

Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship
The MidWeek Update

May 10, 2017

Race, Religion, and Community

Last month I reported about the unfolding challenges within the Unitarian Universalist Association regarding hiring a racially diverse staff. This involved the recent resignation of our UUA president and the appointment of new co-presidents until our regularly scheduled election takes place in June. Here's the UU World Magazine's latest update, with links to the previous articles as well:



http://www.uuworld.org/articles/interim-copresidents-describe-roles?utm_source=uuworld&utm_medium=front&utm_campaign=picks

For 50 years the UUA has gone through waves of good intentions, consciousness raising, institutional commitments, and internal controversy regarding race. Today, institutionalizing our antiracist ideals continues to be an extraordinary challenge. There will be no quick or easy answers in our national (U.S.) conversation around race, nor in our national (UUA) conversation, nor even in our local congregations. But the conversation has taken a step forward this year at BUF through the work of the Black Lives Matter Ministry Action Team. This team has met consistently throughout the year and is engaging a larger group in the conversation every month.

As BUF considers a congregational resolution regarding our engagement with these difficult and profoundly religious questions, I want to encourage those who have not taken part in the conversation to come to the information session this coming Sunday, May 14, after the service.

While one-on-one conversations are important, *grappling with this together as a group is also vital*. I know that my own perspective is always expanded by dialogue, but much more so in a larger circle of people of goodwill—whose life-experience has led them to see things differently.

At their worst, in group conversations, a perceived majority can have a chilling effect on the expression of dissent. And then we descend into group-think. Thoughtful facilitation can prevent this dynamic, but equally important is the physical presence and open-hearted expression of those who disagree with the majority, or simply aren't sure.

Without assurance that a conversation is going to go well, it's hard to trust the process. It's easy to slip into defensiveness or aggressiveness...or silence. But when we show up again and again, and do all we can to be the community we aspire to be, trust grows...and that advances the conversation one more step.

So I'll look forward to seeing you this coming Sunday morning.

Peace, Paul

P.S.: Regarding Jeff Packer's note below, I too will be at the Wednesday informational meetings with Jeff—as I support his ministry and his proposed covenant with BUF. Read both our existing policy on Community Ministry (which applies to Rev. Tessie) and the proposed policy (re Jeff), here: <http://buf.org/community-ministry>.

A letter from Jeff Packer, BUF member working in Community Ministry.

Dear BUF friends and community members,

As many of you know, I work as a full-time Associate Chaplain at St Joseph's Medical Center here in Bellingham. As part of this "community ministry" I have asked for BUF's "blessing" by formally recognizing me as a lay person working in community ministry. I'm writing to introduce myself and invite anyone that would like to meet and hear more about my work, what this covenant with BUF entails, or ask questions to come to either of two meet & greets. I will be attending the next two community night dinners on Wednesday evenings (May 10th and 17th). Please come and chat if you are interested.



What is Lay Community Ministry?

Community ministers are persons uniquely qualified to perform ministries of counseling, chaplaincy, social justice, education in religious studies, or other such ministries beyond the walls of the congregation. Over the years, the UUA has recognized that uniquely qualified lay people also perform creative and inspirational community ministries. Developing a covenantal relationship with a local congregation allows lay community ministers to ground their community ministry work in our faith tradition and provides a supportive UU context for their ministries. In turn, Unitarian Universalism is strengthened by the work of these lay ministers.

How will this happen?

I have recently asked the BUF Board of Trustees to formally recognize my work at the hospital as community ministry by entering into a covenant with the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship. The board is presently reviewing this proposal and has been asked to vote on it during their May 25th meeting. It is very important that I keep all of you informed and to make this process as transparent as possible. So if you have questions or want to hear more please come to the meet & greets on (May 10th & 17th). Or, email me at northwave20@gmail.com and I will be glad to set up a time to talk.

Who Am I?

Professionally, I have worked with people most of my life. Originally from Massachusetts, I moved to Washington State in my mid 20's. I spent much of my 20's working in residential treatment facilities with emotionally and behaviorally disturbed youth. After moving to Washington, I acquired a BA in Education and worked as an elementary school teacher. Eventually, I was drawn back to work in mental health spending many years working as a Child/Family Mental Health Case Manager in an outpatient community mental health agency in eastern Washington. My wife Shasta and I moved to Bellingham over 5 years ago when I began to pursue becoming a health care chaplain. Since then, I have completed a chaplaincy internship at the hospital, received a Master's Degree from Vancouver School of Theology in BC, and now have obtained full-time work at the hospital.

Spiritually, I have always been interested in emotional and spiritual health and wellness. I'm drawn to models of human development that describe the movement from human self-centeredness and separateness, to a growing conscious awareness of our inherent unity and oneness with all life. It seems quite possible that human survival on the planet may depend on it. Even Albert Einstein said that we cannot solve the problems in our world with the same kind of consciousness that created them. I'm Christian in the sense that Jesus tried to teach us about this human potential. I'm inspired by indigenous teachings in the sense that they promote healthy and balanced human relationship to all life and the Earth. And I see mindfulness as a kind of transformative practice. The practice of mindfulness assists me in being more present to life and others which seems to promote understanding, compassion and a sense of connection to all life and existence. It changes the way I show up in my life and the way I am with others. It is a key component of my work at the hospital. And I'm Unitarian Universalist in the sense that the principles and traditions speak to the all-inclusiveness of life and the embracing of diversity. Somehow, in whatever we call this larger reality in which we exist, we all belong!

How will this benefit BUF and myself?

My proposal asks that I be recognized by the BUF community as an Associate Community Minister. As such, I am neither employed by nor paid by BUF. It is understood that my main employment and ministry is at the hospital. I will be applying for certification as an Associate Certified Chaplain by the Association of Profession Chaplains, a national certifying agency. As I apply, I will be identifying myself as a Unitarian Universalist endorsed by my faith community. This includes my commitment to represent the UU values, principles and traditions in the wider world. In turn, I will continue to be an active and contributing member to BUF. Presently, I serve on the Pastoral Care Team and have taken a role in forming and developing the Healthy

Relationships Team – a team in which I have personal interest and expertise to share with the community.

Please come to either Wednesday evening meet and greets if you have interest or questions about me, my work, or my covenant with BUF regarding community ministry.

In Gratitude,

Jeff Packer

Community night dinner

Tonight (May 10th) at 6pm

Cost is only \$5 each or \$12 for a family. It's a great opportunity to meet new people at church and enjoy an affordable meal together.

This week's menu features a Baked Potato Bar (Baked potatoes with side items you can add like cheese, broccoli, diced ham, sour cream, veggie curry, etc.) Salad and Dessert

See you on Wednesday night! Cooks: Debbie Boots and Jae Heidenreich

Helpers can volunteer on sign up genius at We always welcome more volunteers! Please sign up on sign up genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4cada82ea64-community1>

Congregational Meeting- Sunday May 21st

The invitation to the Congregational Meeting was emailed or mailed to BUP voting members on Friday, 5 May. The mailing included a letter from Board President Anastacia Lundholm, the proposed 2017-18 Budget, the Black Lives Matter resolution, a list of nominees to be voted on, and 3 sets of minutes to be approved at the meeting.

The meeting is scheduled to at 12 noon, following the worship service.

Here is the proposed congregational resolution:

Whereas Unitarian Universalists, in keeping with long-standing UUA tradition, remain committed to principles of justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;

Whereas Unitarian Universalists continue to envision and work towards a world community practicing liberty and justice for all;

Whereas the 2015 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association passed an Action of Immediate Witness (www.uua.org/statements/support-black-lives-matter-movement) calling congregations to take deliberate action in support of the Black Lives Matter movement and in the fight for racial justice; and

Whereas our respect for the rights and dignity of every individual demands our standing in solidarity with victims of racial, ethnic, and religious hatred and bigotry, all by-products of U.S. white privilege and indifference to equal justice for ethnic minorities;

Resolved, that the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship:

1. Resolutely affirms our support of the UUA Action of Immediate Witness to support the “Movement for Black Lives Matter,” both in words and deeds.
2. Commits to educating ourselves and our community that institutional racism extends beyond white privilege and oppressive cultural systems, and that the unresolved struggles for justice and equality for Black people in this country’s past remain the cause of our struggles today.
3. Commits to partnering with local community organizations to leverage resources and harness the power of love to combat racism targeting Black people and oppression at all levels of our communities and their governments.

May Faire Gala and Auction- June 3rd ALL THINGS AUCTION

We're in the home stretch and looking for everyone to step up to the plate with your inspired service (or otherwise) auction offering! Some specifics:



1. The BUF auction has received dozens of fine, fab items for the auction and the catalogue is available for your perusal now. Go to www.togetherauction.com/buf and start planning your bidding strategies today.

2. DONATE TO THE AUCTION by **May 15**. We are working to have the bid sheets available for bidding by the week of May 21.

3. BUY TICKETS TO THE GALA by **May 28** for \$25, after that it goes up to \$35 (\$5 for kids now, increases to \$10 after 5/28). Tickets available up through date of Gala, but it is helpful to have correct numbers for the team who is making sure we prepare the right amount of food.

4. 1. Wine Wall waiting...Drop off a bottle of wine at the BUF office anytime between now and **June 1**. We'll add that to the May Faire Auction wine wall and Gala attendees will purchase their mystery bottle and drink a toast to you.

5. SPECIAL CHALLENGE TO BUF COMMITTEES. In the past committees have often put together baskets for auction, and we've gotten feedback that committees would like an alternative way to contribute. Consider offering an activity that can help BUFsters “see how the sausage is made.” Whether your group works for Social Justice, Immigrant Rights or Reclaiming Democracy, BUFsters provide great service throughout the community. Can your Action Team come up with auction items that widen the circle with fun and education...perhaps meeting leaders of your movement, taking a field trip to a related-site, or sharing a picnic lunch and real conversation about what inspires your Team to Action.

Auction Paddle Call- Nominations to be considered at May 25th Board Meeting

The BUF Board of Trustees is still taking suggestions for 'paddle call' items at the upcoming May Faire Auction. This year, paddle call suggestions are focused on BUF projects or improvements that are outside our budgeted plans. Usually the projects are in the \$3,000-\$5,000 range. Ideas, with a short description of the project and why it would be important to the congregation, can be emailed to Board President Anastacia Lundholm (anastaciam@hotmail.com) or dropped off in the church office by May 22nd.

Paddle Call is a means of raising money, for a special purpose, in a short time, during a live auction. The attendees raise their numbered paddle (the handheld poster) to indicate their giving at a particular \$\$ level when the amount is "called out" by the auctioneer.

Sunday May 7th saw the Annual Farmworker March for Justice

BUF supported the March from Lynden to Bellingham by providing a food buffet to feed the marchers, who arrived between 2pm and 3pm at the Maritime Heritage Park in Bellingham to enjoy chicken, rice and beans, fresh fruit and salad.

Our community partner organization, Community to Community, organized the annual event to recognize and give just due to the farm workers, our neighbors and friends that help make our local economy one of the most viable in the state.

Welcome to the Whatcom Literacy Council

We are pleased to expand our community service by hosting weekly English as a Second Language (ESL) tutoring session organized by the Whatcom Literacy Council. Jae Heidenreich will be providing the one-on-one instruction.

The Whatcom Literacy Council is dedicated to increasing literacy skills for adults in Whatcom County. Since 1978, the Whatcom Literacy Council has been helping adults in Whatcom County improve their literacy skills and learn English. Through customized, individual tutoring and focused small group classes, our adult learners acquire critical skills needed to become more self-sufficient. Each year, adult learners work with the Whatcom Literacy Council to set achievable goals that allow them to:

- Improve their parenting skills.
- Increase their employment opportunities.
- Attain their US citizenship.
- Further their education.
- Enhance the stability of their daily lives.

Sock Drive for Homeless People May 7-21

There is a box in the narthex for donations of NEW socks to donate to homeless people in Bellingham. Thank you for supporting our youth service outreach project.

Canvass Generosity Update

Thank you for your generous response to BUF's spring Pledge Drive! Last month we expressed serious concern about an anticipated shortfall of \$57,000 for next year's budget. Since then we have received an additional \$42,000 in pledges from members and friends. Thank You! BUF's Board of Trustees have met to develop the draft budget for 2017-2018 that the Board will propose to the congregation at our Annual Congregational Meeting at noon on Sunday, May 21. As noted above, the draft budget and other items for the Congregational Meeting were sent out on May 5th.

Events and Activities

Thursday May 11

2:00 PM Flowering Cherry Sangha Mindfulness Meditation Group

Following the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh, the Flowering Cherry Sangha Mindfulness Meditation Group takes part in meditation, study, discussion, and chanting. Join us at **2:00 pm on May 4th** in the Meditation Room downstairs. Chairs are provided; bring a cushion if you wish. For more information contact David Gillespie at davidgillespie72@gmail.com or Lynn Barton at contactingbarton@gmail.com.

Saturday May 13



BUF Dragonfly QUilters

BUF's Quilters meet second Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the social hall. This month we'll be meeting on **May 13th**. We are currently making bed quilts for Lydia Place, a transitional housing organization in town. All levels of skill and interest are welcome!

Dungeons and Dragons

BUF members recently formed a Dungeons and Dragons role-playing game opportunity.

At 10:00 AM on **May 13th** in the Library, join us in this fantasy game, as we guide our heroes through quests for treasure, battles with deadly foes, daring rescues, courtly intrigue, and much more. Adventure updates are posted to <http://blog.bitratchet.com>. Email jed@bitratchet.com with questions.



Sunday May 14th Forum: The Future of Whatcom's Workforce



Joins us at 9:15 am as Carla Conforto, Workforce Programs Manager with NW Workforce Council, introduces the Council and its hope for the future of the Whatcom, Skagit Island and San Juan counties. Learn the details of how the Council advocates for regional workforce needs, strategizes to build a skilled workforce, invests in training, advises a youth council that focuses on secondary school students and high school dropouts and its partnership with WorkSource.

10:30 AM Worship

11:30 AM Coffee Hour

Have you been wondering what your role is, or what it could be, in the struggle against systemic racism in our country? Do you ever find yourself astonished at racist thoughts which pop into your mind, unbidden? Do you feel saddened and confused by the continuing segregation and oppression of Black people in America? You are not alone. **BUF's Black Lives Matter ministry action team** meets the second and fourth Monday of every month to discuss these issues. Our meeting is a safe space in which BUFsters work to discover and dismantle racist attitudes inside ourselves, and transform ourselves into agents of anti-racist change.

This week we host coffee hour. Come talk to us about the resolution to make Black Lives Matter an official program of BUF!

11:45 AM - Resolution Discussion

11:45 AM Kids' Choir

12:00 PM Brunch @ Hearthfire

Social and spiritual sustenance for BUF's Men

On **May 14th at 12:15 pm**, the Men's Group will be meeting for friendly, fraternal conversations that provoke reflection, insight, humor, and enduring friendships. Men of all ages are welcome. For more information, contact Ron Quinn at rdquinn@cpp.edu or Mike Brunt at rcl1492cc@gmail.com.

4:30 PM YRUU (High School Youth)

Monday May 15th The Natural Balance in All Things . .

Join us at **4:30 pm on May 15th** for Life Exercise, a program of gentle movement drawn from Chinese Tai Chi and Japanese health exercises. All levels of fitness are welcome. For more information, contact Lee Seaman, (360) 676-8543, lseaman@seamanmedical.com.



HARNESSING THE POWER OF LOVE TO CREATE CHANGE

Hello All, [Black Lives Matter Ministry Team](#) meeting will be held on **May 15th** at 6:00 PM. We are currently discussing the following: '28 Racist Attitudes' derived from Cultural Bridges to Justice and more. Feel free to visit the link for more information:

<http://www.culturalbridgestojustice.org/resources/written/detour>.

You are welcomed. Dialogue, build community, get some support and break down your biases. The BUF Black Lives Matter Ministry Action Team seeks to nurture the social, spiritual and personal development of congregation members in the exploration of how racism and privilege impact our congregation, our community, and our nation. In particular, we acknowledge the targeted violence which impacts black people disproportionately. We are committed to harnessing the power of love to dismantle racism and white supremacy across our communities and to creating spaces inclusive of people of all races, ethnicities, and cultural backgrounds. We meet consistently, every second and fourth Monday of the month at 6pm in the Conference Room.



May 16

Lunch with or without Paul!

On **May 16th at 12:00 pm**, bring your own lunch for an informal conversation about whatever topics come up. An opportunity for us to get to know one another better!



May 17

10:00 AM Humanitas

4:30 PM May Faire Planning

COMMUNITY NIGHT DINNER (6:00 pm)

To be announced. We always welcome more volunteers! Please sign up on signup genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4cada82ea64-community1>

May 18

A Miracle of Mindfulness

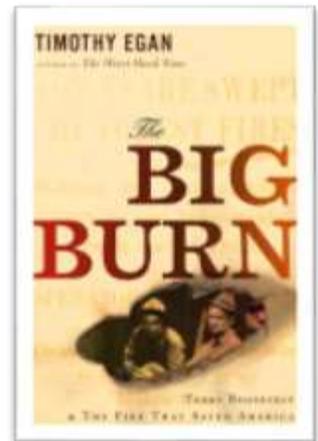
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May 18th Book Club Discussion

Join us next Thursday, May 18th, at 7:00pm for a conversation about an astonishing book by Timothy Egan, *The Big Burn*. We will meet at Claire Lending's and Murray Bennett's house, 3195 Cliffside Drive, Bellingham. If you have questions, please get in touch with Jan Cavitt, jadacad@gmail.com.

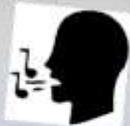
On the afternoon of August 20, 1910, a battering ram of wind moved through the drought-stricken national forests of Washington, Idaho, and Montana. It was so huge that forest rangers assembled nearly ten thousand men — college boys, day workers, immigrants from mining camps — to fight the fire. But no living person had seen anything like those flames, and neither the rangers nor anyone else knew how to subdue them.

Egan narrates the struggles of the overmatched rangers against the implacable fire with unstoppable dramatic force. Equally dramatic is the larger story he tells of outsized president Teddy Roosevelt and his chief forester, Gifford Pinchot, who pioneered the notion of 'conservation.' Roosevelt and Pinchot did nothing less than create the idea of public land as our national treasure, owned by and preserved for every citizen.



Friday May 19th

Coffee House Acoustic open mic
BELLINGHAM UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP

 **Friday, May 19th**
7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
1207 Ellsworth Street. 

The theme for the evening is
"FRIENDSHIP".

Acoustic musicians, singers, writers, storytellers, jokesters, and performers are invited to present for 10 minutes each. Material related to the theme is optional, yet encouraged. Sign in to perform at 6:45 p.m.

Shasta Pettijohn, musician, songwriter and coordinator for this event will serve as M.C. Contact her at starson816@gmail.com for more information.

LATER IN MAY

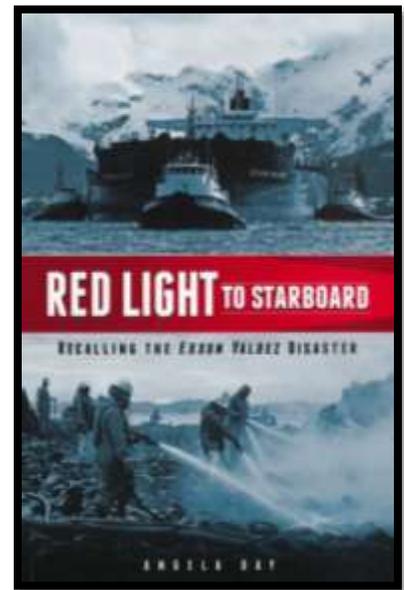
May 25, 2017 Red Light to Starboard: Recalling the *Exxon Valdez* Disaster.

Join us on **May 25th** from 6:30-8:30pm for a book reading, presentation, and Q&A with author Angela Day.

Angela Day, PhD, will offer a book reading, presentation, and Q&A session on her book, *Red Light to Starboard: Recalling the Exxon Valdez Disaster*. This book documents a tragic event that stunned the world, discusses the disaster's environmental impacts, and recounts the regional and natural history of Prince William Sound. Day's book won the Western Writers of America 2015 Spur Award in the Best Western Contemporary Nonfiction category, and was a finalist in the annual Forward Reviews' INDIEFAB Book of the Year Awards.

Angela Day lives in nearby Snohomish, Washington, and is married to Bobby Day, a long-time fisherman from Prince William Sound. The book centers on his story and that of his family, whose history is deeply rooted in the region. Nearly 100 years ago, the Day family settled on the edge of Valdez Bay where they carved out a small town, salmon cannery, and sawmill from remains of an old army fort. Based on a wealth of family history and first-hand experiences, the book offer a deeply personal account of the oil spill's impacts on individual lives and local communities.

This topic is keenly relevant to our community. "I hope to provide some insights about what the past can teach us about the future," said Angela Day. "Whatcom County residents are faced with a potentially large increase in crude oil tanker traffic in the Salish Sea due to the proposed expansion of the Kinder Morgan Mountain pipeline project," she continued.



The Kinder Morgan project, terminating in Vancouver, will nearly triple capacity along an existing line from Edmonton, Alberta, to Burnaby, B.C., from about 300,000 barrels per day to about 890,000 barrels per day. "I especially look forward to having a discussion about lessons learned and how they apply to the risks in the Salish Sea today," Day said.

The presentation is co-sponsored by RE Sources for Sustainable Communities and the North Cascades Audubon Society. "We are really excited to host Angela's presentation here in Bellingham," said Lee First, North Sound Baykeeper with RE Sources for Sustainable Communities.

RE Sources for Sustainable Communities works to promote sustainable communities and

protect the health of northwestern Washington's people and ecosystems through application of science, education, advocacy and action. North Cascades Audubon Society has represented the interests and importance of wildlife, habitat and the environment in Whatcom County since 1970.

For more information, please contact Lee First, North Sound Baykeeper, leef@resources.org

May 27th Darshan and Satsang Blessing with Paramahansa Vishwananda

2pm-10pm

BUP is hosting an interesting, international event on Saturday May 27th. The church sanctuary has been reserved all day that Saturday for a Blessing Event by the local Bhakti Marga Foundation. **Paramahansa Vishwananda** will be making only his second appearance in a U.S. location this year (the other appearance is in Los Angeles.) He most recently has held events in Portugal and Latvia.

Information from the event brochure:

Satsang (2:00pm, \$25 at the door) is an opportunity to be in the presence of an enlightened spiritual master who delivers clear and meaningful explanations to the great mysteries of life.

Darshan (5:00pm, personal donation) is a personal blessing and an opportunity to open the heart and experience one's ability to love beyond any conditions.

Register online at bhaktimarga.us/darshan



The Wednesday Community Night Dinner at 6 pm on May 31.

The YRUU high schoolers invite you all to the event, which will raise money for their group activities. Put this on your calendar and stay tuned for more information about the menu!

COMING IN JUNE

BUF's May Faire Gala and Auction - Saturday, June 3rd

Sunday Forum, June 4th Nutrition's Role in Pain Relief

Join nutritional therapist, Linda Fels, at Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship (BUF) on Sunday, June 4, at 9:15 a.m. for a discussion on how to proactively work with your body to decrease pain.



Chronic pain affects over 50 million Americans, resulting in lower health status, missed income and greater suffering. Many do not realize that what they ingest at every meal can increase or lessen pain. This goes beyond pain in the digestive system to headaches, joint, nerve and muscle pain. Optimal nutritional status can assist the body in responding better to medical treatments.

Linda Fels is a nutritional therapist in private practice in Bellingham who specializes in digestive issues and brain health. She is a certified Nutritional Therapy Practitioner (NTP), Restorative Wellness Practitioner (RWP) and a certified GAPS Practitioner. Linda's vision is a world of people so healthy that everyone can pursue their own dreams with the energy, means and sharp minds they are meant to have. She focuses on education, support and the joy of eating. Food is the fuel and the main building block for our bodies. What we take in by eating, breathing, touching and experiencing affects us physically, mentally and emotionally.

Saturday, June 10th Gypsy Jazz Concert Series: Gypsy Jazz finale w/ Pearl Django

Sunday, June 11th at Noon Adult Education Committee Are you interested in having a say in adult education at BUF? Do you have an idea for a class or workshop you would like to facilitate? please come to the kick off meeting of the Adult Ed. Committee to plan for spring/fall activities at BUF! Sunday, **JUNE 11** at noon. Contact Jennifer@BUF.org for more info.

COMING IN JULY

Creative Arts Eliot Camp 2017 for UUs and their Friends and Family:

Did you know that there is an arts-related summer camp run by The Eliot Institute for UUs of all ages in our area (Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, Alaska, and Western Idaho) and their friends and family? Creative Arts Eliot 2017 will take place at the beautiful Seabeck Conference Center on Hood Canal in Seabeck, Washington from Saturday, August 12 through Wednesday, August 16, 2017, and will offer opportunities for UUs and friends and relatives to enjoy many wonderful aspects of a multi-generational "camp" experience while also pursuing an interest in one of seven artistic or creative endeavors. Talented presenters will inspire and delight during a five-day camp full of creativity and fun with morning workshops in Photography, Writing, Beginning Ukulele, Intro to Puppetry, Colorful Creations, Painting & Collage, and Storytelling. Campers choose one activity to focus on in the mornings, and spend the rest of their time enjoying board and card games, music and singing, walking/hiking through the woods, beach/waterfront activities, UU community, evening programs, and numerous other planned events including Firelight and an "Extravaganza" on the last day to celebrate everyone's creativity. There is still room so join us this summer at Creative Arts



Eliot 2017! For more information, please contact the Eliot Administrator at Eliotregistrar@gmail.com or visit our website at www.eliotinstitute.org.

AND REALLY LOOKING AHEAD

The BUF All-Church Retreat is back!

Save the date – October 6-8, 2017. Join BUFsters of all ages for a weekend of fun, relaxation, and community-building, at Camp Kirby on beautiful Samish Island.

We will enjoy thought-provoking workshops, strolls on the beach, delicious meals, excellent company, fun and games for all ages, an always-entertaining “talent” show, and some serious driftwood fort building. Workshop theme and other details TBA. If you have questions in the meantime, contact Roz at mama@mamafoo.net.