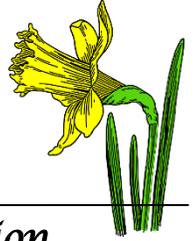


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UUNews April 2016



April 2016 Services



Theme: *revelation*

Dear UUFCO Members & Friends,

You will notice a formatting change in this month's communication. I've moved the monthly newsletter to an online platform called "Constant Contact". By doing so, we've been able to eliminate extra hours spent formatting a Word document. For those of you that receive the newsletter in the mail, you will notice that a few of the graphics you typically see are not present. I apologize for this, but I cannot duplicate the online version in every detail. Aside from a couple missing pictures, the online and hard copy version are exactly the same.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Cheers,

Jennifer

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The President's Perspective



The end of March brings us to the midpoint in Rev. Antonia's three year contract . The UUFCO Developmental Contract specifies that:

The congregation and the minister shall review the ministry and determine if the Developmental Minister shall be called by the congregation, if the period of contract ministry should be extended or if the ministerial relationship shall be ended as scheduled on July 31, 2017.

Rev. Antonia is not looking to be called as the Settled Minister, but is open to having her contract extended.

The Board has had a number of meetings to discuss how this will unfold. We highly recommend attendance at two important meetings so the congregation can be part of this important decision:

1. Sunday, April 24 at 12:00 pm in the Sanctuary for an all Congregational Forum. At the Forum, we will provide an informational handout and set aside ample time to ask questions and make comments.
2. Sunday, May 1 at 12:00 pm for a Congregational Meeting. This is a key meeting where information will be provided, time for questions, and members will determine the contract option for the Developmental Minister.

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES

We are working with Rev Carol McKinley, a PNWD Board member, to help us plan for a process that will include smaller, additional listening circles prior to these congregational gatherings. The Congregational forum on April 24 will be facilitated by Rev Carol. Some of you may recall that Rev. Carol was a guest minister at our March 20th Sunday Service and she conducted a workshop the day before on Healthy Congregation Teams.

It is my strong intention to make sure that during this process everyone is well informed. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [whoward610@gmail.com.](mailto:whoward610@gmail.com), or by phone 541.598.4794.

I look forward to seeing you in April,

In faith,
Wendy

The Reverend's Reflections



Next month, UUFCO will be featured in UU WORLD, our national association's magazine. We are one of this year's four 'breakthrough congregations,' recognizing the congregation's initiative

and commitment to 'break through' inherent obstacles to numerical growth. The award was based on the growth that happened before we moved into the new home. In organizational development terms, such growth means a shift from a pastoral-sized to a program-sized congregation. We are still very much in this transition, with another breath-taking rate of growth this past year.

Originally to be featured in last November's issue, we asked for a deferral. The leadership felt all our energy was being absorbed in settling ourselves into a new church year and getting our feet under us in the new building, not enough extra to handle any extra attention once the article was published.

This was a wise decision. At times, we get where we want to go faster by slowing down. When we rush, we are prone to mistakes that may take time to mend. Likewise, the Board's decision to delay outside rentals of the building until 2016, gave us enough time to study and prepare adequately before jumping headlong into the future.

Decisions we make in this chapter of UUFCO's life will echo down through the generations that follow. Many are being made quickly because there is little choice. Yet these times, and these choices, are foundational. It's important that we keep in mind that when we take enough time and reflection with decisions, we do well. Clearly, these kinds of processes were indispensable through the New Home Project and our leadership excels at using them in many ways.

In other areas, we have much to learn about the new processes and structures needed now and for the future. The development of our congregation goes beyond having more complex operations to manage. It means learning how to become a larger, more diverse community of people, each with our own perspective and purpose. It means building systems to support us in having constructive, creative communications, even in our differences. Our relational covenant is an important keystone for this as will be our mission statement.

Let us dedicate ourselves to learning what's different about congregations from any other organization we may be familiar with, and what's especially relevant

to us as UUFCO at this time. The UUA hosts webinars and conferences and maintains a vast website of resources at uua.org. I belong to a Facebook page for ministers where I can ask any question. Staff belongs to e-lists they use to learn from others. There are plenty of resources if we seek them.

Being a 'breakthrough congregation' doesn't mean having the process of shifting from pastoral- to program-size church all wrapped up and done – impossible anyway. Rather it is:

- affirmation of the congregation's courage and commitment to widening and deepening its impact in the lives of individuals and on the wellbeing of our world
- encouragement to stay the course when we encounter headwinds on the passage
- recognition that this passage takes years
- a reminder that we are not alone and others are able to help us along

We are at an important juncture in this congregation's life. May we honor its significance and hold ourselves to patience and love as we journey forward together. As we say, 'love is the spirit of this fellowship'. The rest is details!

Reverently yours,

Rev. Antonia

Congregational Life Facilitator



What is a Voluntary Community?

As I grow older – and hopefully more mature – in my spiritual and political understandings, I absolutely affirm the American ideal of the Separation of Church and State. Since the 4th century CE, the Christian church had presumed to exert control over the general population by requiring participation in the state religion. Adherence to the standard of orthodoxy was an insult to free thinkers, and the values of the state got blurred with the control of the church. What a mess.

Many of us grew up in a time when the cultural expectation of church membership had begun to loosen its grip: more weekends may have been spent in the mountains, by the lakeside, or watching a sports match guilt-free rather than begrudgingly sitting through Sunday School or Mass.

And so we find ourselves, here, in the 21st century, at UUFCO. Because we want to be.

Each of us has a story of what brought us here, and why we stay. Is it values? Is it connection and warmth? Is it being in the company of others who are also seeking to make sense of Life's marvels and conundrums, and on our own terms? Whatever the draw, we are a part of this congregation *voluntarily*, i.e., we are here of our own will, our own choice.

In addition, rounding up crews of *voluntary helpers* (i.e., volunteers) is essential for accomplishing so much of what goes on in the life of this congregation. With just a handful of paid staff, we rely on YOU – that is, on all of US – to do the following in volunteer capacities:

Recommendations/Decisions

Serve on the Board of Trustees
Develop the budget
RE Program decisions
Plan art shows

Tasks

Clean kitchen linens
Office help
Provide choral music
Pull noxious weeds

Consider almost anything that needs to be done with a church of this size, and you won't strike far from a volunteer or a host of volunteer committees.

Our **annual stewardship campaign** touches another critical aspect of being a voluntary community: all the expenses required to keep the operation of the church afloat are funded *voluntarily*, i.e., neither from compulsory dues nor coming from outside sources, such as a state tax or federal grant. One criterion

for membership in UUFCO is a financial pledge – to the level we are able to give, and reflecting our sense of the value we receive. In making this pledge we choose to be responsible about this aspect of church life: it takes some money to survive.

Many of us come into this fellowship somewhat *shy* – not quite sure how to get involved. Here’s a place to start: we want to encourage **everyone who is reading this** to lend a hand on Sundays – whether handing out Fresh Sheets as an outside greeter, making coffee and setting up for after-service beverages, assisting newcomers to available seats and receiving the offering as ushers, or staying after to clean the dishes and tidy up for another week. It would seem odd, wouldn’t it, to have to create staff positions to do these ordinary tasks?

We really do need one another – in so many ways! If you have any questions, or would like a little assistance in figuring out where to begin your volunteer participation in UUFCO, please feel free to email me: lifefacilitator@uufco.org.

Director of RE



This March was busy for our RE program. We successfully completed a middle school Our Whole Lives (OWL) curriculum with 10 participants, our 3-5 grade class has been collecting bottles and cans to help support local animal shelters in town, and our K-2 group learned about the Spring Equinox and how important the changing of the seasons is for our world.

I want to uplift the incredible work our 3-5 grade group has been doing on Sunday mornings. This month, they listened to a TED Talk by Chimamanda Ngozi called *The Danger of a Single Story*. After listening to the piece, the group was energized and excited about what they wanted to accomplish next. The class has decided to work on making their own newsletter highlighting stories that the mainstream media is not covering -- helping us get away from seeing the single story. I am personally looking forward to reading the newsletter and gaining further insight into what is important to our kids. When the newsletter is complete, there will be paper copies on the RE table available to the congregation.

Looking ahead to April, I encourage all middle school youth grades 6-8 to attend our first Youth Group meeting that will happen on April 6th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Sophia Fahs commons. Food will be provided and we will enjoy each other's company. If your youth has a friend they would like to bring along, they are welcome to do so. The more the merrier!

As the season changes and we move into longer days and warmer weather, I look forward to spending more exploration time outside with everyone. Being able to take our classrooms outside on Sunday mornings is a gift we have at UUFCO. From nature walks to outside games, it is important to spend time away from our building walls and connect with our larger world.

In faith and love,

Ayla Halberstadt, DRE

April Sermons

April 3 at 10:30am: The Spirituality of Outer Space

Rev. Antonia partners with member Al Johnson in the creation of this week's sermon as we kick off April's theme of 'revelation' with a look at the universe and its forms as a source of inspiration and experience of mystery.

April 10 at 10:30am: Revelation - Religion and Reason

We'll explore two different takes on the notion of 'revelation' that shape our culture, and perhaps even our understanding of religion and spirituality. Join us. You might have a revelation of your own!

April 17 at 10:30am: Simple Gifts - Spring Cleaning for the Soul Guest Speaker Rev. Kevin Lawson

It's that time of year: we clear out the garage, we clean up the yard, we freshen up the house. What does it look like if we reflect upon a spring cleaning of ourselves? What are the simple gifts that might bring forth a sense of peace and wholeness to continue on the journey of living, refreshed and renewed?

April 24 at 10:30am: The Unfolding Mystery of Ourselves

Our individual experience is our most powerful source of revelation and spiritual growth. Myth and metaphor help us interpret our lives and make meaning out of life's paradoxes. The journey of 'being' is the inspiration for today's service

Events and Announcements

**Sharing of the New Mission Draft
Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary &
Sunday at 12:00pm in Linus Pauling**

Throughout March, the Shared Ministries Committee has been sharing UUFCO's mission statement draft with the Program Committees and the Board. In order to reach the congregation, we are scheduling two opportunities to share the process and listen to responses. Hopefully you can attend one -- or both!

**NUUrishment Nights Potluck
Wednesday, April 6 at 5:30pm**

All are invited to a monthly potluck dinner every first Wednesday until June 1st. Newcomers are especially welcomed as an opportunity to meet new people and share interests and questions. Please come and join us - no RSVP required.

Annual Pledge Drive

We are well on our way into our annual pledge drive. However, many UUFCO Members are yet to pledge. our goal is to complete the drive by the end of April. This means we need everyone who has yet to pledge, to do so now. Your contribution is the very heart of our operational budget. Your pledge represents both a financial and spiritual commitment to UUFCO. Please take a few moments to fill out a pledge card at the kiosk. We thank you for your continued support of your UUFCO Community!

Worship Committee Welcomes Guest Speaker Rev. Kevin Lawson Sunday, April 17th

Kevin is a minister in preliminary fellowship with the UUA. He was ordained into the ministry this past October with First Unitarian Portland. Kevin completed a successful ministry internship with Westside Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Seattle, WA last year. Currently he serves as a Chaplain Resident with the Veterans Health Administration, Portland Medical Center.

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Annual UUFCO Auction

This year's Annual Service Auction FUNdraiser is set for Saturday, June 4th. This is one of our most important fundraisers, and is always a BIG AFFAIR AND A TON OF FUN.

We are just beginning the planning process and would like to invite members and friends to join us in the planning fun. You know the old saying, "many hands make light work" and this auction is proof of that. A few of our key Auction volunteers are stepping back, so now is your chance to step forward!

No need to worry – the planning is a collaborative process and the outcome will clearly be worth your time.

If this sounds like something you are interested in helping with, please contact Grace Kennedy or Jenn Egan know. Our first meeting will be Friday, April 8th. Time is ticking, so jump on board.

Women's Spirit Circle Tuesday, April 26 at 12:00pm Fanny Farmer Kitchen

All women are invited to our monthly Women's Spirit Circle meeting. April's theme is Living the Five Agreements:

1. Be impeccable with your word
2. Don't take anything personally
3. Don't make assumptions
4. Always do your best
5. Be skeptical, but learn to listen

Bring something to share in our potluck lunch and then enjoy some thoughtful and lively conversation around this topic. We begin at noon in the Fannie Farmer kitchen. Please RSVP to Noreen Halberstadt

All Congregation Picnic Save the date! Sunday, June 26 at 12:00pm to 3:00pm

It's not too early to start planning for our annual all-congregation picnic at Shevlin Park. Will late June be too hot, too cold, or just right? We'll have to wait and see.

I'll need some help with set up and take down, planning for fun and challenging games, music, and root beer floats. Oh, and the Second Annual UUFCO Potato Salad Contest! One thing about Unitarian Universalists: we love to have a great

time. We can come to service that day dressed for the picnic and make a mass exodus to the Park right after. We can even practice car-pooling that day.

If you'd like to help with planning and making this a great event, contact me, Ross Hart.

Bethlehem Inn Dinners Serving Your Community
Thursday, April 26
Make a difference and volunteer!

You can prepare turkey meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, cupcakes or 1% milk... or be a server! No experience necessary. Sign up using this link, at the Sunday sign-up table, or by emailing Leslie Koc.

New! Q&A for our UUFCO Community

Do you have an idea, question, or concern about UUFCO? This month we are introducing a new column to encourage open discussion and sharing. Below is an initial question and answer.

Question: "There's not enough parking. What are we going to do about it?"

Answer: We have the maximum number of paved spaces that the city will allow for our building. City of Bend is trying to encourage carpooling, walking, bike riding -- other options are being looked into.

We welcome your ideas! Send them to communications@uufco.org or jot a note and place it in the dropbox at the kiosk.

Adult RE April Offerings

NUUrishment Nights

POTLUCK: The first Wednesday of every month begins with a potluck - everyone's invited (even if you don't stay for the class)! Just bring something that's healthy and easy that you'd like to share with others.

History of UUism DVD and Discussion

Wednesday April 13 and April 20 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Long Strange Trip: A Journey through Two Thousand Years of Unitarian Universalist History, a 6-part DVD series detailing the history of Unitarian and Universalist thought from the beginning of the Christian era to what we know

today as Unitarian Universalism, with facilitated discussion. Come and learn what you are a part of!

Yoga and Relaxation

Wednesdays from 9:30am to 10:30am

April Yoga will offer poses to help each student to find flexibility, balance, endurance, and relaxation. These classes use props, and emphasizes good body alignment and breathing to support the practice. Bring your own mat (if you have one). Nancy Hodge, Wendy Howard and Megan Hooker will share in the teaching for this month. Come and be surprised who will guide this class. Donations contribute to our meditation and yoga supplies.

Dances of Universal Peace

Sunday, April 10 from 4:30pm to 6:00pm in Linus Pauling Hall. The Dances celebrate the spectrum of religious and spiritual traditions through music, sacred phrase, unison movements, and presence. Chela Sloper, leading. All are welcome!

ONGOING IN MARCH

Chinese Essence Qigong

Tuesday mornings: from 9:30 - 11:00 am

Join Steven Foster-Wexler in this series of gentle exercises that increase one's vital energy while simultaneously harmonizing this energy within the body and between the organs. Please contact Steven Foster-Wexler to register.

Sunday Morning Meditation

Chandra Smith invites you to a weekly Sunday morning meditation before worship in the Founders Fireside at 9:00am. A brief reading begins the time together, followed by a short discussion after our 30 minute silent meditation. Questions? Email Chandra.

Good Times Activities for April

Song Circle

Meets the second Sunday of the month at 2:00pm in the Pete Seeger gathering space. Bring your instruments and a copy of Rise Up Singing if you have it. We sing from 2:00pm until 4:00pm.

Writing Group

Meets upstairs at Dudley's Book Store from 12:00pm to 2:00pm on April 13th and April 27th.

Card Night

Jim and Becky Dobrowski's on April 2nd at 6:30.

Movie Night

In honor of Earth Day, a special climate change movie is being shown by Social Justice at private homes throughout central Oregon. The movie is "The Wisdom to Survive, Climate Change, Capitalism and Community". See elsewhere in the Newsletter for more information. Contact Pam or John Horwich for information,

UU Knitters

Meet April 5th and 19th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at UUFCO. Contact Judy Paulsmeyer.

Ski and Snowshoe

Thursdays at 9:30am. Usually at the Virginia Meisner Snow Park, but may change as the weather warms up. An email is sent to those interested earlier in the week. Contact Duncan Brown.

Hiking Group

April 14, will hike the Metolius River from the fish hatchery. Bill and Mayme Trumble will lead this hike. Contact Karen Maier to be added to the email list.

Circle Supper

April 15th. Sign up at the kiosk in the Gathering Hall. Contact Pam Wilson for more information.

Happy Birthday to...YOU!

Kay Stein
Lou Schmerber
Aaron Coe
Jerrie Jones
Diane Dedrick
Lynn Funk
David Dedrick
Cal Elshoff
Paul Sobel
Martha Lussenhop
Sue Adams
Clarke Green

Joys and Sorrows

These bits of news from our members and friends were first shared at a Sunday morning service, and, with permission, shared more broadly here.

"Flowers in memory of our son, Eric. We miss him every day. A joy that our grandson, Joey, will visit us for a month this summer."

Ed & Lynn Funk

"Joy of the just returning from Zambia to visit Maggi. Good to see her in person and doing well."

Tom Machala

"Prayers and good thoughts for Ellen Mercer and the promise for a proper birthday celebration."

Ellen Atkin

"Rachel Baker's mother died -- she was 104 and lived a debt free, guilt free life. We will miss her kind and positive leadership."

Larry Baker

"You left us too soon - breathe deeply and walk in beauty, my beloved Bernie Knotts. I will love you forever."

Kathy Shaker

"A joy for the beautiful memorial service for Bonnie Armbruster. Our thanks to Aaron and Judy for helping the family with the service and reception."

Kay Stein and Vernon Threlkeld

Social Justice Committee

~ Aldine Thornton

For many, many years, **Charles and Wilma Campbell** have kept the fires burning for social justice causes at UUFCO. They now have stepped back from their positions as contacts for the Social Justice Advisory Team. We are so indebted to them for their service and faithfulness over the years. Please let them know how much this has meant to us the next time you see them.

I have volunteered to step into this role to oversee the reorganization of the Social Justice Committee. I am looking for several volunteers who will work on this process with me. If you are someone with experience in Social Justice at UUFCO, including the events and discussions of Project GRACE, please consider being part of this team.

My goal is to have a meeting every week from mid-May to mid-June to 1) create a structure or framework of positions/roles, and then 2) define the work of those positions that will make up the new Social Justice Committee. This reorganized SJC will then oversee the social justice calendar so we can better interface with the whole of the Fellowship.

If you are interested in this short, but intense, work, please contact Aldine.

Project GRACE "Lea(r)ning to Action

On Sunday, April 17 in Linus Pauling Hall at noon, we will explore the causes of escalating inequality. What factors have been at play since the 1970s that have caused such a dramatic increase in the gap in income, wealth and opportunity between the top few percent and the rest of the country?

Looking ahead, on Sunday, May 15 at Project GRACE will be conducting a three-hour meeting to help lead us into **action** on the topic of Escalating Inequality. I think we are all excited about this next step. Kudos to all the presenters this past year – and especially to John and Pam Horwich – for leading this exceptional educational process for Social Justice at UUFCO. We have learned so much and are so grateful to you all!

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Greater Community Collections (GCC)

March's GCC was received on March 27th for Mosaic Medical. The congregation's amazing generosity was expressed in the sum of **\$1,399.20**. "*Generosity unlocks the fullness of life.*"



In April, our GCC recipient is *Read It! Read It!* This organization partners with the Reach Out and Read program where doctors prescribe books and encourage families to read together. Doctors advise parents about the importance of reading aloud and gives children age 6 months to 6 years a free book. The book contains a bookmark that's redeemable at Central Oregon Libraries for an additional free book. The redeemable bookmarks are also given out by social service agencies and medical groups. To further support these reading programs local libraries have partnered to develop and distribute a monthly early literacy electronic newsletter for parents and caregivers. The goal is to expand the emphasis on early literacy and place another 10,000 books into the hands of young children over the next several months. *Read It! Read It!* is a joint project of the Central Oregon Early Learning Hub and United Way.

Social Justice in Children's RE

The 3-8th grade RE class is holding a can and bottle drive for the Bright Side Animal Shelter and the Humane Society of Bend. Donations of empty cans and bottles can be placed in the bin located in the Sophia Fahs RE Commons. This is the classrooms first social justice project using the Harry Potter curriculum!

The Shared Ministries Committee



Mission Statement Update

Throughout the month of March, the Shared Ministries Committee shared the first draft of our new UUFCO mission statement with program committees. In April there will be two congregational opportunities to talk about the new mission statement and hear about the process through which it was developed: Wednesday, April 6, 7:00 pm after the NUUrishment Night potluck; and Sunday, April 10, 12:00 pm following the Sunday service. Please join us for one or both of these gatherings.

Communication and Healthy Congregations

The Rev. Carol McKinley, an affiliated community minister with the Olympia UU Church and a member of the Pacific Northwest Region's Healthy Congregations Team facilitated a session on Healthy Congregations and Communication with 22 interested UUFCO members on Saturday, March 19. She reminded us of both the inevitability of conflict when two or more people come together and the creative potential of conflict when we learn to work with and through our differences. Rev. Carol talked about the anxiety that can come from the kinds of transitions our congregation has been experiencing recently: a new church home, new programs, new leadership, and rapid growth. Anxiety can spread through a community or system and result in escalating levels of disagreement and conflict. The good news is that powerful communications tools can help individuals and groups manage differences and work for common goals.

A Healthy Congregations Team is one of the resources that can help. A Healthy Congregations Team is made up of members who have communications training and can provide facilitation in conflict/resolution when it is needed. In the next few months the Shared Congregations Committee will be helping to develop a plan for getting this Healthy Congregations work started in our UUFCO community.

If you would like information about Rev. Carol McKinley's presentation, you can contact Marean Jordan.

Care Committee



Did you check your smoke detector batteries last month when daylight savings time started? If, by chance you don't have a smoke alarm (or know someone who doesn't) the American Red Cross will install alarms free of charge. Call 503-528-5783 or email preparedness@redcross.org.

The Bend Fire Department will install smoke alarms and batteries in addition to home safety surveys and assistance with emergency planning. These services are all free. Call the Bend Fire and Rescue at 541-322-6381 or 541-322-6309.

Please continue to visit our shut-ins Woody Stevens and Ed O'Donnell.

For more information contact the Care Committee (carecommittee@uufco.org).

Andy Barss and Virginia Sponsler, Co-Chairmen

New Member Bios



Randy King

Randy has lived in Sisters for 17 years. He teaches second grade in Bend. Randy has a bachelor's degree in music from San Jose State University, a graduate degree in theology from Multnomah University, and a Masters of Arts in Teaching from Lewis and Clark College. He has three children and three grandchildren. Randy enjoys woodworking, reading, gardening, singing in the church choir and doing music with his partner, Dick.

Abigail Beckstom Cannon

Abigail was raised in San Francisco, CA and moved to Bend with her family in 2012. She is a Certified Gentle Sleep Coach for infants, babies, and children and is passionate about family health education. Abigail is mother to Rev, nearly 7, and Silvie, 4.5, and spends every spare minute outside with them biking, skiing, hiking and generally getting dirty.

Rosann Stevenson

I was born in California and moved with my family to Portland, Oregon when I was 10. I graduated from the University of Oregon and was an educator in Portland and later in the Redmond School District. We moved to Bend in 1977 to start a small business but mainly to raise our children in a smaller community. My career included being a small business owner, a classroom teacher and a principal at Terrebonne School. Since my retirement I have enjoyed traveling and volunteering. I am a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) and volunteer at the Tower Theater. I'm a member of the Deschutes Land Trust and especially enjoy time with my children and grandchildren who are great traveling companions.

Joe Slocum

Native Southern Californian arrived in Bend in late 2015. Newly retired with my wife Robin, leaving behind careers as a building contractor and later as a marriage and family therapist. I value personal growth, as well as cultivating heartfelt connections with people of all ages. I love being in nature as well as music, reading, golf, and pickle ball.

Robin Slocum

I have spent the past 27 years in a career I have loved - teaching conflict resolution, mindfulness, & emotional intelligence skills to law students. However, after vacationing in Sun River for over 25 years, the magnetic pull of Bend was so strong that I decided to retire in order to live here, moving to Bend with my husband Joe in December 2015. I am excited about embracing this new chapter of

life – from making new friends, to writing, growing spiritually, volunteering, golfing, hiking, pickle ball, and learning new things!

Susan Kinney

I recently moved to Bend from Cape Cod, Massachusetts with my husband Rob and dog Windy. We came to be closer to our son, Sam who lives in Missoula, Montana and for all the outdoor adventure. I am still waking up every morning wondering how we could be so blessed to have finally come home.

Jeff and Liz Jones

Both were born and raised in Eugene, OR. We met while in school at the U of O. We moved to Bend in 2011 to escape the rain of the valley. We are in the process of fully retiring this year, and look forward to more adventures and understanding of humanity in the years ahead. Interests: Hiking, archery, motorcycle touring, traveling, U of O sports, reading and contemplating life's mysteries.

Events Calendar



April 2016

March

April 06, 2016

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