

# KVUUC News



Kittitas Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation

April 2018

## Worship in April

**April 1**

Easter Sunday Brunch

Green Sanctuary/Social Justice Council, 12 :15 pm

**April 8**

"A Faith That Puts its Faith in You" - Rev. Bill, KVUUC Choir

Worship Council, 12:15 pm

**April 15**

Touchstones

Membership Council, 12:15 pm

**April 22**

Earth Day - Howard Lyman

CommNet, 12:15 pm

**April 29**

5th Sunday Potluck

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*Adult Discussion Group 9:45 –10:45am  
 Every Sunday (except 5th)*

## RE HELPERS NEEDED

We are in need of assistants for our April, May, and June RE classes. We would love to see some new or returning faces in RE!

If you haven't assisted before, all that is required is a background check and enthusiasm to work with children.

For questions, contact Maggie Patterson, RE Coordinator, [margaretfultonpatt@gmail.com](mailto:margaretfultonpatt@gmail.com) or 509-925-2552(home)

## Upcoming Meetings & Special Events

Mon, 4/2	• Religious Education Council, 7 pm
Wed, 4/4	• KVUU Board Meeting, 6 pm
Thu, 4/5	• Adult Ed "Our Long Strange Trip, Pt. 4", KVUUC 7 pm (pizza 6:30)
Sat, 4/21	• Interfaith Alliance Earth Day Work Party & Lunch, 9-12pm (see p.2)
Sun, 4/29	• Intergenerational Book Club discussion "A Wrinkle in Time", noon?
4/27–29	• UU Pacific Regional Assembly, Portland OR (see p. 6)
Sat, 5/5	• Annual Meeting & Cinco de Mayo Potluck, tba

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## A Final Tribute to Joe

Rev. Bill Graves

Yesterday, I was putting the final touches upon a sermon I will deliver on the eve of Passover at the UU congregation on Whidbey Island. I am trying to look at the Passover story involving the exodus of the Hebrew people out of slavery in Egypt from the different perspectives of faith development theory developed by Dr. James Fowler. Fowler used development psychology pioneered by people like Eric Erickson and Carol Gilligan as a model for considering how people's ideas and beliefs about religion and spirituality tend to develop and change—to the extent they do—during the human life cycle. In so doing he came up with seven stages of faith development or spiritual development.

Skipping over stages 1-6, one will come to what Fowler describes as the highest stage of spiritual maturity, stage 7, or the “Universalizing” stage. It is about a radical moving out of the centrality of the self and really feeling a participation in the oneness of all things. Such a person has widened his/her circle of awareness and regard beyond family, friends, political/religious allies, to humankind or “Being”. Most religions aspire to it, few persons achieve it wholly. According to Fowler, “this stage includes the Mother Teresas, Martin Luther Kings, and those whose faith is integrated into an unswerving commitment and devotion that cannot be hindered or quenched.” It also includes, I think, those people we've all met who radiate an inner light; they radiate patience, and goodness and calmness and love; they look for the good news in all people and treat each day and each problem with a sense of graciousness and joy.

It suddenly occurred to me that I was describing someone I had just eulogized in a “celebration of life” service, at least through my eyes and those of his family. His name was Dr. Joe King: A self-described atheist and a holy man among us. What do you think?

## Kittitas County Interfaith Alliance Earth Day Work Party

**Saturday, April 21**

**IOOF Cemetery, 1900 Brick Road**

**9am—Noon**

***Followed by Lunch and Short Program***

The Kittitas County Interfaith Alliance is sponsoring a work party at the historic Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery. The tasks include:

- grass trimming
- spreading mulch
- filling in settled areas
- weeding
- painting
- bring tools & a truck, if you have them

At noon, an interfaith lunch will be served at the nearby LDS church at 1700 Brick Road.


Latter Day Saints—grilled burgers (inc. veggie)

Baha'is—rolls and condiments

**Unitarian Universalists—salads**

Methodists—desserts

A short program will be included honoring Earth Day. The Alliance's objective of creating spaces that foster acquaintances and friendships where civil discourse can be practiced and modeled across religious/cultural/political differences will also be presented. The public is invited to either or both events. For questions, contact Rick Bily at 509-677-3955 or [coyotesmile9@gmail.com](mailto:coyotesmile9@gmail.com)



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740-590-5434 if you can  
contribute a potato or other salad.  
Or, if you can make the salad but  
not the event we will be happy to  
pick up your salad.

## Bill's Blurbs for April

### SUNDAY SERVICES

April 8, 11 am

**"A Faith that Puts its Faith in You"**

Rev. Bill Graves

Our theme for April is "Transformation" and I am challenged to address why Unitarian-Universalism is transformational. Part of the answer is implied in the bumper sticker slogan that is the title of this service. Another bumper sticker we might consult is:

**WE HAVE QUESTIONS  
FOR ALL YOUR ANSWERS**

After several millennia of being labeled and persecuted as heretics we celebrate our free-thinking and creedless ways guided by seven deep and sublime principles. These offer to us lives of great meaning and purpose and a faith that UUs can help save the planet. All this will become clear when I explain the Religious Education lesson about Roy G. Biv.

Curious? The choir will be singing.

### ADULT CLASSES

**"Our Long Strange Trip:  
UU History in Depth"**

In February we began a six-session series exploring the great story of UU history based on a video series called "Long Strange Trip" by Ron Cordes.

**Thursday, April 5, 7 pm**  
(Veggie pizza, 6:30)

**Part 4—"Universalism 1600-1860"**

This is the story of the lesser known branch of our faith the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century writings of Origen of Alexandria, to 17<sup>th</sup> Century England and its roots in Christian mysticism, which lifts up the universal and abundant love of God for all God's creation. In America it became an important alternative to "Fire and Brimstone" Puritanism led by John Murray, Judith Sargent Murray, and Hosea Ballour.

**UU Women Celebrated in  
Women's History Month**

<https://www.uua.org/pressroom/stories/celebrating-uu-women-history>

## Pssst! Wanna Be A Mystery Pal?

*Mystery pals is a tradition at KVVUC that matches a child or teenager with an adult to become "mystery pals." Each week the pair will exchange notes in a special numbered pocket wall hanging made by Willow Jeane Lyman.*

You must keep your identity completely secret but you can give clues to who you are. To be a mystery pal, you must be at the service each week, or have

someone bring your note for you if you will be absent. The dates are April 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20.

**Reveal Party:** There will be a party to reveal who the Pals are on May 20.

For more details or to sign up, contact Maggie Patterson, [recoordinator@kvuu.org](mailto:recoordinator@kvuu.org) or 509-925-2552.

# Pub Theology Group

Hi there UU's!

I am the new interim campus minister for the CWU Wesley Club at the Ellensburg United Methodist church and I lead a Pub Theology discussion group on Thursdays.

I'd like to invite anyone from your church and beyond to join us! We meet Thursdays at 7pm at Whipsaw Brewery and enjoy discussion about different topics. I use a pub theology book as a resource and sometimes Ted Talks for questions and we just go on random tangents from there. It's a really fun way to gain different perspectives. So far, we haven't had many community members join us - mostly just college students right now and me. We'd love to expand our group! All perspectives are welcome!

## PUB THEOLOGY DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursdays, 7 pm

Whipsaw Brewery

704 N Wenas St, Ellensburg

Last week we talked about doubt and the week before we had questions about culture and society. If you have any questions or want to hear more about what it's all about - feel free to give me a call: 937-441-9449.

**Katie Rau**

CWU Wesley Club

Ellensburg UMC

210 N Ruby St

509-962-9257

## Rich Villacres featured in CWU PULSE Magazine

Rich Villacres is a professional photographer and member/friend of KVVUUC. He spoke at the church a year and a half ago. His story and photographs can be found online here (p. 32):

[https://issuu.com/cwupulse/docs/winter\\_2018\\_issue\\_two](https://issuu.com/cwupulse/docs/winter_2018_issue_two)

## Annual Meeting on May 5

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday May 5. We are planning a Cinco de Mayo potluck beforehand. Budgets and new board members will be the order of the day.

## Rev. Bill's Ellensburg Schedule April 2018

- 1-3 Whidbey Island office\*\*
- 4-8 Ellensburg office hours at KVVUUC\*
- 4 Board meeting: 6pm
- 5 Open time for coffee/conversation at  
Dakota Café – 8:30-10:00am
- 5 Choir Practice - 5:15 pm
- 5 Adult RE class “UU History in Depth Part 4”  
See p. 3. (pizza 6:30; class 7-8:30pm).
- 6 Council on Ministry Mtg, Dakota Café, 8:30
- 6 KV Interfaith Alliance planning mtg , TBD
- 8 Worship Service at KVVUUC ; Council mtg
- 21 Interfaith Alliance work party at IOOF  
cemetery, 9 am, followed by lunch, and  
salute to Earth Day at LDS church
- 9-30 Whidbey Island office\*\*

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\*In Ellensburg available by appt. for conversation, meetings, counseling, listening., home or hospital visits, or camaraderie.

\*\*Available to return phone calls or emails when on Whidbey; also available by Skype or similar by prior arrangement.

# Religious Education

Maggie Patterson, Religious Education Coordinator

## Dates to Remember

- **Sun, Apr. 1:** Happy Easter! Potluck. No RE. We will install our Peace-and-Justice Pole in the bee garden in April.  
More information on Posts for Peace & Justice: [www.postsforpeaceandjustice.org](http://www.postsforpeaceandjustice.org) or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PeacePosts/>
- **Mon, Apr. 2:** 7pm RE meeting at KVUUC. All are welcome!
- **Sun, Apr. 8:** Regular RE classes\*
- **Sun, Apr. 15:** Regular RE classes\*
- **Sun, Apr. 22:** Earth Day! Regular RE classes\*.  
- *Mystery Pals* starts (see page 2).
- **Sun, Apr. 29:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck. No RE.  
- *Intergenerational Book Club* meets after the service for a lively discussion of "A Wrinkle in Time". All ages welcome!

Happy Spring to each and every one of you!



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509-925-2552(home)

\*Regular RE:

**Society of the Magi**, Zendo, 9:45-10:45 am

Teachers: Dan Schissler or Kristen Paton with an assistant.

**Chalice Children**, Zendo, during the service

Teachers: Becca Wassell, Izze Arens, or Maggie Patterson, an assistant and a childcare provider.

## GOT ART?

We are accepting art, poetry, short stories or essays to put on a Children's Page in the newsletter. To submit, send to [news@kvuu.org](mailto:news@kvuu.org), or to Maggie.



## Kids & Youth Programs, Childcare at UU PWR Regional Assembly

The Pacific West Regional Assembly in Portland, Oregon, April 27-29, (see p.6) has something for people of every age. For younger folk we'll have a UU Kids Camp for ages 5-14, a Youth Assembly for ages 14-18, and high-quality childcare for infants to age 4. Families can spend time together, too, sharing the opening ceremony, Sunday morning worship, mealtimes, and more.

Because of our UU commitment to including children and youth, the PWR is covering much of the cost. The registration fee is just a portion of what it costs for these engaging, inclusive, and faith-building programs.

The PWR Assembly promises to be an experience that deepens UU identity and fosters hope and resilience in people of all ages. Register now and join us in Portland!

## Regional Mission Trip for Youth and Adults this summer!

- Do you have a passion for environmental justice?
- Have you been interested to partner with grass-roots organizations to create a lasting partnership in solidarity with local communities?
- Have you ever wanted to make a real difference while learning hands on skills and concepts?

### “Pacific Western Region Justice Journey: Roots, Reflections and Relationships - An Environmental Justice Journey.

A week long immersion experience focusing on Environmental Sustainability through service, learning, and a meditation practice designed to be reflective and to sustain future justice work.

**Sat, July 14 - Sun, July 22, 2018** at  
Throop Unitarian Universalist Church  
300 S. Los Robles Ave. , Pasadena, CA 91101

You are invited! 25 multigenerational participants— Families with youth, YA's and adults welcome. Cost is \$550.00 pp, inc. meals, lodging, local transportation. (Transportation to Pasadena is not included.)

### Scholarships are available!

Information: <https://www.uua.org/pacific-western/calendar> [select July]

Registration: <https://register.pwruua.org/event-registrations/pwr-mission-trip/>

Contact: Katie Covey, PWR Mission Trip Lead at [katiecovey@gmail.com](mailto:katiecovey@gmail.com).

## UUA Pacific Western 2018 Regional Assembly, Portland OR April 27—29

The four districts of the UUA's Pacific Western Region will gather April 27-29 in Portland, OR for the 2018 Regional Assembly. Speakers include:

- Civil rights activist, the **Rev. Dr. William Barber**
- Washington Congresswoman **Pramila Jayapal**, advocate for women's, immigrant, civil, and human rights
- **The Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray**, newly elected UUA president.

Programming includes workshops, worship, district meetings, and an optional social justice activity. A day-long Professional Day designed for religious professionals is planned for Friday, April 27, before the start of Regional Assembly.

Discount lodging is available at the Portland DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, site of the Regional Assembly.

Childcare and youth programming will be available.

Early Bird adult registration ends Wednesday, January 31. Discounts available for young adults, youth, and children.

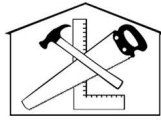
For full details, go to the PWR website, [www.uua.org/pwr](http://www.uua.org/pwr).

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