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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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www.uua.org ☺

Barb's Bits...

Freedom & Responsibility

As we welcome the month of July, I consider the holiday that our nation will soon celebrate with barbeque and fireworks—the Fourth of July. A less-used name for this significant day in the history of our nation is “Independence Day.”

Independence from what? Well, tyranny and oppression, for starters. We mark this date as the time when our nation threw off the shackles of colonialism and fought for freedom.

With freedom comes responsibility. My favorite Unitarian Universalist principle is the fourth of our seven principles: *A free and responsible search for truth and meaning*. I suppose this particular principle resonates with me because, in this case, I interpret the use of the word “free” to be equivalent to “unfettered”. I’ve never much liked being told what to do and how, or when, to do it. So the idea of searching for spiritual truth without the constraints imposed by an authority figure appeals to me.

However, my social conscience dictates that nothing is **free**. I understand that my personal freedom to search for “truth and meaning” is an indirect result of sacrifices made by many people, beginning before July 4, 1776, and continuing to this day. Therefore, I feel an incumbent duty to be a responsible citizen of this country. Some days I am more responsible than other days, but generally, I strive to stay informed, to participate, and to give back, in some small measure.

Within the community of our Fellowship, we do not always agree on how best to make the journey in search of truth and meaning, but I think we readily agree that we **must** continue the journey. Enjoy a safe and happy Independence Day! ☺

Boise Hosts 2007 District Meeting

Knowledge-Compassion-Commitment is the theme for the 2007 Annual General Meeting of the Pacific NW District of the UUA, to be held at the Grove Hotel in historic downtown Boise. The keynote speaker will be **UUA President William Sinkford!**

Mark your calendars now with February 16-18 and plan to attend for a full program of workshops, inspiring speakers and special events—plus a chance to explore Idaho’s capital city. If you’d like to propose a workshop for the conference, please visit www.pnwd.org/pages/agm.php for more information. ☺



On June 20 – 24, 2007 the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly is in Portland Oregon!

Among UUs

Loisa Dewater recently bought a home at Shore Pines Park, and, in the middle of her move, she organized a birthday celebration for **Mitzi Loftus**. The party was hosted by **Herb & Betsy Kinney** in their lovely garden/grounds. More than 20 guests enjoyed a delicious luncheon starring **Betsy's** chicken salad. **Mitzi** especially enjoyed the opportunity for her SCUUF friends to meet some of her friends from other "slices" of her life, including those from AFS (American Field Service) and the County Democratic Party. A good time for all!



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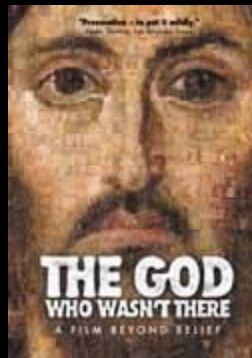
Our fellowship has a new mailing address:

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PO Box 595
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Program phone remains 759-3471.

SCUUF at the Movies

On Sunday, July 2, at 3:00p we will have a private fellowship preview of **The God Who Wasn't There**, a movie that *Newsweek* says "irreverently lays out the case that Jesus Christ never existed."



From TheGodMovie.com:
"In the one hour film, former fundamentalist Brian Flemming unflinchingly examines believers of Jesus Christ and the origins of their beliefs. Holding modern Christianity up to a bright spotlight, this groundbreaking film demands answers to questions few dare to ask.
*Hold on to your faith.
It's in for a bumpy ride!*"

We'll follow the movie with a one hour round-robin discussion about the topics presented. No doubt, the open and tolerant UU-style conversation will prove honest, revealing, and thought-provoking.

The fellowship owns this movie, so it is available for loan for other private showings. I found the extended DVD interviews very interesting.

For information about this event, check our fellowship web site at www.scuuf.pnwd.uua.org

For more information about *The God Who Wasn't There* movie, visit www.TheGodMovie.com.



Chapter and Verse

The Presidential Prayer Team is currently urging us to "Pray for the President as he seeks wisdom on how to legally codify the definition of marriage. Pray that it will be according to the Biblical principles. With many forces insisting on variant definitions of marriage, pray that God's Word and His standards will be honored by our government."

Any good religious person believes prayer should be balanced by action. So here, in support of the Prayer Team's admirable goals, is a proposed Constitutional Amendment codifying marriage based entirely on biblical principles:

- Marriage in the United States shall consist of a union between one man and one or more women
 - Genesis 29:17 – 28
 - II Samuel 3:2-5
- Marriage shall not impede a man's right to take concubines in addition to his wife or wives.
 - Samuel 5:13
 - I Kings 11:3
 - II Chronicles 11:21
- A marriage shall be considered valid only if the wife is a virgin. If the wife is not a virgin, she shall be executed.
 - Deuteronomy 22:13-21
- Marriage of the believer and a non-believer shall be forbidden.
 - Genesis 24:3
 - Numbers 25:1-9
 - Ezra 9:12
 - Nehemiah 10:30
- Since marriage is for life, neither this Constitution nor the constitution of any State, nor any state or federal law, shall be construed to permit divorce.
 - Deuteronomy 22:19
 - Mark 10:9
- If a married man dies without children, his brother shall marry the widow. If he refuses to marry his brother's widow or deliberately does not give her children, he shall pay a fine of one shoe and be otherwise punished in a manner to be determined by law
 - Genesis 38:6-10
 - Deuteronomy 25:5-10
- In lieu of marriage, if there are no acceptable men in your town, it is required that you get your father drunk and have sex with him (even if he previously offered you up as a sex toy to men young and old, tag-teaming with any sisters you may have.) Of course this rule applies only if you are female.
 - Genesis 19:31-36

NOTE: If you have other biblical injunctions to add to this list, please share them with the Presidential Prayer Team. Thank you. ☺



South Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
July - August 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
July 2 SCUUF at the Movies! Viewing of <i>The God Who Wasn't There</i> , a movie that <i>Newsweek</i> says "irreverently lays out the case that Jesus Christ never existed." (See inside.) Note this is an extended program from 3:00 to 5:30pm. Movie snacks welcomed!	3	4 PICNIC!	5	6	7	8 Peace Vigil 1p - 3p (888-8234)
9 Stand for Children Our first program for our 2006-07 theme <i>Healthy and Safe Homes for Children</i> , Teddy Keizer will tell us how Stand for Children is being organized in Coos County, including goals and accomplishments in other areas.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;"> July 4th picnic at M&M Hot dogs and fixin's will be provided by SCUUF. (Veggies too!) Bring a pot luck contribution. Coals and fun will be ready at 4:30pm. Call 267-5460 for directions. </div>		12 Board Meeting 7pm M&M&M	13	14	15
16 Reflections of China Carl Siminow will share experiences from recent trip to China. Potluck follows.			19	20	21	22
23 Coast Watch Mile Hike Meet at 11:00am at North Bend library parking lot to carpool to our Coast Watch mile on North Spit. Dress, gear, and lunch for hiking. Call 888-8234 for more.	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Humanism 101 Explore broad categories of active ethical philosophies that affirm the dignity and worth of all people, based on the ability to determine <i>right and wrong</i> by appeal to universal human qualities. Presented by Georgia Martin.	31	August 1	2	3	4	5
6 Apocalypse Movement and Its Effects on Our Culture A report on recent research and a discussion. Presented by Marty Giles. Potluck follows.	7	8	9 Board Meeting 7pm M&M&M	10	11	12 Peace Vigil 1p - 3p (888-8234)
13 As If We Were Grownups From the book by Jeff Golden, presented by Barb Taylor. Potluck follows.	14	15 Paula's Birthday	16	17	18	19
20 Umpqua Dunes Hike Meet at 11:00am at North Bend library parking lot to carpool to a hike on the Umpqua Dunes (John Dellenback Trail). Dress, gear, and lunch for hiking. Call 888-8234 for more.	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Becoming a Welcoming Church An introduction to the process for affirming all people in our fellowship.	28	29	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: purple; color: white; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> SCUUF turned fifteen years old on April 24, 2006. </div>			



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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.

UU Humor...

A Passenger jet was traveling through a severe thunderstorm.

As everyone onboard did their best to ignore the turbulence, a young woman turned to a minister sitting next to her and with a nervous laugh asked, "Reverend, you're a man of God. Can't you do something about this storm?"

The minister replied, "Ma'am, I'm in sales, not management."

From UUMA-Humor mailing list, <mailto:uuma-humor@lists.uua.org>

Or find online at <http://lists.uua.org/mailman/listinfo/uuma-humor>