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Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF BUUF

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## EverGreene

Reverend Elizabeth Greene

Lots going on in our Fellowship!

The most obvious “goings-on” are in

Children’s Religious Education. Our beloved Director of Religious Education (DRE), Jennifer Thrall-Thomas, is moving to Minneapolis in June, to our great loss. She has shared the job with her assistant, Karen Raese, who will be moving on to other contributions in the congregation. (Any bets on which committee will snag her first?) And RE Committee chair Cathy Carmen is heading the very professional DRE Search Committee, which plans to have a new, full-time person in place by the end of this program year.

Next year’ budget is much on many minds, folks attending to the practical finance work of keeping this dynamic congregation healthy. Some of you may have read Michael Durall’s book *Creating Congregations of Generous People*. (Do, if you haven’t! It’s in our library.) It is our great good fortune to have him as our Celebration Sunday speaker on May 6, plus he will be offering workshops on May 5. We are excited to have him.

Finally, there is already a little nervousness creeping in about the sabbatical I’ll be taking in a year (Jan. 17-Aug. 1, 2008). Have no fear! We are a congregation of independent-minded UUs, more than capable of staying healthy while the minister is gone. (In 1995, when I was on sabbatical in Romania, you voted to buy the property on which we are situated.)

I have heard it said, “It’s not the change, it’s the transition” that causes stress. In all our transitions, let us remember that, and go out of our way to care for each other.



## Sunday, March 4 ONE SERVICE AT 10 AM, POTLUCK FOLLOWING

“Reverent Doubt,” Rev. Elizabeth Greene

We Unitarian Universalists are known for our questioning, doubting, even skepticism. Is it possible to bring reverence to such attitudes? Bruce Dowlin, service coordinator. BUUF Choir, music. (Don’t forget the One-Hour Choir!)

## Sunday, March 11, 9 am and 11 am

“The Life and Times of Educating Our Children (Religiously)” Jennifer Thrall-Thomas, Director of Religious Education and Rev. Elizabeth Greene

Jennifer and Elizabeth will reflect on significant developments in UU religious education, that foundationally important area so often relegated to the “lesser spheres” inhabited by women and children. CHILDREN’S DEDICATION—CONTACT JENNIFER IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. Don Schutte, service coordinator. Nuralima, music.

## Sunday, March 18, 9 am and 11 am

“The Delicate Subject of Classism,” Rev. Elizabeth Greene

Unitarian Universalists tend to be more highly educated than “average Americans” and also have a higher-than-average income. Are there ways we can include more people in the saving message of UUism? Gail Haldeman, service coordinator. Janelle Brown and Cees Hoefnagels, music.

## Sunday, March 25, 9 am and 11 am

“Drumbeat for Darfur - Stop the Genocide, Rhonda Schaff”

UUSC Justice Sunday

Our congregation will stand together with UUSC and UU congregations across the country to speak out against the genocide in Darfur. The principles of Unitarian Universalism call upon us to work for justice in the face of this devastating crisis.

Christine Hanzlik, service coordinator. Bruce Dowlin, music.

## Sunday, April 1, ONE SERVICE AT 10 AM, POTLUCK FOLLOWING

“Tragedy, Death and the Burden of Destiny,” Rev. Elizabeth Greene. APRIL FOOL!

Elizabeth will really discuss the highly religious topic of humor and foolishness. Send her your really good jokes! (The ones she can tell from the pulpit.) David Ward, service coordinator. Andy Pendley and Bob Wallace, voice and guitar, and Bruce Dowlin, music.



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## Wanda's Wonderings

Wanda Jennings, Board President

Building bridges between our divisions,  
I reach out to you, will you reach out to me?  
With all of our voices and all of our visions,  
Friends, we could make such sweet harmony.

We have been singing these words each Sunday in February. They are part of being in Right Relationship with each other. The Unitarian Universalist Association encourages congregations to create a Covenant of Right Relationships, declaring how they will be together. Relationships of

Member to Member,  
Self to the Fellowship,  
Self to the Minister,  
Self to the Board and Committees,  
Self to the Larger Community.

We might covenant to

- Listen attentively and seek to understand others' opinions and values
- Deal with disagreements constructively, communicating with others in a direct, caring, and responsible manner, seeking assistance when needed
- Trust that BUUF leadership and staff are operating with integrity and in the best interest of the Fellowship
- Have a shared vision—where the congregation is going and where it's been
- Apologize and forgive—mistakes will be made, feelings will be hurt, projects will be thrown off, and it's important to be able to move on
- Cultivate a culture of appreciation

I am suggesting that we at BUUF spend some time thinking about Right Relations and that we take some time together to develop a Covenant of Right Relations. We often have right relations, but for those times when our relationships are strained, it will be good to agree to a covenant and to remind ourselves of how we have agreed to be together. If you would like to join me on a task force to develop this covenant, please contact me.

You may be one last spark we all need to light the whole world!

## UUA Matters

Rev. Elizabeth Greene

Pacific Northwest District Trustee, Unitarian Universalist Association Board

This is the year to get to General Assembly (GA), by hook or by crook! (Well, maybe we should go easy on the "crook" part.)

In Portland this coming June 20-24, all who attend GA—not just delegates—will participate in a grass-roots process designed to let hundreds of people brainstorm about what is most important in our faith, how we can make a difference. Somewhat misleadingly called "Open Space Technology," it allows us to create groups, discuss with others, move among groups if we wish, and refine our ideas.

This a great opportunity to meet UUs from all over the US and to speak your mind. Start saving now! Go to [uua.org](http://uua.org) for registration information.

## enThralled with RE

Jennifer Thrall-Thomas

It is amazing how time flies! Signs of spring are beginning to show as we emerge from our winter ways. At BUUF we are in the second semester of the Religious Education Program year. We have just 14 more Sundays until we break for summer. There is a lot to look forward to.

On April 8 we will have an egg hunt to celebrate Easter Sunday. It will take place after the 11:00 service. We have something new in store for the egg hunt this year and we are asking your help to make it a success. Please bring in a new or lightly used children's or middle school age book in one of the following themes: spring, earth day, Easter, famous Unitarian Universalists or something closely related to these themes. We need them in the RE office by Sunday, March 25, 2007. Look for more information in the weekly bulletin.

On May 13 we celebrate our UU Coming of Age group with a special service AND it is the Pansy Ceremony to honor our mothers on Mother's day. In addition, The Boston Bounders are planning a Mother's Day brunch basket fundraiser. Look for more information in the weekly bulletin as we get closer to May.

Another highlight of the year is our annual Senior High Bridging service which will take place on Sunday, April 29, 2007. Come honor our high school graduates as they prepare to venture out into the world.

I also want to put in a plug for parent helping in the classroom. We have wonderful teaching teams at each age level. Many of our guides also have children in the classroom or other classrooms. We must have two adults in the classroom each Sunday to meet the Safe Congregations requirements, which means we need YOU! Please be sure to take a turn and signing up for a weekend or say yes when a member of the RE committee contacts you to fill in. If everyone takes a turn, the work will be light.

## Books for Easter

Cathy Carmen

This year the children's Religious Exploration Program and the Religious Exploration committee are sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 8. But this isn't just **any** egg hunt, we're trying something new! For children from nursery age through sixth grade, we'd like to give away books in place of candy or small trinkets we have offered in the past. But to do so, we'll need your help...beginning in March we would like to ask BUUF members and friends bring in new or gently-used books that fall into three broad categories. We'd like books with the themes of **springtime, Easter or Earth Day celebration**. Please remember the books can span the ages – from simple board books for little ones to chapter books for 5/6 graders. There are so many wonderful books available, where to begin? Below is a list of possibilities to choose from.

### Spring

Make Way for Ducklings - Robert McCloskey  
The Tiny Seed - Eric Carle  
Planting a Rainbows - Lois Ehlert

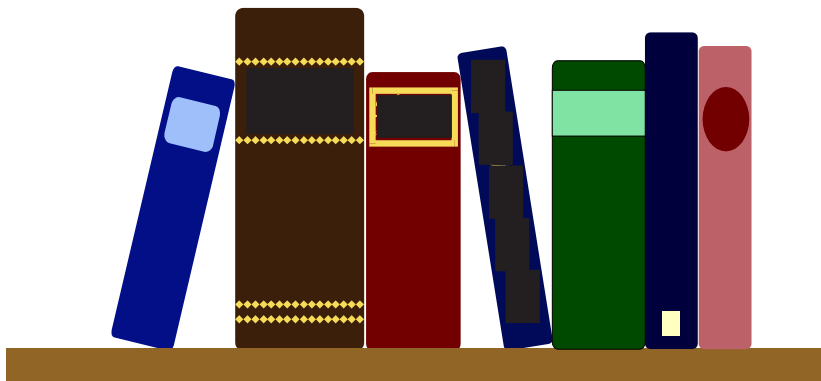
### Earth Day

Earth Day Birthday - Pattie Schnetzler  
Earth Day: Keeping our Planet Clean - Elaine Landau  
Earth Mother - Ellen B. Jackson

### Easter

The Golden Egg - Margaret Wise Brown  
The Country Bunny & the Little Golden Shoes - DuBose Heyward  
Rechenka's Eggs - Patricia Polacco  
Chicken Sunday - Patricia Polacco

The Boise Public Library (!) can give you plenty of ideas too. Their website is [boisepubliclibrary.org](http://boisepubliclibrary.org) and searching their catalog under the Kids Search section brings up hundreds of titles. Look for collection sites around the Fellowship throughout the month of March. Help make Books for Easter happen!



## Senior High Bridging Service

Jennifer Thrall-Thomas

Every year, we honor our graduating senior high youth with a special service. Each youth has the opportunity to share their impressions on life the Unitarian Universalism and venturing out in to the adult world.

The Sr. High Bridging service will take place on Sunday, April 29 at both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. If you are associated with the BUUF, a youth turning 18 this year and/or graduating from high school and would like to participate in the Bridging service, please contact Jennifer Thrall-Thomas by April 1, 2007. Elizabeth Greene and Jennifer Thrall-Thomas will meet with bridging candidates in early April to discuss presentations and the service.



## Clean and tidy rooms!

All the classrooms in the two religious education wings have been repainted and look just like new! Now it is up to us, all of us, to keep them in the shape they are in today by following the guidelines listed below.

When having a meeting or class, please remember to restore the room to the way it was before you arrived. Stack chairs and tables and return them to their storing location. Please note that yellow chairs are kept in the William Ellery Channing room (Jr. High) and brown chairs are kept in the Francis Balazs room (Sr. High) in the south wing.

Remove food garbage and recycling from the rooms and take them to the kitchen and dispose and recycle them properly there. Clean up any food serving items.

Turn off lights and make sure doors are locked.

In short, leave the place better than the way it was when you found it!

Thanks for helping to maintain and keep our building clean.

## DRE Search Committee Update

Cathy Carmen

The past couple months our committee has been working furiously on a number of fronts to define the nature of the position of Director of Religious Education/Exploration here at BUUF.

We asked for and received permission from the Board to make the job a fulltime, benefited position.

We've worked out the details of the DRE's job responsibilities in the Job Posting and listed it on a number of relevant websites (e.g. uua.org, boiseuu.org).

Finally, we have hosted RE Reflections during the Sunday morning services in February to better highlight the important role our children's RE Program plays in many families and the life of the Fellowship.

Whew! So, now what's next? As this newsletter goes to press, we are preparing for the Annual General Meeting of the Pacific Northwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association or the AGM of the PNWD of the UUA! There we hope to meet and speak with some interested candidates for the position. All the while, we are mulling over pertinent questions for any potential candidate. It's an exciting time to highlight what we do well with our youth and consider how to improve it for the future. Stay tuned – these next few weeks could be important in what the future looks like for our Religious Education/Exploration Program. If you would like updates, please speak to any of our dedicated committee members: Roger Sherman, Mark Zimmerer, Becky Groff, Erin Logan, Val Duffy, Analisa Lawler or Cathy Carmen. We'd be happy to share our thoughts with you.



## Thanks for a Great Annual General Meeting in Boise!

Wanda Jennings

Thanks to EVERYONE who worked hard and contributed your time, energy and talents to create the best Annual General Meeting (AGM) Boise has ever held! Your teamwork made the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship shine. You gave the best that is in you and it is truly appreciated by folks at BUUF

and by folks in the Pacific Northwest District. We surprised them all, showing what can be done east of the Cascades.

Thanks to Elton Hall, Kathy Hall and Suzanne Woodcock for leading the team and to everyone else who helped to make this wonderful AGM possible.



## Pastoral Care Reports

Barry Hope

Do you have a serious life passage that you'd like to share with the Boise Unitarian Universalists? Perhaps it's about a birth, death or another important event in your life.

I do and I'm going to enter it in the new Passages Album located in the Sanctuary at BUUF. Let me know if you see it there.

PCT meetings are generally well ordered. Although we deal in topics that frequent both hemispheres now and then the right half has a field day. Despite an overwhelming amount of emotion I think PCT gets a brownie button for staying on track. Thanks be for our stalwart sticklers. It's a balancing act!

An in-service is to be presented at the March meeting. Joan Bellamy (one of our own) will be presenting a work regarding peer to peer helping. Continuing education is such a valuable feature of this group. We're hard at work streamlining our objectives for the '07-'08 year. The PCT handbook has proven to be a true resource; it is reviewed and changed on an annual basis.

Another Valentines Day has rushed by but sharing love and compassion is as popular as ever. The moments are grand. Take a few of them to connect. If you experience a momentary lack of connection you can call a PCT member. This fellowship is chock full of people who care. The PCT poster with photos and phone numbers resides in the office and there's a request for assistance drop box as well.

Was that the sound of flowers popping up? They're on the way!

## Partner Church News

Gwyn Reid

Robert Balint, minister of our partner church in Meszko recently sent a report of the volunteer and in-kind donations to help with the Balazs Ferenc Historical Preservation project. Almost every adult and child member of the congregation worked on the project. There were also volunteers from outside the congregation. Robert describes some of the work: "The volunteer work consisted in bringing the sand, digging around the house, digging the sewer, fixing the walls, carrying the ruins, making the water installation, the electric system, putting on the plaster, painting the walls, installing the floor, straightening the steel and etc." Church members also donated food for volunteers. Robert and Reka (and daughter Dalma) are awaiting the birth of their son.

BUUF travelers to Meszko have set their travel dates (June 29 to July 14) and have a first draft of the itinerary. We'll fly in to Budapest and travel by van into Romania, visiting a number of historic sites. A three day visit in Meszko with church service will be the highlight of the trip. Contact Cynthia Alleman if you would like to join this group. There are still travel grants of \$500 available for first time travelers.



## Our Minister's 2008 Sabbatical

Elaine Durbin

“Sabbath” n. A holy day of rest. “Sabbatical year” adj. (*Sabbatikos, Greek.*) A period of rest for the land every seven years in ancient Judea with no tilling, sowing, pruning or reaping in order to prepare the land for sowing; the land lies fallow and recuperates in accordance with the Levitical commandment. Or in Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (BUUF) terms, R&R for our minister, Rev. Elizabeth Greene.

A sabbatical, in BUUF practice as well as UU Theory, aims for rest and recuperation spiritually as well as physically. And it's not fashioned solely for the benefit of the minister; it provides opportunities for those others who choose to see them. During her last sabbatical, in 1995, we in the congregation expanded our own spirits by buying a bit of land out on Garrett Street. In 2007-08, her 20th year with us, Elizabeth will have earned another sabbatical (and it's somewhat overdue at that). Next year her sabbatical starts January 17, 2008 and, with various national and UUA meetings and her normal month's break, she will return to the office August 1, 2008.

Such an absence merits preparation. A task force has been established to plan coverage of her myriad responsibilities and reports will be made from time to time. A number of possibilities are being considered for Sunday Services including a combination of an occasional UU minister, local interesting people, and our own interesting people. Budget for the accompanying expenses have been submitted. People and committees will be called upon for their creative best, which from experience I know can be very good indeed.

The task force welcomes ideas, comments, questions, concerns: Kit Brown, Elaine Durbin, David Fitch, Elizabeth Greene, Gail Haldeman, Elton Hall, Karen Raese.

## Drumbeat for Darfur

Julie Fanselow and Rhonda Schaff

For March, our congregation's social outreach offering will benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's "Drumbeat for Darfur – Stop the Genocide Now" campaign. Drumbeat for Darfur calls "for constant action to raise the decibel level of voices urging the Bush administration and Congress to make ending the genocide one of their highest priorities."

On March 25, BUUF will join with other congregations in supporting Drumbeat for Darfur via the annual Justice Sunday observance. But all month, 25 percent of the non-pledged collection plate donations will support Drumbeat for Darfur. You can write a separate check marked "social action outreach" and 100 percent will benefit the cause.

The Darfur conflict in western Sudan is a humanitarian crisis of epic proportions. More than 300,000 Darfurians have been killed and some 2.5 million innocent civilians have been forced to flee their homes to camps as a result of the Sudanese government-sponsored campaign of violence. Drumbeat for Darfur is working to protect civilians (especially women) from the ongoing violence; promote a just and peaceful resolution to the conflict; and hold perpetrators of the genocide accountable for crimes against humanity. UUSC also is part of the Save Darfur Coalition, an alliance of 167 faith-based, advocacy, and humanitarian organizations pressing for a stronger, more effective international peacekeeping force to stop the genocide.

This also is a good month to consider joining UUSC, an independent human rights organization that promotes economic and environmental justice, civil liberties, and human rights during humanitarian crises. More than 47,000 members and supporters make the UUSC's goals possible. Our congregation is proud to have many UUSC members, and we would like to have even more. Membership envelopes will be available at the March 25 Justice Sunday Service. For more information, contact our UUSC representatives Rhonda and Howard Schaff.



## Guest at Your Table - A BUUF Success

Rhonda and Howard Schaff

We certainly celebrated our faith in action with this year's Guest at Your Table campaign to support UUSC's human rights efforts. BUUF members donated a total of \$740.00. A special thank you to all of our children who collected funds through the RE program and to the 5th/6th grade class who distributed the boxes and counted the donations. At BUUF we are truly collaborating with our larger community to make the world a better place.

## Be the Beacon!

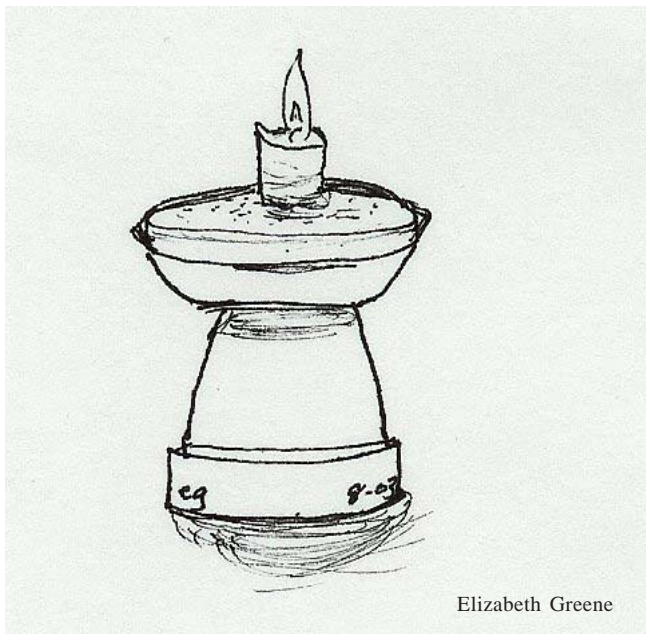
Lynne Tolk

That time is approaching, once again, when we will each have an opportunity to explore what it means, in concrete terms, to be a member or a friend of the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. May 6 is scheduled for Commitment Sunday, time for pledging support for our values for another year. We are especially fortunate and honored this year to have as our speaker, and assisting us in this drive, the author of *Creating Congregations of Generous People*, and president of Commonwealth Consulting Group, Michael Durall!

Last year at BUUF Café, and again this year at various Leadership meetings, involved members and friends of BUUF have commented on how important to them our UU values are to them. We could sit back and wait for leaders to save us from consumerism, violence and abuse. Or we can **BE THE BEACON!**

This church is not separate from us. It is precisely what we create. Our question, then, becomes, "Who do we need to become to effectively challenge both ourselves and the world?" How can we live more lightly ourselves? What programs might carry our message to the community beyond these walls? Are we ready to become one body, affirming and welcoming diversity, while standing for our values? Are we ready to support one another in modeling and promoting our values? And how much are we prepared to share our resources to bring all this about?

Please think about what BUUF means to you, your children, and your grandchildren. Everything we do right now helps shape the future they inherit.



Elizabeth Greene

Announcing the birth of . . .

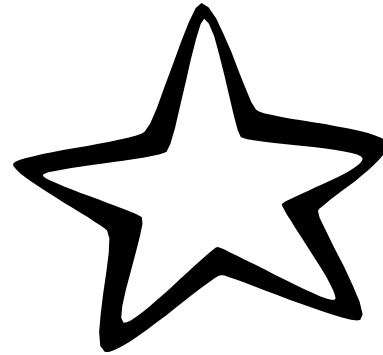
## The Bridge Event Center

### at the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship!

Emmie Schlobohm

You read right! Your jubilant marketing committee would like to tell you all about our new baby! As a matter of fact, you should be receiving an announcement and status report from us in your mailbox any day now. Please look it over and find out all about our exciting new entity.

Our building and grounds are a magnificent and sacred space in our community and now the rest of the Treasure Valley will know about it. Please join us in getting the word out and celebrating our new arrival!!



## Interiors Update

We hope that all of you had a chance to take a look at the Teragren Bamboo flooring product on display in the Fellowship Hall during January and February and were able to vote on your choice for floor color. We received 101 votes. Wheat received the most votes at 53, Java received 30 and Chestnut 18.

Choosing a 'green' flooring product for the Fellowship Hall has been a long, detailed and often challenging process requiring thoughtful, integrated, and educated decisions. The next phase is for the Board to determine how to fund the flooring that we want, since the Chalice Lighter grant fell short of what is needed.

We are looking forward to working on new projects. Interiors will be meeting on March 19 at 6 PM in the Jr. High Room. Please join us if you can. There is lots to be done.

## One Hour Choir: March 4th

The BUUF Choir extends a special invitation to join our singing for the first Sunday in March. If you can't find time for our regular weekly rehearsals, but would like to try the experience, get your potluck dish ready and come early (8:45am) on March 4th. One of our songs is "just right" for learning in the time before the single, 10am service.

No need for excuses, just the pleasure of inspiration and making music together. **WARNING:** you may like it so much you'll need to clear that space in your calendar after all. We meet Wednesdays, in the Sanctuary, at 7:15pm, and we're delighted to welcome newcomers.

Contact our Choir Director, Carrie Bastian, at 283-4152 or [cariesu@yahoo.com](mailto:cariesu@yahoo.com) or Music Committee chairman Tom von Alten at 378-1217 or [tva@fortboise.org](mailto:tva@fortboise.org) for more information.

## The Other Bookclub

The Other Bookclub meets on March 11 to discuss *The Beet Queen* by Louise Erdrich. We'll meet at the home of Phyllis Hower, 3277 N. Dove Place in Boise. Call 321-1439 to RSVP or for directions. Looking ahead, the April book will be Ernest Hemmingway's *A Farewell to Arms*, this year's selection for the Big Read, Boise's all-city reading selection for 2007. The Cabin is sponsoring many events in April and May on the novel and on Ernest Hemmingway – details are available at [www.thecabinidaho.org](http://www.thecabinidaho.org).

## Calling all Irish (and Irish for a Day)

Debbie Espen

Adults, teens and kids.

St. Patrick's Day Party Social

At BUUF, Sat. March 17,  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

Social activities, good conversation  
And general merriment.

Wear green and bring festive  
(green!) snacks to share.

Hosted by the Membership Committee



## Calling All Single Parents!

A Small Group Ministry Chalice Circle discussion and support Focus Group for Single Parents will hold its first meeting after the service on the third Sunday of March, the 18th, here at BUUF, with Lisa Johnson as Facilitator. Babysitting will be provided. If you are interested in joining this group, you may sign up on the Chalice Circles clipboard in the North Foyer, or call coordinator Debbie Espen at 867-2880.

## Senior Sages Spring

Tom von Alten

Join us for a cheery breakfast at the Kopper Kitchen (2661 Airport Way) and provocative topics, every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 9:30am. The breakfast is no-host, and the discussion is always interesting. On March 8, our guest speaker is Ariel Blair, of Thought Catalysts ([www.thoughtcatalysts.com](http://www.thoughtcatalysts.com)), asking about "Resisting Integration; how do our social constructs get in the way?"

On March 22, Pierce Murphy, Boise's Community Ombudsman, gives us an introduction to his office, and an overview of its 2006 special report on interactions between the Boise Police Department and the homeless. (<http://www.boiseombudsman.org/>)



## Chili Fest 2007 a Great Success!

Sue Philley

Chili was in abundance at last month's Chili Fest sponsored by the BUUF FUNdraising Committee. More than 28 chili and cornbread chefs competed in this year's event. Children loved the Pinata and the Jr. High Boston Bounders and their parents netted more than \$400 in dessert and beverage donations to help pay for their trip to Boston this summer. Watch for next year's event which will feature new prizes such as "the most shameless self-promotion," "killer hot", and "wildest meat". Thanks to all for the fun, the enthusiasm, and the amazing help cleaning up!

## Spend Some Time With Your Minister

No-host Ministerial Lunches happen twice a month, on a Wednesday on the east side of town (Washington Group Plaza cafeteria, inbound connector extension, just past Broadway) on a Wednesday and on a Thursday on the west side (International Chinese Buffet, Glenwood and Chinden). Elizabeth and a Committee On Ministry member are there between 11:30 and 1:00, ready to discuss Big Issues, answer your questions, or just chat.

Wednesday, Mar. 7, Washington Group Plaza cafeteria  
Thursday, March 22, International Chinese, Glenwood and Chinden

## Getting into the Habit

Debbie Espen

It is Sunday. The alarm goes off. I'm still sleepy, and the bed feels really comfy. Maybe I'll skip church this morning and catch some z's.

Later on my brother calls. "Church was great this morning!" he says. He tells me about it, and I'm sorry I missed it.

It is Sunday again. The alarm goes off. I stayed up too late last night so I'm still sleepy. But I remember what happened last Sunday. So, tired though I am, I get up, get dressed, and get going to church. People greet me with smiles. The service is inspiring. I'm glad I came.

I learned a lesson. No matter how tired I am I always feel good when I make the effort to go to church.

And I can always take an afternoon nap.



## Unitarian Universalist Service Committee JustWorks Camp

March 18-24, Clinton OK

Join 15 adults (18 and older) for a work camp at the first burial site being completed for "unidentified" Native American ancestral remains in Clinton, OK. This project is part of a national effort by "Return to the Earth" to repatriate (return) and honorably bury those remains from museum and other institutions that have no records that identify them by tribe or location. Participants at camp will be planting native plants, painting fences and buildings, building trails, and doing data entry. There is a strong educational component to this week with presentations by tribal leaders on the history and culture of the Cheyenne people, and the repatriation efforts of tribes nationally. It will include field trips and evening sessions with artists and native plant specialists. Go to [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org) for application forms. Bellingham, WA Unitarian Fellowship initiated this work camp. Contact Beth Brownfield [bethbrownf@aol.com](mailto:bethbrownf@aol.com) for a weekly schedule.

## Don't Miss the Green Film Festival!

In Honor of Earth Day, mark your calendars now for BUUF's Free Green Film Festival starting at 12:30 p.m. (after the second service) on three Sundays in April. These films will be shown, followed by a lively interactive discussion:

April 8 - Who Killed the Electric Car?

April 15 - Kilowatt Hours; Green is the Color of Money (about the Banner Bank Building, the first and new Platinum LEED building here in Boise) Each 50 minutes.

April 22 - Is God Green? (The PBS documentary featuring the Vineyard Church in Garden City)

Sponsored by the BUUF Green Group. Questions? Contact Sue Philley at 378-1714.

## National Cherry Blossom Festival

A B&B experience will be hosted by Cedar Lane UU Church on the Washington DC beltway during the National Cherry Blossom Festival (night of April 13 – thru afternoon of April 15). Transportation to and from the airport, the Metro subway entrance, and church service on Sunday is included. A brief city tour (or Metro pass), reserved seats at the Annual Cherry Blossom Parade and a dinner at church Saturday evening are all part of the festival package. (Participants will receive a package of tour materials and recommendations, including Metro maps, designed to make any spontaneous touring on your own easy.) Cost: \$250/single; \$500/couple. Registration form must be received by March 19, 2007, accompanied by a **non-refundable** deposit of 50% of the total cost. A flier with registration form is posted on the bulletin board and at [www.cedarlane.org/cbfestival](http://www.cedarlane.org/cbfestival).

### Early Boise Unitarians

Did you know that the Unitarian Church came to Boise in 1899?

According to local historian Carol MacGregor, services at the Sonna Opera House, delivered by Rev. Carleton F. Brown of Helena, explained Unitarianism to Boiseans on several consecutive Sundays. The next year, Rev. George Stone visited Boise to continue interest in this faith. He found interest enough to send Rev. George L. Falconer to Boise in March 1901. Falconer preached at the Jewish synagogue (when the regular congregation did not need it and allowed others to use it). At the end of his stay, a group of followers formed a congregation, stating,

“We, the undersigned, accept the religion of Jesus, holding, in accordance with his teaching, practical religion is summed up in love to God and love to man. And the bond of union: Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law. This is our covenant. To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love and to help one another.”

History Keepers and Carol Lynn MacGregor, Ph.D.

## A Night in Venice

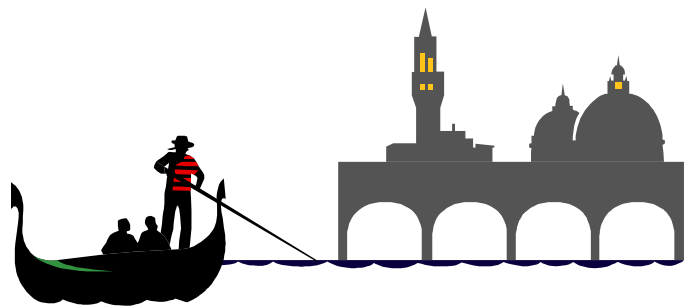
Start planning for the annual BUUF auction, coming up on April 21. This is an outstanding night of fun, food, friends and entertainment, along with both silent and live auctions. The theme this year is “A Night in Venice,” so expect to step into Italy for the night.

You can help make this event a success in many ways:

- Come to the auction – a big crowd guarantees lively bidding.
- Bring a friend to the auction – first time attenders and their host will have their names entered into a drawing for a special prize.
- Donate something to the auction – maybe a dinner for 6 at your home, or 5 hours of yard work. How about a fishing trip on your boat or a weekend at your cabin? Donations of artwork and food sell well too. If you’re not sure what to donate, how about contributing couple of items with an Italian theme for our grand Italy basket? A donation form is available in this newsletter, and will also be available at BUUF at the Book Nook.

Volunteer to help set up, decorate, cook, clean up, or any of the other tasks that make this event such a success.

Questions about the auction? Contact Harriet Shaklee, [hshaklee@cableone.net](mailto:hshaklee@cableone.net) or 371-3634.



**Donation Form**  
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**Auction 2007**

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## Invitation to Newcomers

Would you like to:

Learn about Unitarian Universalism: its history, traditions and beliefs?

Learn about Boise UU Fellowship, about the structure and activities of the Fellowship, and ways to become involved?

Meet others who are new to BUUF; make connections through activities and sharing spiritual journeys?

Then the “New UU” Class is for you. Beginning Monday April 9 at 7 am at BUUF, running consecutive Mondays April 16, 23, 30, and May 7 and 14. Free. Materials provided. To register contact Jay Wechselberger, 884-3791. or e-mail [jay\\_wex@hotmail.com](mailto:jay_wex@hotmail.com). Class co-hosted by Jay Wechselberger and Debbie Espen.

## Child Care Training Scheduled

Karen Raese

A special training has been scheduled for March 18 for all youth and adults who wish to provide child care at BUUF. Our Safe Congregations Policy and BUUF routines will be discussed. Individuals who have taken this training will be on a list to provide child care for BUUF committees and functions. Please meet in the nursery from 12:30-1:15. Hope to see you there.



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