spiritual and cultural change in human experience. Prof. Tarnas is author of *The Passion of the Western Mind*, a history of Western thought that is used in universities and colleges across the country, and *Cosmos and Psyche*, which explores the spiritual and cultural dimensions of the changes he discerns today. He visited BUUF in 2007 to a packed house and many requested a return engagement. Here it is!

On **Friday evening, April 23**, he will present an overview of our historical moment, how we got here, and what now seems to be unfolding, followed by discussion with audience members.

The **Saturday all-day workshop on April 24** will look more precisely at the archetypal dynamics now active in the collective psyche, and how these are playing out in individual lives and the wider culture. The workshop provides a more intimate setting, enriched by discussion, for exploring our age of transformation through astrological insight, the concept of synchronicity, and illustrations from film, music and the other arts. Lunch is on your own.

In addition, the Rev. Elizabeth Greene, Prof. Elton Hall, and Bill Renwick of the *Idaho Friends of Jung* will host a **Salon on March 19** to prepare for Richard Tarnas' visit. (See the special insert for more information.)

**Schedule, location and fees:** All meetings will be held at BUUF.

Friday, March 19 7-9 p.m., \$5 donation suggested

Friday, April 23 7-9 p.m. only, \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

Saturday, April 24 workshop, 9:00-noon & 1:30-4:30 p.m. and April 23 presentation:

-- \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door (on Friday evening)

## Healthy Children/Healthy Planet

*"We could never have loved the earth so well if we had had no childhood in it." (George Elliot)*

Course objectives include: 1) Understand how the pervasive effects of advertising, various media, and our consumer culture can influence a child's view of the world. 2) Discover ways to create meaningful family times and healthful environments for children. 3) Explore ways to develop a child's connection to nature, and to foster creativity.

Participants will use a discussion guidebook published by the Idaho Earth Institute. Each session will be collectively led, with discussion group participants sharing responsibility for openings and facilitation.

Workbooks can be picked up at the BUUF office during/after registration.

Please read the *Cultural Pressures* (Session 1) in the guidebook to prepare for the first class.

**Leaders:** An Idaho Earth Institute mentor will facilitate the first session to model the group process.

**Schedule and location:** Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., March 11,18,25, April 8,15,22,29; Junior High room

**Registration fee:** \$25 (includes the \$20 cost of the Healthy Children/Healthy Planet discussion guidebook)

**Maximum enrollment:** 16

## Watercolor Sketching in BUUF Gardens

A one-day watercolor workshop in quick sketching with watercolor paints. Open to students with any level of experience or no experience at all (16 years of age and older).

The class will begin with demonstrations in color mixing and basic techniques and then move outside to sketch in the gardens. Bring a sack lunch for a noon lunch break. The afternoon will begin with more demonstrations and outdoor sketching. During the last hour, there will be a class discussion of the day's sketches.

**Materials to bring:** a set of transparent watercolors (pan or tubes), one or two watercolor brushes #4 to #6,

a watercolor paper block or pad about 9" X 12", small water container (yogurt cup), water bottle, pencils, cloth or plastic bag (to carry materials), a few paper towels, a folding chair (or sit on the ground). If you have no painting materials, a basic set can be purchased from Boise Blue for about \$20.00.

**Leader:** Mark McGinnis

**Schedule and location:** Saturday May 22, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Junior High room and BUUF grounds

**Registration fee:** \$10

**Maximum enrollment:** 12



Idaho Friends  
of Jung  
www.idahofriendsofjung.org

## **Idaho Friends of Jung Salons and Workshops** **co-sponsored by the BUUF Adult Education program**

Friday evening salons include refreshments served prior to the presentation. These are followed the next morning by workshops on the same topic. There is no pre-registration. Donations (\$10 more or less) are accepted at the door.

### **Environment of Opposites**

**Leader:** Scott Hyder, Jungian analyst

**Salon:** Friday, February 19, 7-9 p.m., BUUF Sanctuary

**Workshop:** Saturday, February 20, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., north wing classrooms

Aspects of Jung's basic theory are explored in relation to inner psychic opposites, on personal, interpersonal and transpersonal levels, as well as the dynamic tension and experience between 'inner' and 'outer' environmental considerations.

*A psychological theory, if it is to be more than a technical makeshift, must base itself on the principle of opposition; for without this it could only re-establish a neurotically unbalanced psyche. There is no balance, no system of self-regulation, without opposition. The psyche is just such a self-regulating system." ~ CG Jung (Vol 7, par 92)*

### **Call of Life: Facing the Mass Extinction**

**Leader:** David Ulansey, Jungian/Religious Scholar

**Special Film Event at the Flicks:** Thursday, May 20, 7 p.m. (admission charged)

**Salon:** Friday, May 21, 7-9 p.m., BUUF Sanctuary

**Workshop:** Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., north wing classrooms

David Ulansey is Professor of Philosophy and Religion at the California Institute of Integral Studies and Executive Producer of the film *Call of Life*. The loss of biodiversity on earth has become so acute that scientists are now calling it a "mass extinction event." The film not only presents the facts of the shocking decline, it also explores the ways in which culture and psychology have conspired to determine our collective and individual response to this situation. The decisions we make or fail to make in the next few years will affect the habitability of earth for millennia to come. This is the greatest adventure of all time—with the future of life itself in the balance. For more information, including preview clips of the film, please visit [www.speciesalliance.org/video.php](http://www.speciesalliance.org/video.php).

# BUUF ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM SPRING 2010

To register for classes and workshops, fill out this form, attach a check, and deposit in the “drop box” at the Adult RE information table at Sunday services or the box at the front of the reception desk in the BUUF office. You may also mail registration forms and fees directly to the BUUF office:

**Boise UU Fellowship (Attention: Adult RE)**  
**6200 N. Garrett**  
**Boise, ID 83714**

You may register for more than one class and pay fees with a single check. Your registration will be confirmed with a call to remind you of the start date for the classes or workshops you have selected. If the class is full, we will contact you and refund the fee.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Course or Workshop	Fee
TOTAL FEES	

***\*\*\*The registration fee will be waived for anyone requesting financial assistance***

CHILDCARE REQUESTED?  Which class(es)? \_\_\_\_\_

Number and age of child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_



# **Richard Tarnas**

## **Understanding Our Moment in History**



Idaho Friends of Jung

April 23 and 24, 2010 – Boise, Idaho

Sponsored by the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (BUUF),  
Idaho Friends of Jung (IFJ), & Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS)

Friday evening, 7-9 p.m., BUUF, 6200 Garrett St., Garden City  
Saturday, 9-12 noon & 1:30-4:30 p.m., BUUF

*Special Salon: Friday evening, March 19, 7-9 p.m., BUUF, conducted  
by the Rev. Elizabeth Greene, Prof. Elton Hall, and Bill Renwick (IFJ)*



**Richard Tarnas, Jungian scholar and cultural historian**, will return to Boise to speak about our age of transformation, a time for which the psychologist C. G. Jung used the term *kairos*, the pivotal moment for a fundamental spiritual and cultural change in human experience.

*“We seem to be living at the end of an era. The past and the future are converging in our time with extraordinary force. Old structures are cracking, the moment of creative chaos is upon us, and the drama of our age has become a great question: What new principles, what new structures—social, political, economic, intellectual, psychological, spiritual—will emerge to shape our future? So much is at stake.*

*Can we find a place of equilibrium, an eye in the storm, from which we can engage this time of intense polarization and radical change?”*

—Richard Tarnas

**Richard Tarnas, Ph.D.**, is professor of philosophy and psychology at the California Institute of Integral Studies in San Francisco, and founding director of its graduate program in Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness. He is the author of *The Passion of the Western Mind*, a history of Western thought widely used in universities, and of *Cosmos and Psyche: Intimations of a New World View*, which won the Book of the Year Prize from the Scientific and Medical Network (U.K.)

On **Friday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.**, the Rev. Elizabeth Greene, Prof. Elton Hall and Bill Renwick (Idaho Friends of Jung) will host a salon in preparation for Richard Tarnas' visit. Wine and cheese will be served during this informal discussion.

On **Friday evening, April 23 7-9 p.m.**, Prof. Tarnas will present an overview of our historical moment, how we got here, and what now seems to be unfolding, followed by discussion with audience members.

The **Saturday workshop, 9:00-12 noon & 1:30-4:30 p.m.** will look more precisely at the archetypal dynamics now active in the collective psyche, and how these are playing out in individual lives and the wider culture. The workshop provides a more intimate setting, enriched by discussion, for exploring our age of transformation through astrological insight, the concept of synchronicity, and illustrations from film, music and the other arts. Lunch is on your own.

What individuals and psychologists have long been doing has now become the collective responsibility of our culture: to make the unconscious conscious. And for a civilization, to a crucial extent, *history* is the great unconscious—history not so much as the external chronology of political and military milestones, but as the *interior* history of a civilization: that unfolding drama evidenced in a culture's evolving cosmology, its philosophy and sciences, its religious consciousness, its art, its myths. For us to participate fully and creatively in shaping our future, we need to better understand the underlying patterns and influences of our collective past. Only then can we begin to grasp what forces move within us today, and perhaps glimpse what may be emerging on the new millennial horizon.

--Richard Tarnas

**All functions held at the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
6200 Garrett, Garden City, (208) 658-1710**

**Friday evening, March 19, salon to prepare for Tarnas visit (\$5 suggested donation)**  
**Friday evening, April 23, presentation only: \$10.00 (\$15.00 at the door)**  
**Friday evening & Saturday workshop, April 23 & 24: \$40.00 (\$50.00 at the door)**

### REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY-ST-ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: BUUF  
Send registration form to:

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Garden City, ID 83714**