



The Covenant Sound

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Community
Lacey, Washington

December 2008

Sunday Services at 11:00 am

- December 7** “Generation to Generation” It has been 67 years since December 7, 1941, a day that stands out in history because of the events that took place on that day. Two of our church family elders, Arlene Anderson & Kay Engle will share their memories of that day, where they were, what they were doing and how it impacted their life.
- December 14** “The Color of Dark” We will explore the dark time of the year and how we can use this time to rejuvenate ourselves just as things in nature are fallow in preparation of the coming of the growing and changing time of the year. We invite you to bring items in the colors red, blue, yellow, orange, green, and purple to place on the altar.
- December 21** “The Celebration of Yule” The true Yule celebration does not involve Jesus, a manger, or angels. Those traditions were added many years later. The original Yule celebrations involve much more ancient rituals and beliefs. Other names for this festival are: Winter Solstice, Alban Arthan, Finn's Day Festival of Sol, Yuletide, Great Day of the Cauldron, and Festival of Growth. This service will be intergenerational.
- December 29** “Fire Communion & Candles of Hope” With the last days of the year approaching, and the beginning of a new year..., January is the season of transformation. We will be holding a fire communion ritual and will light candles of hope to mark the ending of one year and the beginning of another. This service will be intergenerational.

President's Perspective – Relaxation and Generosity This Month

Well, the Holidays are upon us. We at All Souls encourage you to relax as much as possible in this busy time! Remember to give yourself the gift of detachment and love as you prepare to share good times with friends and family. For those of you with family far away and/or distant in spirit, please consider us Family and join with us. Here are some of the ways you can do that this December:

Monday Morning Tea (10 am every Monday morning) – We will relax intentionally and deliberately during our discussion times this month with doing TEA the old way, brewing loose leaf tea. If you want to share the Spirit of All Souls with a small group, please join us. Children are welcome to join our little Em and Pooh. You are welcome, whoever you are. Please bless us with your presence and your stories as we de-stress and share together.

TGIF (6 pm every Friday evening) – We will relax after the hard week and get ready for the weekend.

Under our tree, we have a big “crib” for a gift of warmth to the homeless during this cold season. Already some of you have brought hats, scarves, sweatshirts, coats, etc. Please look through your closet and bring what you'd like to give to those who are out in the elements during the cold weather. This project will continue past the holiday season as long as we have cold weather. When we get our bins full, we will take them to the people on the streets. Anyone want to help with the distribution? Just let one of the Board Members know...

Notice the pretty bowl Carlene has arranged for us inside the door of the kitchen. We have put a few things there (and some paid-for pizza cards) as gifts. If you have something you would like to donate that will fit nicely with these items, please feel free to add it to the bowl. If you find something there that you would like, please take it home with you.

And lastly, for this month, everywhere I go, it seems I hear dire predictions for 2009. Our Mentoring Minister Alex Holt suggested this week that All Souls Community is in a wonderful position to help folks at this time. Many of us have survived and adapted to hard times in our lives. Are you one of those? If so, would you mind sharing your story of hope and ability to continue to see the GOOD through hard times? We will not use your name, but would like to let others know that there is strength and power at the other end of the tunnel of struggle. If so, please email your story to me. My email address is patti.anne.logan@gmail.com.

Most of all look for the Spirit behind the scenes as you go through this month—and relax. It will soon be over, and we will have memories of the times we were together.

Patti Logan

December

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| | 1 10:00 am Monday Morning Tea Time 6:59 pm Role Play Group (see page 3) | 2 9:30 am Tuesday Morning Exercise 7:00 Writer's Group | 3 7:00 Member Service Mtg | 4 | 5 6:00 TGIF Guided Meditation 7:00 Jazz Senators Concert (see page 4) | 6 |
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| 21 11:00 am "The Celebration of Yule" | 22 10:00 am Monday Morning Tea Time | 23 | 24 5:30 pm and 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Celebration at OUUC (see page 3) | 25 <i>Christmas</i> | 26 6:00 TGIF Guided Meditation | 27 Habitat for Humanity Lunch |
| 28 11:00 am "Fire Communion & Candles of Hope" | 29 10:00 am Monday Morning Tea Time | 30 | 31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> | | | |

Greetings from Sara Bayha

On November 8, 2008 Sara sent a beautiful postcard to us. Look on the bulletin board in the kitchen for the actual card; the message is:

To My All Souls Family, Greetings from across the sea! My new home has a view of the Pacific so I still feel connected to you all! So far, my job is great and I'm doing well. We have a place to live, a car, my job--now we just need to find friends. Can't find any other UUs...still hoping! Please write if you want:

*C. Bayha
PSC 557 Box 1261
FPO AP 96379*

Don't put Japan or Okinawa--It's a regular stamp too.

Miss you. Much Love, Sara

New Group – All Souls Role Playing Group

In times past, people spoke in whispers of creatures who prowled the night; seductive beings who lived on the blood of innocent humans, beings with abilities far outside the realm of mortality, yet with faces like angels to hide devilish intentions: Vampires.

For many centuries humans have been fascinated by their cold beauty, their macabre allure. We doubt these myths are true, and yet we still are drawn to them, always haunted by that undying question: What if?

The All Souls Role Playing Group has come together to explore these possibilities. We ask this question by creating characters, then telling interactive stories about them, diving into a new world, a world of darkness with limitless possibilities.

Haven't we all wanted to become someone new? Vampire: the Requiem Role Playing Game™ allows us to do that. By "becoming" our vampiric characters, we live a different life. We'll be meeting at 6:59 pm the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month, at All Souls, starting December 1st. But remember, the night is only so long.

If you have any questions, contact Annaliese D'Angelo (360-481-1720 or annaliesedangelo@yahoo.com).

Chalice Lighters

We are truly a generous group of people. Over 70% of our Members are participating in the Chalice Lighter program. There is only one other congregation in the Pacific NorthWest District of the UUA that has a larger participation.

The Chalice Lighter program provides grants to new and existing congregations in the PNWD. Those who participate in the program agree to answer 3 calls for grants by sending in \$10.00.

Spirit in Practice

Now that our Thursday evening Adult RE program, "Spirit of Life" is over, we are looking forward to "Spirit in Practice" which will begin on Thursday, January 22.

This program will explore individual and communal spiritual practices that can nurture connections with the sacred in everyday life and develop deeper awareness of the wonder and mystery of existence within the context of the Unitarian Universalist faith.

Choir

Are you interested in singing in a choir? Sunny is starting a choir at ASUUC and is looking for others to join him. If you are interested in helping him make beautiful music, contact Sunny (360-459-5830 or sunny_loves_you@hotmail.com)

A Resource for Tracking Issues And Communicating with Legislators

Sunday, December 7, 1 pm to 2:30 pm
Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Presenter Sue Goldstein is an attorney who has worked with the Washington State Legislature for 25 years. She developed this workshop to introduce citizens to the legislative website, hailed as one of the most accessible legislative sites in the country, and a vital tool for citizens wanting to make their voices heard in our State Legislature.

All interested in becoming more effective advocates for social, economic, and environmental justice are invited to attend.

For more information contact Carol McKinley (360/786-8074 or coordinator@uuvoiceswa.org)

Pastoral Care

If you are in need of assistance of any kind, please see someone on the Pastoral Care Committee for a confidential assessment of your need. The Pastoral Care Committee members can be identified on Sunday mornings by the committee being listed on their name tags.

Habitat for Humanity Lunch

Our next Habitat for Humanity lunch is just after Christmas on December 27. There is a need for a lunch sponsor, for a shopper, for fixers, and for a deliverer. Contact Billie Clark (360-349-1476 or bjclark211@comcast.net) if you can help with any of these activities.

Blue Charistmas

On December 18 at 6:00 pm The Reverend Arthur Vaeni of Olympia UU Congregation will present a service entitled "When the Holidays Make You Blue". We are all invited to attend.

Rather than a time of merry-making the holiday season can lead some to feel blue. In this service we will acknowledge and honor the difficult emotions this season may evoke while inviting awareness of life's peace into our hearts.

Facility Use Committee

Arlene Anderson, Elly Campbell, Carlene Cloud, and Jean Holz are finalizing a Facility Use Policy. In the coming years we expect our facility to be used more often, both by ASUUC Members and by non-members. This means we need more Members and friends involved in:

1. scheduling;
2. making decisions;
3. accommodating group needs;
4. responding to requests; and
5. caring for the space our community considers to be home.

Anyone interested in being involved on a Facility Use Committee should contact with Carlene Cloud (360-455-477). There are a variety of things to do. It is a good way to share the load, work with others, and develop leadership skills.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

December 24
The Reverend Arthur Vaeni
5:30 pm and 10:00 pm

These services held at the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation (2200 East End Street, Olympia WA 98502) and are shared with All Souls Unitarian Universalist Community.

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.

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| <p>OUR MEETING PLACE 6326 Martin Way E, Suite 103 Lacey WA 98516 360-481-2379 www.asuuc.org</p> <p>Directions: We are located on the NW corner of Martin Way & Carpenter Road (2 story dark green bldg.).</p> <p>§ From I-5 take the Martin Way exit (#109)</p> <p>§ Head east on Martin Way through 2 traffic lights</p> <p>§ Turn left (north) into the parking lot – last driveway before Carpenter Road (third traffic light)</p> <p>Use the door at the right -- the one with our phoenix chalice on it!</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Jazz Senators Benefit Concert</p> <p>The Olympia Jazz Senators, a sizzling hot big band, brings the excitement of the holiday season to the stage with a jazzy twist. In addition to Duke Ellington's Nutcracker, the Senators will play original & classic tunes, including some klezmer, in honor of the winter holidays. The December 5 concert (7:00 pm) will benefit several programs of Interfaith Works, including a winter shelter for homeless women and families, and the annual World Sacred Music Festival.</p> <p>The Olympia Jazz Senators Big Band includes the finest jazz musicians in the South Puget Sound area. Bandleader Norm Wallen is one of the most prolific and most-performed composer/arrangers in the Northwest. Most Senators front professional bands of their own, play in other working bands, and teach numerous private students. Seven are current or former public school music teachers.</p> <p>The concert will take place in the beautiful, state-of-the-art concert hall/theatre at SPSCC's K. J. Minnaert Center for the Arts. The acoustics are wonderful! The hall holds 500 seats, as well as up to 10 wheelchair patrons. The K.J. Minnaert Center is just 5 minutes from downtown Olympia, near the Olympia Auto Mall. It's easy to find -- right on Mottman Road and parking is free!</p> <p>Tickets, \$20 general and \$15 for low income, are now available from www.buyolympia.com, or from IW by calling 357-7224. Also, watch IW's website, www.interfaithworks.org for additional ticket locations.</p> |
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