

The Wy'east Beacon

A Welcoming Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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

Wy'east [*'Wy'east': Ancient name for Mount Hood*]

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**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

We have gone this way before, so many times before. And yet every year, we come home to this darkness and once again prepare to learn what the long nights have to teach us.

For some this season is a time of turning within, perhaps seeing a side of ourselves we would have rather left unnoticed. But there it is, ready to transform us. For some it is a time of opening. After all, the harvest of our efforts has been collected and we are ready to prepare our kitchens and tables for abundance. For some it is a time of reconnecting with a love that is deep within and can only be expressed in the safety of the dark.

Perhaps we fear that it will not be enough. Even with our transforming, opening and loving, the dark could still overpower us and we would be left behind in the shallow, the pointless and the petty.

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Wy'east Helping Hands

Up and Running!

Have you helped friends with moving or with a ride? Wy'easters have done this exchange often, and the recipients of such help have sometimes given Wy'east a donation in recognition of their appreciation. Now we all have an opportunity to participate, by putting ourselves on a list showing the kinds of things we can do for each other, along with some suggested donations.



You can get your *Information/Waiver* forms and *Sign-up Sheets* for any *Helping Hands* services you would like to offer, or to receive, from fellow Wy'easters. See Betsy M, coordinator, who will be available following Sunday services with the forms and information.

Those receiving *Helping Hands* services are encouraged to make a donation to Wy'east. This program is our combination of a fundraiser and solution to those odd job needs we can't accomplish by ourselves—and a way to enjoy using those abilities we have, maybe stored in the closets of our minds! A few possibilities are: errands, yard/garden work, household tasks, minor fix-it repairs, medical transportation, shopping, meal preparing, organizing (office, closet, garage), pet-sitting, house-plant care, tutoring. For insurance purposes, signed waivers are required for all participants.

This project will be ongoing at Wy'east, and you can add new offerings or requests as they come to mind.

Getting Connected at 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.

Contacting the Minister and 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.

UU Adventures in Eating

First Sunday Potluck –

Our potlucks will be held on November 1st and December 6th at 11:30 am.



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, then gather a list of interested congregants, and 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.

Before & After Worship Programming in November & December

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

NOVEMBER 1

- **Meditation Group** 9:30-10. All are welcome. No experience necessary. Come as you are.
- **Potluck Lunch** - bring a dish to share right after the service.

NOVEMBER 8

- **Social Hour** 11:30 am
- **Poetry Circle** Bring a favorite poem or two (or more!) to read and share in a small group after the Social Hour -- or just come to listen.

NOVEMBER 15

- **Meditation Group** 9:30-10. All are welcome. No experience necessary. Come as you are.
- **Social Hour** 11:30 am
- **Greeter training** for all greeters, past, present and want-to-be. Be part of the team that welcomes members and visitors on Sunday mornings. (See box)

Way of the Wy'east Greeter

November 15 12 -1 p.m. This is for anyone who wants to learn more about being a fabulous greeter at the Wy'east front door. Thanks to the membership committee for hosting this event with food and childcare. Please register by emailing Hank and Betty H.

NOVEMBER 22

- **Social Hour** 11:30 am
- **Potluck meal with Hollywood Senior Center seniors at noon.** Please see Mark A. or Hank H. to volunteer to make this occasion a success.

NOVEMBER 29

- **Social Hour** 11:30 am

Path to Membership

December 6 and December 13 12 - 2 p.m.

The class is back! If you are a newcomer to Wy'east, this is a great place to meet other new people and learn about Wy'east and Unitarian Universalism. Sessions will be facilitated by Rev. Susan. Our membership committee will provide lunch and childcare. Happening on 12/6 and 12/13 from 12-2. Please register by emailing minister@wyeastuu.org

DECEMBER 4

- **Evening Concert** See pg. 7.

DECEMBER 6

- **Meditation Group** 9:30-10. All are welcome. No experience necessary. Come as you are.
- **Potluck Lunch** - bring a dish to share right after the service.
- **Path to membership class.** Please see Susan Maginn if you are interested in becoming a member of Wy'east or simply want to know more about Unitarian Universalism. (See box)

DECEMBER 13

- **Social Hour** 11:30 am
- **Path to membership class.** Please see Susan Maginn if you are interested in becoming a member of Wy'east or simply want to know more about Unitarian Universalism. (See box)

DECEMBER 20

- **Social Hour** 11:30 am

DECEMBER 27

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

Unitarian Universalist Reedies



REED COLLEGE

Every Monday night, in the Reed College Multicultural Resource Center, a chalice is lit. The room is comfy, with soft couches and full bookshelves. A group of young adults gather and listen as the leader shares an

opening reading. Folks have a chance to check in with each other. Then they spend the rest of the hour sharing their own experiences and feelings about a selected topic. These topics include things like, “What, if anything, does God mean to you?” and “Is there really inherent worth and dignity in all people?” They eat cookies and talk about important things. This is not a place of argument or even debate. This is a place where everyone is encouraged to share from their own experiences, listen deeply to others, and respect the occasional silence.

Wy’east has been a sponsor of the Reed UU Campus Ministry for about 10 years and the group is alive and well. So far this year, Monday night meetings bring together about 5 or 6 people on any given week. The Facebook page has about 18 followers. Some participants were active UU teens that went to every “Con” (regional teen gathering) that they could find. Some are new to UU and are just seeing what our liberal faith is all about. I provide professional support, but this is a student run organization. The leader for this year, Amelia Harati, is an experienced UU facilitator. She was active in UU youth leadership not only in her home congregation in California, but in her district and even at the national level. If you attended GA in the past few years, you saw her on the stage a number of times in her leadership positions. Amelia is working to make this student group a source of spiritual renewal in the busy and stressed out life of a Reed College student.

Though they don’t always come to Sunday services, the Reed UU group students are part of our Wy’east community. You will want to attend the worship service that the Reed UU group will be leading at Wy’east in early March. It should be great. There will also be a special collection this year to raise money to help with financial support of this important ministry. Let’s keep their chalice burning.

—*Rev. Sarah Shurr*

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

In our new location, it will be 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 November and December.

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

As part of our year-long effort to donate to good organizations getting quality health care to people who otherwise wouldn't have access to it, our Special Collections in November and December will go to two clinics that are part of a community healthcare coalition.

The first, in November, will be the **Children's Community Clinic**. And the one in December will be **Wallace Medical Concern**. You can look up information about each of these online, but we will also be handing out brochures, and have a speaker from each organization.

Thanks go to Jill D. for identifying these clinics for us, so that we can do our social justice work well.

We have already spoken to individuals from both places, and they all sound great.



Reveries *(continued from page 1)*

We have waited in the dark for a long time, weeks and months pass, and suddenly it is Christmas Eve night at Wy'east. Here we stand with our unlit candle. Our fears for this soul-sick world looming large, and in the chill of this lonesome worry, we look up and see the far away shadow of another face, barely lit by a flickering light, a face smiling strong in joy.

The light is passed. There is another face and then another. And then the voices harmonize with the dark night, singing songs of hope and praise for the returning of the light. And we rise above our fears and awaken to the vast expanse of God, knowing that all our transforming, our opening and our loving has given birth to a power that, for now, has saved us - and could save the world.

In the coming months, know that you do not wait alone. Come and let us worship together!

Love, Susan

Holiday Opportunity

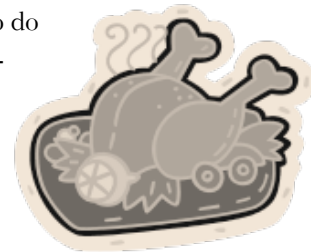
Wy'east will be co-hosting a Thanksgiving Luncheon for about thirty of the Hollywood Senior Center (HSC) folks -- some of the regulars there who otherwise would have no place to go for the holiday meal -- and about twenty of our adults as well (we figure our kids will take up the rest of the seats, and the food).

HSC is going to have their people sign up, so they'll know exactly who and how many are coming. There is also a place on that sign up page to say what food they can bring -- giving people the opportunity to give as well as receive.

HSC is also going to see how much food they can get donated -- for instance, at least one turkey, perhaps two. They may be able to get some other donations as well. Amber, the HSC Executive Director, has offered to cook one of the turkeys we'll be serving.

We at Wy'east are being asked to treat this as a second November potluck, which we always do so well anyway, and here in the spirit of abundance and compassion, we should have no problem doing our best. Tode may also be cooking one of the turkeys.

What we need other Wy'easters to do is sign up to bring specific dishes -- Thanksgiving favorites, main dishes like mashed potatoes and veggies, salads and side dishes, pies and desserts. There should be enough to go around as usual, with all of us eating together with these seniors, many of whom live alone and are without family.



The date for this luncheon is on **Sunday, November 22nd**, at 12:00 noon, following our Sunday morning Breaking Bread service. We of course will need help with setting up the tables and chairs, and cleaning up at the end.

Please email Mark as soon as possible with what food you can bring that day, so that we can be sure to cover all the bases.

Thank you for your big hearts! Happy Thanksgiving!



From the Board What the Board is all about

Hi, I'm Alex, the newest member of the Wy'east Board! When I was asked to be on the Board, I was at first quite hesitant, largely because I didn't even know what the Board does. But the first time I went to a meeting, I knew I wanted to be on the Board. I think the way the Board works embodies some of the best things about Wy'east. If you don't know, here's what we do at meetings:

While we're waiting for everyone to arrive, we unwind and nosh a bit on the cheese, chocolate, apples, peaches, crackers, tea, and other delicious items that Tode and others provide every time. Then, with true caring and attention, we check in with each Board member individually. Friendliness and food do wonders for the motivation of a group!

Then we talk about Wy'east in general. And in detail: we hear about the church's finances and Susan gives an in-depth report on things she sees happening. We think about individual people and how you're doing and what we can do better. We try and make sure things don't fall through the cracks.

The feeling of trusteeship, responsibility, and caring is great. We keep in mind that we act as fiduciaries on behalf of the Wy'east community to oversee the financial, organizational, and spiritual health of the congregation.

Just a reminder—Board meetings are open to all Wy'east members and friends, and we'd love to see you! Ask a Board member (me, David Tode O, Mark A, Karl A. or Elizabeth S.) for the time and place.

—Alex Reed

Leaving the Stone Age

By Karl A.

Recently, a speaker on the issue of climate change offered a very valuable idea: "Humans didn't leave the stone age because we ran out of stones." What do stones have to do with climate change and global warming? The speaker was talking about the challenge of changing the world's energy diet from carbon-based fossil fuels,

especially oil and coal, to an economy based on renewable energy that doesn't pollute and threaten the global climate. Just as we didn't wait until we ran out of stones to leave the Stone Age, we don't need to wait until we run out of oil and coal to leave the Fossil Fuel Age. What we need are better ways of creating and using energy.

All the talk about carbon footprints, carbon taxes, "cap and trade" and green jobs, comes down to a few simple ideas: We can and need to use energy more efficiently and in ways that do not add to the heat-trapping carbon in the atmosphere. Our economy and our environment will be much better off than if we wait until the last barrel of oil and the last ton of coal is burned.

Why is this an issue for Wy'east? The Unitarian Universalist Principles remind us that we seek to promote "respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." We often avoid thinking about it, but we are part of the natural environment. Our economy and our civilization depends 100% on the healthy functioning of the cycles of the Earth's air, water, soil, and climate.

Global climate change can seem to be an overwhelming issue, but we can start the great work of leaving the Fossil Fuel Age. We as individuals can show that it is possible to use less energy, use it more efficiently, and use renewable sources of energy. In the coming months, I hope to host some "Cool Congregation" parties to invite some of us to learn about how we each contribute to global warming and how to reduce our impact, save money in the process and maybe even have FUN.

(Cool Congregations is a program of Oregon Interfaith Power & Light, one of 28 state IPL affiliates which seek to give religious organizations tools to become better stewards of the Earth.)

For now, here's one suggestion to make yourself more energy efficient (from the Cool Congregations materials): If your furnace has an air filter, replace it. A clean filter can save 5% off your energy use. Reduce energy use, reduce pollution, and reduce your fuel bill. Very cool indeed!

Our ancestors had to learn to forge iron (no simple task) to leave the Stone Age. We can rise to the challenge of leading the way into the Clean Energy Age.

Wy'east, the hot new entertainment destination!

I want to tell you about one of the great things the Board is envisioning for Wy'east this year.

We're really excited about starting up a fundraising program. There are two reasons for fundraising. One is, more money would allow us to restore some of Rev. Susan's time, and Susan is awesome! Susan truly has a gift, and she draws us and others to Wy'east by sharing her gift. The second is that fundraising will bring us together. Working together on a project builds connections and friendships. We'll have fun together on more than just Sunday mornings!

According to our calculations, it will take \$5,000 to bring Susan back to half-time for mid-February through the end of June. That's a lot of money. But it IS doable. Here's how:

People with experience fundraising say that events are the best way to bring in a good bit of money fast. We're planning a concert series. Our first event will be on the evening of Saturday, December 4! We'll have live swing music to dance or listen to. In January and February, we'll have a Cole Porter quartet, a Las Vegas piano show player, and a multi-instrumental pop music wizard in the works. One of the best things about events like this is that they bring in money from outside Wy'east. All we have to do is sell to our friends, coworkers, acquaintances, people we meet on the bus, people stopped next to us at red lights... ok, don't get TOO crazy unless you want to. But the music-makers we have in mind are really good—tickets will be worth every penny. Elizabeth is the point person on these concerts—talk to her if you have any ideas!

At one of these events, there will be a silent auction that builds on the Helping Hands services directory we've started. Many churches have a silent auction as their main fundraiser—Eastrose brings in \$10,000 every year! They're only double our size, so with an amazing silent auction like theirs, we could have our \$5,000 right there! OK, that might be hard the first year, but I'm heading up the auction, and my goal is to have our total be in the thousands.

Events aren't everything. We'll continue the harvest basket we currently have (bring whatever you've got! Anybody have winter squash? It's my favorite!), and maybe make it into a bake sale basket for the holidays.

We'll keep going with the Helping Hands directory of services that people are offering to those who will make a donation to Wy'east. We'll consider any new ideas people come up with!

—Alex R.

Reverend Susan's Make It Through The Winter Soup

Begin cooking:

8 cups water
2 cups lentils, soaked overnight
3/4 cup split pea, soaked overnight
1/2 cup barley



Sauté 1 onion and garlic, salt, pepper to taste, with:

1 Teaspoon curry powder
1/2 Teaspoon garam masala
1/2 Teaspoon coriander
1/2 Teaspoon cinnamon

Then add that to the soup.

Slice 4 carrots and sauté; add to soup.

Slice whole mess of mushrooms, maybe a pound; sauté in 1/2 cup of cooking sherry, add.

Can of crushed tomatoes; add.

Cook for a couple of hours until the peas have broken down. Yum!

Creating a Covenant for Wy'east

A Covenant is a promise we make to one another about how we intend to be in community together, about what we expect from one another and what we will give to one another. Although we already make many unspoken or implicit promises simply by being members or friends of Wy'east, this year we want to think more deeply about what those promises are and to make them explicit – to create our own written Wy'east Covenant. *(Continued on next page)*

Creating a Covenant for

Wy'east (continued from page 7)

We took the first step toward this goal with our “Cross My Heart” Chalice Circle Service on September 20, when Rev. Susan led us in sharing our reflections on how we relate to one another in community.

Since then, several of us, with Rev. Susan’s guidance, have begun working together to find just the right words to put the essence of those many wonderful thoughts and reflections into the form of a true Covenant – a statement not just of who we are now, but of what we promise to do our best to continue to be.

While we have undertaken the task of putting these words to paper on behalf of the congregation, we know that in the end this must be a Covenant truly created by and agreed to in the deepest sense by all of us.

With this in mind, we are starting by drafting several different possible Covenants for everyone to consider and comment on. We will display these at the Senior Center after one or more of our upcoming services, so that everyone can read them and talk about them, tell us their preferences, and make suggestions for changes and improvements.

We are finding that this work, to do it well, requires some time. We want to do our very best to make our efforts thoughtful, and true, and to craft a Covenant for Wy'east that we can all live with, and live by, for many years to come.

If you have any questions or would like to make a comment or suggestion at any time, please feel free to talk to Tim, Mark, Anders, or Rev. Susan.

*– Tim M, Mark A,
Anders L.*

Newsletter News

The Wy'east Beacon is now published bi-monthly. The deadline for the **Jan/Feb** issue submissions will be **Thurs, December 17th**. 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>.

Light is returning

Even though this is the darkest hour

No one can hold back the dawn

Let's keep it burning

Let's keep the light of hope alive

Make safe our journey through the storm

One planet is turning

Circles on her path around the Sun

Earth Mother is calling her children home

*– Fra Giovanni,
Fourteenth Century*

From the DRE

Happy Holidays and greetings to you all! Because the Wy'east Beacon is now coming to you every two months, I will give you the current update as well as the holiday plan for R.E. In the coming weeks and months, the children are invited to participate in a social justice fundraiser. We have already talked about ways to raise money and some of the people who might most benefit from our assistance. Although we have not yet decided on the exact cause or beneficiary, the kids are very excited to be able to participate.

One of the ways we plan to raise money is through a craft and bake sale that we will be holding at Wy'east this winter, possibly in mid-December (date to be announced). The kids will be doing a lot of arts-and-crafts projects in the coming weeks in order to make this project a big success!

Also, we are going to be participating in a UU-based faith-in-action drive called Parrots for Pennies, which we will add to our craft/bake sale monies. (Please see parent letter that follows for further explanation).

In addition to these social justice projects, we will also be holding our Children's Chapel (C.C.) time every third Sunday of the month. For the first C.C., we discussed Making a Covenant together and for the second Liana Aburto helped the children explore (and draw) their image of God. The children have been enthusiastically involved and I feel it is going very well thus far.

I will be leading the C.C. on November 15th, telling the children about the Japanese holiday of Shichi-Go-San, or the 7-5-3 Festival, which celebrates three year olds (who are no longer babies), five year olds, (who are no longer toddlers) and seven year olds (who are getting very grown up). December's C.C. will engage the children in our yearly Celebration of Light and will be led by Anders Liljeholm.

The next couple of months promise to be as busy as they will be rewarding. I'd like to invite anyone who still has not had a chance to volunteer in the RE program to see me after service any Sunday so we can talk about where you might fit into this wonderful process, whether as a teacher, C.C. leader, or member of the RE Committee!

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

Also, please note that there are several teacher holidays throughout the year. **November 1st is a teacher holiday. **There will be no RE that day but there will be childcare available for playtime at Wee Works.** (Future RE holidays will be announced in future newsletters.)*



Parrots for Pennies Letter to Parents

Dear Parents,

As part of our session on Perseverance, the children started a new Faith in Action project today.

Faith in Action projects help us to practice the skills and virtues we are learning about. The children heard a story about a small parrot that kept flying back and forth to a river and then over a forest fire, shaking the water from its wings over the flames, until it caught the attention of a greater creature that was so moved by the parrot's determination that its tears put out the fire.

This project is called Parrots for Pennies. It involves working together to raise money by helping to get a large plastic jug filled with coins to give to a cause that the children have chosen. It is not expected that each child will necessarily add many coins to the jug, but that they will all keep working to inspire others to help until the jar is full.

The children thought of various ways to help fill the jar. Ask your child to share some of these ideas with you. Perhaps your family could put a cup on the table and fill it with pocket change all week. Maybe you can brainstorm some creative ways to raise money to add to the jar.

If you would like to participate by providing baked goods or healthier treats the children can sell, please let me know what you will bring, and deliver your goods to the

congregation's coffee hour table before worship on the day of the sale. Better yet, have your children prepare something with you!

This is a volunteer activity and you and your children are under no pressure to contribute or participate. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.



Yours in Faith,
Annie H.

2 MONTHS OF SUNDAYS

November

November 1 STUMBLING OVER THREE LETTERS

“We all have stories about God.” This was the first sentence from Rev. Susan’s sermon “Is There A God Worthy of Your Worship?” from October 18. What are your stories about God? What does the word God mean to you? What might it mean? What would you like it to mean? Is having an understanding of God helpful and inspiring to your religious life? Or is the word and even the concept of God unnecessary and perhaps even an obstacle for who you are as a religious person? Join us as we begin an ongoing conversation about the place of spirit, worship, and yes, maybe even God in each of our lives, and in the life of Wy’east. 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.

November 8 A CULTURAL ICON: THE MUSIC AND WORDS OF PETE SEEGER

Join us for a celebration of the life and music of Pete Seeger, including lots of congregational singing along! **Paul Blackburn** has been singing and listening to Pete Seeger’s music for 40 years. He is a member of the Mid-Columbia Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship in Hood River, where he lives with his family, serves on the City Council, and presents concerts in his living room and other venues. (Today’s program is part of a Wy’east / Mid-Columbia pulpit exchange, the other half of which will be Anders Liljeholm’s presentation of his talk “The Evolution of Faith” at Hood River on December 13.)

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.

November 15 THE SIDELINES OF FAITH

Living a religious life is a like playing a sport. You can’t just read a manual and memorize the rules and consider yourself a player. You have to play the game. Religion is all about myths. For a religious person, it is not about which myth you believe in, but how you get off the sidelines and allow that myth to transform who you are and how you act. Service led by **Rev. Susan Maginn**.

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November 22 BREAD SUNDAY

Bread Sunday is a long-standing tradition in many UU congregations. At Wy’east, this will be our third year. It’s an intergenerational service, which means all ages attend (although we will have child care.) It involves celebrating Thanksgiving. People (like you) bring bread and share it with the congregation. Often the bread reflects the person’s ethnic background or has some other association with thanksgiving or the holidays and extended family. It is a great service to bring a friend to because it is so unusual and at the same time it will capture some of the essence that is Wy’east.

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Social Hour: Join us for refreshments after the service.
Restaurant Adventure: 11:40 a.m. Location to be announced during social hour.

November 29 DOING THE RIGHT THING

“Do the Right Thing” -- this sentiment affects so much of our lives. Living and doing the right thing can make life so much easier! **Reverend David Maynard** serves the Eastrose Fellowship Unitarian Universalist in Gresham, Oregon. In addition, he has a part-time counseling practice and works with the PNWD Addictions Ministry Project team. He was raised a Unitarian in Wilmington, Delaware, was ordained in 1975, and served the Universalist Unitarian Church in Peoria, the First Unitarian Church in Nashville, and the West Seattle Unitarian Universalist Fellowship before coming to Eastrose.

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December

December 6 WAITING FOR THE LIGHT

We will chant and receive an individual blessing as each of us waits for the returning of the light. Led by

Rev. Susan Maginn.

Service: 10:30 a.m.

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

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

December 13 SILENCE

Today's engaging service, entitled Silence, will be performed by longtime Portland theater person and recent artist-in-residence at Caitlin Gabel school, **Johnny Stallings**. Elements of Johnny's reflection on meditation -- which was previously given and well received at First Unitarian Church of Portland -- will include poetry, prose, storytelling, and, of course, silence. After the service, there will be an opportunity for us to share in a circle with Johnny and each other our own experiences with silence.

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

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December 20 SOLSTICE

Today we will honor the winter solstice with silence and stillness, music and poetry. Step away from the headlong tumble of this season for a time of renewal and reverence. 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.

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December 24 THE CANDLES OF CHRISTMAS

This is a traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service honoring the hope, joy, peace and love of the season. Service led by **Rev. Susan Maginn**. Children are welcome to attend; however, if you would like to have childcare please contact minister@wyeastuu.org.

Service: 5:00 p.m.

December 27 AGING IN PLACE

What does growing old look like? The "Golden Years" for some; scarce resources, functional limitations, and isolation for others. Amber Kern-Johnson, Executive Director of the Hollywood Senior Center, will talk to us about growing old in Northeast Portland, and about how the Hollywood Senior Center helps mature adults to live more comfortably and with a higher quality of life.

Service: 10:30 a.m.

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