



# The Covenant Sound

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Community  
Lacey, Washington

June 2008

## Sunday Services at 11:00 am

- June 1 "Let's Build a Better World - Together", presented by Patti Logan, All Souls new Board President.
- June 8 Billie Clark will continue our exploration of world religions sharing insights about Confucianism. Confucianism is an ancient Chinese ethical and philosophical system originally developed from the teachings of the early Chinese philosopher Confucius.
- June 15 "Fatherhood" – Jean Holz will lead a look at the importance of fathers. Father's Day is a great day to reflect on the importance of fathers and how your own father helped you become the person you are today.
- June 22 Vernene Scheurer will discuss PFLAG (Parents, Family, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)
- June 29 Carlene Cloud will share a folk tale. This service begins our summer program of services
- Summer Services – As has been our summer tradition, we will have shorter services followed by a potluck brunch and fellowship between June 29 and August 31. These services will begin at 11:00 and generally end about 11:30 and will be a short homily presented by an All Souls member or friend. There will be activities for children aged 5-12.

## Charity of the Month

Our charity for June is the YWCA and its Other Bank. The Other Bank provides personal items that can't be bought with food stamps. Collect what you have on hand or purchase new items to donate, and then bring them to fill the big chest in the church nursery. You will be glad you shared your bounty with others.

Please bring toilet paper, sanitary pads and tampons, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes (adults and kids sizes), liquid dish soap, powdered laundry detergent, bathroom/kitchen cleaner, shaving cream, and/or razors.

If you have any questions, contact Doug Weston (425-248-1237, or [douglasweston2@gmail.com](mailto:douglasweston2@gmail.com)).

## The Prayer Chest

"Nothing is more important than learning the Secrets of the Prayer Chest. Using the secrets of the Prayer Chest, every prayer is answered. The Prayer Chest is the doorway between Heaven & Earth." Interested? Come and learn how to get your prayers answered. The book is a novel about receiving all of Life's riches.

The Prayer Chest Book Discussion will begin Monday, June 2, at 7:00 and continue every Monday for four weeks. It will be facilitated by Ann Aubuchon, who gave us a preview of the novel in our April 20 service. Ann will join us for the service June 1 and we will report on what has happened since we put in our requests.

The Book Discussion is open to all. Please contact Karen Skelton at [celticwolf99@msn.com](mailto:celticwolf99@msn.com) to sign up.

## Experiencing The Celestine Prophecy

Join Iris Crain as she works through the insights of The Celestine Prophecy by James Redfield. In this 13 week experience, based on the guide book by the same author, you will learn practical ways to integrate the insights into your daily life for enlightenment.

The exploration begins on Thursday, June 26 at 7:00 and continues through September 18. To sign up, contact Iris ([paxmonger@gmail.com](mailto:paxmonger@gmail.com) or after services). She is looking forward to working through the nine insights with us.

# June

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<b>1</b>	<i>"Build a Better World"</i> 12:30 Road Clean Up	<b>2</b>	6:00 Finance Mtg 7:00 Prayer Chest <i>(see page 1)</i>	<b>3</b>		<b>4</b>	7:00 Member Services Mtg	<b>5</b>	7:00 RE Committee Mtg	<b>6</b>		<b>7</b>	12:00-4:30 OLSE Coffee Gathering
<b>8</b>	<i>Confucianism</i>	<b>9</b>	7:00 Prayer Chest	<b>10</b>		<b>11</b>	7:00 Board Mtg	<b>12</b>		<b>13</b>		<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b>	<i>"Fatherhood"</i>	<b>16</b>	7:00 Prayer Chest	<b>17</b>		<b>18</b>	7:00 Worship Arts Mtg	<b>19</b>		<b>20</b>		<b>21</b>	10:00-4:00 Awakening the Dreamer Symposium <i>(see page 4)</i>
<b>22</b>	<i>PFLAG</i> 9:00 pm Newsletter Deadline	<b>23</b>	7:00 Prayer Chest	<b>24</b>		<b>25</b>	7:00 Pastoral Care Mtg	<b>26</b>	7:00 Celestine Prophecy <i>(see page 1)</i>	<b>27</b>		<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b>	<i>FolkTale</i>	<b>30</b>											

## President's Perspective

by Patti Anne Logan

Something extremely important for All Souls happened after the Annual Meeting on May 18. Our church mothers, Billie Clark and Arlene Anderson, with love and transition in their hearts, chose to take less prominent leadership roles by continuing as board members, committee members, committee chairs, etc. while not holding offices. Doug Weston is the Vice President, Carlene Cloud is the Secretary, Jean Holz is the Treasurer, and I'm the President.

This is the Passing of the Torch, a "changing of the guard" at All Souls. Our church leadership has changed hands—to people who have come to All Souls AFTER its beginning.

There's another difference. There are many more of us and we are meeting in our home more often. The Outreach focus is working! (I want to say "Hallelujah", but wonder if that's UU.) We are each finding our particular passion in the work of our Community — each of us is doing only a part of the whole! That is the model for this new leadership.

We want to hear from each one of you, to sit down over a cup of tea or lunch. How can we inspire each other and reach out to our larger Lacey community? We'd like to listen to you after a church service or committee meeting. Where are you within All Souls? What do you do best? What do you see us doing in the future? How can we help each other more? How can we live our lives embodying our UU Principles? We are One in this together.

Please search me out. Write to me at [patti.anne.logan@gmail.com](mailto:patti.anne.logan@gmail.com) or call me at 360-491-3171 or 360-888-7701. Tell any Board member what you'd like to do, or see happen. We'll write all the ideas down, sift through them, and bring new directions to the Board. Let this be a continuing dialog between all of us.

If you don't know how one person can change the world, please come to the Awakening the Dreamer Symposium at our church June 21. This is our future and we need each other. 'Til next month...Love and Peace

### Annual Community Business Meeting

The annual meeting of our community was held on May 18, 2008. Before the meeting we had a lively and congenial potluck lunch that set the tone for the meeting. What a wonderful way to start a meeting.

#### State of the Community

Billie noted that All Souls formed 9 years ago, and we have been building slowly ever since. She agrees with Rev. Alex Holt, that growth comes if we take care of everything else. From May 2007 to May 2008, 12 new members joined, bringing our total active members to 29. Billie shared how much she likes being able to connect with everyone who comes on Sunday. She encourages us to keep our hearts & arms outstretched. Here at All Souls, we have a wide array of possibilities before us.

#### Election of Board of Trustee Members

The 3 positions that have been held by Arlene Anderson, Billie Clark & Janice Holz were up for election. Arlene, Billie, and Jean Holz were elected to fill these positions. They joined Stephen Billey, Carlene Cloud, Patti Logan, and Doug Weston as the new Board immediately after the meeting.

#### Budget Presentation & Approval

Jean Holz, Finance Committee Chair, read off the budget figures and answered questions about them. The bylaws require us to give our full share of UUA and PNWD dues, so that is what is budgeted this year. The budget as proposed by the Board was passed unanimously.

#### Fundraising Discussion

Jean led the brainstorming about fundraising activities for All Souls, focusing on something that no one else in town does, that we can do annually to raise significant money. The ideas that people suggested will be considered by the new Fundraising subcommittee of the Finance committee. Barb Boyd, Carlene Cloud, Alex Crain, Willow Green, and Patrick Long volunteered and will form the committee with Patrick as its chair. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Patrick ([flameseeker08@gmail.com](mailto:flameseeker08@gmail.com)) or any of the committee members.

## Committee News

**Facilities:** Carlene welcomes people to be part of the committee (they don't meet that often!) and also welcomes everyone's input. They are trying out a new configuration for the sanctuary for a better fit on Sunday morning. They also cleaned out the office. On June 8 there will be a work party after the service to work on the grounds around our space.

**Finance:** The Finance committee is formalizing the entry of All Souls finances into the Quicken computer software. This action will allow us to easily and quickly produce financial reports as required throughout the month and to produce reports of individual donations for IRS use. The formalization will also make it easy for anyone else to fill in or take over as needed. If you want to contribute to this committee, please let Jean Holz know. You will be welcomed.

**Religious Education:** Jean reported the UUA is developing an online curriculum "Tapestry of Faith", a new series of programs and resources for all ages that nurture UU identity, spiritual growth, a transforming faith, and vital communities of justice and love. The RE committee has decided to incorporate this program into next year's offerings and will be working to adapt it to our community. Planning for next year for all ages has begun, and RE is working with Worship Arts to coordinate their offerings. Any who would like to join the planning fun are welcome.

**Newsletter:** Patti and Jean are looking for writers who would like to contribute either by reporting on community activities or by submitting an original article for publication. Any one is welcome to help with the newsletter; contact Jean Holz or Patti Logan, the newsletter co-editors.

**Chalice Lighters Grant:** We will use the \$6000 from Chalice Lighters to hire a minister to support us. All Souls put out an ad for such a minister, asking for 240 hours of time. We identified the most likely candidate; the Board will meet Thursday, May 29, to interview him. If the Board and the candidate agree that working together is a good fit and sign an agreement, there will be a "meet and greet" social arranged for everyone in the community.

## Awakening the Dreamer

Saturday, June 21 Ann Aubuchon will present Awakening the Dreamer/Changing the Dream Symposium at All Souls from 10:00 to 4:00.

"Where on Earth are we going?" "And what can we do about it?" These are two of the questions that are at the heart of the symposium. It is a profound inquiry into a bold vision to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just human presence on Earth. If you are ready to explore what this vision means for you, and the opportunity to create an inspiring future, we invite you to attend.

Note from Patti: I attended this Symposium in Tacoma last week. I came away challenged and empowered. Weaving together all the threads of change on our planet in a vivid, dramatic presentation, this presentation gives HOPE through adding the dimension of Spirit to the environmental and social justice issues around us. When you attend this event, I promise you will come away changed and charged with new energy to be part of the solution to the crisis in our world.

This event is sponsored by Pachcmama Alliance. Check out their website for more information about the sponsor and the symposium and to register online [awakeningthedreamer.org](http://awakeningthedreamer.org). If you have further questions, contact Ann Aubuchon (360 491-6933 or [annaubuchon@msn.com](mailto:annaubuchon@msn.com))

Free to Members and Friends of All Souls if you register through All Souls before June 20. (Sign up sheet in Foyer or call Patti at 491-3171 or write her at [patti\\_logan@juno.com](mailto:patti_logan@juno.com)) For others a donation of \$20 is recommended.

## Lost

Did you borrow a book for the "Build Your Own Theology" class from All Souls? If so, please return it to the church. We want to keep the books for the next time we have the same class.

Also, lost are a number of hymnals. If you borrowed any to look up songs or readings for any service, we would like to have them back. They can always be borrowed when the need arises again.

## A Spiritual Connection through Water

by Karen Skelton

A morning's warm relaxing shower caused my thoughts to spring to life. Insightful words flowed from my subconscious to my conscious and I held on to them tightly until I could commit them to paper. I had discovered the realization of my connection to a source of creation, destruction, and life itself larger than I had ever previously grasped.

We are composed of almost 70% water. Our physical home, planet Earth, is covered over almost 71% of its surface by water. This water has far reaching qualities. Water is a faceless shape shifter, existing as oceans, ice, or rain, and has a spiritual quality unlike anything else. Water doesn't judge facial beauty, material accumulations, or fashion triumphs or foibles. I could be rich or poor. The oceans and rivers simply do not care.

Water creates majestic canyons that will showcase their vivid hues of reds and browns in the sunlight. Impurities are washed away as rocks are made so smooth they glisten like diamonds in the sun. Water carries memories of distant dreams from ships that sailed to new lands and exotic destinations in the hopes of starting a better life away from persecution and poverty. I stand at the edge of the Pacific Coast and watch waves lap against sea stacks created from thousands of years of erosion and I am connected to a person in Asia looking at that same ocean.

Water sustains us. Water relaxes us as it lulls us to sleep – the lapping of waves or a warm summer rain. Water inspires us – odes to nature, sonnets of love and beauty. Water can also frighten us. Crashing thunder storms will unleash water in a fury that can drown life in floods. Angry seas have destroyed many ships over the course of their years, but in that anger beautiful pieces of driftwood have been sent into the world bringing a childlike wonder to the hands that gather them.

I wonder then, how can we as spiritual beings not see the larger connection that exists between all people through this source of ever changing life that is water? Water nourishes, creates, flows through almost all forms of life. Even the smallest drop can sustain in times of great despair or illness. We need to allow water to keep us connected and to remind us of its lessons. Water ebbs and flows; it creates and destroys, but in that destruction are brought forth new sources of life and hope. Water is a miraculous element and my connection with it now exists on a greater plane than it once did. I am 70% water but am fully a spiritual being who is connected to all other bodies of water.

### From Eileen Blake

I have "The Breast Cancer Site" ([www.thebreastcancersite.com](http://www.thebreastcancersite.com)) listed on my desk top short cuts. When I click on this, it brings up a total of six websites. All of them are sites where you may "click" in a certain place and help to donate. For the Breast Cancer Site, you would be donating a free mammogram for someone who can't afford it. The other sites are Hunger, Animal Rescue, Child Health, Literacy and Rainforest. You can go from one site to the next, clicking in the correct place at each site to help donate. It takes me about 10 minutes every time I do it, but, that's because my computer is so slow...pitifully slow in fact. (It only took me a couple of minutes with my faster connection.) You can read about each site as you go to it. Each site explains how it works, who pays for it and what it does.

### Cindy Sheehan

Sunday, June 8 at Minnaert Center for the Arts (SPSCC) Cindy Sheehan will speak on the subject, "*A Revolution of Values: Moving from a War Economy to a Peace Economy*". She will address the need to challenge our current leaders in Congress and to move the country away from its militaristic response to international problems to an economy based upon peace and social justice. Also speaking will be Linda Boyd, executive director, Washington for Impeachment, and Gary Murrell, Green Party candidate for Congress who is running against Norm Dicks in Washington's 6<sup>th</sup> District.

Tickets (\$10 - \$25, students \$5) are available at Traditions Café and World Art or at the door. The public is also invited to a pre-event dinner reception for Cindy at Plenty! Restaurant (\$25 dinner ticket includes entrance to the speaking event. Call Chris at (360) 705-3528 for reservations.

This event is co-sponsored by the Green Party of South Puget Sound, Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace, Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Committee, and the Progressive Action Committee PAC (PAC2).

*The mission of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Community is to build a warm, friendly and joyful home from which we respond to the spiritual, intellectual, ecological and social justice needs around us. We embrace diverse ideas and lifestyles as exemplified by Unitarian Universalist principles and stated in our by-laws.*

OUR MEETING PLACE  
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Directions: We are located on the NW corner of Martin Way & Carpenter Road (2 story dark green bldg.).

- § From I-5 take the Martin Way exit (#109)
- § Head east on Martin Way through 2 traffic lights
- § Turn left (north) into the parking lot – last driveway before Carpenter Road (third traffic light)

Use the door at the right -- the one with our phoenix chalice on it!

## INTERFAITH CAMP EFFECTS POSITIVE CHANGE

“I really love it,” writes the parent of a camper. “[My daughter] is writing an essay right now on Muslims. She is defending them against being called terrorists since kids in her class were saying that they think they all are. This is directly from her participation in the interfaith youth camp.”

Puget Sound Interfaith Youth Camp is changing hearts and lives as campers learn to understand, respect and appreciate people from many different faith traditions. They are planting seeds of peace in their neighborhoods and schools. The camp is open to 7-9th graders from all religions and faith traditions, and the fee is only \$100 per camper; scholarships available.

Applications (both camper and staff) are now being accepted for the 2008 Puget Sound Interfaith Youth Camp. There is only room for 60 campers, and it's sure to fill up fast. If you know of young teens who might like to go, please give this information to them and/or their parents. The dates this year are August 24-29 (Sunday-Friday). Applications are available right now at [www.soundinterfaithcamp.org](http://www.soundinterfaithcamp.org) or by calling 360-357-7224.

Questions? Call Kathy at 360-357-7224 or Sallie at 253-383-3056 x 105.



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