



# The Voice of Our Fellowship

a progressive religious tradition in southeastern Idaho

*"Search for truth and meaning. Connect in beloved community.  
Stand together on the side of love."*

## Pocatello Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

strives to be Southeast Idaho's welcoming, open-minded religious voice for all who value spiritual inquiry and reason, and all who act for compassion and social justice.

**Diverse beliefs; one dynamic faith.  
Everyone is Welcome**

309 N. Garfield Avenue, Pocatello  
(UCC church, corner N. Garfield and Lander)  
208-233-2602

**Worship Services are on the first, third & fifth Sunday of each month at 4 p.m.**

Traditional potluck dinner follows the third Sunday service.

Appetizer hour [linger longer] follows the first and fifth Sunday service.

**Lay-led service takes place on fifth Sundays at 4 p.m.**

Linger longer appetizer hour follows service.

**Children's Religious Exploration (CRE)**

Children's RE activities for ages 4 to 12.

Child care for toddlers and infants offered during service with pre-arrangement.

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**November's Theme:  
Faith**

## November Service Announcements

**November 5**

**"When Human Rights are Served as Selective White Privilege, What's a UU to DO About It? with Pastor Jenny Peek"**

Join Pastor Jenny for this reflection on systemic oppression. Discussion will be facilitated for all interested, during the Linger Longer after the service

**November 19**

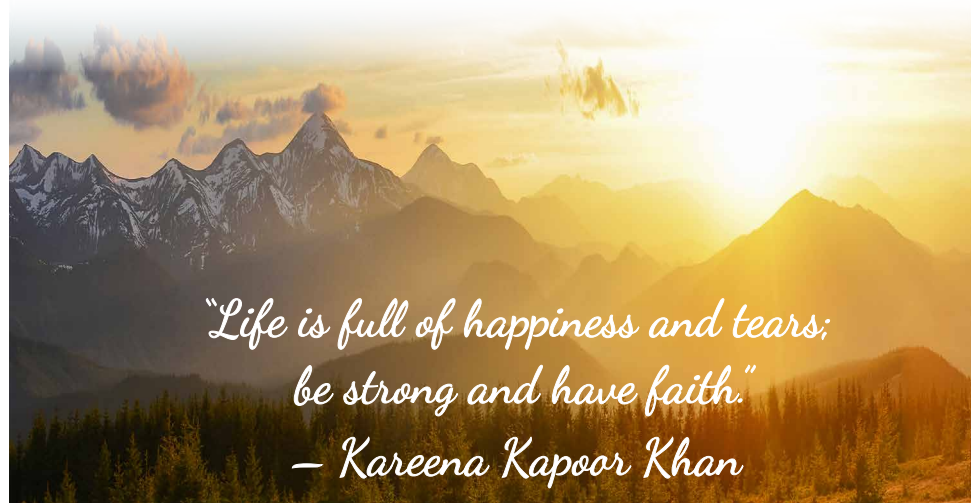
**"To, For, With: In Gratitude, with Pastor Jenny"**

This Sunday is quite a big deal! First, we kick off our participation in the annual Guest At Your Table fundraiser for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Second, we consider our individual or collective approach to serving others. Third, this is our Potluck Sunday following the worship service. For fun this time of year, please consider bringing a traditional bread from your childhood in addition to your favorite potluck dishes. Whether 'bread' meant homemade or store-bought, gluten-free, or anything else, let's enjoy 'breaking bread' together. *Watch the website and the updates for more details.*



## PUUF Aspirational Covenant

"May we be a compassionate religious community built on love and justice, exploring and celebrating the mysteries of life with reason, reverence, and courageous doubt. With conscious action, we can be the change we wish to see in the world."



PUUF has been officially recognized by the UUA as a Welcoming Congregation since 2011. PUUF membership is open to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) people, and to anyone else, regardless of religious background or ethnicity. Visit [www.pocatellouu.org](http://www.pocatellouu.org) and see the 'About Us' page for more details.



## Pastor's Corner

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Dear Members and Friends,  
What a difference a day makes!  
Since I last wrote you, my son Nathan and I packed up and said our good-byes in Indiana. We arrived in Pocatello on September 23rd, then met many of you at our new home the next day for unloading the moving truck. I am learning about PUUF and Pocatello, and you are learning about me. As in so many new relationships, we can enjoy or expect moments of delight, along with some head-scratching moments of awkwardness. For instance, Jennifer and Brian Attebery hosted a very welcoming potluck dinner our first week in town. I mentioned during my first time in the pulpit that I was used to calling such events not 'potluck' (though certainly that phrase is used too), but 'carry-in' suppers. Later, I learned from you that 'carry-in' can sound an awful lot like 'carrion! We had a good chuckle at that, with surprised, "Ohh, 'carry-in'! That makes more sense!" Cultural differences, even with a shared first language, can make us smile or scratch our heads. We might have small or great frustrations. All this is true, even as we also share Unitarian Universalism. I think about this, our very human need to relate and how challenging that can be, even when we share so much in common. Add layers of differences, different faith traditions or personal stories of

origin...and we can see how the challenge increases. Yet, here in Pocatello I am learning the ways people of faith and shared intentions are overcoming these challenges because so many here know how relationships matter. This is evident by Portneuf Valley Interfaith Fellowship, Too Great for Hate, All Under One Roof, Aid for Friends, Women's League of Voters, and Neighborhood Works, to name a few. I mention these, because I learned about them all from you, members of PUUF, through your involvement. You are showing me the ways you live our shared values, and it is beautiful to witness. The stakes are so high, but we can take heart. We are here to learn and grow, together. I am heartened by all the ways PUUF already engages the work of building a better world, and I hope to honor this by bringing my own best effort.

What my own effort looks like so far includes seeking every opportunity to learn more about you, about PUUF, and about the region. Within our walls, lay leadership past and present have brought diligence and patience to the table as we explore PUUF's mission, its history and its vision moving forward. Some of you have contacted me with various community events and things to know. Still others have helped me begin to plug into the greater community beyond our walls. I've done some reaching out on my own, too, and will continue to do so.

In peace, with gratitude,

*Pastor Jenny*

## "GAYT" Volunteers Needed

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Once a year, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) hosts its nationwide fundraiser, "Guest at your Table" (GAYT). Pastor Jenny is extending a special invitation for youth and children to help kick-off this important way for us to support Unitarian Universalism's wider mission in the world. Participants will help create and produce a skit to be performed during a special worship service November 19th. Participants will need three sessions for planning and rehearsal. A minimum of one adult volunteer is also needed to attend every session. These will be scheduled to best fit the calendars of all involved. If interested, please contact Pastor Jenny.

## Call for Supper Hosts

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Please consider hosting a small potluck supper as part of a series of Meet the Minister Suppers, to be held throughout the fall and winter at intervals that fit with hosts' and Pastor Jenny Peek's schedules. Jenny looks forward to meeting over a potluck evening meal with groups of 5-7 members and friends each to hear their stories, joys, and concerns. Suppers can be set on any evening (not necessarily week-ends). To volunteer, please contact Jenny Peek ([jpeek64@gmail.com](mailto:jpeek64@gmail.com)) or Mark Neiwirth ([neiwmark@isu.edu](mailto:neiwmark@isu.edu)) providing a couple of possible days/times.

## PUUF Religious Exploration

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Nov 12th Muriel Roberts will, facilitate discussion on the article about June's General Assembly (GA) Conference in New Orleans. (UU World, fall 2017 issue <https://www.uuworld.org/articles/we-have-all-been-charged>). Nov 26th Jim Mariani will facilitate a discussion on nonviolent communication. Remember, these sessions are each self contained and all congregants are welcome and encouraged to participate. The beauty of Religious Exploration is it is an opportunity to enter into discussion, or just listen, to others of your faith. Our group is very friendly and respectful of the views of each attendee. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend any of our sessions. We meet on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at the church at 4pm till 5:30pm with light refreshments available. This is a group where your thoughts, and beliefs can be freely expressed. You are among good friends. Additional information can be obtained by calling Bob Gehrke at (208)680-4766.

—Bob Gehrke



*"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."*

*—Martin Luther King Jr.*

## Alternative Gift Market and Bake Sale Nov. 18th, 9-3pm

Mark your calendars and get ready to shop! Our Fellowship is co-sponsoring an Alternative Gifts Market along with a bake sale and Fair Trade coffee and chocolate sale on Nov 18th from 9am-3pm. Volunteers are also still needed. Look for sign-up sheets at upcoming services and contact Jim Mariani, [jsm22553@yahoo.com](mailto:jsm22553@yahoo.com), for more information.

## Portneuf Valley Interfaith Fellowship Update

Please contact Bob Gehrke ([robertjmary\\_7@q.com](mailto:robertjmary_7@q.com)) or Pastor Jenny ([minister@pocatellouu.org](mailto:minister@pocatellouu.org)) for more information or questions:

- The PVIF Thanksgiving Community Celebration will be at 5:30 pm on November 19th at the First Presbyterian Church, 202 S 7th Avenue. If you would like to participate in the service please let Pastor Jenny know.
- The MLK prayer service will be January 15, 2018 hosted by The Seventh-day Adventist. The Joy Morrison Award will be awarded that night. Nominations due by Jan 1, 2018.
- The blanket drive will be October 8th-December 17th.
- The Seventh-day Adventist will host a showing of "Is Genesis History?" on November 11th at 7:00pm
- We need a host faith community for the November meeting on the 7th

## OTAS stars Richard Baker & Angeline Underwood

Come see our own PUUF member, Richard Baker, in Old Town Actors Studio production of "Bakersfield Mist" by Stephen Sachs. Shows at 7:30 pm on November 3, 4, 6, 10 and 11. The Los Angeles Times called "Bakersfield Mist" "... exhilarating in the extreme. ... A wry two-hander that handles highbrow artistic issues while zinging in plenty of uproarious one-liners. A perfect marriage of emotion and ideas that is rare indeed." While The New York Times called it a "clever play as a battle of wits." Call ahead for reservations at (208) 478-6886.

## Thai Benefit Dinner/Auction 2017 November 3

Thalinitiative is making repairs at two remote village schools in Nan Province, Thailand. At Pianguang school, the wash basin roof is rotting. We will replace it. At Khun Nam Jon school the kindergarten walls and resident teacher hut walls have holes. We will also take soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, food and vitamins to both village schools. To help purchase supplies, Thalinitiative is kicking off a Thai Benefit Dinner in their hometown of Pocatello. The Dinner/Auction is on Friday, Nov. 3, 6:00 - 8:30 pm, 2017 at the Liberty Hall Event Center, 325 W. Benton. Come enjoy authentic Thai food cooked by Daphne Larsen and the local Thai Zap. A silent auction features Thai crafts, art and local business gift certificates. Dinner Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 children 12 and under. All donations tax deductible (501C3). Donations welcome at: [thainitiative.org](http://thainitiative.org)

## Idaho Climate Summit 2017

Plan on attending the Idaho Climate Summit on November 16 and 17. Pastor Jenny has registered to attend the livestreaming and workshops offered locally. A strong PUUF representation would be wonderful! The 2017 Summit is a two-day conversation about Idaho's changing climate designed to explore market-based solutions for safeguarding Idaho's economy, health, landscape and lifestyle. Participants: Businesses, Resource and land managers, Idaho tribes and tribal organizations, Researchers and topical experts, Public interest organizations, Community members, and Government officials. Venues: Boise State University (rooms to be determined), Thursday Evening Reception at Stuekle Center; Idaho State University, Pocatello; University of Idaho (rooms to be determined) Moscow; Or stream from our website! For more information: [www.idahoclimatesummit.com](http://www.idahoclimatesummit.com)

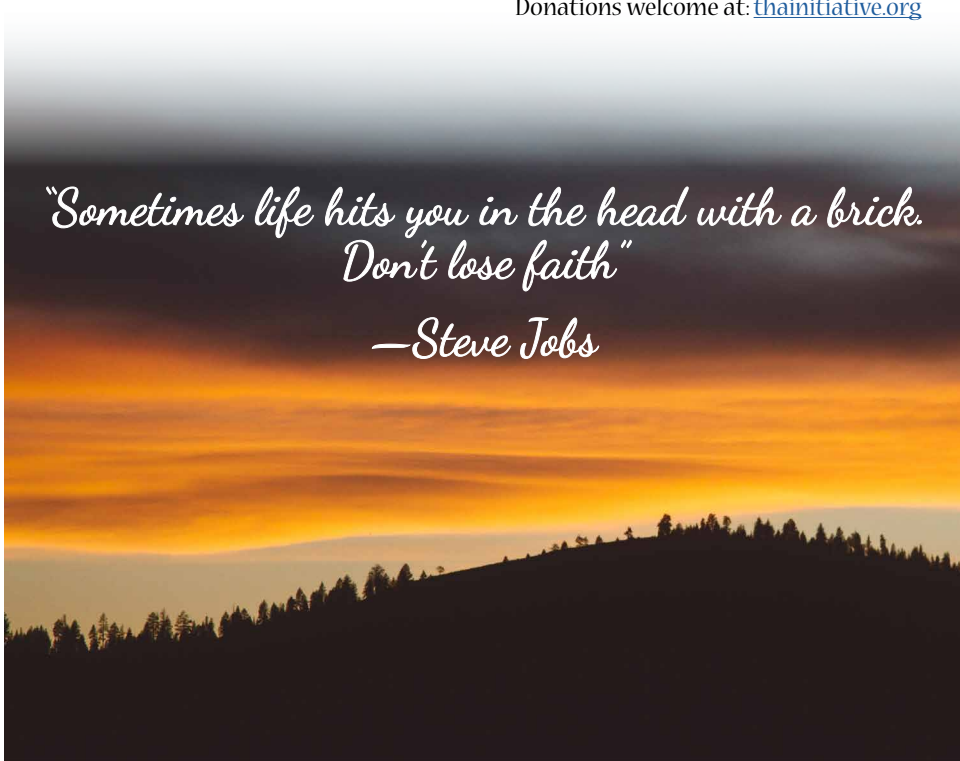
## PUUF Sept 9th Board Meeting Summary

The September 9 board meeting was held at the home of President Jeff Shelton. Signatories for the bank account were updated. Contract for newsletter, updates and inserts with Birgitta Bright was approved. A new lease with UCC has been signed, effective September 2017-September 2018. Pastor Jenny Peek will arrive at noon on September 24, and Jennifer will organize an unpacking troupe to help unpack. Jennifer will host a potluck to welcome Jenny on September 27. A two-year contract has been signed with Jenny. Mark will contact Pacific Western Region about the possibility of having a Minister Startup on October 28. Jeff and Ann will confirm committee membership. MDD Conference is October 13-14 in Boulder CO. Distribution of keys was discussed. Becky Hardy has volunteered to be a PUUF representative to the UCC board meetings. Mark announced that he reserves Tuesdays to update the website, send publicity and updates, etc. Michael Mares has agreed to do CRE for another year.

—Mark Neiwirth, Secretary

## Weekly Get-Together at Elmer's!

Stop by Elmer's Restaurant every Thursday evening at 6:30-8:30 pm. Join us for dinner or dessert and casual conversation. This is a wonderful opportunity for PUUF members and friends to socialize regularly, outside of church.



*"Sometimes life hits you in the head with a brick.  
Don't lose faith"*

*—Steve Jobs*

## Upcoming Pocatello Film Society Movies



### Sunday, November 5

"Step" plays at 4:30 & 7pm. Step documents the senior year of a girls' high-school step dance team against the background of inner-city Baltimore. As each one tries

to become the first in their families to attend college, the girls strive to make their dancing a success against the backdrop of social unrest in the troubled city. (Rated PG)



### Sunday, November 12

"Glass Castle" plays at 4:30 & 7pm. Jeannette Walls' best-selling memoir chronicles the adventures of an eccentric, resilient and tight-knit family, and the young woman who, influenced by

the joyfully wild nature of her deeply dysfunctional father, found the fiery determination to carve out a successful life on her own terms. (Rated PG)



### Sunday, December 3

"Wind River" plays at 4:30 & 7pm. A chilling thriller that follows a rookie FBI agent (Elizabeth Olsen) who teams up with a local game tracker (Jeremy Renner) with deep community ties and a haunted past to investigate

the murder of a local girl on a remote Native American Reservation in the hopes of solving her mysterious death. (Rated R)

All shows are at the ISU Bengal Theater. Admission is \$2 for the public or free for ISU students with Bengal ID unless otherwise stated. Trailers and more information on these and other upcoming Pocatello Film Society movies are online at [www.pocatellofilmsociety.com](http://www.pocatellofilmsociety.com).

## Heartland Wellness Center & Wholehealth Cooperative Coming Events

WholeHealth Cooperative hosts an Open Community Healing Circle the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 6-8:30 PM and a Community Drum Circle on the 4th Friday @ 6:30 PM. The Buddhist Society meets @ 10am Sundays at Main St Coffee, 234 N Main. Kundalini Yoga is on Mondays @ 7pm, \$11, 2704 Via Valdarno, 479-2255. Trauma Sensitive Yoga is offered on Tuesdays at Family Services Alliance @ 5:30pm. For details contact Crete Brown at 251-2400. The Wholehealth Cooperative is located at 303 N 12th Ave, in Pocatello.

## Meetup.com site for PUUF

We've organized a Meetup.com site to reach out to folks who may be interested in social activities and events. To join the site go to [Meetup.com](http://Meetup.com) and search for Pocatello UU Meetup. It is free to join the site as a member of Pocatello UU Meetup. If you have an idea for a meetup you can start a discussion on the site or send a message to Jennifer Attebery: [attejenn@isu.edu](mailto:attejenn@isu.edu). Meetups could consist of all sorts of gatherings or attendance at social/artistic/musical events.

—PUUF Membership Committee

## Barbara Swanson Legacy Art Exhibition Opens Nov 3

A representative collection of Barbara Swanson's watercolor paintings from early 1990s until 2017 will open at the Pocatello Art Center Friday, November 3rd. There will be a reception during the Art Walk, and Barb's family invites you to visit the show. The exhibit will be on display at the Art Center until December 31. Questions call Ann at 208-244-8521.

## Pocatello's Second Saturday Contra Dance

The Contra dance will be held in Pocatello at 7:30 pm in the UCC church, 309 N. Garfield (behind Pocatello High School). Dancing will be the 2nd Saturday of each month and continue through May.

The beginners' session at 7:30 pm is highly recommended for those unfamiliar with this simple, fun, social dance form. The dance is sponsored in part by the Pocatello Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Admission is \$6.00 per person (suggested donation). New dancers are always welcome!

Contact Kristi at (208) 523-3847 or [austkris@isu.edu](mailto:austkris@isu.edu) for more information. See our "News & Events" page on the [www.pocatellou.org](http://www.pocatellou.org) website for updates.

## Interested in Joining PUUF?

If you are on a life-long spiritual journey; if the UU worship style suits your needs; if you enjoy UU programs such as worship services, Children's RE, and workshops; and if you care about a liberal religious voice in Southeastern Idaho, you may be interested in becoming a PUUF member. For more information: [membership@pocatellou.org](mailto:membership@pocatellou.org) or 208-851-0842.

## Pastor Jenny's Office Hours

Office: Tuesdays 8 am to 11:30 am; Wednesdays 1 pm to 4:30 pm For casual visiting, drop in during these office hours. If sure time is needed for something on your mind, calling ahead is recommended. Pastor Jenny is also available by appointment outside these hours. Please call or text her at 219-743-8707. All messages are confidential. Remember, visiting with our minister does not require an urgent reason. Members, friends and the curious are welcome and encouraged to stop by.

## Pastor Jenny's Personal Sabbath

Pastor Jenny will take a Personal Sabbath each week, beginning at 9 pm Sundays and ending at 8 am Tuesdays. Pastoral emergencies know no schedule, so will always be the understood exception. Occasional scheduled events will also inevitably happen, and Pastor Jenny will adjust her schedule as needed in such instances. All other calls or emails will be addressed in order of receipt on Tuesdays.

## Portneuf Sangha

Portneuf Sangha is located at 424 W Lewis. They offer meditation practice and programs about Buddhism, meditation, and applying the teachings of the Buddha in everyday life. Please visit their website for days, times, or questions: [www.portneufsangha.org](http://www.portneufsangha.org) or call or email Tony & Paula Seikel: 208-775-3183 (home number), [seikel@ida.net](mailto:seikel@ida.net)

