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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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Pacific Northwest District
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Barb's Bits...

What Are You Weaving Today?

Each day that we make wise choices we weave a little more substance into the fabric of our lives. We all weave connections that help create a sense of our place in this community. Some choices can help strengthen the bond of common values we share. Other choices may unravel some of that fabric, or even tear a hole that needs mending.

Consequences from the decisions we make become either a burden or a gift, depending on how we choose to react to the challenges in our lives. We can fret over the direction a situation takes, needlessly wasting energy, or we can channel that energy into creative solutions. Perhaps we end up making a compromise.

Sometimes the actions we choose make only a minimal impact on the lives around us. At other times, the course of action we choose, in concert with those who share our values, may affect how our society, government, economy, and environment function.

I like the look and the feel of the fabric that the friends and members of SCUUF are weaving. But the pattern I see emerging from the cloth that our entire country weaves does not please me. In fact, I find it downright depressing. What bothers me most are the stains on the fabric. Some of the stains are the color of blood, and I do not think we can ever get them out.

Does this mean I give in or give up? No, I choose to keep on weaving, and trying to make a difference in our little corner of the world, choice by choice. Thank you for being part of a community that embraces a liberal religious tradition. Weave away! ☺

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

In heavy fog (but HOT weather) on Sunday, July 23, **Karen Sparks, Nancy Hoeker, and Dennis Phillips** walked "our" mile of Oregon ocean beach (mile #128) beginning on the sand road south of Industrial Waste Pond. Lots of people were out with dogs, four wheel drives, and just walking. One man fishing in the surf showed us a beautiful collection of Surf Perch to feed his family for the week. Without **Mitzi**, no trash was picked up.



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New Mailing Address for SCUUF

Our fellowship has a new mailing address:

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Program phone remains 759-3471

The Declaration of Peace Week

September 21-28, 2006

The Declaration of Peace announces a Week of Nonviolent Actions September 21-28 in Washington, D.C. and across the United States.

If a concrete and rapid plan for an end to the US war in Iraq has not been established and activated by the deadline of September 21 – **The International Day of Peace** – people across the US will “declare peace” by engaging in the following actions:

Thursday, September 21: The Declaration of Peace week begins in Washington, DC with a national press event highlighting the activities planned across the country September 21-28. This will be followed by a focused nonviolent civil disobedience action with key voices from various communities at the US Capitol to dramatize the launch and to focus the call for Congress to act. That evening, across the US and around the world, candlelight vigils will take place.

Friday, September 22: Across the US, individuals and groups will participate in nonviolent actions, including legal demonstrations and nonviolent civil disobedience at District Congressional offices with extensive local media relations.

Saturday & Sunday, September 23-24: Local actions will take place across the US calling for the end of the

war and for Congress to act, such as marches, festivals, rallies and local media outreach. In Washington, DC on Sunday, an event will be held (to be determined) on the Mall.

Monday, September 25: Across the US, individuals and groups will participate in nonviolent actions, including legal demonstrations and nonviolent civil disobedience at District Congressional offices with locally organized media outreach. In Washington, DC nonviolence trainings and a pre-action meeting will be held in preparation for the Tuesday and Wednesday actions.

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 26-27: Building on the momentum of these actions across the country, two days of nonviolent civil disobedience and legal protest will take place at the US Capitol with coordinated press work.

Thursday, September 28: If a comprehensive plan for an end to the war in Iraq is not established by this date, a press event will be held to announce next steps in the campaign to create and activate this plan. ☺

The Power of Now

UUs and others will begin working through the book, **The Power of Now**, by Eckart Tolle beginning in Sept. or Oct. For more information call Dennis at 888-8234 or Jessica at 759-3372.





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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
September 3 No Program Today [This is also Carl Siminow's birthday, which has nothing to do with our non-program.]	4 Labor Day Picnic	5	6	7	8	9
10 The Accidental Buddhist III Theravada Buddhism, part three in a series on Buddhism by the always entertaining and informative Paula Bracken.	11	12 Board Meeting 7pm M&M&M	13	14 "Arithmetic Energy & Population" CB Library 7:00	15	16
17 Healing Ourselves, Healing the Earth A sermon by Reverend Jessica Lauren about the interconnected web of life.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #FFC0CB; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Labor Day Picnic 3pm at the Martin's: 834 S. 12th St. Coos Bay (next to M&M&M). Call 267-6181 for more. </div>		20	21 Program Planners 4pm Martins	22	23
24 Celebration of Fall Equinox Rituals and ceremonies of the season at the Sunset Bay Gazebo. Bring finger food for Equinox meal that follows. 267-5971 for more.			27	28	29	30
October 1 LNG Debate Unitarian Universalist Principles and the cases FOR and AGAINST Liquefied Natural Gas in our Coos Bay Port.	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Sharing Inspirational Stories Bring your own stories that inspire you to think and act.	9	10 Board Meeting 7pm M&M&M	11	12 "Too Much" CB Library 7:00	13	14
15 Coquille Valley Hike Meet at 11:00am at Bunker Hill School parking lot to carpool to a hike in the Coquille Valley (Coquille Falls? Hanging Rock?) Destination will be determined by weather and participants. Bring good shoes, lunch, and water.	16	17	18	19 Program Planners 4:00 Martins	20	21
22 Rebuilding America Marcy Westerling of the Rural Organizing Project discusses advancing Democracy in Rural Oregon.	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Exploring Samhain Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of <i>Samhain</i> . We'll explore the modern expressions of the old holiday. Check the World or call 759-3471 for location.	30	31 Halloween (Samhain)				



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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.

Alternatives to Growth Film Series

What if both LNG and Citizens Against LNG are "part of the problem"? What then might be some hopeful solutions? Our local **Alternatives to Growth** group presents a series of 4 video presentations:

- Thursday, September 14 • **"Arithmetic, Population and Energy"** • Dr. Al Bartlett
- Thursday, October 12 • **"Too Much"** • Author Bill McKibben
- Thursday, November 9 • **"Twenty-five Ways to Stop Growth"** • ONRC Activist Andy Kerr
- Thursday, December 7 • **"Better, Not Bigger"** • Alternative Economist and Author Eben Fodor

All shows start at 7:00pm at the Coos Bay Library Cedar Room. For more, call Dennis at 888-8234.