

# SCUUF

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### SCUUF Programs and Activities for

**March** – Until further notice, all programs will be held **on-line** Sundays at 10:00 am. Jessica Lloyd-Rogers emails the ZOOM Conference numbers to everyone on our email list with the list of recurring dates. The same link should work for every meeting. However, Jessica will be sending out a weekly email reminder with the link for your convenience. The link to the meeting also can be found on the SCUUF website under *Upcoming Services*. If you need help to join the service, call Jessica at 541-294-2899, starting as early at 9:30 am every Sunday.

### Theme: Commitment

**7 March. Commitment.** Suzann Robins, Discussion Facilitator. “Commitment is a complicated subject I have been sensitive to all my life as a good Catholic. We were required to be committed to our faith based on ‘faith’ with no answers to questions. We were supposed to be committed to one person for our entire life and only ONE ‘right’ way to believe and behave. Let’s share stories about ways we have been committed—‘the good’—‘the bad’—‘the ugly.’”

**14 March. Commitment.** Dr. Ruth Miller. Are we committed? What does that mean? What’s the

difference between being committed to an institution, being on a committee, and being a person who is committed to an idea or a goal? From the Latin roots for “with” and “send” this word has come to mean many different things in our culture, and Dr. Ruth Miller explores the implications of some of them for our health and well-being.

**21 March. Ostara (Vernal Equinox).** Jessica Lloyd-Rodgers, Robin McCreery & Friends. March is said to roar in like a lion, and if we are lucky, roll out like a lamb. Meanwhile, on or around the 21st of the month, we have Ostara to celebrate. It’s the time of the vernal equinox if you live in the Northern Hemisphere, and it’s a true marker that spring and warmer, sunnier days have come. Join us to celebrate this time of rebirth.

**28 March. “Right Now I Believe.”** Mark Stueve. Join us for a segment of our Fellowship’s “Right Now I Believe” series. This month Mark Stueve will share his journey with us.

*Provided by Kay Kerriden, Program Chair*

### Meetings

**SCUUF Board of Directors.** The Board of Directors normally meets on-line at 7 PM the second Monday of the month (here, 8 March).

Check with Jessica to determine the Zoom address of the February meeting.

### **SCUUF Program Planning Committee**

The Program Planning Committee meets on-line after the second Sunday SCUUF meeting of each month, here, 14 March.

### **Notes from the President:**

I am pleased and excited to share the work being done by the members of your board of directors and others to build and strengthen our community. As many of you know, the board has agreed to bring Dr. Ruth Miller back as our part-time minister. Each month, she will be available on the second Sunday to present and available by phone or virtually up to her contracted hours. We are pleased she has returned to us.

**Au Revoir.** Kathy Maxham has resigned from the board of directors for personal reasons. We appreciate all the time and leadership she has given to our fellowship.

**And Hello.** We gratefully welcomed Larry High to our board of directors to finish out Kathy's term. We won't have him long as he will be moving soon, but we are grateful for every day we can share his wisdom and leadership.

**New Policies.** In our continuing efforts to improve the business and governance of our fellowship, our board has written and implemented policies on conflict of interest, SCUUF banner use, and hymnal borrowing. We have also crafted a Speaker's Guide to encourage and assist our presenters.

**Sharing with the Community.** Your board has also agreed to reinstitute the 'second basket' for donations to the community. For March, our recipient will be the Nancy Devereaux Center which assists those in and around Coos Bay who are homeless and/or have mental health issues. In addition to our cash donations, they can also use donations of food (large cans are best), coffee, socks, underwear, and clothes. If you would like to assist and want to know what they need, call the Center at 541-888-3202.

**Retooling for New Realities.** The board of directors have been diligently participating in this year-long leadership course. Every monthly session begins with a selection of pre-work prior to the meeting. We have been matched with three

other similar size fellowships monthly as we all share ideas and learn new ways of engagement in a 'circle' format. We have already gathered some great ideas for budgeting, engagement, and affinity groups, and how to have challenging conversations as we strive to become more responsive to our changing world. Stay tuned as more opportunities from our learning are implemented for our fellowship.

**Charlotte Hutt** and I will be taking a three-week training in March and April to learn how to facilitate the 'discerning circle' method of engagement and decision-making. This method is inclusive, effective, and an alternative to top-down decision-making. We will be bringing this method back to share with our fellowship, teams, and committees.

**More Leadership.** One of our goals is to facilitate more leadership in our fellowship. To that end, the board has agreed to pay for up to ten members to attend the UUA.org virtual course *Claiming our Spiritual Leadership*. This training is designed for growing soulful engagement, finding energy and meaning in the gifts that are present, and the transformative power of communities living their values in ways that challenge dominant culture – both within and beyond the fellowship. For more information, see <https://www.uuinstitute.org/courses/spiritualleadership-305/>. If you are interested in attending, please email [jessica.lloyd.rogers@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.lloyd.rogers@gmail.com)

**Kudos to Board Member Melinda Levine and Barbara Taylor** for co-piloting our Nominating Committee. They will be presenting their choices for vote at our virtual Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for 12 noon on Sunday, May 23, 2021. Be sure to mark your calendars.

**Much gratitude to Marian Crumley** for all of her work over the years on our Care Committee. Because of the additional isolation concerns that come with the pandemic, those who indicated interest in both the Outreach and the Care Committee are being asked to participate in an expanded Care Committee. This new committee will be led by Charlotte Hutt. Many thanks to her for stepping up.

**Looking to deepen your personal spiritual practices?** Mark Stueve will be leading a ten-week class beginning Tuesday, April 6. *Spirit in*

*Practice: Ten Workshops for Unitarian Universalist Adults* includes the following modules about practices: *Toward a rich and meaningful UU spirituality; personal, spiritual, mind, body, soul, life, and justice practices; communal worship, spiritual partnerships; and looking back and moving forward.*

If you are interested, let me or Mark Stueve know: [stueve97420@gmail.com](mailto:stueve97420@gmail.com). More information is available on the UUA page:

<https://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/adults/practice>

**Continued Learning.** In our efforts to continue learning and growing in leadership, your board members will be participating in a UUA Board Development Day of training in March. We look forward to sharing an implementing the new skills and ideas that we learn.

**Thinking of Speaking on Sunday?** Be sure to contact Chair of our Program Planning Committee, Kay Kerriden at [kaykerriden8155@comcast.net](mailto:kaykerriden8155@comcast.net). You may also appreciate our new Speaker's Guide which can be emailed to you by Kay.

**Coming Soon -30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SCUUF.**

April 24 will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of SCUUF. Marty Giles and Mark Stueve have graciously agreed to lead the Celebration Efforts. Mark is looking for volunteers to help him go through past newsletters and choose articles/happenings to highlight and celebrate. For more information contact Mark at [stueve97420@gmail.com](mailto:stueve97420@gmail.com) And that's it for this month. As the President of your board, I continue to be grateful for and to celebrate our growing community. I acknowledge that we still have challenges and celebrate the willingness of

everyone to do the work as we grow into our larger selves, individually and as a fellowship. In peace and fellowship,

Jessica L. Lloyd-Rogers,  
President, SCUUF

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