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

February Theme - Perseverance

February 4. Induction of NEW members. Program: Dr. Ruth Miller "Imbolc, Candlemas, and the Midwinter Fast." While ice and snow cover the land and waterways and food is scarce, still people have persevered. For millennia they have tightened their belts and focused on their inner, spiritual life during this dark time of the year.

February 11. Robin McCreery "Take a Breath." Self care in a world that makes your head spin. You don't have to do it all! You don't have to do it unceasingly. You have the right to take a breath and take care of yourself.

February 18. Christy Volstedt "GMO's - altered genes, twisted truth." My spiritual quest for truth about food has been one of my primary passions for over 4 ½ years. The fraud and false fronts of this GMO topic is at the root of why I choose to share this information; our children deserve the truth.

February 25. Jessica Lloyd-Rogers, "Perseverance: Taking Your Past from Prologue to Progress." How to use faith and discipline to create your better self and your brighter future.

Upcoming Meetings

The World We Are Creating: Presentation and Dialogue with Rev. Ruth Miller, Saturday, February 3, 2-4 pm at the North Bend Library Conference Room

There's so much more going on in the world than what the media tells us about. Much of it is quite exciting and positive for the long-term future. New structures are emerging everywhere to take place of old institutions, even as the old ones dissolve around us. What does that mean for the years ahead? What does that mean for our children — and their children?

Program Planning: Sunday, Feb 4, 12 noon at the Dolphin, after Ruth's discussion group.

Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 pm at the Cedar Room of the Coos Bay Library

Other February SCUUF Activities

Workshop Series: What We Choose. A 10-week series which began January 5. Meet at the home of Jim and Georgia Martin at 4:00 pm every Friday through March 23.

Regional Assembly 2018: Stories of Hope, Resistance, and Resilience. The Pacific Western Region of the UUA is holding this year's Regional Assembly in **Portland, Oregon, from April 27-29.** Given the geographic territory covered by the PWR, we're fortunate to have this event take place so close

by! Our new UUA President, Susan Frederick-Gray, will be speaking, as will Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, Rev. Dr. William Barber, and numerous others. More information is available at <https://www.uua.org/pacific-western>.

Important Notices and Notes

SCUUF Covenant Workshop

Saturday afternoon, March 3, 1:30 to 4:30 at the Dolphin Theater

Each week as part of our program, the Service Leader reminds us that as members and friends of this Fellowship, we share a covenant as to how to be with one another rather than a creed as to what to believe. And, in general terms, that is true, but our Fellowship has never crafted a covenant specifically for us. That's what we hope to accomplish at this workshop with Rev. Miller's help. We're hoping for a great turnout by members and friends!

A Mid-Year Budget Update. At our Annual Meeting in May, the SCUUF membership established priorities and voted on a budget for our 2017/2018 fiscal year. We're just about halfway through our fiscal year, and Kathy Maxham, President, and Robin McCreery, Treasurer, report that our expenses been running \$100-\$200 a month higher than our income. It's our hope that by bringing this to the attention of members and friends that the gap can be significantly narrowed or -- better yet -- eliminated. Please consider an additional one-time gift and/or an increase to your pledge or donations so that our Fellowship can thrive!

Donate to SCUUF through the Amazon Smile Program. Another way you can help out financially is to use the Smile program when you make purchases from Amazon.com. Half of one percent of the amount of your purchase can be directed to SCUUF -- not a huge amount, for sure, but helpful nonetheless. To sign up for the program, go to www.smile.amazon.com.

The first time, you'll be asked to select a charity. Select "South Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship". After your initial signup, you still need to enter the site via www.smile.amazon.com when you want to make use of this program, but you won't

have to specify the charity again unless you decide to change it.

Don't worry, your privacy is protected. No one can see who used this program, what they bought, or how much they spent!

Interested in Becoming a Member?

If Unitarian Universalist principles and sources speak to you and if this Fellowship feels like the right place for you at this point in your spiritual journey, we hope you'll consider signing the membership book during our Sunday service on February 4.

What does being a member entail? To be a member is to commit to the Unitarian Universalist tradition and this Fellowship in particular. Membership is about participating in the life of this community and having a vote on decisions made at congregational meetings.

If you have questions, please call Kathy Maxham at (978) 400-8990 or speak with her at Coffee Hour on Sunday!

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

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