

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.

"Linger Longer" for conversation over light refreshments on the 1st & 5th Sundays. Stay for the potluck-style dinner the 3rd Sunday. Bringing a dish to share is optional.

Children's Religious Exploration (CRE)

Activity packets are provided during worship services for children to engage with the sermon topics. Our Full Week Faith (FWF) online curriculum is offered September through May and is free for everyone. FWF offers daily activities of prayer, meditation, stories, local faith-in-action events, and more. Join the Full Week Faith [chat forum](#) for weekly issues in [Groupme.com](#), or sign up to receive our weekly email updates where the issues are also available. Designed with families in mind, Full Week Faith is also enjoyed by people of all ages.

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July's Theme: Liberty
August's Theme: Unity/Diversity

July Service Announcements

July 1- "General Assembly 2018"

This service will include a special viewing of GA 2018's Sunday Worship Service, available online. Come share the experience of all UU can be, in a worship service for thousands of sibling congregants from all around the country.

Pastor Jenny's Office Hours

Office Hours: Tuesdays 8-11:30am & Wednesdays 1-4:30pm.

Weekly Get-Together: Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm at Elmer's Restaurant. Food & Fellowship!

Community Hours: Fridays 9-10:30am at The College Market—Chat over tea or coffee.

Personal Sabbath: Begins every Sunday at 9pm and ends Tuesday at 8am.

Pastoral emergencies will be responded to as quickly as possible. All other communications will be responded to during Tuesday office hours, in the order they are received.

No office hours or Community Hours will be held through July 5th.



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."



"It takes time to ruin a world but time is all it takes."

—Bernard le Bovier de Fontenelle

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 and see the "About Us" page for more details.



Pastor's Corner

Dear Members and Friends of PUUF,

At the time of this writing, I am in Kansas City, Missouri, for our denomination's annual General Assembly (GA). Here also are Bob and Mary Gehrke, and Richard Feuerborn and Valez Bird. Last night's special event at GA was the annual Service of the Living Tradition (SLT), that honors ministers, religious educators and extraordinary lay-leaders who are serving our faith and have in the past year attained a milestone. In addition, any who have died in the past year are also named. It is a beautiful, time honored tradition, and this year my joy was to be among those recognized, for attaining preliminary fellowship in the credentialing process ministers go through. Near me, was the Rev. Lyn Stangland Cameron of Idaho Falls. She was on that stage too, for retiring after many years of service to our faith. This means, Lyn was on that stage once for preliminary fellowship (like me, this time); once for final fellowship; and now for retirement. All around us, people at these varying stages in the process of service were sharing that moment. Once we were all called up and seated, we

then heard the names of our colleagues who had died in the past year, their service now their legacy.

I was struck by this common bond as I sat there surrounded by religious leaders all called to serve this one, amazing progressive faith grounded in our shared principles. Like so many milestones, we are not alone. Others have been born, come to their faith and path of service, and then passed that task onto others.

It is this common bond, of hope for our lives and our future, that gives me courage. I want to share that thought with you here, that there is a deep joy knowing that we are not alone. Others have gone before us, maybe making the path clearer, or somehow helping us understand what more needs done. And we will do the same for those to follow.

I'll be back in Pocatello soon after this newsletter is released, and I'm looking forward to our next church year together.

In peace, with gratitude,

—Pastor Jenny

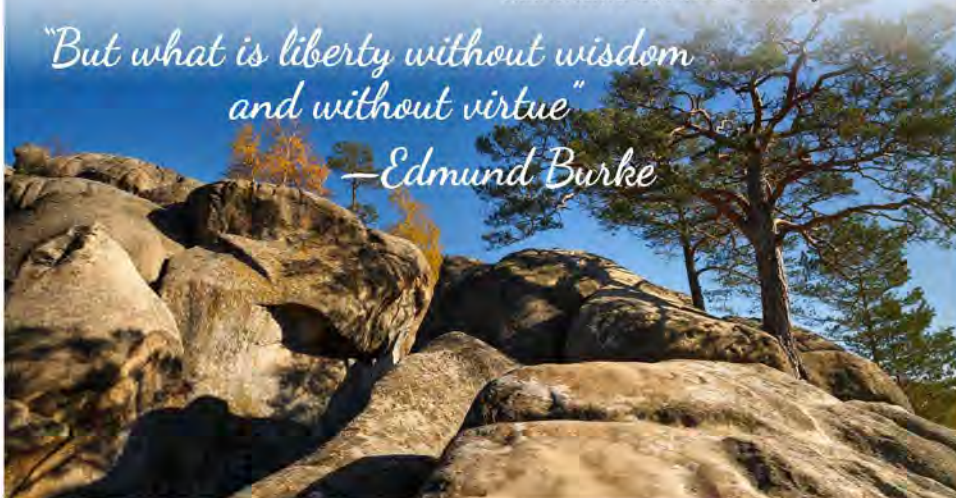
Fund Raiser for Pastor Jenny's Ordination

The PUUF Board is mounting a fund-raiser to provide expenses for hosting Pastor Jenny's ordination September 30. She has invited several ministers who she feels are important to her ministry to be here for the ceremony on September 30. Expenses will include plane fare, lodging and meals. We will certainly try to find ways to keep expenses as low as possible, but we are looking at a maximum of \$10,000. A special Ordination Fund has been set up. Make checks payable to PUUF and mail to the church address, 309 N. Garfield, 83204. We are in the process of setting up PayPal so you can contribute online. Pastor Jenny is doing her own fundraising for expenses for her friends and family. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Feuerborn or Pastor Jenny. We have already received \$300 in a donation.

—Mark Neiwirth, PUUF Secretary

*"But what is liberty without wisdom
and without virtue"*

—Edmund Burke



Annual Campout PUUF & FCUCC!!

All members and friends of First Congregational United Church of Christ and Pocatello Unitarian Universalist Fellowship are invited to our annual campout and worship service. Contacts for this event are Don Allen (alldone@gmail.com), or Pastor Starr Rearson (starr.cross.reardon@gmail.com) or Pastor Jenny Peek (minister@pocatellouu.org). Join your friends at Scout Mountain Campground on Friday, July 13th - Sunday, July 15th. Pitch your tent and stay all weekend, just one night, or pop in and visit for just a few hours. It is all about relaxing, enjoying the beauty of nature and each other's good company. The campground has potable water, vault toilets, and no steps for optimal accessibility. To reserve a spot, email Don, Starr and/or Jenny; or you can reserve your own spot online through the campground. Bring your favorite recreational gear, food for yourself and maybe something to share. Your own meal place settings are recommended (dishes, flatware, etc.) Remember if you enjoy drum circle to bring your drum. Worship will be Sunday, 10:30 a.m. at the campground. Let's celebrate summer and fellowship, together! If funds or transportation would make the difference in your attending, please let Pastor Jenny know. Assistance is available.

PUUF Board Retreat & Meeting

The new church year has begun! Your Board will be gathering for a Visioning Retreat in July with Pastor Jenny facilitating. Please keep the 2018/2019 Board members in your thoughts or prayers as they dream BIG for a hope-filled, inspirational year for PUUF and the wider community.

The PUUF Board will hold its first business meeting in August, day and time to be determined. Any members who have business items for the board may send them to Jennifer Attebery by August 6: attejenn@isu.edu. Jennifer will also be at the July 29 worship service a bit early for any members who want to touch base with her.

PUUF Caring Committee Update

If you need help or are willing to help fellow members and friends, the Caring Committee is your first call! Ann Swanson is taking Diane Michels place as Caring Committee Chair and for 2018/2019; the committee includes Rev. Peek and Valez Bird. We have a new online form you can use to make private Caring Committee requests OR sign up to volunteer for the committee. It is here: <http://bit.ly/PUUFCaringRequestForm>. Alternately, you may call me (Ann) at 208-244-8521 or email ann.swanson@gmail.com. I look forward to serving in this new capacity.

Goodbye Message From Diane

As we packed up for our move and watched the truck get loaded, so many thoughts and feelings were present. Many feelings of gratitude for PUUF, where I developed many of my friendships and was able to become involved with social justice issues that were important to me. As much as I look forward to being closer to my children and grandchildren, I will miss my friends and the Fellowship in Pocatello along with the beauty of many of the local trails. I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support and friendship through some of the most challenging times, and the celebrations together as well. I hope any and all will feel welcome to reach out to us if you are in CO, even if just passing through. We will welcome you! And have a bedroom or shower or meal or whatever you need! We do not take possession of our home in Loveland until August 27th, I will make sure our address gets updated at that time. Our phones and emails will remain the same.

—Diane

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PUUF at Pocatello Pride

Representatives of PUUF were at the Pocatello Pride event on Saturday, June 23, sharing a booth with United Church of Christ. We asked those who came by our booth to respond to the question: "What could the intersection of faith community and LGBTQI+ community look like?" 72 people responded with thoughtful and hopeful messages. Here are just a few:

- "Have more gay marriages in their churches."
- "More resources for LGBTQI+ who are shunned by their religion."
- "Just people interacting and loving each other."
- "Provide a health and wellness center."
- "So many LGBTQ individuals feel alienated by organized religion--a positive intersection could lead to people reuniting with a spiritual community/spiritual selves."

Many thanks to those who volunteered: Dotty Sammons, Erin Rasmussen, Brian Attebery, Muriel Roberts, Mark Neiwirth, Chris Crivello, Lou Engelhardt. And thanks to Jeff Shelton for the loan of his big thermos and to Pastor Jenny Peek for her help with the planning.

PUUF RE Fall Topics & Facilitators

While RE is on sabbatical for the summer, The RE group is already preparing for next September when we will pick up on the second and fourth Sundays at the church at 4:00 pm. We already have four sessions of classes requested. Our first meeting is usually to plan the year. So, think about topics of interest to you that you would like to share assuming they fit our acceptable subjects of religion, spirituality or social justice. Contact Bob Gehrke at 208-680-4766 or email him at robertjmary_7@q.com.

Portneuf Valley Interfaith Fellowship Update

The Pocatello Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is an active member and contributor of PVIF, a diverse group of area faith communities, working together for the common good, recognizing the importance of diversity and encouraging interfaith dialogue and mutual respect. Please contact Bob Gehrke (robertjmary_7@q.com) or Pastor Jenny (minister@pocatellouu.org) for more information or questions.

- Pastor Jenny presented a request for community-wide support of a proposal to add Indigenous People Day to the second Monday of October (Columbus Day). The request originates from two community members, Virginia Kelly and Shannon Ansley, who received a Resolution of full Support from the Business Council of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. Everyone is encouraged to write the newspaper and let city council know the people of Pocatello support this proposed resolution.
- National Alliance on the Mentally Ill - Southeast Idaho (NAMI-SI) is a support group for families and friends of people living with mental illness. The local group meets at Life, Inc., 640 Pershing, #A, Pocatello, at 7:00 p.m., every Wednesday evening. Please contact Bob Gehrke for more information. robertjmary_7@q.com

PUUF Worship Committee Seeks Member

The Worship Committee is once again requesting another member to participate in planning and carrying out services. We meet regularly, usually each month, with Pastor Jenny. We review the previous services, acknowledging feedback from those in the Fellowship. We plan each future service with Pastor Jenny, considering music, readings and the message of the week. Being on this committee is very helpful to the Fellowship, by facilitating services year round, engaging musicians, members and friends to participate in worship. If you are interested and/or curious, please contact Becky Hardy, Worship committee Chair at deafcat0@gmail.com.



Upcoming Pocatello Film Society Movies



Friday, July 6

"American Folk" plays at 5 & 7:30pm. "Once on a road trip," two strangers, both musicians, are grounded in California in the aftermath of 9/11 and embark on a hopeful, cross-country

musical road trip, meeting the people of America in a time of crisis. (Rated PG-13)



Friday, July 13

"A Quiet Place" plays at 5 & 7:30pm. In a post-apocalyptic world, a family is forced to live in silence while hiding from monsters with ultra-sensitive hearing. Starring Emily Blunt & John Krasinski. (Rated PG-13)



Friday, July 20

"Lean on Pete" plays at 5 & 7:30pm. Charley, a teen living with his single father, finds work caring for an aging racehorse named Lean on Pete. When he learns Pete is bound for slaughter, the

two embark on an odyssey across the new American frontier in search of a place to call home. (Rated R)



Friday, July 27

"Finding Your Feet" plays at 5 & 7:30pm. On the eve of retirement a middle class, judgmental snob discovers her husband has been having an affair with her best friend and is forced

into exile with her bohemian sister who lives on an impoverished inner-city council estate. (Rated PG-13)



Friday, August 3

"Tully" plays at 5 & 7:30pm. Tully tells the story of Marlo (Charlize Theron), a mother of three who is gifted a night nanny by her brother (Mark Duplass). Hesitant to the extravagance at

first, she forms a unique bond with the thoughtful, unpredictable, young nanny, Tully (Mackenzie Davis). (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.

UU Music Workshop in Ogden

Choir Workshop! For our music lovers who are passionate about inspirational music in worship, this might be the event of the year for you! UU composer/conductor Reverend Jason Shelton (who wrote Answering the Call of Love) will be in Ogden, Utah, in July and he is hosting a music workshop at the UU church, 705 East 23rd Street, on July 14th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and preaching on Sunday morning, July 15th. This workshop is based around his newest collection, Cycle of Song: Anthems for Small UU Church Choirs.

The Ogden UU congregation invites PUUF members and friends to join them. RSVPs accepted through July 3rd UU.CO.ORG/RSVP or UUCOMUSIC@GMAIL.COM. Car pooling may be an option.

Heartland Wellness Center & Wholehealth Cooperative Coming Events

WholeHealth Cooperative hosts an Open Community Healing Circle the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 6-8:30PM and a Community Drum Circle on the 4th Friday @ 5:30PM. Kundalini Yoga is on Mondays, call 208-479-2255 for time and location. Mature Mindful Movement is on Tuesdays at Liberty Hall from 7-8:30PM, jorgmoll@isu.edu. Family Services Alliance offers Trauma Sensitive Yoga on Tuesdays at 5:30PM and Free Community Yoga on Wednesday at 6PM, 208-232-0742. Soma Flow Yoga Saturdays at 310 E Clark from 9-10:15AM, 208-241-8125. For details contact Crete Brown at 208-251-2400. The Wholehealth Cooperative is located at 303 N 12th Ave, in Pocatello.

Join Idahoans for Healthcare

We have been fighting for filling the Idaho medical coverage gap for six years since the Affordable Care Act was passed. Our legislature has repeatedly refused to fill the gap for the 60,000 or so people with no health care coverage due to their low income. The people of Idaho have supported a resolution for this question to be placed on the November ballot and it is important to support the deliverance of the petitions on July 6 at the Capital. If you and your friends can make it to Boise on July 6 with the PUUF banner, come and support this very important petition. Bob Gehrke, cell 208-680-4766 will help coordinate our "caravan" to Boise with return the same day. July 6th Campaign Kickoff Join Idahoans for Healthcare on Friday, July 6th from 10-11:30am at the Idaho State Capitol front steps for a press conference and public celebration as volunteers from across the state gather for the official submission of signatures to put Medicaid expansion on the Idaho ballot. This will be the official kickoff of the campaign, so you don't want to miss it! This is a great opportunity to show how much support we have for closing the coverage gap! Make sure you come with friends and neighbors, doctors and nurses are encouraged to wear their white coats and scrubs, clergy are encourage to attend in formal vestments. We want to show just how broad the support for this effort is! Water will be available at the event, please come expecting warm conditions. Please do not bring any partisan signs or materials, we will provide signs that support Medicaid at the event. Directly following the event from 11:30am-13:30pm the celebration will move to Cecil D. Andrus park for food and socializing. RSVP here!

