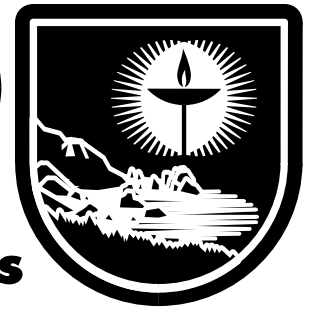


# SCUUP



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## Rumblings from Olympus

### Virtue Is In the Eye of the Beholder.

By President Robert Mahaffy

Plutarch, in his introduction to the life of Pericles, tells how Caesar once “seeing some wealthy strangers at Rome, carrying up and down with them in their arms and bosoms young puppy dogs and monkeys, embracing and making much of them, took occasion not unnaturally to ask whether the women in their country were not used to bear children; by that prince-like reprimand gravely reflecting upon persons who spend and lavish upon brute beasts that affection and kindness which nature has implanted in us to be bestowed on those of our own kind. With like reason may we blame those who misuse that love of inquiry and observation which nature has implanted in our souls, by expending it on objects unworthy of the attention either of their eyes or their ears, while they disregard such as are excellent in themselves, and would do them good.”



He goes on to give some examples to demonstrate why it’s

better to cultivate virtue than busy oneself in mean occupations. He tells how “Antisthenes, when people told him that one Ismeniss was an excellent piper, ‘It may be so,’ said he, ‘but he is but a wretched human being, otherwise he would not have been an excellent piper.’” It is only in recent times—since the rise of popularity in Hollywood movies and professional sports—that we have begun to idolize people of less than virtuous traits. ☺

### Seek and Ye Shall Find

Want to know the topic for the next SCUUF program or other fellowship information?

If you lose track of this newsletter, you can find information in Saturday religious page in *The World*, at our fellowship web site [www.scuuf.pnwd.uua.org](http://www.scuuf.pnwd.uua.org), or dial our message machine at 266-SEEK (266-7335) for a recorded message updated weekly. ☺

### Shavings from the Board

To improve our transparency, SCUUP will carry a short summary of each Board Meeting. Members and friends can also email Dennis at [wowunupo@harborside.com](mailto:wowunupo@harborside.com) and request a full copy of the minutes. The weekly Order of Service will also encourage people with concerns to contact the Board.

We are surveying the membership on the topics of time of our services and venue. Staying at the Methodist Women's Center, and Unity by the Bay are options at this time. The Alano Club was rejected because of smoke odors. Unity is very reasonable \$10 a room, possibly \$100 a month for four meetings. Send in your ballot!!

A new Caring Committee will be lead by Daina Swanson.

Finally, the Board is considering ways of helping new members and friends learn more about Unitarian Universalism. ☺

DOONESBURY GARRY TRUDEAU

Democrat & Chronicle Sat, May 20, 2006



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## POSSIBLE MOVE TO UNITY BUILDING

SCUUF officers and board members have been negotiating with Unity by the Bay to rent space in their building at 2100 Union in North Bend (due west of Little Theater on the Bay).

If and when a move to new quarters takes place, possibly as soon as February, SCUUF will note the change in venue in our outgoing phone message at 266-SEEK (266-7335). *The World* newspaper will be notified to change our religion page ad.

In the event of a move, the time that SCUUF meets for Sunday programs will likely change to 2:00 pm. ☺

## Give 'til it helps.

SCUUF welcomes your time,  
talent,  
treasure.

## NEED A RIDE?

Several SCUUF members provide rides to our program meetings and activities on an as needed basis for those in need of a lift. If you would like a ride or add your name and phone number to the list of ride providers in our Order of Service, please contact SCUUF president, Robert Mahaffy, at 267-7193. ☺

## Seeking Prompt Newsletter Editor

The position of SCUUP newsletter editor is open to any willing individual who knows desktop publishing (or would like to learn). The current editions have been edited in MS Word, but any word processing or desktop publishing program will work.

***Must know how to pay attention to calendar.*** One benefit of being the editor is that you can mention your daughter is selling Girl Scout cookies. Contact any board member for more information. ☺

## Among UUs

Karen Fowler recently completed her **Gold Award**, the highest honor earned in the Girl Scouts. She is the daughter of SCUUF Past President Barbara Taylor. As her final project, Karen painted murals in the local animal shelter.



In September, Nancy Humphreys and Carl Siminow embarked on an 11 day trip to Alaska. They took a paddlewheel river cruise in Anchorage, a bus to Denali National Park, an Inland Rail journey from Denali to Whittier, and a cruise ship voyage to Skakway, Juneau, and Ketchikan, ending up in British Columbia for a flight home. In November, Carl & Nancy will visit friends and

family in Reno, Sacramento, and Eureka for a week.



Holiday travel plans for many people were interrupted by the deep snow and ice storms that hit the Northwest. The week ending with the Winter Solstice brought below-freezing temperatures—in the low 20s—in our area. Local streams and rivers were overflowing their banks, with the SCUUF Community Garden area completely inundated by the flooding of the Coos River.



Let's all keep good thoughts for member Sarita Southgate and her husband Jerry Chadwick: Sarita is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on January 30th; Jerry is slated for an angioplasty on January 27th.



Paula Bracken traveled recently to southern California to watch the graduation ceremony of her grandson, who just earned a degree in genetics, at UC-Davis.

Shortly after returning home, Paula headed for Springfield, where she spent the Christmas holiday with her two older sons and other family members.



Jim Sherman travels back to Hawaii next month to spend time putting the finishing touches on his new apartment, situated above his son's home with splendid views all around. Jim looks forward to living in the warm climate of Hawaii. He's taking his computer with him, so SCUUF friends can remain in touch by email. ☺

## **This I Believe**

In our new monthly column, Barbara Taylor shares her thoughts...

### *My Personal Ten Commandments*

- Know myself
- Be true to myself
- Give of myself
- Renew myself
- Honor my word
- Be prepared
- Put up or shut up
- Keep the Earth
- Be a dreamer
- Embrace life



## **The Children's Bible in a Nutshell**

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one,' but I think He must be a lot older than that.

Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did.

Then God made the world.

He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden. Not sure what they were

driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel.

Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten

Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff.

Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets.

One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn.

(I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.')

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Democrats.

Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount.

But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution. ⊕



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## **South Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Jan – Feb 2009 Calendar**

Unless otherwise noted, programs are from 3:00 to 4:30 pm  
at North Bend United Methodist Church, 2289 Meade Street.

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**Children's Religious Education every Sunday at 3:00.  
Call Marty at 267-4027 for more.**

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- Jan 4     **Hike at Empire Lakes Park**  
Meet at parking lot below Head Start building on Hull  
Street off Newmark.
- Jan 11    **Natural Building and the Spirit**  
Ianto Evans and Linda Smiley, authors of best-selling  
*The Hand Sculpted House*, run **The Training Center  
for Natural Building** right here in Coos County. In this  
rare local appearance they will present a stimulating  
slide show followed by discussion.
- Jan 18    **World Religion Day**  
The World of Baha'i
- Jan 25    **The Origins of Unitarian Universalism**
- Feb 1     **Our Coast Watch Mile**  
Meet for carpooling at North Bend Library parking lot at  
11AM. Bring (wear) suitable gear for BEACH FRONT  
weather, plus beverage and snacks for a seaside lunch.  
Call 888-8234 for more info.
- Feb 8     **Chinese New Year**  
Meet at 11AM at Kum Yon's for a no-host lunch.
- Feb 15    **Darwin Day**  
Joint adult and children's RE program.
- Feb 22    **Ethical Eating: UUA Social Action Issue**

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*Board Meeting on Feb 14 • noon • Bob Mahaffy's  
Program Planners second Thursdays • 4:00 pm • Java Jones • 888-8234*

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