

The Voice of our Fellowship

A Progressive Religious Tradition in Southeastern Idaho
July/August 2010

Newsletter of the

Pocatello Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

We are southeast Idaho's large, loud, liberal religious voice for all who value spiritual inquiry and work for social justice.

The Pocatello UU Fellowship meets on the first and third Sundays of each month. Childcare for younger children is also available during the service, and a traditional potluck dinner will follow. Adult Religious Exploration (ARE) meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month in the Chapel Room.

Services

4:00 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays
(except in Sept. it is 2nd & 3rd Sundays)

September through June

309 N. Garfield

208/233-2602

Adult Religious Exploration

4:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES

One Sunday in August (TBA):

Alameda Park Potluck Picnic

We'll all meet in Alameda Park (unless it is not available) one Sunday late in August before school starts for a potluck picnic as we did last year. Details will be announced by email via Churchlady. RSVPs will be taken by Don Allen (220-1736; 478-1665) or Cathleen Tarp (tarphele@isu.edu 478-1665). If you need a ride, let us know!

Cuba Caravan July 10

One leg of the 21st Friendshipment to Cuba will pass through Pocatello on Saturday, July 10, 2010. PUUF and the First Congregational United Church of Christ will co-sponsor a potluck and program at the church. Potluck will begin at 6 pm. Program will follow at 7 pm. Sandino Gomez of Santa Cruz California, will be the principal speaker for the caravan.

The caravanistas have been invited to participate in the UCC Sunday service at 10 am on July 11.

The Friendshipments to Cuba are sponsored by the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO) / Pastors for Peace. The caravans promote friendly Cuban-American relations. The caravans also collect construction, medical, and educational supplies to "donate to our brothers and sisters in Cuba".

PUUF members can help in the following ways:

1. Bring food to the potluck on Saturday.
2. Attend the program on Saturday after the potluck..
3. Offer Saturday night housing and Sunday morning breakfast to one or more caravanistas.



We are expecting four total, at least two of which are male.

4. Donate money or supplies to support the caravan.

Please contact Don Allen at 220-1736 or alldone@gmail.com with comments or questions.

View the caravan website at <http://www.pastorsforpeace.org/>

Annual Meeting Ballot Results

Thanks to all members who participated in the Annual Meeting of the Pocatello Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on May 16, 2010. All ballots submitted at the meeting and received as absentee ballots have been counted by Jennifer Attebery and Lynn Leonard. 28 members attended the meeting (a quorum is 19), and 39 of our 62 members voted, with the following results:

Annual Budget for 2010-11 approved, as amended, with 38 for and 1 against

By-Laws Revisions (32 votes, a simple majority of all members, required for approval) approved with 37 votes for all revised articles, as amended; 1 vote against Article 5 and 1 vote against Article 6; and 1 abstention on all articles

Vision Statement approved with 35 for, 3 against, 1 abstention

Elections to Board

Steve Lawyer, President
Janen Wright, Vice-President
Richard Feuerborn, Treasurer
Mark Neiworth, Secretary
Tanner Hernandez, two-year at-large term
Kim Smith, two-year at-large term
Erin Rasmussen, one-year at-large term

Elections to Nominating Committee

Lynn Leonard, one-year term
Cathleen Tarp, two-year term
Jim Mariani, three-year term

Many thanks to all who ran for positions!

Professional Ministry for PUUF

On June 13 the combined boards (outgoing/incoming) of the Pocatello Unitarian Universalist Fellowship met to consider a proposal brought to the fellowship by Rev. Nancy Bowen, Executive Director of the UUA Mountain Desert District. Rev. Bowen's proposal is that PUUF join with the South Valley Salt Lake City congregation and possibly other nearby congregations in supporting a consulting minister for the 2010-11 year. A consulting minister works under contract for a set amount, performing tasks that are specified in the contract. Rev. Bowen is bundling the offers and job descriptions of the participating congregations and assisting us in advertising the consulting minister position. She is also working with the UUA Transitions Office on the logistics of the position and will assist us in vetting candidates. The most recent information that Rev. Bowen has from the Transitions Office is that our offer will have a much more realistic chance of success if we can offer free housing in Pocatello with enough privacy that the minister would have a separate entrance, cooking facilities, and Internet access. The Atteberys can offer their house from just before Christmas, 2010, through the end of July, 2011, (although the offer includes living with the Attebery cat, Gingersnap, which might dissuade some candidates), but that leaves the fall semester uncovered.

PUUF members who have housing they could offer for the fall or longer should contact our new president, Steve Lawyer, with that information ASAP:
lawystev@isu.edu, 233-2055.

For our fellowship, Rev. Bowen regards a consulting minister as a first step toward the goal that we have been pursuing the past three years--a shared minister with one of the nearby congregations. Having a consulting minister with us for a year will allow us to discuss how professional ministry affects and causes us to adjust our lay-led structure and processes.

In reaching a decision on June 13, the combined boards considered several kinds of information. We looked at the sense of the fellowship as expressed in our 2008 attempt to hire a consulting minister, our 2009 survey of members, and our 2009 resolution establishing the Mission and Ministry Fund. We looked at feedback from committee chairs and program coordinators. We examined the 2009-10 (nearly) end-of-year treasurer's report, the progress of our current canvass campaign (which is short only \$4800 with several members not yet reporting pledges), predicted carryover from this fiscal year, and the amount already budgeted for professional ministry in next year's budget.

Based on all of the above, the combined boards voted to offer \$22,000 for a part-time consulting minister to work with us one-half (1/2) time during the 2010-11 fellowship year. We have identified financial resources without yet tapping our Mission and Ministry Fund. The resolution setting up that fund with a growth goal of \$85,000 restricts its use until the growth goal is reached (we are currently at \$51,000). Therefore, we are tapping a combination of monies already in our 2010-11 budget for professional ministry, carryover from this fiscal year, and reserves.

Based on input from PUUF committee chairs and program coordinators, we identified the following priorities for the consulting minister's work:

1. **Worship Services:** Our expectation is that most of our worship services would be led by the minister with a few (2 per semester)

services lay-led. Undoubtedly, if we are able to hire a consulting minister a part of the consultation process will be discussion of our church calendar and how well our current scheduling works or doesn't work with professional leadership. We can expect some good ideas for changes, and ripple effects throughout our programming--children's and adult RE, potlucks, board meetings, annual meetings, stewardship work, membership work, and so forth. Be prepared for reflection on what will work best to carry the fellowship forward!

2. **Community Outreach:** Through various means to be determined in consultation with the minister, it is the new board's goal to increase the visibility and effective presence of Unitarian Universalism in Pocatello and its region.

3. **Welcoming Congregation:** Next year our fellowship will continue its study of GLBTQI issues toward establishing ourselves as a Welcoming Congregation at the end of the year. Our plans already included holding three professionally-led workshops during the year (conceiving of a workshop as an afternoon or evening event or gathering). If able to bring in a consulting minister for the year, we would want to have the minister lead those workshops.

4. **Pastoral Care:** We would like the minister to be available for pastoral care but recognize that all of the above already represents a significant commitment. We've asked that pastoral care be mentioned in the contract with specific limits to time (no more than a certain number of hours per month) and scope (initial consultation with referral).

REMINDER:

First fall service will be Sunday Sept. 12 (even though that is the 2nd Sunday, we don't meet during Labor Day weekend. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Adult Religious Exploration (ARE):

1. Due to Labor Day holiday, ARE will resume again on September 26th from 4-6pm. On September 26th Janen Wright will present "Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity." On October 10 Lynn Blair will present "Mathematics and Religion." Mark your calendars and plan to join us for these exciting presentations!

2. MDD Conference:

We're pleased to announce that on October 9th, 2010, a PUUF member will offer a workshop on "Evolving from Chair-led to participant-led ARE sessions and Beyond." The workshop will bring PUUF into the spotlight a bit, and hopefully provide useful information to other ARE groups. Please plan to join us at the MDD Conference in Ogden this October.

Meanwhile, all those who have participated in PUUF's ARE programs for the past four years are invited to share their insights and suggestions for the workshop with Sondra Dunkle, at are@pocatellouu.org, or 232-7245. Thank you.

**General Assembly in
Minneapolis 2010**

First of all, a big thank you to the PUUF for making me a delegate, and helping with the expenses of going to Minneapolis in June to participate

in the UUA General Assembly (GA). A lot of you have been to GA, since it was in our backyard last year, so you know what a multi-ring circus it is. At any given time, there are five or more things you want to do, but you can only do one at a time.

I would love to talk with you so that I could ramble on about the many highlights. Here I will try to report on the important decisions that were made in the Plenary Sessions.

An issue we had discussed in PUUF before GA was whether to boycott Arizona and move the 2012 GA to another state. Well, it was, of course, the big issue in Minneapolis. For a very complete story of what happened, I urge you to read the article on the UUA website: <http://www.uuworld.org/news/articles/167428.shtml>

In short, after many meetings, amendments, compromises, it was agreed overwhelmingly that we should go, and hold a "Justice GA" in Phoenix in 2012.

You will remember that last year, the assembled delegates were not able to reach consensus on the Peacemaking Statement of Conscience (SOC), and it was referred back to the Commission on Social Witness. This year, a revised version was further revised in Mini Assemblies and on the floor, and finally passed. On Friday, the "Creating Peace" Statement of Conscience passed overwhelmingly, again, after much debate and compromise.

Then, there were the debates and compromises about Congregational Study/Action Issues. One could be adopted from the five presented. The topics were: Energy, Peace, and Justice; National Economic Reform: A Moral Imperative; Immigration as a Moral Issue; Ending Slavery; and Revitalizing American Democracy. As you can imagine, each one was well thought out, and deserved our vote. But after a paper ballot vote when there was no clear winner, a second vote the next day between Economic Reform and Immigration produced a new Congregational Study/Action (CSAI): Immigration as a Moral Issue. We need to be thinking about how we will participate in this study at PUUF.

And then there were the Actions of Immediate Witness, which also generated much debate and compromise. Briefly, those that passed included: Oppose Anti-Immigrant Measures at the State Level; Gulf Coast Environmental and Economic Justice 2010; and Clean up the Clean Energy Bill. The only two that failed were: End the US War in Afghanistan and Pakistan; and End the Blockade of Gaza and Growth of Israeli Settlements on Palestinian Territory. While they were all issues we UU's basically supported, there were elements that some found troublesome, and everyone learned a lot through the debates.

I have used up too much space to tell you about the things I voted on as a Delegate. There was so much more that was thrilling, enlightening, enjoyable. We heard from Winona LaDuke at the Ware Lecture, and Al Franken told us we were his favorite kind of church! The banner parade was fun, but I will let someone else handle the banner for the next GA.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/uuworld/4730012617/in/set-72157624347959358/> We witnessed publicly at the Minneapolis Gay Pride Festival in hundreds of yellow Standing on the Side of Love T-shirts. I went to a wonderful session honoring Utah Phillips, folk singer and Unitarian. I went to a HUUmanist Celebration at the church where UU Humanist John Dietrich preached for many years.

And, I got to stay with a childhood friend and another gal from our Junior High with whom I rode the bus to and from the convention center every day, and several nights in the rain. I saw John and Karen Knox, and Terri and Bruce Wiggins, all of whom send their greetings. Spent time with Rev. Lyn Cameron and Rev. Theresa Novak. Greeted Michael Corrigan, Sean Dennison, and Jim Scott.

I would urge you to explore the UUA website for more in-depth reporting on all of these things and so much more. If you want to get a

flavor in photos, go to:
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/uuworld>

Thanks again for supporting me as your delegate to GA.

Muriel Roberts

All in the Family

Following is an excerpt from a letter emailed to ISU staff and faculty from ISU President Vailas regarding the honor awarded to our outgoing President Jennifer Attebery.

English professor and folklore program director Jennifer Attebery will travel to Uppsala, Sweden in spring 2011 as the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Studies at Uppsala University. She will give lectures on American Studies and pursue her research on Swedish immigration folk culture.

Attebery's designation as a Fulbright Distinguished Chair is an honor not many receive. Fulbright Distinguished Chair positions are a highly selective part of the Fulbright U.S. Senior Scholar Program, an international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government with additional support from host nations. The Fulbright Distinguished Chairs Program awards are among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program and are awarded to candidates who are "eminent scholars and have a significant publication and teaching record."

MDD Annual Conference, October 8-10, 2010

The Mountain Desert District's annual conference will be in Ogden, UT, October 8-10, and the Idaho-Utah cluster of UU congregations is planning the event, with

Ogden taking the lead. Our fellowship has volunteered to handle banner registration and storage, which will require a few volunteers from our group. We can also volunteer, individually, to assist at the registration table or to serve as room hosts helping with audio-

visual equipment. As time for the conference nears, we will be assembling car pools to travel

to the event. Please let Jennifer Attebery know if you are interested in volunteering, especially if you have audio-visual equipment expertise to offer: attejenn@isu.edu.

July Congregational Bulletin from the UUA

On behalf of the staff here at the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), I hope this letter finds you well. In the paragraphs below, I highlight a few items to bring to your attention. You can find even more announcements, information, and resources linked in the bulletin materials list below. Please share them with your congregation.

The revised edition of the Spanish language hymnal *Las Voces del Camino* is now available from Skinner House Books. It includes seventy songs in Spanish, including some from *Singing the Living Tradition* and selections from Spanish speaking cultures the world over.

The UUA Lifespan Faith Development staff group is introducing a new religious education curriculum from Tapestry of Faith. *Building the World We Dream About* by Dr. Mark Hicks is an adult Tapestry of Faith program that is now available online. Field testers are also needed for three new children's curricula and a new curriculum for high-school-aged youth.

The Pickett & Eliot Houses, the UUA's bed and breakfast in downtown Boston for Unitarian Universalists, is offering discounted rates. Make your reservation before September 30, 2010, to save on your stay in this historic location.

We hope you enjoy all of the materials offered here and in the list of links below. You can also find this month's bulletin and past bulletins on our website at <http://www.uua.org/leaders/announcements/congregationalmonthly/168049.shtml>.

Warmest Regards,
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Bulletin Materials

The following documents are PDF files.

From **Beacon Press**:

A flyer announcing a [sale on Beacon titles](#) through July 31.

—*To post*

From the [Church of the Larger Fellowship \(CLF\)](#):

An invitation to [link to the CLF website](#), offering Unitarian Universalist resources twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week, which may be especially helpful in the summer months.

—*To post for summer worshippers*

From the **International Resources Office**:

A flyer with [international news](#) from the UUA.

—*For ministers, presidents, and publicity chairs*

From **Lifespan Faith Development**:

An announcement that [field testers are needed](#) this fall for three new [Tapestry of Faith](#) programs: *Love Surrounds Us*, *Love Will Guide Us*, and *Love Connects Us*.

—*For religious educators, and leaders*

A flyer requesting congregations to field test a new [Tapestry of Faith](#) program for high school age youth, called *Place of Wholeness*.

—*For religious educators, and leaders*

An announcement that the [Tapestry of Faith](#) adult program titled, *Building the World We Dream About*, is now available online.

—*For ministers, religious educators, and leaders*

From **Skinner House**:

An announcement that the Spanish language hymnal, *Las Voces del Camino*, is now available from the [UUA Bookstore](#).

—*To post*

From **Stewardship and Development**:

A flyer with [Association Sunday 2010 raffle](#) information.

—*For ministers and board presidents*

Unitarian Universalist Principles

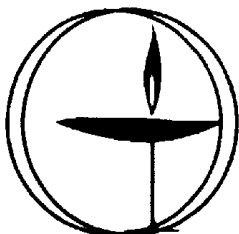
1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO IRENE NAUTCH AT:
newsletter@pocatellouu.org NEXT DEADLINE WILL BE AUGUST 25**

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