

APRIL 2016 THE B*UU*LETIN

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Kamloops

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Dear Members and Friends
of the Kamloops Fellowship,
Happy Spring!

Welcome to the April BUULETIN, our alternate month news resource intended to compliment the bi-monthly Fellowship newsletter (KUUF Links). Hopefully, this will help you have up to date information and news about upcoming Sunday services in April, programs, and events of interest to our community. Look for the complete May-June newsletter by early May.

What's Happening?

Soup & Soul Talk - Tues. April 19, 12:00 noon: at Rev. Helen's home studio in Aberdeen. We will continue exploring the April theme of



April Theme:
REVELATION

Upcoming Services

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April 3

"Revelation is Waiting in the Wings" – Rosemary Morrison

April 10

Contemplative Service

April 17

"Revelation and the Illusive UU Search for Truth & Meaning" – Rev. Helen McFadyen

April 24

Chalice Circle Service

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“Revelation” by looking at the diverse ways one arrives at one’s own “truths” which lead to choosing particular paths.

Book Club - Thurs. April 21. 10 am: hosted and presented by Rosemary Derksen at her home in Chase. For information please phone: 1-250-679-2156.



“Rooting in Community” - Earth Day Eve at the Labyrinth – Thursday, April 21, 6:00 pm. Riverside Park Labyrinth site.

Multigenerational event in celebration of upcoming Earth Day. With drumming, song, offering of intentions to the Earth, and a special dedication of a Fellowship tree to mark the 2016 Earth Day Canada theme, “Rooting for Trees”. Bring your friends!

<https://earthday.ca/>

Men's Lunch The April men's lunch is a bid-night auction item. It will be held at the Neave's house, with Anne and Eleanor co-hosting. Several men have purchased the lunch at bid-night, and others are welcome to come and pay at the door. The date is TBA – an invitation will be sent out by e-mail in April

April Theme Question:

What does it mean to be a people of REVELATION?

Revelation (n.)

1. The act of revealing or disclosing.
2. Something that is revealed or disclosed, especially a striking disclosure, as of something not before realized. Synonyms: disclosure, announcement, discovery, epiphany, leak, news, lightning bolt

"We cannot properly place our confidence in our own creations; we must depend upon a transforming reality that breaks through encrusted forms of life and thought to create new forms.

We put our faith in a creative reality that is re-creative. Revelation is continuous."

--James Luther Adams, UU Minister and 20th century social ethicist.

"In a religious context, we almost always think of revelation in terms of "the Truth." The revelation of "the truth." "The truth" revealed. I have to admit that I am skeptical about how much seeking the revelation of truth will really help us. Since there are so many ways to envision "the truth" it seems to me that the very concept often causes more rifts than relationships. What if we focused on the revelation of beauty instead? As Mary Oliver does in her poems. (*The Summer Day* and *The Place I Want to Get Back To*) We do not have to understand or claim knowledge of beauty. It simply is. And learning how to pay attention to the amazing beauty in the world might reveal more about how we are all connected – might bring us closer together - than trying to get our diverse hearts and minds around "the truth" would."

-- from the Soul Matters Sharing Collective

Resources for Exploring "Revelation"

Videos & Online:

Looking Past Limits -- Caroline Casey tells the story of her extraordinary life, starting with a revelation.

http://www.ted.com/talks/caroline_casey_looking_past_limits

Kids, Take Charge -- Kiran Bir Sethi teaches kids the powerful revelation of "I can."

http://www.ted.com/talks/kiran_bir_sethi_teaches_kids_to_take_charge

How to Learn? From Mistakes -- Three surprising things Diana Laufenberg learned from teaching.

http://www.ted.com/talks/diana_laufenberg_3_ways_to_teach

What You're Really Running From -- A humorous look at what motivates us.

<http://www.mbird.com/2015/02/from-the-onion-new-nike-running-app-tells-you-what-youre-really-running-from/>

Grilled Cheesus -- An episode of the tv show Glee where a student sees Jesus in a grilled cheese. Sounds ridiculous; but take it seriously.

<http://m.imdb.com/title/tt1628293/>

PBS: Frontline on The Book of Revelation

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/apocalypse/revelation/>

Movies:

Henry Poole is Here

Inception

Jerry MacGuire

Lion King

The Matrix
The Mission
Tree of Life
Sixth Sense
Star Wars
Wall-E
Wizard of Oz

Books:

Revelations by Elaine Pagels [Review by EJ Dionne here](#)
Exile and Pride by Eli Clare
Waking Up by Sam Harris
Lovingkindness by Sharon Salzberg
Mindset by Carol Dweck
Stiches by Anne Lamott
When God Talks Back by T.M. Lührman
Old Turtle and the Broken Truth by Douglas Wood

Sunday Services in April

Sunday, April 3 – *Revelation is Waiting in the Wings* - Presenter: Rosemary Morrison

Rebeca Parker says, "Revelation comes to those who are radically hospitable to what they don't know." To experience revelation we need to be willing to consider other ideas and opinions, while questioning our own tightly held beliefs. Let's explore together what it means to be open to new ideas and how to let revelation be a part of our lives.

Sunday, April 10 – Contemplative Service - led by Janet K.

Sunday, April 17 – *Revelation & the Elusive Search for Truth & Meaning* - Rev. Helen McFadyen

Unitarian social ethicist, James Luther Adams identified 5 Smooth Stones of Religious Liberalism that collectively capture what Unitarian Universalism means. The first stone is the principle that "*revelation is continuous*". Truth and Meaning have not been finally captured. Nothing is complete, exclusive, or static, and thus nothing is exempt from criticism. Rev. Helen will explore the threads that help tie our expansive Unitarian Universalist faith to its foundational impulse of transforming the world and building Beloved Community.

Sunday, April 24 – Chalice Circle Service - led by Wendy Weseen

Images in and around UU Kamloops March 2016

4 Rev. Helen becomes a Member of KUUF



5 Tony Turner hosted by KUUF at The Art We Are



1 St. Paddy's Day fun (auction event)



2 Book Club with guest author, Frank Dwyer



3 Soup Lunch before Annual Meeting

