

# SCUUF



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

### August Theme: Sources of Our Living Tradition

*Unitarian Universalism is a religion based on a covenant, not a fixed set of beliefs and yet, we say we "draw on" six sources for our spiritual practices. For the months of July and August, we will explore these sources. The first Sunday of each of these two months will be an introductory talk by Dr. Ruth Miller. Members or friends will then explore an individual source in more depth on subsequent Sundays each month.*

**August 4.** Rev Ruth Miller. *Second 3 Sources of Unitarian Universalist Traditions.*

Unitarian Universalism is built around 7 principles, drawing from 6 spiritual sources. Dr. Ruth Miller will introduce us to 3 of them in this week's talk - earth-centered, humanist, and Judeo-Christian traditions - sharing their essential similarities and a few of the differences that distinguish them.

**August 11.** Mark Stueve. *Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves.*

**August 18.** Linda Smith. *Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and*

*spirit.*

**August 25.** Robin McCreery. *Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.*

### From the President:

I'm honored and humbled to be chosen as President of the SCUUF board for 2019-2020. This Fellowship has become home to me. I have three goals I hope to accomplish with the help of each and every one of you. I would like to see our membership enrollment increase by 10. I commit to helping foster the acceptance and connectivity within our Fellowship (how we are with one another). Together, with our board members, I commit to strengthening and enhancing the leadership capabilities within our lay-led congregation. And, last, but not least, Rev. Dr. Ruth and I have jointly committed over this next year to Fellowship Development. I'm looking forward to serving you. - Jessica L. Lloyd-Rogers

### Meetings

- **Board meeting.** Monday, August 12, 7:00 pm at Coos Bay Library Cedar Room.

- **Program Planning meeting.** Sunday August 4, following the discussion circle with Rev. Ruth.

- **Summary of July 2019 Board Meeting.** Jessica Lloyd-Rogers, newly elected President of SCUUF, outlined three major goals that she would like to see accomplished during her tenure:  
- Increase SCUUF membership by 30% (gain 10 new members)

- Strengthen the inter-connections and relationships between members and visitors of the Fellowship
- Offer leadership development for all interested members, within the Fellowship.

The Board discussed details of a draft covenant to secure the services of Rev. Ruth Miller for the 2019/2020 FY (Fiscal Year).

A leadership retreat will be held later this year.

The quarterly donation to the Nancy Devereux Center totaled \$293. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter donations will go to Southwestern Oregon Veterans Outreach (SOVO).

The Membership Development Committee needs a chair. Mark Stueve and Suzann Robins are willing to help.

Rev. Ruth suggested the next RSE (Religious/Spiritual Exploration) curriculum, to be led by Mark Stueve, could be one titled "The New UU", which consists of six one-hour sessions.

Robin McCreery has stepped up to take on the duties of Team Leader for our Service Leaders, a position formerly filled by Ahlyn Bodi, who served our congregation, with welcoming warmth and grace, for several years.

The most recent contribution from the Virtual Thrift Store (VTS), run by Asialee Crumley, totaled \$225.

Suzann Robins reported that the building on 10<sup>th</sup> Street (in Coos Bay) was sold.

Robert Mahaffy will host a Labor Day picnic at his home at noon, on **Monday**, September 2.

## Announcements

**Revamped Care Committee.** We're expanding the Fellowship Care committee and are looking for folks who would be willing to help people in our Fellowship with a meal or a grocery trip, or a medical appointment, or ...??.. Please call 541-267-6181 or email [pastor@southcoastuu.org](mailto:pastor@southcoastuu.org) if you're willing to be on our list of helpers.

If you or anyone you know in the Fellowship would like some support dealing with issues, please call 541-267-6181 or email [pastor@southcoastuu.org](mailto:pastor@southcoastuu.org).

**An Important Request for All Members and Friends.** Please do not add SCUUF members and friends to mailing lists for non-SCUUF business or share their email and contact information with other organizations! While some people may not mind, others very much do, and the use of them without permission is against our privacy policy. If you have questions about this, please speak with a Board member. You are welcome to invite people to sign up for email lists outside of SCUUF, but

we recommend that you retain the signup list in the event of future questions. Thank you!

**Celtic LAMMAS = First Harvest Celebration.** (Half-way between Equinox and Solstice). Saturday, August 3. With Gary and Suzann Stroup. Our kingdom at 63498 Andrews Road has four levels: Come at 5 and have plenty of time to see the Water Wheel. Come at 6 for pot luck on the upper level. Come at 7 for campfire in the Lower Kingdom. Come @ 8 and don't be late, us ole'folk go to sleep by 10. Feel free to invite a friend. Bring comfortable shoes, and a walking stick [if you are interested in going to the lower levels]. Dress for cool evening air as the whole party will be outside.

**Wild Coast CUUPS.** The earth-based Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans meet the last Friday of each month for a pot luck. This is not a meeting as much as a social gathering, time to get to know others on a more personal basis. We begin with a pot luck at 6pm, followed by a campfire (weather permitting). The area for the fire is down two flights of stairs, easily traversed with a walking stick. (We are working on putting in a railing). We also have a working water wheel on an even lower level if you are interested, we hope you will join Gary and Suzann Stroup at their home near Bunker Hill. Call 551-206-9830 for directions and to let us know you are coming.

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