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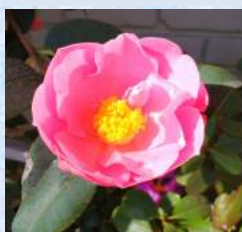
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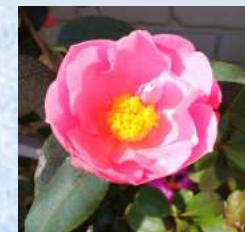
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- **Great news about Rev. Vincent Lachina and Rev. Barbara Davenport. See Page 3.**
- **Photos from Pledge dinner on Pages 4 and 5**



Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m.



June 4. Jonathan Prescott.

What to do when things aren't going well.

With all that's going on in the world these days, it is possible to respond from love rather than anger. Compassion for those we disagree with can bring about happiness and positive results. Prescott is founder of Contemplative Caregiving.

For background information visit www.wisecaregiving.org

Celebrants: Matt & Anneliese Sherman

June 11. Rev. Kurt Schwalbe

“Your Cheatin’ Heart:” Hank Williams

Hank Williams wrote and performed many songs during his short life which touched and inspired people. Although he drank too much, struggled with opiate addiction and lived too hard, his songs made him beloved to his own generation and still resonate today, inspiring countless songwriters and performers. We will sing some of his songs which reflect UU values and see how these values resonate in lesser known parts of his life. Dust off your cowboy hat and polish up your boots.

Celebrant: Judy Hamilton

Souper Sunday

June 18. Rev. Vincent Lachina

Bobby McFerrin Was Right

When Bobby McFerrin's hit song, "Don't Worry, Be Happy", became a #1 hit in 1988, it resonated around the world. It was a pivotal year in American politics, Pan Am Flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, Armenia experienced two massive earthquakes, and Prozac was introduced as an antidepressant. And he says: "don't worry?" Let's take a step back today from our current worrying, and look at the brighter side of life.

Celebrant: Rosemary Stevens



June 25. Rev. Barbara Davenport

The Spiritual Practice of Gardening.

How can we become better gardeners of the soul? Gardening, like soul work, doesn't have to be done in a certain way or prescribed order to make it work. All you need is dirt, water, light and intention to spend time with it. As I dig into the soil, I become more mindful of my connection to the earth and all life. As the saying goes, “We're closest to God in the garden.” We'll explore the mystery and miracle of gardening as the soul's work.

Child dedication and new member welcome. Following service: a potluck and bar-be-cue.

Celebrant: Chris Scheibe

Offering goes to Mount Vernon Food Bank.

MINISTERIAL NEWS

Rev. Vincent Lachina has volunteered to serve as Consulting Minister, which means he is available to the congregation for pastoral care. In addition to his regular ministerial duties, the designation will also include attending meetings of the Leadership Council, helping conduct new member orientation with the Worship Team, serving as on-call minister for congregational care, interfacing with the Pacific Northwest District office on behalf of SUUF. He has not asked for remuneration for these additional duties. His offer was accepted unanimously at the annual Congregational Meeting on May 21.



Rev. Barbara Davenport is now SUUF Minister Emeritus in recognition of her long and meritorious years of service. She served as SUUF minister from 1995 to 2002, and continues to serve as a speaker. Her wisdom provides illumination and guidance, so the honorary title recognizes the past, present and future relationship between Davenport and the congregation.

CELEBRANT TRAINING

All Celebrants, and those aspiring to fill this role, are invited to a training session June 4, after Sunday service. This training is **REQUIRED** for all celebrants, even if you have previously attended training. A light lunch will be provided.

If you would like to be a celebrant, please contact Bethany Lynn, the new Celebrant Coordinator for SUUF, at me.bethany@gmail.com, 360-540-0770.

SUMMER SUNDAYS

Do you have an inner passion, an interest in a spiritual challenge? Come share it with us during the summer by leading a service. So far three people have signed up. There are 10 Sundays to fill, July 2 through September 3.

The sign-up sheet is posted in the dining room, ready for your name and topic.

Please sign up by June 15 so that we can publish the schedule for people planning their summer schedules.

Camping anyone?

Come experience Eliot, part camp, part conference. Eliot is an inclusive, all-ages vacation for families, couples, and individuals. The seven-day July and August Eliot camps feature interesting speakers for adults and fun programs for children and teens. Creative Arts Eliot (also held in August) offers a choice of hands-on, expert-led workshops. Afternoons and evenings, campers lead organized activities, such as swimming, dances, games, concerts, crafts, and more. Eliot conferences are held at Seabeck Conference Center. Eliot Institute strives to promote personal and spiritual growth for Unitarian Universalists, their families and friends. It is affiliated with the Pacific Northwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. More information: visit www.eliotinstitute.org

NOT ON SUNDAY...events

***The Covenant Circle Group* meets for a two-hour discussion on the first and third Thursday of each month at Haggens, on Division in Mount Vernon (1:30 - 3:30 p.m.). All are welcome. We are reading and discussing "American Nations" by Colin Woodard (available in paperback).**

On the second Thursday of each month, lunch at a different place, meeting at 1 p.m. Call for location. Contact: Joy Lindberg, 424-8090. joylindber@aol.com

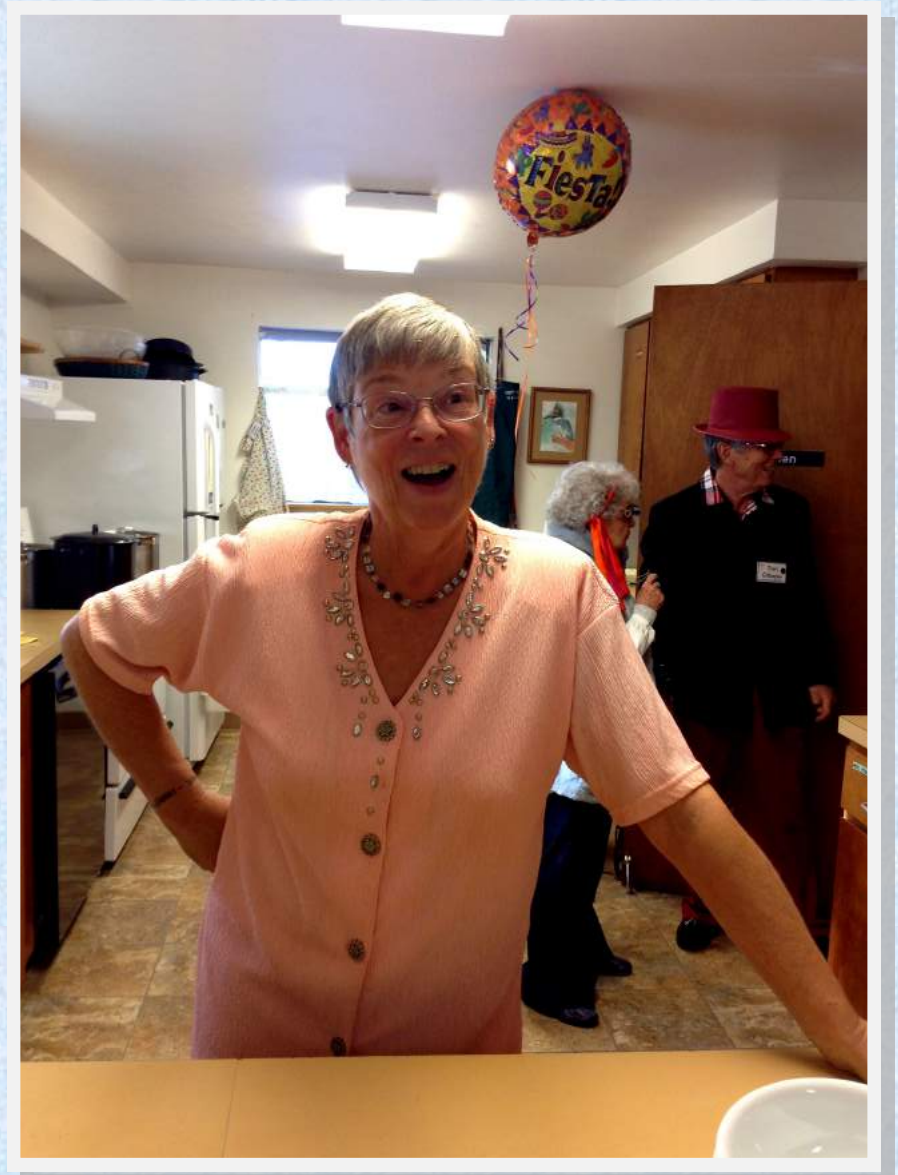
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SUUF Annual Stewardship Dinner



More Pledge Dinner...



SUNDAY SPOTLIGHTS

