



The Wy'east Beacon

A Welcoming Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Whoever you are,
Wherever you come from
You are welcome here

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*Wy'east is now at the **Hollywood Senior Center** at 1820 NE 40th, Portland.*

*The **parking lot of the U.S. Bank** around the corner is available for Wy'east on Sundays. That's at the corner of Northeast 41st Avenue and Hancock Street. Please make use of it!*

Reveries ♦ ♦ ♦

By Rev. Susan Maginn

"The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them." - Isaiah 11:6

This passage has been speaking to me lately because Wy'east is stretching in new directions in which our children are leading us.

This fall our children started talking about generosity and how to be of service to people who are in need. They studied the Heifer Project where you can buy a sheep or a cow for a poor family, contributing to their health and stability with a regular supply of wood and milk.

They talked about collecting money for families right here in Portland. And they did not just talk about it. They planned to do something about it. Now. *(Continued on page 5)*

Sunday Sermons

1/3	Taize Song and Prayer	Maureen Geraghty
1/10	Mother Mary Comes to Me	Rev. Susan Maginn
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(For sermon details, see "2 Months of Sundays", on Pages 10 & 11)

Wy'east Helping Hands

We are continuing to build our list of folks who can help each other with almost any little jobs.

Do join us: offer your special abilities, and/or ask for what you need. Use your imagination!

In return for services you receive, you may contribute a donation to Wy'east.

To find out more, take a look at the poster on the welcome table, and ask Betsy Martinez, coordinator, for information and sign-up forms, after Sunday services.

Getting Connected @ Wy'east

Get your name in the **directory** and on the Wy'east **email list** (not heavy traffic but a great way to stay informed about all sorts of good stuff).

Hanna.nelson@gmail.com.

We will be having our announcements for upcoming events in our weekly **e-news**, which comes out every Thursday. To get that e-news, people need to sign up by emailing *hanna.nelson@gmail.com*.

Rev. Maginn has a blog! Check it out at: www.rev-susan.blogspot.com.

Please let Rev. Susan know if you are interested in collecting announcements and posting our Wy'east weekly e-news. This task would take less than an hour each week and is a great contribution to keeping us connected during the week. Now that the Wy'east Beacon is published every two months, this weekly connection is especially important for the life our community.

Newsletter News

The Wy'east Beacon is now published bi-monthly. The deadline for the **March/April** issue submissions will be **Thurs, February 18th**. Please send articles, meeting/event dates, poetry, artwork, book recommendations, favorite spiritual practices, etc. to: *wyeast-news-editor@googlegroups.com*. Thanks!

We are attempting to save paper and printing costs by printing fewer copies of the newsletter each month. We encourage you to view the newsletter online, at: <http://wyeastuu.org/newsletter.php>.

Contacting the Minister, DRE & Board of Trustees

Would you like to talk with Rev. Susan Maginn? Contact her at 503.867.7310 or minister@wyeastuu.org

Contact Annie Hailley, our Director of Religious Education (dre@wyeastuu.org), if you have questions about our children's programming at Wy'east.

If you have questions for the Wy'east Board of Trustees, you can send an email to wyeast-board@googlegroups.com or talk to any Board member (David Tode O, Karl A. Mark A, Elizabeth S, or Alex R.) on Sundays at church.

Connections Committee

The Membership Committee is changing its name. While discussing the services that we should provide to the congregation, we realized that we are really about encouraging connections among visitors and members alike. Therefore, we have decided to follow the lead of a congregation in Wisconsin, and change the name of our committee to the Connections Committee. Our goal is to create a sense of belonging by creating a welcoming atmosphere for newcomers, encouraging regular visitors to become members, and enhancing relationships among existing members.

We have already made a few changes that you may have noticed as you come to Sunday service. We have created a Visitors Table, for the "busy work" of newcomers and members arriving, getting badges, and supplying personal information. The Information Table area is now less crowded and gives everyone an opportunity to browse our newsletter and literature and to talk to one another. The committee also follows up with visitors and is working to identify actions that encourage a sense of belonging for each visitor or member of our congregation.

Before & After Worship Programming in January & February

If you have a programming idea that you would like to facilitate in March or April, please contact Rev. Susan Maginn at susan.maginn@gmail.com.

JANUARY 3

- **Potluck Lunch** - bring a dish to share right after the service.

JANUARY 10

- **Social Hour** 11:30 am

JANUARY 17

- **Social Hour** 11:30 am

JANUARY 24

- **Social Hour** 11:30 am

JANUARY 31

- **Social Hour** 11:30 am
- **Restaurant Adventure** 11:40 am

FEBRUARY 7

- * Potluck moved to next week when we're back at the Senior Center.

FEBRUARY 14

- **Potluck Lunch** - bring a dish to share right after the service.

FEBRUARY 21

- **Social Hour** 11:30 am

FEBRUARY 28

- **Social Hour** 11:30 am
- **Restaurant Adventure** 11:40 am

UU Adventures in Eating



Sunday Potlucks – Our potlucks will be held on January 3rd and February 14th at 11:30 am. *Please note that there will not be a potluck on February 7th, as we will be across the street at Wee Works (see Annie's article on page 7).*

Restaurant Adventure – After our service on the fourth Sunday of each month, those who are interested gather for lunch at a local restaurant. It is an opportunity for lively and topical conversation, and for enjoying the bounty of wonderful restaurant food available in Portland.

Our group varies in size from as few as four to as many as 15, and often includes both adults and children. We announce the month's destination during the service, gather a list of interested congregants, and then call ahead to make reservations.

We try to find places with a variety of moderately priced vegetarian and omnivorous menu items. We have some regular stops on the rotation, and we're always on the lookout for new restaurants to try.

Young adults at Wy'east

Young adults at Wy'east sometimes get together for spiritual discussions, volunteering and playing. To join in or suggest outings, contact Elizabeth S.



Worship Odds & Ends

On Sundays, it is helpful for long-time Wy'easters to **sit up front, in the middle, or to the far left** in order to be more welcoming to newcomers. It will make room for others who are new, people with children (who may need to make quick escapes!), or people who want to discreetly enter after the service begins. Thanks!

If your child wants to light the chalice during a worship service, please contact the lay leader for January and February.

The Wy'east worship committee is always dreaming up **new ideas** for services, speakers and activities. To share ideas or help bring services to life, contact us at wyeast-worship@googlegroups.com or talk to Tim M, Mark A. or Elizabeth S.

Cyber space discussion group for Wy'easters

I'm happy to announce that we now have a Google group called "Wy'east UU Congregation discussion group"! This is a cyber space salon where we can have discussions. Wy'easters can come here and listen to ongoing discussions and say your piece if so inclined.

To join, you can go to <http://groups.google.com/group/wyeast-discussion> and click "Apply for group membership" or simply talk to Mikio O. or Tim M.

Special Collections

We will be donating the money from our Special Collection in January to the **Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center**. This agency, now almost 35 years old, "provides high quality, comprehensive and culturally appropriate primary healthcare to the communities of Washington and Yamhill Counties, with a special emphasis on migrant and seasonal farm workers and others with barriers to receiving healthcare."

In February, our Special Collection will go to **Outside In** of Portland, "... a social service agency dedicated to serving low-income adults and homeless youth. It began in 1968, and has continually revised services to meet changing client needs. Current programs include a community health clinic, a homeless youth program designed to help homeless youth obtain independent living, and risk education."

Wy'east Wish List

Have something that you no longer use or a talent to showcase? Consider donating it to Wy'east. Among the many things we need:

1. A sign similar to our current sign to place on 41st avenue.
2. A cable trough for the microphone cable to prevent a tripping hazard.
3. A copier
4. A sign for the front and back door similar to the one on the window at HSC
5. Fabric to cover some of the torn and stained chairs at HSC (and people to do the re-upholstering)
6. A printer
7. A wireless microphone and receiver
8. A small step stool for speakers of shorter stature

Please see Hank H. if you have something to donate or have a suggestion for the wish list.

Reveries *(continued from page 1)*

Brainstorming began. A big bowl was put out to collect everyone's spare change and there was talk of a holiday craft sale with proceeds going to the Goose Hollow Family Shelter.

I knew something special was happening when I heard that a girl in our congregation told her birthday party guests that she did not want presents, she wanted donations to Heifer Project. I knew something special was happening when I heard that during a children's story time, our kids were each given a dollar and they all – unprompted by any adult – very quietly put the dollar in their change collection bowl as they processed to class.

Unitarian Universalist religious education can be life changing – for the children and the teachers. We provide a place where children can be in a loving environment, encouraged to ask questions about life, learn spiritual practices and develop a clear sense of ethics. Our hope is that all children may slowly grow into compassionate, creative, and confident adults.

That is what we have to offer them. But what I am learning is that they have a lot to offer us. Their enthusiasm and idealism can challenge us to wake up.

I don't think it is a coincidence that as the children have been gaining confidence in their ability to make a difference that I've heard growing enthusiasm among the adults to regularly volunteer at the Goose Hollow Family Shelter. Right now, we have some plans to get two groups going – one volunteering at the day shelter and another at the evening shelter.

Listen for the prophets among us and see what they see. Our congregation's vision might just be coming from our smallest eyes.

Love, Susan



*Are you interested in reading poems during Rev. Susan's worship services? Please contact her to talk about this possibility.
minister@weeastuu.org*

Homeless with Kids

Imagine being homeless in winter with kids! More families than ever are on the streets this year, families who used to have jobs, houses, and nice cars. Luckily there's a place in Portland where such families can go and stay together as families. It's the Goose Hollow Family Shelter. Some of you will remember Goose Hollow from last year when Wy'east volunteered there one evening. We also gave Goose Hollow one of our special collections last year and this past December our children sold crafts and baked goods to raise money for their own donation to Goose Hollow. In addition to the nighttime shelter that has been in existence for 15 years, a new daytime shelter has been started this year at First Unitarian Church. In addition to providing shelter, Goose Hollow works with families to get them back into stable living situations.

Both efforts are in need of volunteers. Volunteers at the overnight shelter prepare and serve an evening meal, welcome guests, and help to entertain the children; some of them sleep over, and serve a light breakfast.

Volunteers at the daytime shelter work with children: toddlers to school age, and help with lunch. Chad and Amber would like to put together a crew of 5 or 6 people to work at the evening shelter. Barbara would like to put together a crew of 3 or 4 people to work at the daytime program. We are imagining a once a month commitment from January or February through May. Contact Chad, Amber, Barbara or Rev. Susan if you are interested in helping out one or more times.

See www.goosehollowfamilyshelter.org/volunteer for more information about the shelter and the tasks that need doing. Everyone who volunteers must register with the shelter. They do random background checks on their volunteers. If you know you are interested in helping we encourage you to go to <http://goosehollowfamilyshelter.org/signup/index.php> and sign up to get the background check process started even before you talk with Chad, Amber, Barbara, or Rev. Susan.

—Barbara S.

From the Board

The mood was right, the music was swinging, and the dancers never seemed to tire at the Wy'east swing dance and silent auction affair Dec. 4.

Not only did Wy'easters have a ball, replete with homemade lemon bars and baklava, and take advantage of each others' myriad talents, the congregation raised \$1,400 in the midst of all of it.

Go, Wy'easters!

The funds will help increase Rev. Susan Maginn's hours, which we reduced this year to match our smaller budget. We are working to further increase Susan's hours this fiscal year, so that we can benefit from the ministerial support, leadership and sermons that keep us strong and thriving.

Please support our upcoming fundraiser series! Next is a Cole Porter performance March 6 by Susan and our friends from Eastrose, Katie and Tom TenEyck.

For those who missed our party in December, let me tell you about it.

A dedicated crew showed up early to create the elegant atmosphere for the evening – dark cloths festooned with decorations, white tablecloths, candles and Wy'east banners. Others brought dessert, including homemade raspberry bars, hand-frosted sugar cookies, ginger bites and sparkling cider.

Our friend Paul Evans, who leads drum services at Wy'east, and Anna Leander, volunteered the talents of AnnaPaul and the Bearded Lady, with Paul on sax, melodica and piano and Anna's sweet, sassy voice, melodica and trombone. Susan got the night to a start by singing "I Get a Kick Out of You" by Cole Porter, a preview of our next concert fundraiser.

A friend of Liana's, Keoni Miller from First Church, volunteered to teach the very helpful swing dance lesson, then set us loose for the next two hours. As AnnaPaul performed tunes from Louis Armstrong, Billie Holiday and Duke Ellington, it was beautiful to see husband and wife, father and daughter, friend and friend laughing and swaying together.

Bidding continued on luscious shawls by Debra, Christmas stockings and tax prep help by Barbara, a paper lamp and wood carving by Hank, garden consultation by Carol B., art lessons by Karla, a catered dinner for ten by Mark, ten Spanish lessons from Raul,

knife sharpening by Alex, homemade kombucha and a choose-your-own-sermon-topic by Susan, homemade kimchi by Elizabeth, a homemade food basket by Becky S., a sofa chair and painting from Mabel, a tour of Hoyt Arboretum by a friend of Susan's, tickets to the Grotto from Anders, to name a few...

The board continues to seek new avenues for growth and community, and fundraisers are an essential part of this. Our other recent work includes leadership visioning. We are so heartened to see so much leadership initiative happening now from within the congregation, including our newly revitalized Connections Committee of Hank and Betty Hadaway and Mabel Pool, who are busy welcoming newcomers and building our congregational community.

Thank you to them, and everyone who makes Wy'east a force of love in our community.

– Elizabeth S.

A Note from the Board: It Takes A Village...to not fall down

Once in a while (meaning several times a month) after our services we see some of our exuberant children prancing, skipping, hopping, running, and sprinting around the Senior Center. As a parent of one of those children who occasionally runs around the Senior Center, I know how hard it can be to try to keep track of one's child while also saying hello to people during social hour, talking to other Board members about church business, and helping clean up the HSC. I have visions of a child running into a door, chair, post, another child, or adult. We've had a few minor incidents this year, but nothing too serious. However, just because we've been lucky and have kids who are well-coordinated doesn't mean we will always be so lucky.

For the sake of safety, I want to remind myself and everyone else (parents and others, too) that the smart thing is to encourage our children to be safe and polite, and that usually means asking (and reminding) children to walk, not to run, around the Senior Center (maybe prancing or skipping slowly would be OK, too).

– Karl A.

From the DRE

Greetings and my best holiday wishes to you all! I write this column with a warm heart, a hopeful spirit and an extra dose of gratitude. The children's craft and bake sale was successful beyond my highest expectations because of the hard work and generosity from all of you.

From the perspective of my gratitude towards the children, my heart has been surprised and warmed beyond measure. Not only did they work hard in their RE class, but some even worked on crafts at home, bringing them in to surprise us all the day of the sale.

From the perspective of my gratitude towards the parents, I thank you for listening to your children's ambitions and working with them by helping them through to the end. I thank you for eating your dinners late the night before the craft and bake sale because you were making yummy treats with your kids and taping up last-minute paper-chain garlands. I thank you for helping them and encouraging them, because it was very obvious that is exactly what you did.

From the perspective of my gratitude towards the congregation itself, all of the hard work mentioned above would not have been fully realized-as it so clearly was- if not for all of you. By shopping at our sale, you made the statement that you believed in the children and the work they were doing. You told them with every frosty pinecone or felt ornament that you picked up, that their work was beautiful and the reason behind making it even more so. As you perused the yummy fudge, cookies, etc., you told them that you were listening through all their weeks of hard work. So, I thank you from the bottom of our collective hearts.

The exact number is not yet known, but I can tell you that the dollar amount the children raised is over two hundred and that there is still an awful lot of change to count. Raising that amount in a small craft sale one (icy) Sunday after service, in our small congregation, is simply inspirational beyond words.

I have been working with Brandy from The Goose Hollow Shelter throughout our creative process and we are arranging a time for her to come to Wy'east to collect the check along with our good wishes, and we hope that she will have time to share a story with us all about the important work she's doing.

Looking forward to the new year, I would like to begin by looking back on what we have already successfully created: A group of loving, compassionate children who have taken big steps to move forward with their spiritual lives. As they grow, I would like to ask us all to consider

this day and remember how we made it such a huge success in our own small village.

Positive changes in our children's religious education are taking place right now as we sit back and reflect on this moment. The religious education committee has met, Susan and I have met. We are all brainstorming together to find even better ways to move forward.

One way of doing this is hiring a paid RE teacher as opposed to relying on volunteers, as we have in the past, so that we may, once again, have a healthy, full RE program with age-appropriate classes that fit all of our kids' needs.

In an effort to do this, I will need to relinquish part of my hours (and duties) but I will still be the DRE and I am very dedicated to finding even better ways to push our efforts forward. I will keep you posted throughout this process, but also know that your input is very important to me- and all of us involved in creating a meaningful religious education experience for our Wy'east children.

On this note, I will close with an exciting invitation that has recently arisen. On February 7th, the Senior Center will not be available to us and we will all be meeting across the street at Wee Works. You are invited to celebrate your Sunday, Unitarian Universalist-style, but in a 2-10 year old kind of a way. So, welcome one and all... Please join me and the kids so that we may share our day and envision our future together.

Our Sunday will be a very special Sunday where you are invited to spend time with us--with me and the children. You are invited to celebrate your Sunday, Unitarian-style, but in a 2-10 year old kind of a way. So, please join us for our typical Sunday across the street, and help us to share in our way of celebrating being young Unitarians together. And, as a way to continue the celebration, I invite you to stay for a brief Q & A about the program when I will be happy to welcome your thoughts, your suggestions and your comments on how we can continue to become even better!

Susan has relayed, in her most recent reverie, "Listen for the prophets among us and see what they see. Our congregation's vision might just be coming from our smallest eyes." There is so much truth in that one statement and I look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate in its beauty.

As always, it is a joy and an honor to work with your children.
I thank you.

Yours in Faith,
Annie H.

Thanksgiving with Wy'east & Hollywood Senior Center



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Children's Quilt



Wy'east is making a quilt for the children around the theme of Gandhi's peace prayer, for them to sit upon during children's time in the service. Janelle S. is organizing this project, and has extended the deadline for finished blocks to **Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010**. This will be the final Sunday she will accept finished blocks, and there will be blank blocks after the service that Sunday for anyone to draw upon.

Gandhi's Prayer for Peace

I offer you peace.
 I offer you love.
 I offer you friendship.
 I see your beauty.
 I hear your need.
 I feel your feelings.
 My wisdom flows from the highest source.
 I salute that source in you.
 Let us work together.
 For unity and peace.

Mahatma Gandhi

Earth Care Summit

February 1, Earth Care Summit, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.,
 Jean Vollum Natural Capital Center,
 Billy Frank Jr. Conference Center, 721 NW 9th Ave. Portland.

A gathering to support, celebrate, inspire and connect congregations on the path of earth care and stewardship. Join Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns and co-sponsors for a locally grown dinner, keynote speaker, information tables, auction of green products and services, and presentations from congregations about their earth care efforts. Meet in Roundtables with community representatives from groups and agencies to discuss a variety of topics applicable to congregations including sustainable purchasing, starting a green team, food and faith, watershed stewardship, zero waste gatherings, green liturgies and more. Learn what's working and how you can save money while caring for creation. Pre-registration is required. Cost: \$25/person (\$22 by January 8th) and \$15/students and seniors. Discounts are available for groups and scholarships are also available. Registration forms can be found at http://www.emoregon.org/emo_events.php, or you may call Alison at 503-221-1054 ext. 210.

At Fifty

The day after you turn fifty
is a lot like the day before
That is why you need a year
to celebrate having made it this far

Authoritative sources say that:
at fifty life gets simpler
at fifty life is more fun
at fifty you feel old
but you get over it
at fifty you are responsible
for the lines in your own face

I say fifty is the beginning of
a decade of intensive training for elderhood

You will go to hell
and come back again
and again

You will choose to leave something behind
so significant that suggesting the possibility
raises hackles of indignation

You will accomplish that which
you thought to be fantasy

You will be able to prove that life is unfair

You will experience miracles

And you will know the meaning of Grace

Jon R. B., age 59
Honoring a friend who turned 50
October 2009

The space between us

Visualize a man entering a dark place
like the Hopi descending into the Kiva
This is a place where transformation is not only possible
it is probable
It cannot be avoided

That person is right here talking with you
The Kiva is in the space between us
lighted just as you see it lit now
The ceremony is our conversation

What makes this an opportunity for transformation?
A moment of enlightenment?

Is it the tone of voice
or the choice of words?

Perhaps it is an expression held sacred between us
“Peace”
“Namaste”
“Praise God”
“All my relations”

Perhaps it is a soul handshake

Perhaps it is hands pressed together
as if in prayer

Perhaps it is the right fist held high
with the thumb, index finger and little finger extended
sign language for “I love you”

It may be a bear hug
or a not-so-simple bow
or a kiss with the tongue

There are many ways we can cross the threshold
into that beautiful and holy space
magic happens

Please
choose one

Jon R. B.
May 2006

2 MONTHS OF SUNDAYS

January 2010

January 3 TAIZE SONG AND PRAYER

More than a hundred brothers from Catholic and Protestant backgrounds from 30 countries live in a community in Taize, France, dedicating themselves to love and service. Thousands of visitors flock to Taize each year to join the brothers in a beautiful worship style of meditative song and prayer three times a day. Wy'east members who have visited Taize bring the experience to us. Led by Maureen Geraghty.

Service: 10:30 a.m.

Religious Education (Pre-K-8th Grade): Children attend the beginning of the service, and then go to class. Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers. **Youth Group** (High School Age): 11:30 a.m.

First Sunday Brunch: 11:30 a.m. Bring a potluck dish to share.

January 10 MOTHER MARY COMES TO ME

Mary shows up all over the world - in mystical visions and voices. Who was this woman who came to be called 'The Mother of God'? How well does she represent the Goddess, the universal divine feminine? What comfort does she bring to those who worship her? Service led by **Rev. Susan Maginn**.

Service: 10:30 a.m.

Religious Education (Pre-K-8th Grade): Children attend the beginning of the service, and then go to class. Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers. **Youth Group** (High School Age): 11:30 a.m.

Social Hour: Join us for refreshments after the service.

January 17 PARLIMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

Helen Spector, who is a board member of the Council for the Parliament of the World's Religions, has just returned from Melbourne, where the most recent Parliament happened in December. (They only take place every five years.) Helen will share with us moving stories of her own experience being there, including listening to the spiritual voices of indigenous people from Australia and around the world.

Service: 10:30 a.m.

Religious Education (Pre-K-8th Grade): Children attend the beginning of the service, and then go to class. Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers. **Youth Group** (High School Age): 11:30 a.m.

Social Hour: Join us for refreshments after the service.

January 24 YOUR INHERITANCE

So many of us come to Unitarian Universalism after being raised in another tradition. Today we will reflect on our religious inheritance and wonder how these inherited gifts and challenges shape who we are today. This is a Chalice Circle Sunday facilitated by **Rev. Susan Maginn**.

Service: 10:30 a.m.

Religious Education (Pre-K-8th Grade): Children attend the beginning of the service, and then go to class. Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers. **Youth Group** (High School Age): 11:30 a.m.

Social Hour: Join us for refreshments after the service.

Restaurant Adventure: 11:40 a.m. Location to be announced during social hour.

January 31 PRAYING AND PAYING ATTENTION

Prayer can be anything from noticing a beautiful sunset to writing a poem during hard times. This sermon looks at prayer from a UU perspective and includes historic Unitarian, Jewish, and Buddhist wisdom. **Rev. Sarah Schurr**, a founding member of Wy'east, will lead this music-filled service. While a member of our community she received her theological training at Marylhurst University and did her parish internship at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis, where she was ordained last fall. She currently works at Parkinson's Resources of Oregon and is a regular guest preacher around the district.

Service: 10:30 a.m.

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February

February 7 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE AT WEE WORKS

The Senior Center will be in use by another group today, so we'll meet across the street at Wee Works Pre-School for an R.E. Open House. Ever wondered what the kids do after we sing them out to their Religious Education classes each Sunday? Now's your chance to find out! We'll start with a brief opening service and then spend the rest of our time together watching and learning along with the children and their teachers. Don't miss this opportunity to see R.E. in action!

Service/Religious Education for All Ages: 10:30 a.m.

Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers.

Youth Group (High School Age): 11:30 a.m.

First Sunday Brunch: *Moved to next week, February 14th

February 14 THE LAW OF HEAVEN IS LOVE

This is a quote from Hosea Ballou. As a founding father of Universalism during the turn of the 19th century, Ballou taught the power of unconditional love. Is unconditional love something that is humanly possible to do? Perhaps a better question is: Is unconditional love something we even want to do? Service led by **Rev. Susan Maginn**.

Service: 10:30 a.m.

Religious Education (Pre-K-8th Grade): Children attend the beginning of the service, and then go to class.

Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers.

Youth Group (High School Age): 11:30 a.m.

First Sunday Brunch: 11:30 a.m. Bring a potluck dish to share.

February 21 SIKH AND YE SHALL FIND

Hari Dass Khalsa, a long-time Portlander and leader in the local Sikh community, will be sharing with us what it's like to be a follower of this Indian religion -- at home with his wife and three kids, at work as a chiropractor, and in the wider world as a respected spiritual voice in Portland. Going beyond what you can read about the world's fifth largest religion, these personal stories will bring this spiritual path to life.

Service: 10:30 a.m.

Religious Education (Pre-K-8th Grade): Children attend the beginning of the service, and then go to class.

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Youth Group (High School Age): 11:30 a.m.

Social Hour: Join us for refreshments after the service.

February 28 I SHALL NOT WANT

In this season of Lent, let us consider: What are the excesses in our lives that separate us from the Holy? What seeds are each of us now planting and how will they bloom in the spring? This is a Chalice Circle Sunday facilitated by **Rev. Susan Maginn**.

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