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Marti Mendenhall

and Carl Clapp

Saturday, November 12th, at the Clapp's in Oregon City

Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and a good program. Alice and Bob Hayden, HOPE, delegates, will share thoughts about the HOPE program and it's history and future.

Potluck begins at **6:00 PM**. Program starts at **7:15 PM**.

Sunday, November 20th

Bill Briare, Speaker

Bill will be sharing some thoughts about "gratitude" with us, with a program entitled "I am Grateful."

McLean House, 5350 River Street, West Linn, Gathering In at 10:30. Program 10:45. H.O.P.E. Collection, No Services for Children at this time.

Saturday, December 10th, at the Clapp's in Oregon City

Christmas Gift Exchange Program—Bring a wrapped gift—one from your Home or Goodwill or wherever! Gift should not cost over \$5. After a short Program, we will draw numbers and exchange gifts! Holiday Fun for All!

Potluck begins at **6:00 PM**. Program starts at **7:15 PM**.

Sunday, December 18th

Carl Clapp, Lay Minister will speak on the theme of:

"What Child Is This?"

Our traditional "cookie exchange" will take place at the coffee hour: You bring cookies (or other Christmas goodies) to share and we all take a few of the left-overs for our celebrations.

McLean House, 5350 River Street, West Linn, Gathering In at 10:30. Program 10:45. H.O.P.E. Collection, No Services for Children at this time.

Friday, December 23rd

THE ANNUAL CLAPP CHRISTMAS SING! Everyone is Invited! Join us for our 36th to 40th (somewhere in there) annual party. Fun, Music, good drinks and good food. See details on page two.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Saturday, November 12th

Sunday, November 20th

Saturday, December 10th

Sunday, December 18th

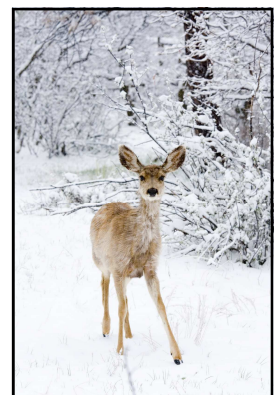


Next Board Meeting is:

Saturday, November 10th
at the Clapp's at 4 p.m.

Coffee/Cleanup Volunteers:

November 20: Coffee with
the Seitz family—all clean up



December 18: All share with
cookies and with Clean Up.

President's Column, By Jerry Magee

I've just returned from wandering in the desert for one-tenth of 40 days and 40 nights. It gave me a fresh perspective (albeit one-tenth of the full package deal). My role was to stand as proof that, 32 years ago, we did not fail to inventory and analyze certain resource values in support of the California Desert Conservation Area Plan, and that the proper foundation was indeed laid.



I was gratified to get the opportunity to complete a huge circle in my career, but mortified that there was even a need to do so. What happened to all of our field notes, photos, analyses and reports over the last three decades? As with the desert landscapes I was revisiting, I had to accept that "things change." I noted that Palm Springs and the surrounding villages have now become the "Coachella Valley Metropolitan Area," San Geronio Pass is now filled with haphazard arrays of wind turbines, and the valley between Joshua Tree National Park and the community of Desert Center will soon host close to 20,000 acres of solar energy farms.

Things change, just as our lives change and we, ourselves, change over time. But the desert also teaches us that some things can persevere in the face of change. Some elements remain relatively unchanged for hundreds, thousands and even tens of thousands of years.

We, too, can weather and even embrace change while maintaining the essence of who we are and what we believe in. As a Fellowship, we can offer help as members face impending change, and we can work together to assess changes potentially affecting the congregation as a whole. What's important is that we support each other in our individual and group dealings with change.

—Jerry Magee—

Potlucks

Saturday Evening, November 12th: Soup with bread or salad or greens or desserts!



Saturday Evening, December 10th: Menu to be determined.
Any ideas we could announce?

Sunday Morning, December 18th:

Annual Christmas Goodies Sharing!! You bring cookies and yummys and we all share them around the festive holiday table. Carl and June will be setting up the kitchen and table, please help in your special ways.

The 23rd Party!

Come Sing, Drink, Eat & Be Merry!

Friday, December 23rd

At the Clapp's in Oregon City

SING! SING! SING! Your way into Christmas. Please bring a treat to share.

Party Starts at 7 PM.

Singing starts at 8 PM

**Call For Directions
& Stay Until Late!**



SPUUF'ings:

Bob Wallauer is home and recuperating. Marty writes: "He is delighted just to be home looking at the birds and fall colors." Also, the spike buck

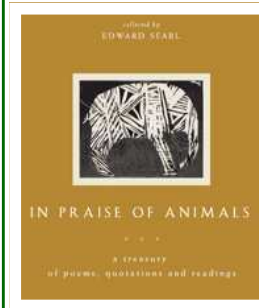
June has lost her good autoharp! Did she leave it anywhere any of you may have seen it? Black case with name inside cover. Desperate!

There is a **white bowl** (minus lid) with straight sides, small handles, looking for an owner. It looked like Rosie's but is not hers. Anyone?

Bob and Rosie Gray are leaving for Lacey this coming weekend. We will miss them so much. We hope they will be with us on Saturday eve so we can give them a hug or two. Happy New Home and Love to you both. From us SPUUFers

From uuabookstore.org

This imaginative collection offers poems, prose, blessings, chants-tributes of all kinds-to the animals in our lives. An ideal gift for welcoming a new pet, sympathizing with the loss of a pet, and for animal-lovers in general. A perfect resource for animal-blessing ceremonies and other rituals honoring the animal kingdom.



*"DEAR READER
Teach Me of My Kin
What Is a Grasshopper Good For?
At Least One Cat
Dogs Are a Yes
They Bless Us"*

Oregon Repertory Singers GLORY OF CHRISTMAS Concert

Organ and bells announce the splendor of the holidays, accompanying the Singers on ***O Come Emmanuel*** to begin the concert. **Glory of Christmas** also features favorites ***O Holy Night, I Wonder as I Wander, Silent Night, Nutcracker Jingle, Go Where I Send Thee*** and many others, as well as the spectacular composition ***Unending Flame*** written for Hannukah by **Paul Carey** and a not-at-all-serious medley of Hannukah songs I arranged. Our own, Marti Mendenhall, will be featured on a solo both December 16th and 18th. Call 503-230-0652 for tickets. \$10/\$20/\$30



**Sunday, December 11, 2010 at 2:00 PM, Friday, December 16, 2010 at 8:00 PM,
Saturday, December 17, 2010 at 8:00 PM, Sunday, December 18, 2010 at 2:00 PM**

We are honored to be honored as a Congregation that pays the fair share of dues to both the Unitarian Universalist Association and to the Pacific Northwest District UUA. This year we were able to pay \$1,160 to UUA and \$460 to the PNWD. These funds help the national organization and the district to implement programs and services to all congregations of the UUA. Thanks to all for your continued support for this cause..

Our invested Fellowship funds continue to provide us with monthly income to help with the programs and aims of South Park. Thanks to all who make regular donation to the general fund which keeps us solvent and helps to make our presence known in the community with programs for free religious thinkers among us.

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**South Park UU Fellowship
West Linn, OR**

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Rev. Peter Morales
Rev. Peter Morales, President
Unitarian Universalist Association

Jim Sanders
Jim Sanders, Chair
Annual Program Fund Committee

Christmas Eve . .
There is peace
All is Calm
The tree sparkles
In Christmas splendor
And I sit, and rock,
Listening to the silence
Being mindful and reverent
To the connected spirit within.

- MM



Earth Care Summit, January 2012

We are pleased to invite you to Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's third annual Earth Care Summit on January 30, 2012. The event will be held at Highland Christian Center located at 7600 NE Glisan in Portland, starting at 5 PM.

This event will bring together a diverse group of congregations to share best practices and hear about the resources available to help your congregation.

The theme of the event is "Environmental Justice and Faith" and the evening will feature The

Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes as a keynote speaker along with round table discussions on a variety of greening topics including Environmental Justice and Civil Rights, Healthy Homes, Equitable Public Transportation, Food Justice, Creation and Worship, Faith and the Farm Bill and many more.



Have a "Guest At Your Table" If You Are Able

It's time for us to renew our memberships in the UUSC. Each year SPUUF is recognized for our generosity toward the causes of the Right to Clean Water; the Empowerment of Women; Labor Rights; Social Justice; and Peace, both here and around the world.

If you are already a member, please send your gift in the renewal envelope you received or renew on line (Google: UUSC). Although the envelope doesn't show all these membership levels the web site does:

\$40—General; \$75—General Dual; \$10—Student/Youth; \$20 Student/Youth Dual; \$20—Senior; \$40—Senior Dual. Please get in touch with Marty Wallauer for questions: martyandbobwallauer@comcast.net

South Park Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Meetings are at the McLean House

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Directions available online at:

www.southparkunitarian.org

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Birthdays

Rosie Gray—November 4th

Bill Seitz—November 18th

Barbara Cady—November 19th

Eric Mendenhall—November 23rd

Matt Magee—November 25th

Judy Magee—December 3rd

Marti Mendenhall—December 25th

Andrew Clapp—December 31st