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SCUUF Programs and Activities for September - All programs will be held at the Dolphin Theater at 10:00 am, unless otherwise noted.

September Theme is "Welcome"

September 3 (Labor Day) -- Welcome Home, Dr. Ruth Miller. Dr. Ruth will discuss the implications of empathy for those returning home.

Her program will be followed by a Picnic at Jean Adamson and Al Solomon's home. Jean will have her special clam chowder (puts High Tide to shame!), and we will provide plates, napkins & flatware. Please bring a potluck dish, plus your choice of beverage.

Directions to Adamson/Solomon home: 90156 Cape Arago Highway, exactly two miles past the Charleston Bridge. After Bastendorff Beach, watch for yellow and green mailboxes at pull-off on the right (the ONLY Oregon University Ducks-colored mailboxes on Cape Arago Hwy). They are opposite a driveway at pull-off on the left. Do a u-turn into pull-off on the left and you will be looking up our driveway. First house is ours. When (or even, before) you get lost, call us at 541/808-0877 for further directions.

September 10 -- Widening the Circle: Taking and Receiving, Jessica Lloyd-Rogers.

September 17 -- Welcome Autumn, Suzann Robins Stroup

September 24 -- To be determined.

Upcoming Meetings

Service Leaders (Facilitators) Meeting -- Saturday, September 2, 3:00 pm, Martin Annex

Program Planning -- September 3, at approximately 2 pm at Jean and Al's (after the picnic)

Board Meeting --Wednesday, September 16, 7 pm, Martin Annex

Change in weekly service. If you've been present on Sundays in August, you've probably noticed some changes in our services. The Service Leaders Team (also known as Facilitators Team) met last month and worked to establish a format that we hope will help us present a purposeful, consistent message in the Sunday program. The format is still a work in progress and will continue to be fine-tuned over the coming weeks. We appreciate your patience and kind feedback!

General Assembly was held June 21 - 25 in New Orleans. Thanks to the wonders of the internet, many of the workshops, sermons, and forums are available for viewing from the comfort of home! Go to www.youtube.com and search for "UU General Assembly 2017" and select an offering of your choice.

Oregon UU Voices for Justice.

Oregon UU Voices for Justice is a statewide advocacy network of Unitarian Universalists working for public policies here in Oregon that embody our UU principles of justice, equity, and compassion in human relations and global stewardship. Their efforts in 2017 are focused on four campaigns: deepening democracy, human rights, economic inequality, and environmental justice. They have reached out to our Fellowship to invite our participation.

Many of their meetings are held over Zoom, a web-based video conferencing software that works a lot like Skype. If you'd like to get involved or learn more about what they do, check out their website, www.uuvoicesoregon.org.

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Thoughts on Charlottesville, offered by Rev. Ruth

The newly-elected president of the UUA, Susan Frederick-Gray, who was in Charlottesville for an interfaith gathering, sums up her thoughts:

"Our faith calls us to resist violent extremism. We must liberate ourselves from the paradigms of dominance and hierarchy that are destroying lives, communities, and the planet. Fear and hatred corrupt our humanity and cut us off from the spirit, from the holy, from goodness and beauty, and possibilities of creation. Only love can truly confront this corruption that puts our democracy, our liberty, and personal safety at risk. Love is more powerful than any weapon, even when it doesn't feel that way. The faith and the courage of our ancestors in movements of resistance and liberation show us this truth.

Today was a tragic day, a day that ended in the loss of life and in a city left reeling. We lift in our prayers the family of the person who lost their life, their community, all the people injured and traumatized by the events – especially my siblings of color, people of Jewish faith and ancestry, and those who identify as transgender, queer, lesbian, gay and bisexual – and the city and community of Charlottesville. And too – we lift in our hearts a prayer that for all those whose spirits have been distorted by fear and violence – that they may come to know the capacity for love in their own hearts and spirits. As a people of faith, it is this overflowing, deep abiding love that must guide us to show up again and again for justice, for inclusion, for dignity and humanity."

And so it is.

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