



KUUUC NEWS

March 2017

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The theme for
February is:
Vocation and
Calling

Worship in March

March 5

A Calling - Howard Lyman
Green Sanctuary/Social Justice Councils, 12:15 pm

March 8

International Women's Day, 7:00 pm

March 12

Evolution of a Lawyer - Rev. Bill Graves
RE Council, 8:00 am | Worship Council, 12:15 pm

March 19

Personal Journey/My Vocation - Rich Villacres
Membership Council, 12:15 pm

March 26

Liberty, prosperity and sustainability - can we have it all?
Louise Stonington
Comnet, 12:15 pm

KUUUC needs folks interested in outreach through our website Facebook, and newsletter. No prior knowledge is required—we'll provide the training.

Tracking money your thing—we need some new blood working with the books.

Also if you are interested in picking up admin duties, please email Jim at schwing@fairpoint.net



Upcoming Special Events

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, Mar. 8 - 6:00 p.m.
KUUUC

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Wednesday, Mar. 8 - 7:00 p.m.
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OUR ENVIRONMENT

Tuesday, Mar. 14 - 6 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 25 - 9:00 a.m.
United Methodist Church

ADULT SEMINAR

Building Your Own Theology
lead by Rev. Bill Graves
Thursday, Mar. 9 - 7:00-8:30 p.m.
(pizza plus at 6:30p.m. RSVP to Bill)
KUUUC

PATHWAYS TO MEMBERSHIP

Saturday, Feb 11 - 9:00 a.m.
KUUUC

VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

Tuesday, Mar. 24 - 6 p.m.
IOOF Hall
307 North Pine Street

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A Bulletin From Bill, March 2017

The Ides of March Indeed

The Ides of March are upon us. For me that means I better get the pruning of my grape plants and fruit trees done. And, I need to get my tomato plant seedlings started. Also, in March I will be travelling to New York for a week to help care for two granddaughters as their mother slipped on the ice and badly fractured her wrist. I will be performing my normal functions at KVUUC as well as working on two interfaith services and helping plan Cynthia's celebration of life service on April 15. I will be returning this Spring to deliver sermons at other congregations I have had relationships with: Tacoma, Whidbey Island, Bremerton. I move joyfully into a deeper communion.

At KVUUC it is the time of the year to begin discernment as to whether I should return for another year because, although my 1/4 time contract ends September 1, the congregational meeting to pass the new budget comes up at the end of April. The Council on Ministry (Debbie, Bruce and Becca) will be centrally involved in consulting with me and with the congregation on this issue.

I do sense that things may be on the cusp of breaking out at KVUUC if strong but collaborative leadership steps forward. It must attend to picking up all the functions that Jim and Cynthia fulfilled and address existential questions like where do we go from here.

And so each of us needs to do some contemplation, even prayer, as to the future, and as to mine and each of your roles in it.

Whenever I contemplate my own future course I like to recall this short poem by T.S. Eliot:

*Old men ought to be explorers
Here or there does not matter
We must be still and still moving
Into another intensity
For a further union, a deeper communion
Through the dark cold and the empty desolation,
The wave cry, the wind cry, the vast waters
Of the petrel and the porpoise. In my end is my beginning.*

Rev. Bill

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Bill's Blurbs for March 2017

Preview of March 12 Service "Evolution of a Lawyer" with Rev. Bill Graves

Our March theme is "Vocation and Calling." If we put those two words together in the form of an equation the sum might be called "ministry."

It is open to everyone to participate in "ministry" in the sense of learning to use ourselves more lovingly for the well-being of those things and people we touch. Bill will reflect upon that conception of ministry and how it informed (or did not) his own vocational path as a lawyer and later as a UU minister.

**Thursday Evening Seminar - March 9, 7:00 p.m.
Building Your Own Theology, led by Rev. Bill Graves**
(As usual Bill invites you to come at 6:30 to share a vegetarian pizza so long as it lasts)

Small groups of UUs engage in a systematic, disciplined and communal process to build individual credos, or statements of individual beliefs. Everyone is welcome, including repeat "students"! This classic curriculum designed by Rev. Richard Gilbert discusses all the important questions of religion from a UU perspective, allowing each student to come to their own understanding of what makes sense and works. It's a wonderful way to get to know other KVUUC'ers and to begin to explore your own faith. A class Bill started in 2010 continued regular meetings on their own for 5 years!

We will use the "Building Your Own Theology, Vol. I", curriculum available for \$16.00 at the UU Bookstore: uua.org/bookstore. It is recommended that participants have their own copy of the curriculum.

The curriculum, is divided into 8 sessions that we may decide to expand or contract. This the first session will be of an exploratory nature so you are welcome to simply come and discern whether this is for you.

Pathways to Membership, Saturday - March 11, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

If you've been coming to worship with us for a while and are interested in learning more about who we are and what we believe, you're invited to take our Pathways to Membership class. This class is a basic overview of Unitarian Universalism and KVUUC. A light lunch is included.



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Rev. Bill's Whereabouts in March

- 1-7 Whidbey Island office* (except as otherwise indicated)
- 8-12 Ellensburg office hours at KVUUC ** (staying at home of Jim Schwing)
- 8 Board Meeting (5-6:30 (?))
- 8 Host Interfaith Alliance service on International Women's Day at KVUUC building followed by dessert potluck (7-8:30pm)
- 9 Open time for coffee/conversation at Dakota Café - 8:30-10:00am)
- 9 Choir practice 5:15
- 9 Lead "Building Your Own Theology, Part I" conversation group pizza/finger food at 6:30pm while it lasts; class 7-8:30 p.m.
- 10 Counsel on Ministry to meet at Dakota Café (8:30am).
- 10 Meeting to plan Cynthia Murray celebration of life service (1pm)
- 10 Attend Circle Supper at Maggie and Lane's home
- 11. Help lead Pathways class for new members UU's (9am to noon with lunch served)
- 12 Lead worship service at KVUUC; attend council meetings (RE and Worship); visit RE classes
- 14-20 In New York doing "grandfather duty"
- 21-31 Whidbey Island office* (except times otherwise indicated).

* Bill IS AVAILABLE to return phone calls (360-661-7289) or emails (wcgraves@whidbey.com) when on Whidbey Island. He also is available for conferences or meeting by Skype or comparable service by prior arrangement. Bill's Mailing address is POB 1254; Langley, WA 98260.

** When in Ellensburg Bill is available by prior arrangement for conferences, conversations, meetings, counseling, listening, home or hospital visits or just camaraderie.

Do you recognize this UU? [Ans: pg.8]

Scratch a Unitarian and you'll usually find an adventurer. Or an activist. Or both. At age seventeen she found herself alone and penniless on the coast of Italy. Did she call home for help? No, she enjoyed the adventure of surviving on her own. A housekeeping job in a small hotel gave her room and board and kept her off the streets. And kept the friendly red-head hopping to avoid the advances from the proprietor, too! Then, in her early twenties she worked in the woods near Stevens and Blewett Passes planting trees and piling brush. "It was great," she said. "Living in tents and bathing in the river."

A few years later in Wenatchee she and husband were key players in saving the riverfront along the Columbia from being developed into a highway. In Ellensburg the pair worked successfully to prevent Rabanco, the garbage disposal company, from building a hazardous waste incinerator on the hills just across the river from Vantage. Her involvement in civic affairs is a very long list.

She became a UU because she likes that members search independently for their faith or sense of meaning and are not accepting hand-me-down theology. She likes that UUs accept and take from all faiths. She also knew so many members here that it felt like home. She could feel at home almost anywhere in the county, considering the huge number of people she has become friends with locally. But we're glad she found her true home here with us. Welcome to another free-thinker!

LOCAL NEWS



Empowering
Women -
Empowering
Humanity

Please join us in celebrating
International Women's Day

Wednesday, March 8th @ 7 - 8:30PM

**Unitarian Universalist Church - 400 N. Anderson Street
in Ellensburg**

Sponsored by Interfaith Alliance of Kittitas County



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Circle Suppers are hosted potlucks. The host chooses a date and decides how many folks can be accommodated. Those who sign up are contacted and receive a general category of food to bring so that the meal will be reasonably balanced. The cozy setting of a home, the intimacy of sharing a meal, the extra time for conversation.

Sign-up sheets are available on Sunday. Please see Janet Adams

OUR ENVIRONMENT

NOTE: Our Environment meets on Tuesday Mar. 14 at 6:00 pm and Saturday Mar. 25 at 9:00 am—at the United Methodist Church. All are invited.



The emphasis is on what we can do locally that will affect the future of our planet by being active in working with various organizations in our community to make changes that are essential—please join us!

KVUUC's website:
kvuu.org

Bee Garden Buzz

A PLANTING GUIDE FOR MARCH POLLINATORS

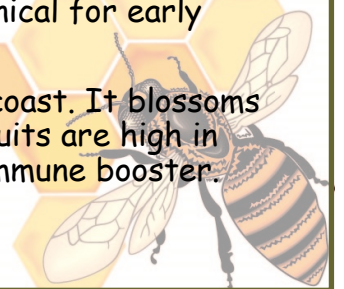
We imagine that Ralph Waldo Emerson penned the famous quote, “The earth laughs in flowers” while sitting in the midst of a brilliantly blooming pollinator garden. As the cherry blossoms are starting to flower in the Pacific northwest, we are getting excited to share along in the laughter this spring by planning out our beautiful, buzzing pollinator-friendly gardens.

The following flowers are planted in March to bloom in April and May.

Salmon Berry (*Rubus spectabilis*) is a native perennial shrub that produces beautiful magenta buds in the spring and tasty berries in the summer. You find them along creeksides in the forests of the Pacific Northwest. This is a wonderful plant for early-mid spring bee food and late spring-early summer human snacks!

Broadleaf Lupine (*Lupinus latifolius*) Native to the Pacific Northwest, this lupine has beautiful blue flowers that bloom in late spring. An excellent perennial for early spring planting.

Nootka Rose (*Rosa nutkana*) This perennial is all along the Pacific coast. It blossoms in late spring/early summer, then turns into rose hips. These tiny fruits are high in vitamin C and can be infused in honey for a truly effective winter immune booster.



National NEWS

STATEMENT: CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITIC ACTS



February 22, 2017

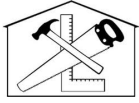
The Rev. Peter Morales, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), issued this statement following the rise of anti-Semitic acts nationwide:

"Over the past several months we have witnessed a deeply disturbing rise in anti-Semitism, including the vandalism of a Jewish cemetery, bomb threats targeting Jewish community centers, and an increase in hate speech. On behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Association, I strongly condemn these vile acts of hatred and bigotry.

I have been in direct communication with my friend and interfaith colleague Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, to express my concern and to offer the full support of the UUA in combating anti-Semitism. I encourage UU congregations and leaders to reach out to their Jewish neighbors and partners to offer their support as well. All leaders—religious and secular—must speak out to condemn acts of hate and bigotry. When one faith community is threatened, we are all threatened.

Anti-Semitism thrives in a climate of fear and ignorance. We must be vigilant and compassionate during these troubling times. Unitarian Universalists remain committed to the ongoing struggle to recognize and affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person."

UU HELPERS - The people listed below have special skills you may need - remember shop locally!
If you have a skill/service you would like to advertise to our congregation, let Jim at 509-933-3198 or Paula at 405-312-2786



DON GALLAGHER - Quality Carpentry - Remodeling, painting, roofing, plumbing and electrical repairs. Don Gallagher.
CONTACT: 509-306-0608.



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CONTACT: 509-306-9329.



BRUCE HAGEMEYER - Bruce Custom Remodeling - Licensed General Contractor Building - Remodeling - Carpentry - Plans & Permits
CONTACT: 509-964-2086.



TAMZEN SHISSLER - Because Tamzen is a busy student, please call early in the week to make sure she has time available to care for your children from ages 2-10. She is now a junior in high school and is a graduate of the Red Cross Babysitting class. She charges \$6 per hour for one child, more for additional children. She can also help with household chores or watch the kids while you do chores.
CONTACT: 509-962-5650.



JAN JAFFE — is now accepting adults for **music lessons!**

- Piano, guitar, voice
- Experienced teacher
- Master of Music Education from CWU, 2009
- Specializes in beginner & hobby adult lessons
- Flexible evening schedule for regular or special occasion lessons
- All music styles, songwriting, & theory

(Also available as a performance coach for individuals, ensembles, bands, worship teams, etc. Improve skills and build confidence for talent shows, competitions, and workshops.)

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Answer to Do you recognize this UU? Of course, our own **Debbie Williams**

Our web page: kvuuc.org

Our Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kittitas-Valley-Unitarian-Universalist-Congregation-KVUUC/121639554572008>

Or YOU CAN GO TO OUR WEBSITE AND CLICK ON THE FACEBOOK ICON!