

KVUUC News



Kittitas Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation

June 2018

Worship in June

June 3

Flower Communion—Coleen Renee
Green Sanctuary/Social Justice Council, 12 :15 pm

June 10

"Spiritual Practice 101" - Rev. Bill
Worship Council, 12:15 pm

June 17

"Spiritual Practice 102" - Rev. Bill
Membership Council, 12:15 pm

May 24

Touchstones
CommNet, 12:15 pm

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 3PM

IRENE RINEHART PARK

End of Year



All Invited

- Dinner served 5pm
- Beef or veggie burger RSVP to Maggie by 6/3

Upcoming Meetings & Special Events

Sun, 6/3	• Flower Communion & Teacher Appreciation Service
Mon, 6/4	• Religious Education Council, 7 pm
Sun, 6/10	• End of Year Picnic Potluck at Irene Rinehart Park, 3pm
Wed, 6/13	• KVUU Board Meeting, 6 pm
Thu, 6/14	• Adult Ed "Our Long Strange Trip, Pt. 6", KVUUC 7 pm (pizza 6:30)
Sat, 6/16	• A Wrinkle in Time w/pizza & movie, 6:30 pm (see p.4)
Sun, 8/19	• KVUU Talent Show, 5 pm

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A Time of Turning

Rev. Bill Graves

It's that beautiful time of year again in the Northern Hemisphere, when the June solstice – your signal to celebrate summer – is nearly upon us. On June 21, you might pause to notice the earliest dawn and latest sunset and your shortest noon-time shadow of the year. If you're a person who's tuned in to the out-of-doors, you know the peaceful, comforting feeling that accompanies these signs and signals of the year's longest day. The solstice is a time to recall the reverence and understanding that early people had for the sun, our ultimate source of all light and warmth. Some 5,000 years ago both Stonehenge in England and the Great Pyramids of Giza were designed to be precisely aligned with the sunrise and sunset on the June solstice.



Rev. Bill Graves

It is a time of turning for all of us. The continuity of life is not permanence, but newness, the constant regeneration of the universe from galaxies to grasshoppers. As Nietzsche put it: 'Only where there are graves are there resurrections.' Only as the old order dies can the new order be born. Only as the old me dies, can the new me, and you be born."

The turning foremost on my mind is my imminent departure from KVVUUC. I will leave feeling good about my time with you and my experience in ministry as a whole. Ten years ago I agonized over the question whether I should seek to be ordained as a UU minister, or just "retire" as most of my contemporaries were doing. I now see the decision to go ahead as one of best of my life. It has been a 10 year high; so much growth of my soul, so many encounters at the deepest levels, so many hugs and caring exchanged with so many people, so many opportunities to celebrate, honor and defend life. I have been truly blessed.

And, I feel KVVUUC is a healthy, happy place poised to become what ever it collectively wishes. And all will be well. Shortly I presume you will welcome my replacement. If you treat her or him anything like the way you have treated me, a mere mortal should do splendidly.

In gratitude,

Rev. Bill

Get Your Act Together

The Second Annual KVVU Talent Show is
Sunday, August 19 5pm
All ages, all talents. Watch for details.

Rev. Bill's Ellensburg Schedule June 2018

- 1-8 Whidbey Island office**
- 9-17 Ellensburg office hours at KVVUUC*
- 10 Worship Service at KVVUUC ; Council mtg
- 10 RE picnic & "Saying Goodbye" party
- 11 Meeting, UU Ministers Association 1pm
- 13 Board meeting: 6pm
- 14 Open time for coffee/conversation at
Dakota Café – 8:30-10:00am
- 14 Adult RE class "UU History in Depth Part 6"
See p. 3. (pizza 6:30; class 7-8:30pm).
- 15 Council on Ministry, Dakota Café 8:30
- 16 Interfaith Alliance picnic Racial Unity Day
- 17 Worship Service at KVVUUC
- 18-30 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;

Bill's Blurbs for April

SUNDAY SERVICES

June 10, 11 am

"Spiritual Practice 101"

Rev. Bill Graves

This is the first of a two-part sermon that will take a look at "spirituality". What is it and what isn't it? What are some simple practices that might help me find more of it in my life? It also might be called "soul work", or finding a sense of "sacred purpose" in life. For some, it is the more important task they ever undertake. Finding and living faithfully in that purpose is to live intensely in the here and now and to know and celebrate the rapture of being alive. That is the spiritual quest.

June 18, 11 am

"Spiritual Practice 102"

Rev. Bill Graves

We will review and build upon thoughts explored on June 10. Graduation from Spiritual Practice 101 is not a prerequisite to attendance at this sermon. All are welcome.

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, June 14, 7 pm
(Veggie pizza, 6:30)

Part 6—"Unitarian Universalism"

This is the final chapter of our historical saga covering the merger of the Unitarian and Universalist denominations to the present. Among other things we will examine the factors that made the merger of the two quite different movements possible, Sophia Fahs and the development of liberal religious education including the "Our Whole Lives" curriculum, our wrenching struggle over black empowerment between 1967-70 (and today), tensions over use of traditional faith language, and the overall nature of liberal religion in the modern age .

The Peace Post Project Maggie Patterson, RE Coordinator

Debbie Williams came to me a few months ago with an article and photos about another congregation putting up a Peace-and-Justice post. It seemed like a fun project ! I already had an old post so I set to work researching eco-friendly outdoor paint. On a Celebration Sunday we painted the white base coat and had a party one Saturday to paint the rest. Almost every child participated and it was a wonderful show of creativity, cooperation, and joy. The older kids kindly made room for the younger ones, even when they were painting all over the older kids' art! We painted the word "peace" in many different languages, along with many other beautiful symbols and designs. Thanks to Dan Shissler and Richard Gallagher, who installed it for us in the bee garden, and everyone who took part in this amazing activity! It looks fabulous! Hopefully it will spark conversation and thought on the subject of peace and justice in our community.

If you haven't seen it yet-take a peek! Kristen Paton shared some pictures, see next page.

Religious Education

Maggie Patterson, Religious Education Coordinator

Dates to Remember

- **Sun, June 3:** No RE, childcare available. Teacher Appreciation - if you have taught, assisted, or provided childcare this year please plan on coming!
- **Mon, June 4:** 7pm RE meeting at KVVUC.
- **Sun, June 10:** Last day of RE. End of year potluck at Carey Lake 3pm. Details on pg. 1
- **Sat, June 16:** A Wrinkle in Time. Book discussion 6pm; Movie and pizza 6:30. BYOB, blankets, pillows, pajamas if desired.
- **Sun, June 17:** Happy Father's Day! Summer childcare** begins
- **Sun, June 24:** Summer childcare**.

Maggie Patterson, RE Coordinator
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**SUMMER CHILDCARE

For children of all ages during the service. The children will enjoy nature in a variety of ways including reading stories, doing crafts, exploring outside, and gardening.

Please prepare your child for being outside by providing a sunhat or sunglasses if desired, putting on sunscreen, wearing outdoor appropriate clothing, and bringing a water bottle.



Photos by Kristen Paton

Peace Pole Project



CREATIVE ARTS ELIOT CAMP for UUs & Their Friends & Family

Seabeck, WA August 11–15

Enjoy a multi-generational "summer camp" experience with campfires, games, worship, and FUN while also pursuing artistic or creative endeavors. Talented presenters will delight and inspire during a five-day camp full of learning and fun with workshops in:

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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.

“THE DUKE” OF VOLUNTEERISM

Debbie Williams, Co-president

Tom Duke is truly “The Duke” of volunteerism, especially in our beloved community of KVUUC. He joined the board last year and has stepped up in so many ways to improve the efficiency of our operation: cleaning gutters, replacing light bulbs, reorganizing cabinets for RE, building shelving for storage, and more. When I proposed that we apply for a Chalice Lighter grant through UU Pacific NW region, Tom jumped at that, even though we had less than a month to put together a proposal and application. With

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very little assistance Tom interviewed those who use the facility, noted the shortcomings (like the radio station coming through the speaker wires), and put together a proposal including bids and estimates for purchasing replacement items.

The vision, described in our grant, of a very usable space for Sunday service and after-hour concerts and movies, is very near to complete. We have a bigger screen with a remote operation, ceiling-mounted projector, new surround-sound system, dimmable lights in the sanctuary, and a sound board for mixing the instruments and voices; all will be ready to go soon for our next big event.

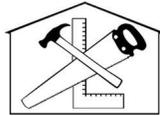
There is always more to do in a building that has multiple uses, but the goal of making it a place that we can use for services, hootenannies, and other events is commendable and doable, as Tom Duke is showing us with his energy and resourcefulness. Thank you so much, Tom, for your hard work, leadership, and vision!

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