

KVUUC News



Kittitas Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation May 2018

Worship in May

May 6
 Beloved Community - Congregants
 Green Sanctuary/Social Justice Council, 12 :15 pm

May 13
 "If Not Now, Tell Me When" - Rev. Bill, KVUUC Choir
 Worship Council, 12:15 pm

May 20
 Environmental Ethics - Matt Altman
 Membership Council, 12:15 pm

May 27
 Touchstones
 CommNet, 12:15 pm

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

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 5PM

Cinco de Mayo potluck

followed by the

ANNUAL MEETING

- Elect Officers
- What we did last year
- Decide next year's budget

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On Congregational Conflict

Rev. Bill Graves

We UUs seek to belong to “beloved communities” but, unfortunately, disruptive conflicts between members or between members and the minister arise all too frequently. Maybe it’s related to our individualism as in “leading UU’s is like herding cats.” I can say this from the perspective of serving for many years on our Pacific Northwest District Healthy Congregations Team whose job is to help congregations get through conflict afflictions. I am also currently serve in our UU Ministers Association as a Good Offices Person and my job its to assist UU ministers who are in troubled situations. I have seen disgruntled members of four congregations split off and attempt to form their own separate congregations (all ultimately unsuccessfully). I have seen attendance and pledge support fall off precipitously, as people not involved in the conflict often prefer to stay home than be present in a toxic environment. I have seen a number of congregations go through the painful process of barring disruptive persons from future congregational activities.

I am not bringing this up because of any significant, current conflict at KVVUC that I am aware of. I am bringing it up because, unfortunately, there is a good chance that will come about in the future and it is far better to have policies and procedures in place that can be turned to when the time occurs, than not. I also am bringing it up because our Council on Ministry supports us doing something along this line. They are aware of instances in the past where members expressed dissatisfaction concerning another. After nothing was done to address the situation the persons simply stopped attending.

Therefore, I will be offering for the board’s consideration a conflict resolution policy and procedure adapted from one used in other congregations. Stay Tuned!

Springtime Blessings,

Rev. Bill



Rev. Bill Graves

A Hearty Thank You!

I was so gratified to see how well supported our Interfaith Alliance, Earth Day, work party at the IOOF cemetery was. According to my count approximately 80 volunteers from at least seven different congregations, or unaffiliated, worked like beavers, accomplished 90% of the cemetery board’s “to-do” list, then enjoyed lunch and camaraderie in the gymnasium of the L.D.S. church next door. I saw 17-KVVUCers pitching in and the salads we supplied were magnificent. Thanks so much to Vivian for organizing the salad brigade. I started new friendships with three Mormons, an Episcopal, a Presbyterian and a Buddhist and checked in with many of my old interfaith friends. One of the goals of the Interfaith Alliance is to facilitate conversations and connections across religious, political and class boundaries so that we might better work together for the common good. We feel that is especially important at this time of widening polarization. An idea we are pursuing has been called “sideling up to difference.” Instead of plunging people with radically different world views into a difficult conversation on subjects such as race or abortion, our idea was to facilitate some opportunities to build trust and some familiarity. We would also highlight Earth Day by working together to nurture an earthy garden. We did good methinks.

Bill's Blurbs for April

SUNDAY SERVICES

May 13, 11 am

"If Not Now, Tell Me When"

Rev. Bill Graves

As we begin our 2018 pledge drive make way for "The Sermon on the Amount." We will explore what it means to be a transformative community where the gifts of each are nurtured and given for the good of all. Only through "The Fire of Commitment" will we succeed in our mission of transforming each other and our world. Jan Jaffe and the KVVUC choir will be singing.



**Play "Name That Tune"
Win A Prize!**

In the above paragraph are embedded the titles to two songs we will be singing. Rev. Bill will award a prize to the first person who reads this and correctly identifies to him the two songs.

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, May 10, 7 pm
(Veggie pizza, 6:30)

Part 5—"Evolution, 1861 - 1960"

This is the story of the continual interplay and conflict between advocates for new ideas (e.g., evolution science, the social gospel, humanism, anti-institutionalism, universal religion) and guardians of deeply held ideas, values, and ways of doing things. This session also highlights Unitarian and Universalist women of the 19th century who worked in their time to make the world a better place.

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

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

Community Events

Saturday, May 5

Opening Day!
KITITAS COUNTY FARMER'S MARKET
9 am—1 pm
Downtown Ellensburg,
4th Ave at Pearl Street

PUB THEOLOGY

DISCUSSION GROUP
w/ United Methodist CWU Wesley
Thursdays, 7 pm
Whipsaw Brewery
704 N Wenas St, Ellensburg

Saturday, May 12

Bluegrass with "North Country"
SWAUK TEANAWAY GRANGE
7—8:30 pm
1361 Ballard Rd W, Cle Elum
\$10/kids 12 & under free

Religious Education

Maggie Patterson, Religious Education Coordinator

Dates to Remember

- **Sun, May 6:** Celebration Sunday - all ages meet in the zendo during the service to go on a Stream Clean-Up with Becca. Mystery Pals - bring notes if you are a pal.
- **Mon, May 7:** 7pm RE meeting at KVVUUC. All are welcome!
- **Sun, May 13: Happy Mother's Day!** Regular RE classes*. Bring Mystery Pal notes.
- **Sun, May 20:** Regular RE classes*, Mystery Pals Reveal Party 9:45 - 10:45 in the zendo.
- **Sun, May 27:** Regular RE classes*.

Maggie Patterson, RE Coordinator
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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

*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.

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:

Poetry Small Art Quilts Improvisation
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Sculpting Intermediate Ukulele

“Active Sports” will be available for those wanting biking, hiking, kayaking etc.

For more information, please contact visit our website: www.eliotinstitute.org

Rev. Bill's Ellensburg Schedule May 2018

- 1-8 Whidbey Island office**
- 9-13 Ellensburg office hours at KVVUUC*
- 9 Board meeting: 6pm
- 10 Open time for coffee/conversation at Dakota Café – 8:30-10:00am
- 10 Choir Practice - 5:15 pm
- 10 Adult RE class “UU History in Depth Part 5”
See p. 3. (pizza 6:30; class 7-8:30pm).
- 11 KV Interfaith Alliance planning mtg , TBD
- 11-12 w/Frances at Yakima River Bird Fest
- 13 Worship Service at KVVUUC ; Council mtg
- 15-24 Biking on Katy Trail in Missouri
- 25-30 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.

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.

“HELP HEAL THE WORLD”

Goldmine Youth Leadership School
Edmonds UU Church, WA
July 7–12

- Application deadline: May 15
- Fee: \$425, 1/2 deposit 5/30, bal 6/30

Goldmine is for you if you’ve...

Volunteered for a cause...Worked on a committee...Held an office...Taken part in a worship service...Attended a meeting...Felt moved by an issue... Organized an endeavor...Participated in a discussion...Been involved in a conflict Or wanted to do any of these things...

Goldmine is not a camp, nor is it a retreat. Goldmine is an immersion event that can result in a significant change in the life of a young person, in a community, and in the larger world of Unitarian Universalism

Goldmine is about bringing a community of youth and adults to a turning point with the potential to engage a new level of understanding, confidence, clarity, and depth about what it means to be an inspiring, skillful, and humble leader. It's an event that can change the way we think and act as Unitarian Universalists, and it is an investment in our future.

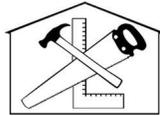
Details and registration at <https://www.uua.org/pacific-western/youth-ministries/events/goldmine-youth-leadership-school>

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