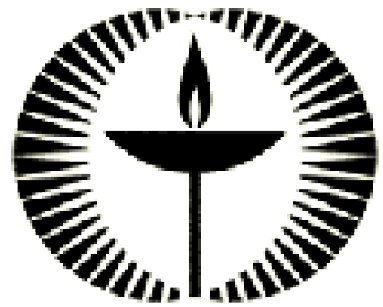


The *Exponent*

Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church



SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2009

10:00 AM Single Service

"Flower Communion Sunday"

May 31, 10:00 AM

Rev. Jake Bohstedt Morrill, leading worship

The flower communion is a Unitarian celebration of interdependence, developed by the Rev. Norbert Capek in Prague in the 1920s, and brought to the United States after the Second World War by Capek's wife, Maja. You are welcome to take part in this affirmation of our connections by bringing a flower to the worship next week; you'll leave with a different one than the one that you brought! Come one, come all, as we celebrate what connects us.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2009

10:00 AM Summer Service

"Julian in the Deep End"

June 7, 10:00 AM

Rev. Jake Bohstedt Morrill, leading worship

For many, summer is a time to head to the lake, the pool, or the ocean. For some, jumping into the water is as natural as falling off a log. But for others, jumping into the water is an act of faith. Julian of Norwich was a 14th-century mystic who is remembered for the prayerful words, "All shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well." When you are in the deep end, do Julian's words really hold water? The world being as it is, how could such a bold claim help to buoy you up?

May 26, 2009

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Please visit the Online Calendar for the most up to date information on church events. All listings

Mark your Calendars!

The Summer Sunday Service Schedule will begin on May 31st with the Annual Flower Communion and run through Labor Day. During this time period, there will be a single service at 10:00 AM



Minster's Corner

We are in community to practice being together with other people. More specifically, to practice the give-and-take of relationship known as sharing. Even more specifically, to practice the quality of sharing illuminated by the virtues of generosity (give) and gratitude (take). Each encounter is an opportunity to practice generosity—of compassion, of understanding, of encouragement, of support, of loving challenge. And each encounter is an opportunity to practice gratitude—for compassion, for understanding, for encouragement, for support, for loving challenge. It is not yet three weeks since I returned to you from five months away, and I am still a-glow with a feeling of gratitude for your generosity. Five months to nurture my spirit was an incredible gift, but, on its heels, your generosity has continued unabated. I especially want to thank the Sabbatical Committee—Carol Mason, Donna Bass, Kate Shaklee, Lori Hetes, and Marty Adler-Jasny—for the wonderful welcome-home hoe-down, featuring The Lone-Tones, that they organized. Molly and I gratefully brought home armloads of plants from that party, which we have installed in our garden.

Which reminds me of a joke I heard recently. As it happened, a Baptist preacher was walking through the neighborhood when he came upon a Humanist on her knees in the garden, plucking up weeds. The preacher stopped—“Lovely garden you and God have there together,” he commented. The Humanist looked up, wiped a bead of sweat from her brow. “Well,” she said, “you should’ve seen the mess it was when it was just God’s.”

From gardening this spring, I have learned an appreciation of the natural process of life: growth happens on its own; evolution happens. Still, like the Humanist, I find myself also learning to appreciate the worth of human effort in guiding that process, in doing the weeding and mulching required to bring forth the best of nature.

In your life, what changes are taking place on their own, without any of your effort? What changes are taking place with your guidance and nurturing attention? How do you know when to lean in and disrupt what is happening, and when to stand back, and just notice what unfolds? Think back to a year ago from now—the end of May, 2008. What’s different in your life since that date? Why is it different? Think ahead to next May, 2010. What might be different? What can you imagine?

Tenderly,

JAKE

REACHING THE MINISTER

Here are two things for church-folks to know. First, my email address is no longer revjakebmorrill@bellsouth.net; strike that from your address books! My new email address is revjakebmorrill@gmail.com. I love to hear from you; drop me a line. As most of you know, I prefer contact by email or phone at the church; but if it's an emergency, please do call me at home. Also, until this point, I've been available by appointment. Starting this week, I'm going to try holding set office hours, for those of you who prefer to drop in and check in rather than making a formal appointment. My office hours will be Tuesday, from 4:30-6:30 PM and Thursday, from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. I'm still available for appointments on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays--and other times, in emergencies. Because I'm trying to reserve mornings for family times, I prefer afternoon or evening appointments.

REGARDING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



This Sunday, May 31, we will have just one service, our annual multi-generational flower communion service, beginning at 10 am. We will have nursery and preschool care from 9:45 – 11:15 am. Children of kindergarten age and older will attend the entire service with their families. Don't miss this annual celebration of our faith community. In preparation, your children could help choose the flowers to bring for the service.

Next Sunday, June 7, we begin Summer Sundays in Religious Education. We will have nursery and preschool care from 9:45 – 11:15 am. Children of kindergarten through fifth grade age will begin in the service, as usual, and will leave after the Story for All Ages, as usual. Instead of "Spirit Play", the summer sessions will be built around exploring the arts and creativity. Rose Williams, a young adult who grew up in our church, had agreed to serve as Summer Sundays Leader. She will need a co-leader each Sunday, as well. Please contact Tandy to schedule your Summer Sunday to help. Youth, as well as adults, are invited to take a turn as co-leaders. While we have experiences planned for youth this summer (Woodland Service Trip, Rainbow Camp, and GoldMine Leadership School), we do not hold Sunday sessions for youth. Instead, we encourage them to attend the worship services. Experiencing our Unitarian Universalist ways of worshipping is part of comprehensive religious education for our young people, so I hope to see youth in the Sunday services.

Reminder: Woodland Community Service-Learning Trip Preparation Session is this Sunday, May 31, from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Bring forms, bring questions, bring open minds and hearts! See you Sunday!

2009 Bob Kernohan Award for Religious Education Excellence recipients are Annie Golson and Ernie Burress! Bob Kernohan, a charter member of this congregation, taught our senior high group for years and was known and loved by many who grew up in this church. In 2005, the year prior to Bob's death, the Religious Education Committee established an award in Bob's name to be given annually to a person whose commitment to religious education is exemplary. This year, for the first time, the committee decided to tap not one, but two people for this distinction. Annie Golson and Ernie Burress were the very first members of our church to be trained as "Our Whole Lives" (OWL) facilitators. OWL is a very comprehensive sexuality education curriculum, published by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ in 1999. Ernie and Annie have ably led "OWL" groups every year since their training, except for a very brief time when Ernie was battling esophageal cancer. By my estimation, they have worked with well over one hundred teens, providing these young people with accurate information about sexuality and promoting a healthy sense of themselves as sexual beings. When you see Annie and/or Ernie, please thank them for their years of dedication and service to our young people.

With faithful REgards,

Our Next Rummage Sale is June 12 and 13, 2009!

Please start finding and saving your contributions for our next rummage sale. We will accept anything except weapons! We do sell clothes, and books, and we really like to sell furniture and working electronic items. We will start accepting items at church on Sunday, June 7, after church. There may be a small amount of room for storage in the church before that date – talk to Betsy Bauer.



Just so everyone can plan ahead, we have set Saturday morning, June 6, as the day we will pick up large items with trucks. We plan to send out trucks with teams of people with strong backs to get your large items, so - please contact Betsy Bauer (bauerec@bellsouth.net, 482-5324) if you have items you would like us to pick up that day.

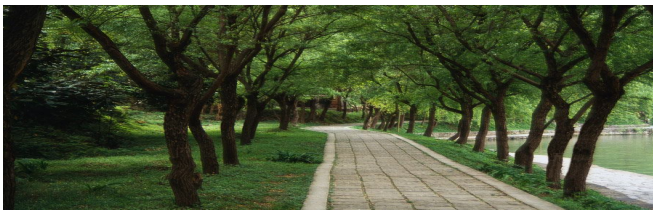
If you have questions - talk to Betsy Bauer. Thanks!

Help Clean the Kitchen on Monday, June 1!

Join Janine Hollerman and Betsy Bauer on Monday, June 1 at 10 AM, as we clean up the kitchen for the summer, and decide what we need to contribute to the rummage sale from our kitchen cabinets. We welcome everyone to help! Many fingers make light work.

Membership

Beginning the Journey! June 20, 2009



The Newcomer Orientation workshop is designed to help you become better acquainted with other newcomers and learn more about yourself as stories are shared. The workshop begins at 8:30 a.m. with bagels and breakfast drinks. At 11 o'clock, we'll journey through a brief lesson on the history and theology of Unitarian Universalism. We'll then break for lunch and, before 1 p.m., complete our program with some insight on the nuts-n-bolts of Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church and what it has to offer.

Although the Newcomer Orientation class is one of three requirements to becoming a member of ORUUC it is presented, without pressure to join the church, for the benefit of getting to know one another and learn more about Unitarian Universalism and what goes on here at ORUUC that may be of interest to you.

To be sure we have enough breakfast and lunch available on Saturday, June 20, please contact the church office and register for Newcomer Orientation Class before the end of our work day (3:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, June 17.

We look forward to your participation in the June 20th workshop.

Thanks! You Are Making This Your Garden

The grounds committee called for help in taking care of our grounds. You have responded magnificently. Some people have already reported for work. Many of the garden areas have been adopted. Only a few remain unclaimed. Sunday School classes have selected their own areas. We will report the final selections in a future *Exponent*.

We hope to meet with each of you during the next month or so to get you checked out on where to put the weeds, stray sticks and leaves—how to access the tools and garden house, the names of the plants (if you wish) and how to differentiate between weeds and plants. Call Diantha to arrange a time (482-1511).

One of us will be stationed in the Social Room between and after services to take your offers of help. We encourage buddies and groups. We want you to know that working in the soil is a satisfying, if not a spiritual, experience.

The following areas are still available for adoption:

- Front viburnum/holly area (mostly pruning)
- North parking lot borders to Garden House
- North-most entrance area near the Day Care Center & Garden House
- Hill just west of the sanctuary with rock steps to building
- L-shaped Nandina area outside Jake's and Tandy's Windows
- The bank on the Turnpike Side of the Church (The biggest job)

With thanks,

The Grounds Committee

Diantha Pare´ Joanne Krewson
Hal Hoyt Lila Marathe

Adult Enrichment

The Next Direction for the UUA— ORUUC Thursday, 5/28, at 7:15 PM



Join fellow ORUUC members and some guests from our neighboring congregations for a video presentation and discussion to uplift the choices before us at this time. There are two candidates for the UUA Presidency, Peter Morales and Laurel Hallman; both are accomplished and experienced UU ministers. Each brings different strengths to the Presidency, should they be chosen. Come see them on video and discuss which choice best serves us at this time. The conversation will be facilitated by Martin Bauer and Lalia Wilson.

You are welcome to participate in Pot Luck immediately beforehand. The bar is open at 5:45 PM, dinner at 6:15 PM.

ORUUC History

Have you ever wondered why there is no written history of the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church? The Answer: Only a booklet – ORUUC 1950 – 1960 has been printed. Would you like to help remedy this lack of printed history?

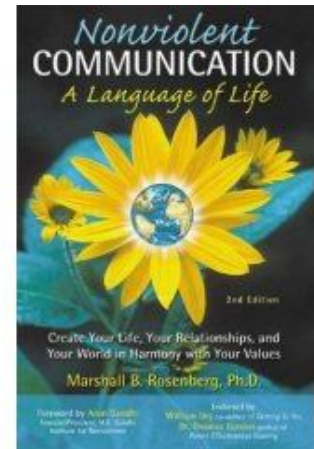
Helen McKown sensed a need to complete a recorded history while some of us “old timers” stukk can remember happenings of the intervening years from then to now. She would like a dozen or so of our members willing to work on such a project to let her know (phone # 483-1822).

Hopefully our booklet will be ready for presentation to our congregation as we celebrate our 60th anniversary on December 31, 2010.

An organizational meeting will be held in mid-June (after the Rummage Sale.)

Communicating with Compassion

You have surely never been frustrated trying to talk to your spouse, family, or coworkers. Or have you? Do you know how to make yourself understood, and how to really listen when others need to be understood?



If you would like to talk about thorny communication issues, you can join us at 7 PM on the third Wednesday of each month at church. We meet to talk about a technique called Compassionate Communication, and how to use it to solve the problems we face. We share our stories about situations we need to address in the future, or interactions that did not work out well in the past; and we look for solutions together, sharing brainstorming and insights. We have enlightening conversations and a few laughs, too.

Call for Proposals

The ORUUC Endowment Fund is accepting proposals for grants. The Endowment Committee has approved granting \$2500 during the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Endowment grants should:

- provide objects of enduring value;
- support activities that enhance the church experience of ORUUC members; or
- promote ORUUC's visibility and reputation in the community.

The Endowment Committee asks that requests not overlap existing ordinary church activities or operations. Proposals should be consistent with the goals and objectives of the church and positively affect the community. Previously the committee has provided funds for sheet music for the music program, scholarships to Rainbow Camp, Tasty Tuesday, and If I Had a Hammer. The committee may consult church leaders, especially the minister, board president and Leadership Council, regarding their priorities among the applications, thus it may be helpful to discuss the planned application with church leadership. Application forms are available in the church office. To be considered for the current cycle, the completed application (available from the office) needs to be returned to the Endowment Committee box in the church office, or submitted online to the church secretary (oruuc@bellsouth.net) by 3 pm on July 1st. Decisions will be made in August. Thanks very much for your ideas and proposals!

Lalia Wilson for the Endowment Committee

National Health Care

“Sicko,” Michael Moore’s film comparing our health care system with those of other countries, attracted a large ORUUC audience. Those interested in this subject may want to watch Bill Moyer’s Journal which discusses what’s going on in Congress right now with regard to proposed changes in U.S. health care.

<http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/05222009/watch.html>

Help Needed!

Thursday night potluck is having a few changes: Janine & Jim Holleman and Jorulf Brynestad are stepping down. We are looking for a few people who would like to take the reigns from them. The position would include setting up the tables (if needed), putting out dishes, forks, knives etc., buying snacks (from the money that is collected from wine sales) and making coffee.

If you can help please contact Jason Haberman at terynjay@yahoo.com or 865-483-5370

Do You Have Large Rummage That Needs to be Picked up???

Or

Can You Help Pick Up Large Rummage (Strong Back or Large Vehicle Needed)?????

On Saturday, June 6, from 9 AM to noon, we want to pick up as much as possible of the large pieces of rummage coming to our



next rummage sale (June 12 and 13).

Please contact Betsy Bauer (bauerec@bellsouth.net, or 482 - 5324) if you have large items to be picked up, or can help pick them up!

Please plan now, so we can get your items when we have the strong backs and vehicles.

Thanks! Betsy

TWO WEEK CALENDAR

SUNDAY

MONDAY

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SATURDAY

<div data-bbox="94 346 716 678" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Kroger Cares Certificates and/or Food City “Community Cash” cards are available after the first church service — look for Hank McKown (or other informed representative) at one of the tables in the Social Hall. Or you may get them from the church office from 9 AM to 3 PM, Monday through Thursday.</p> </div>			<p>May 27</p> <p>11 AM League of Women Voters Annual Meeting</p> <p>12 PM Alliance</p> <p>6 PM Weight Loss Challenge Class</p> <p>6:30 PM Welcoming Congregation Workshop</p> <p>7 PM Cherry Tree Zen Meditation</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:30 PM Caring Committee monthly transition meeting</p> <p>5:45 PM Pot Luck</p> <p>7:15 PM UUA Presidents Forum</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8 AM Renovation of old Men’s Bathroom</p> <p>8:30 AM Gardening with the Grounds</p> <p>4 PM Senior Recital</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8 AM Renovation of old Men’s Bathroom</p>
<p>31</p> <p>10 AM One Worship Service – Single Flower Worship</p> <p>11 AM Altarside Afterthoughts</p> <p>11:30 AM Woodland Trip Meeting and Lunch</p>	<p>June 1</p> <p>10 AM Kitchen Cleaning</p> <p>10:30 AM Covenant Group at Greenfield of OR</p> <p>12:30 AM Bible Study Covenant Group</p> <p>3:30 PM Tabitha’s Table Blue Team</p> <p>4 PM Alex Shore’s recital</p> <p>6:45 PM Ballroom Dancing</p> <p>7 PM Evansong</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 PM Adult Education Committee</p> <p>7:15 PM Yoga</p> <p>9 PM Anderson County Anti-Drug Coalition Training</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12 AM cont. – Anderson County Anti-Drug Coalition Training</p> <p>12 PM Alliance</p> <p>5:45 PM Finance Committee Meeting</p> <p>7 PM Cherry Tree Zen Meditation</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:45 PM Potluck</p> <p>7:15 PM Finance Town Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30 AM Gardening with the Grounds</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8 AM SH Service Learning Trip to the Clearfork Valley</p> <p>9 AM Large Rummage Pickup</p> <div data-bbox="1414 1146 1572 1325" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Senior High Service Learning Trip to the Clearfork Valley – Tandy is away</p> </div>
<p>7</p> <p>10 AM Summer Worship Service</p> <p>11 AM Rummage Setup</p> <p>11:15 AM Finance Town Hall Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12 AM Rummage Setup continued</p> <p>5 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12 AM Rummage Setup continued</p> <p>1 PM Exponent Mailing Group</p> <p>7:15 PM Yoga</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12 AM Rummage Setup continued</p> <p>12 PM Alliance</p>	<div data-bbox="1040 1507 1560 1822" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>The church office is open Monday to Friday, from 9 AM to 3 PM</p> <p>The DRE is available Sunday, Monday, Thursday 9 AM -3 PM.</p> <p>Tuesday and Friday, by appointment</p> </div>		
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Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church
sings a song of Beloved Community,
where each unique voice
is a part of the larger harmony.

*We celebrate diversity.
We share ministry.
We grow in relationship.*

Our song resounds
throughout the wider community,
bending the arc of the world
toward love and justice.

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Coming Up June 20th – Beginning the Journey A Newcomer Orientation Workshop

Starting at 8:30AM with bagels and drinks, we will get to know each other and share some life stories. After this, Rev. Jake Morrill will cover UU history and theology and will be followed by a lunch. Please call or email the church office to register. Thank you!

Ministers and Staff

Rev. Jake Morrill, Minister
Rev. Howard Box Minister Emeritus
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Director
Nancy Starr, Music Director
Cyndy Bailes, Bookkeeper
Kimberly Oliver, Church Administrator
Lucy Nickel, Membership Coordinator
Margaret Hoff, Office Assistant
Susan Rosenbaum, Nursery

If you need transportation, are ill and need support, or need home-health or baby equipment, please call the Caring Coordinators for the month of June –

**Madge Newton
(482-1279)
Or
Judy Van Winkle**

Parents: If you need child care for an event, please call **Susan Rosenbaum** (865-882-2372) or email (MsClued@aol.com) at least 5 days in advance.