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

December Theme: AWE

Dec 01. Dr. Ruth Miller. *Lights in the Darkness: The Holy Days of Winter.* It's the dark time of the year, when the days are gray and the sun neither rises or sets - and if you live far enough south to see it, you can tell that it's not returning: it's Standing Still - Sol Sticere - Sun Standing. So what do you do? You create a little alchemy. And that's what all the winter holidays were designed to do. Dr. Ruth Miller draws on historical and prehistoric records to explain how and why.

Dec 08. Mark Stueve. *A New Christianity for a New World.* We'll explore how a person educated and living in the 21st century can find relevance in the first century faith. Can today's believers, skeptics, and non-believers find meaning together in the life of Jesus of Nazareth? Offered by Mark Stueve, the presentation is based on the works of Bishop John Shelby Long. "Discussion circle to follow"

Dec 15. Rev. Katie Larsell.** *That Shiver of Awe.* One of the questions routinely asked in Science Fiction is

"what is the difference between a robot and a human being?" One answer is that humans experience 'awe' and robots do not. This sermon explores the spiritual emotion of awe, which connects us to big truths about life and our place in it.

Dec 22. Robin McCreery. *Cycles.* Some of the earliest buildings, stone monuments and petroglyphs in the world are aligned with the Winter Solstice. What must it have been like to wait and hope for that moment when light and warmth began to return?

Dec 29. Ahlyn Bodhi. *Covenant Sermon.* A reading of the Covenant Sermon written by the now UU President Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray and some seasonal music

**SCUUF welcomes back guest presenter Rev. Katie Larsell, whose last talk on April 7th "*Going Dark: That Voice in your Head*" was very warmly received. Rev. Katie A Larsell is a community minister with Eastrose Fellowship Unitarian Universalists in Gresham, Oregon. Her primary ministry is working for social justice in east Portland. She does memorial services and often preaches and does workshops on science and religion.

November Board Meeting Notes

The regional UUA liaison, Sarah Schurer, informed President Jessica that there is a generational gap between Boomers and Millennials, as far as owning, vs. leasing, or renting, a building. The younger generation apparently does not want to be tied down to property that may not fit their needs in the not too distant future. Jessica mentioned examples of churches with dwindling membership that are no longer able to afford their buildings.

The Board decided to view the first film in the Unitarian Universalist Association series, "Small Numbers-Infinite Possibilities" at 5:30-8 PM at the home of Jean Adamson and Al Solomon, on Monday, November 18th. This series is designed to assist the boards of small congregations in growing their numbers and influence in their communities.

Jean Adamson is seeking updated information from members and friends for a new directory. Please be sure to check with her if any of your contact information has changed, or if you have a change of heart about what information you are willing to share with other SCUUF members and friends. This contact information is not to be made available to the public. It is simply for internal use. The new directory will be ready in January.

A donation check in the amount of \$313.26 was presented to an appreciative Southern Oregon Veterans Outreach, on Veteran's Day, November 11th. The next Social Justice recipient will be the SAFE Project. The next quarter's recipient will be The SAFE Project.

Mark Stueve recommended a motion detector be installed on the Dolphin Theater door for security purposes. Mark bought a device for \$25 and demonstrated to the Board how it works. He will donate the device and is willing to set it up for operation.

Jessica mentioned that the U.S. value of volunteer work is estimated at \$25.43/hour. Oregon is a few cents less, at \$25.40/hour. This is useful information for future grant applications.

A decision was made to develop some guidelines regarding how to update the list of friends who have not been attending for some time. Guidelines for maintaining membership status are spelled out in our bylaws.

According to general consensus, it is time for another "New Member" ceremony.

The board is grateful for the opportunity to serve SCUUF Fellowship and we wish all of our members and friends a Happy Thanksgiving!

~Barbara Taylor, SCUUF Secretary

Meetings

- **Board meeting.** There is no board meeting in December.

- **Program Planning meeting.** Sunday December 15, following the service (the third Sunday this one time).

Announcements

Introducing a new series: "Right Now, I believe...."

Based on the NPR series "This I Believe", we will be asking everyone to participate by exploring their own spiritual beliefs and preparing a 10 minute talk to share with the Fellowship. The plan is to host 3 people every other month starting in September 2019. Many UU groups across the country have done this. From Asheville, NC: "It is a tenet of our religious tradition that we honor many sources of wisdom, including the wisdom we each have to share with each other." We will be providing some questions to help you organize your thoughts and hope that this is a growth experience for the presenter and the listeners.

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 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.

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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