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SCUUF Programs and Activities for June - All programs will be held Sundays at 10:00 am at the Dolphin Theater.

June Theme: Blessing

June 3, Dr. Ruth Miller, "The Science of Blessing." One of the traditions lost in recent decades is the act of blessing our food, or "saying grace" before a meal. Over the same years, ancient rituals of blessing the fleet, the land, or the animals that live with us and serve us, have gone by the wayside as well. Most of us have been taught that these were empty rituals, best left behind. Dr. Ruth Miller has studied the cultural, psychological, and biological research and has come to a different understanding, which she will share in her program.

June 10, Georgia Martin, "Mindfulness and Nature." We will take a journey so you will be able to use all your senses to appreciate nature

June 17, LeAnn Lovee, "Honoring the Masculine Gods and Male Archetypes, the Challenges and What They Can Teach Us."

June 24, Robin McCreery, "Midsummers Celebration; The Oak King's Reign." A celebration of the time of greatest light also acknowledges the move back towards the longest night. The

story of the Oak King and the Holly King will be told.

Upcoming Meetings

Saturday, June 2, 2-4 pm. Water Remembers, Public Discussion facilitated by *Dr. Ruth Miller*. Evergreen Court (part of Baycrest Village, 3959 Sheridan Ave, North Bend).

In the 1990s a Japanese scientist captured the world's imagination with his beautiful photographs of the crystals that water forms when prayed over or surrounded by music. Only a few people have been able to replicate his work, but others have, sometimes accidentally, verified the principle. Dr. Ruth was part of the team who brought Dr. Emoto's work to this country and has continued to collect relevant research.

In this presentation and dialogue Dr. Ruth places his crystals in the context of both older and more recent research and helps us to understand how water responds to its environment and what that means for us and for our wellbeing – now and in the future.

Sunday, June 3, Service Leaders/Facilitators Team, ~noon at the Dolphin Theater

Every Sunday, SCUUF Choir Practice, 9 am at the Dolphin Theater. Come and sing with us!

Wednesday June 27, Board Meeting, 7 pm at the Coos Bay Library.

Annual SCUUF Business Meeting

Twenty friends and members of SCUUF attended the May 20 Annual Meeting, which took place in the lovely Eastside home of Kathy Maxham and Linda Smith. After Mark Stueve sang a blessing for the meal, participants enjoyed a fabulous feast, with scrumptious entrees provided by board members, and numerous tasty side-dishes and desserts provided, potluck-style. Following the meal, Kathy opened the business meeting and Mark shared an inspirational reading.

Team Reports were given for Program Planning (Linda Smith), Service Leaders (Ahlyn Bodhi), RE (Mark Stueve) and Hospitality (Thea Wilson). Ahlyn noted that more hosts are needed to house Dr. Rev. Ruth Miller on the weekends she is in town for presentations and programs. A decision was made to have all beverages that are offered during the social time following programs, including wine, to be available in the kitchen area at the Dolphin Theater.

During a discussion about the increase in attendance and donations for the 2017/2018 FY, several people remarked on their high regard for Dr. Rev. Ruth Miller's ministry, and the energizing effect it has had on the Fellowship. The consensus is that Dr. Ruth has had a remarkable effect on the growth and development of SCUUF, and we look forward to her continued service as a quarter-time minister to our Fellowship.

There was an extended discussion regarding the choice of our next Social Justice project. Following the discussion, Jim Martin recommended and Sarita Southgate moved that we support Star of Hope's work, seconded by Jim Martin. The motion passed by a vote of eight to six, with six people apparently abstaining.

Treasurer Robin McCreery distributed a proposed budget for FY 2018/19. Jean Adamson recommended increasing the budget for Program Materials, due to the cost of Soul Matters (our main program resource) going up. A motion was made and passed to approve the adjusted budget. Robin reported on the UUA Common Endowment investment.

Kathy handed out the proposed covenant, developed over two meetings of SCUUF members and friends, with the addition of a reference to

Conflict Resolution Guidelines. Al Solomon moved to accept the proposed covenant; Jerry Chadwick seconded. The motion was withdrawn and amended to state that an existing committee should complete work on a policy to address conflict resolution by the end of this August. The amended motion passed, with one abstention.

Dr. Linda Smith, who had previously offered the Slate of Nominations during Team Reports, called for nominations from the floor. None were made. Marty Giles moved to accept the Slate as offered. Jerry seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Kathy immediately adjourned the meeting, thanked all participants, and begged people to take home food.

- Barbara Taylor, Secretary, SCUUF

Questions about our UU Fellowship?

Considering joining our fellowship? Touch base with our president, Kathy Maxham, during Sunday coffee hour, or give her a call at [\(978\) 400-8990!](tel:9784008990)

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SCUUF Annual Pledge form for 2018-2019

Thank you for your support of time, talent, and treasure! Your generosity helps us to sustain and grow our Fellowship and our mission in the larger world. Together, it is up to us to tend this place where we create community and explore our beliefs with the support of one another.

As you consider your commitment to SCUUF for the 2018/2019 year, ask yourself what you can afford to give based on your resources and the importance of this Fellowship to you. Be assured that financial pledges will be kept confidential. We also want you to know that your financial situation will never be a barrier to your welcomed and valued participation in SCUUF!

Please complete and return this form by June 10, even if your pledge will not be changing! You can: 1) put it in the donations plate, 2) mail to SCUUF/PO Box 3242/Coos Bay OR 97420, or 3) hand to Kathy Maxham, President or Robin McCreery, Treasurer.

I. Financial Pledge

I / We pledge to contribute \$_____ monthly or an annual amount of \$_____ to the South Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship over the twelve months beginning July 1, 2018.

II. Pledge of Time and Talent

Over this next year, I am interested in contributing my time and talent to the following working group/s indicated below:

_____ Caring Team – Offers help as needed to Fellowship members & friends.

_____ Facilities Team – Improves/maintains SCUUF's meeting space

_____ Hospitality Team – Sets up the Dolphin Playhouse for SCUUF use on Sunday mornings, greets new and returning visitors, makes name tags available, prepares tea & coffee for social hour, returns the Playhouse to its previous condition. May plan off-site potlucks.

_____ Music Team – Contributes to the music portion of our Sunday program.

_____ Newsletter Team – Writes content and creates and distributes the monthly SCUUF.

_____ Outreach Team – Shares information about SCUUF events and programs via social media, press releases, phone message, and other venues.

_____ Program Planning Team – Selects monthly themes, chalice lightings, principles, and Sunday program topics; lines up presenters.

_____ Service Leaders/Facilitators Team – Leads the Sunday service with aid of a script, collaborates with the presenter to select music and reading and identify equipment requirements, prepares the Order of Service using a template, and helps set up and break down the altar and equipment.

Printed Name/s _____

Signature _____ **Date:** _____