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The Purpose of this Fellowship

To further freedom of religious experience and toleration of religious ideas;

Promote personal choice based on reason and conscience;

Celebrate the worth and dignity of each human being;

Accept the motive force of love;

Advocate the never-ending search for truth;

and Proclaim the importance of a religious community.

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Summer is just around the corner...

Time. Can't stop it—can't even slow it down. Can't turn back the clock, even if we'd want to. My twins, Karen and William, were two years old when I first started attending SCUUF meetings. They will be 15 in July and they'll be starting their second year of high school in September. Time flies.

I think of the changes our Fellowship has gone through, in the time that I've been a member. When I joined SCUUF, we were meeting in a building at Empire Lakes. A few years later, the Headstart program moved in, and we found our current "home" at NB Methodist Church. This move made it necessary to hold our programs on Sunday afternoons, rather than in the mornings.

We are a small but dedicated group. Though we have not grown in numbers, I think the change with the greatest impact has been the personal and spiritual growth of SCUUF friends and members. The passage of time has brought a change in the make-up of our membership. Some members and friends move away, illness or death takes others. New friends and members, though, bring fresh ideas and energy, as does new leadership.

This will be my last column as SCUUF president; my term as lay leader finishes at the end of June. I hope you will join us at the Annual Meeting scheduled for May 21st, at 3 pm, at the NB Methodist Church. Members will be voting on new officers and approving the budget for FY 2006-07, as well as deciding on SCUUF's annual social justice project.

Wherever your journey takes you, may the knowledge that you are part of a liberal religious tradition be an inspiration and a motivating force in your life. ☺

PNWD LifeSpan Learning Opportunities

Every year, the Pacific Northwest District of the UUA (PNWD) provides a number of opportunities for church members and leadership. To find out more about district events, you can visit www.pnwd.org. Here is a sampling of what is offered this year—

May 20 – Adult Religious Education Workshop (Bremerton WA)

May 27 – Social Justice Revitalization Workshop (Puget Sound)

June 20-21 – UU University (St. Louis MO)

June 21-25 – General Assembly (St. Louis MO)

July 23-28 GoldMine Youth Leadership School (Olympia WA)

Aug 7-9 – Renaissance Module: Ministry with Youth (North Bend WA)

Aug 18-20 – Adult OWL (Vancouver WA)

Aug 25-27 – Youth Adviser Training, Basic and Advanced (TBA)

Sept 8-9 – Leadership Development for Committee Chairs (Olympia WA)

Among UUs

On a trip up the Oregon coast in March, Lilah Bidwell fell and broke her right wrist. Several bones were fractured and are being held in place with pins while she heals. We wish her the speediest of recoveries.



More than 40 years ago, SCUUF Treasurer Paula Bracken, added Jerri Johnson to her family after Jerri's mother died. Jerri, then 15 years old, became the big sister to Paula's children. Last year Jerri began dialysis due to failing kidneys. Jerri Johnson Nygren Sowa died peacefully in her sleep on March 16. We offer our deepest condolences to Paula.



At the end of 2005, SCUUF members Al Solomon & Jean Adamson sold their house in Corvallis and planned to retire to their Coos Bay home this spring. Then Al, who retired from the EPA, was offered the position of National Program Leader for Global Change Research with the US Forest Service in Arlington, Virginia. He plans to start the new position in mid-May.



Herb and Betsey Kinney's grandson, Jon Wash, recently played a leading role in several performances staged by the NB High School Drama Club of Oscar Wilde's masterpiece, *The Importance of Being Earnest*.



Karen Fowler is in rehearsal for *Quilters*, a musical that opens in late June at the theater of the Waterfront Players Repertory Company in Pony Village.



Will Fowler was among students recently honored at the NBHS *Breakfast of Champions*, celebrating achievement not limited to scholastic or athletic performance.



Georgia & Jim Martin will be traveling from mid-June to mid-July. Their first stop will be in Manhattan to visit an exchange student they hosted from the Republic of Georgia. From New York they will travel to Germany to visit a niece. Then it's on to Italy and France, where they will visit other exchange students they have hosted. The Martins initially planned to take this trip last summer, but had to postpone for health reasons.



SCUUF member Carl Siminow is traveling first to China and then on to Japan. He will be away for more than one month. We look forward to hearing about his travel adventures.



Welcome home to Mitzi Loftus, who spent several weeks in Spain visiting with her former exchange student and his extended family. Mitzi plans to travel up from Ashland to visit SCUUF in May when we will surely hear wonderful tales of the trip. ☺

Monthly Peace Vigil in Coos Bay

South Coast Peace Alliance (SCPA) in Coos Bay-North Bend area is now sponsoring a monthly Peace Vigil. The vigils take place on the second Saturday of each month from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. on the Coos Bay boardwalk, at junction of Hwy. 101 North bound with Anderson Avenue.

For more information, please contact Dennis at 888-8234 or wowunupo@harborside.com ☺

Oregon Troops Need Oregon Knitters

Karen Nygren, a Unity member in Portland, is seeking knitters and crocheters to help provide helmet liners for our Oregon Troops in Afghanistan.

The deadline for the liners is September 1, 2006. If you are interested, contact Karen at (503) 864-4961 or karengoats@onlinenw.com ☺

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South Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
May – June 2006 Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, programs are from 3:00 to 4:30pm at North Bend United Methodist Church, 2389 Meade Street.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
May 7 The Histories, Part I Bob Mahaffy shares the story of the father of History, Herodotus, who wrote, "In peace, children inter their parents; war violates the order of nature and causes parents to inter their children."	8	9	10	11	12	13 Peace Vigil 1p – 3p (888-8234)
14 I Remember Mama Bring stories—funny, sad, or other—about mothers and motherhood.	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 SCUUF Annual Meeting The Annual Business Meeting of SCUUF is a short, but critical gathering of our fellowship membership. We'll be electing officers for 2006-07, evaluating and approving the budget (below), and selecting a 2007 social justice focus. Check out the enclosed flyer for more.	22	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>For the Memorial Day picnic at M&M&M, bring a pot luck contribution and something to put on the grill for yourself. Coals and fun will be ready at 3:00pm. Call 267-5460 for directions.</p> </div>				27
			24 Board Meeting 7pm M&M&M			
28 No Program Consider making something really terrific for tomorrow's picnic!	29 Memorial Day Picnic @ M&M&M	30	31	June 1	2	3
4 The Accidental Buddhist, Part II The Tibetan experience will be accidentally presented by Paula Bracken.	5 Mackenzie's birthday	6	7	8	9	10 Peace Vigil 1p – 3p (888-8234)
11 Michael Servetus • Part IV Michael Servetus takes on John Calvin: the genius mystic stands up to the tyrannical reformer and pays with his life. Presented by Barbara Taylor.	12	13	14 Flag Day ----- Burl Ives' birthday	15	16	17
18 Solstice Celebration Meet at the Kiosk at Sunset Bay State Park from 3:00p – 5:00p. Finger-food pot luck to follow. Facilitated by Robin McCreery	19	20 Mitzi's birthday	21	22	23	24
25 The Histories, Part II Bob Mahaffy continues the saga of the Father of History, Herodotus.	26 Mark's birthday	27	28 Lilah's birthday	29	30	



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SCUUF Membership is open to all who agree with our purpose
and are willing to make a commitment of time, talent, or treasure.

Marriage Protection Act?!

Members of Congress, with the support of the Bush administration, have proposed a so-called "Marriage Protection Act" which would amend the Constitution to limit the legal benefits of marriage to heterosexual couples. The proposed Amendment to limit the rights of same-sex couples to marry would be a terrible blow to our religious freedom.

If the so-called "Marriage Protection Amendment" were to pass, it would be the first time that the Constitution would be used to restrict the rights of a group of American citizens. The Coalition Against Discrimination in the Constitution is comprised of faith, civil rights, labor, education, health, and advocacy organizations that believe in defending the First Amendment and the religious liberty of all Americans. This joint effort is leading the fight to defeat this harmful amendment.

Visit www.FaithForFairness.org to sign an open letter to the President and Congress opposing discrimination in our Constitution.