

The Beacon

Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church

A Welcoming Congregation & Green Sanctuary

Worship & Children's Religious Education: 10:00 am

Join us for refreshments and conversation after the service



February 2011

February 6: Returning from Exile

Lisa Ashley, Guest Speaker

Beth Rahe Balas, Worship Associate

What sustains us and keeps us going in our work for justice when we feel overwhelmed or in despair by the challenges we encounter? Lisa Ashley, UU student in the Master of Divinity program at Seattle University, brings her reflections as a chaplain with incarcerated youth, and the wisdom of 20th century Unitarian Universalist theologians to this question. The choir will sing.

February 13: Standing on the Side of Love

Kimberly Beyer-Nelson, Director of Religious Education

Rev. Barbara W. ten Hove, Co-minister

Jason Cheung, Worship Associate

We celebrate the courage of people who stand on the side of love in relationships, community, and the world. With story, music and active reflections, we'll honor acts of bravery, both local and global, discovering how we are all called to creative justice through the power of love.

February 20: God is Not God's Name

Rev. Barbara W. ten Hove, Co-minister

Bill Scarvie, Worship Associate

The late great Unitarian Universalist minister Forrest Church taught us to understand God as something more than traditional interpretations of the word. This service addresses how progressive religious people approach the changing foundation of who and what God is (and isn't). This sermon is one of a few this year using material from *A House for Hope* by Rebecca Ann Parker and John Buehrens. Rev. Barbara ten Hove will lead a study group on the book beginning Tuesday, March 15.

February 27: Atheism is Always Right and Always Wrong

Rev. Jaco B. ten Hove, Co-minister

Nancy Philip, Worship Associate

Seeking a productive balance of rationalism and mystery, let us explore how to positively express what it is we might ultimately trust. Our Special Collection today will be for the Haiti Project.

Alternative Gift Project Closed

The Alternative Gift Project (AGP) is inactive as of January 31st. It will return in November for the holiday season.

Living Tradition Institute of the West Puget Sound

Join us for an annual all-day workshop to delve deeply into theological issues of our time.

2011 Theme: Four Faiths within Liberal Religion

Participants will consider some of life's major theological and philosophical questions from the faith perspective (Humanism, Naturalism, Mysticism, Theism) most meaningful to them, and then listen attentively

as persons of other perspectives respond to the same questions.

Led by four area UU ministers:

Revs. Bruce Bode, Barbara & Jaco ten Hove and Don Vaughn-Foerster

The program is repeated at three locations. Attend any one of them, but please pre-register.

Held 9:30am to 3:00pm on the following Saturdays:

February 26: at Kitsap UU Fellowship, Bremerton: 360-377-4724, www.kuuf.org.

March 12: at Cedars UU Church, Bainbridge Island, 206-780-0373, www.cedarsuuchurch.org.

April 2: at Quimper UU Fellowship, Port Townsend: 360-379-0609, www.quuf.org.

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Eye on the UUniverse

Rev. Jaco B. ten Hove



“Unity Within Diversity” — HA!

Perhaps you’ve been attracted to the inclusive notion of “unity within diversity,” as I have. It seems like a useful handle by which we can grasp the paradoxical outlines of a stunningly pluralistic world. But it may also be hogwash.

I try to be fair. I want to embrace the more upbeat, optimistic aspects of living in a complicated culture. Yet I also know I can be easily seduced into ignoring uncomfortable perspectives that don’t fit my assumptions. For instance, at a social gathering recently I ran out of patience chatting with an impenetrable tax professional who earnestly defended multi-national corporations, declaring that they still pay as much in taxes as they ever did. Also, I’m only barely willing to spend time considering denials of climate change. And I don’t like thinking about what might be the alternative to “unity within diversity.”



But I have dabbled enough in quantum relativity and post-modernism to sense that my opinions and assumptions, well grounded as they may feel, could still be the result of my own contextual bias. I only know what I know, which can’t, almost by definition, be the whole truth. And facts, of course, are frequently spun quite creatively.

But with that kind of awareness always lurking nearby, how can one move forward with conviction? How can individuals — and communities — generate any grounded passion at all and not get immobilized by prudent timidity? We might judiciously vacillate into passivity, with our minds so open that stuff falls out of both ends. So we can end up standing for nothing, with our most symbolic action a shrug of the shoulders and a guiding mantra of “Whatever.”

Meanwhile, staunch absolutist positions will comfort certain types of people in almost all camps. The mantle of authority can usually be seized, with dominating rationale, by at least both sides. No wonder we’re in an increasingly litigious society.

This balancing act, a demanding dance between passivity and militancy, is a key, I think, to productive participation in a fulfilling future, one that will, in fact, honor our fundamental, life-giving unity within the garden salad bowl of planetary diversity.

The call is to cultivate actively open minds that are willing to consider multiple angles and multiple challenges, even if uncomfortable, without resorting to any kind of violence, including verbal. This is also the essence of peace, if that matters to us. Conflicts arise when assumptions bump into each other, when different angles collide, when hardened positions clash, often accompanied by good but silent people doing nothing to help find peace, locally and globally. It matters what we each do each day to model openness and peace-making, even in small encounters.

What does all of this look like in your life? Do you find yourself intrigued or offended when you encounter opinions, suggestions, theories, etc., that run counter to what you’ve assumed? Do you then engage to learn more, as well as offer your own perspective? Or do you raise the volume, arguing from a presumed authority? Or maybe you just studiously avoid encounters that contain human friction or the potential for it. Do you find yourself in some kind of anxious fear when conversations turn toward more challenging subjects on which good people might disagree? Personally, I know all of these postures.

It can be fascinating to consider perspectives that challenge me, but as I notice my inclination to nonetheless pull away from disagreement or fear, I’m trying to bring to bear whatever spiritual centeredness I can muster to stay at the table, to seek peace, promote peace, be peace.

Therein, methinks, lies a path toward the brilliant, if elusive beacon of unity within diversity.

Fondly,

Co-ministers' Office Hours for the Month of February

Co-Ministers Jaco B. & Barbara W. ten Hove (206-780-0373, ext. 1), E-mail: minister@cedarsuuchurch.org

It’s best to arrange ahead for an appointment, although one or both co-ministers expect to be at the church office on most Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday mornings. **Big exception this month:** They will both be away from February 4 - 11, in Portland for the UU District Assembly and then in California at a UU Ministers Institute. During such times, the Board President Richard Wilson, Vice-President Angie Hoffpauir, Pastoral Care Team Chair Diana Peters, and the office will know how to reach them in an emergency. In other emergencies they can be contacted at home as needed at 206-201-3596.

The Cedar Basket

News of religious education at Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church



I've been writing a science fiction novel these past months, and one thing that has impressed itself on me is the absolute joy of creating: Fat free, caffeine free, zero environmental impact creativity. In Cedars religious exploration program, we try to do the same with craft, story, movement, music and now, weaving.

Thanks to Stan Stumbo, our new tapestry loom is in place and warped. The children began weaving on it Sunday, January 16. I will post pictures on the web periodically to show how the work is coming along. All church members are encouraged to try their hand at the project! The loom is set up in the library during church and coffee hour.

This past month, the K-5 students have been working with religious and folk stories from India, and will soon turn to tales from the Earth-based traditions of Wicca, Neo-paganism, and Shamanism.

The Junior High UU group enjoyed a trip to the Seattle Vedanta Center as part of their Neighboring Faiths field trip experience, and also welcomed visitor Barbara Smith of Indianola who has been a part of the Vedanta Center for over 30 years. This month they'll participate in a shamanic journey and have an opportunity to attend a sufi Dances of Universal Peace at the Suquamish UUC church.



A group of parents, spearheaded by Ron Kempkes, has organized a ski trip February 12 - 13 for our Junior High group. You can contact him at kempkesr@soundtransit.org if your family is interested in attending this event.

While our Senior High group has decided collectively to forego weekly meetings, it doesn't mean that they are idle. As I write this, some of our youth have planned to connect with other teens at the UU church in Tacoma. These larger travel and activity programs will still give our youth the gift of connection and UU identity so important to them.

Finally, I have a very urgent need for assistants in both the Junior High UU and K-5 classrooms. Ours is a cooperative program and I need your support. Please contact me if you can help out.

Here are a few dates to keep in mind for the coming month:

- February 5: Dances of Universal Peace, Suquamish UCC, 7:30 pm. All are invited to attend.
- February 12-13: Junior High UU ski trip.
- February 13: All Ages Valentines Service: Standing on the Side of Love.
- February 13: Interfaith Choir, 3:30 pm at the Church of Latter-Day Saints. Chris Smellow is directing.
- February 19-20: The DRE will be out for *Coming of Age* Leadership training.

— Kim Beyer-Nelson, DRE

Beacon Editor Announces Resignation

I recently announced to the Board and Program Council that I will be stepping down as Communications Chair and Beacon Editor at the end of this church year. The June 2011 issue of the Beacon will be my last. I have been editing *The Beacon* for ten years, and chairing the Communications Committee even longer. I feel that it's time to give someone else an opportunity for creativity.

I have seen a lot of changes in this church since I began this job. I've been through the heady growth days, when we were the fastest growing congregation in the district, with all the trials and tribulations that brings. I've seen seven ministers come through our doors; one who ended his career with us (Peter Raible), and one who in the same year began her career as an intern (Jeanne Pupke). I've seen consulting, extension, interim, and finally settled ministers. I've seen us grow and

I've seen us decline, and all the while I had an inside seat watching the action. And then there was that deadline, month after month. I have tried to make *The Beacon* one of the best newsletters in the District, and I think I've succeeded. And I couldn't have done it without the eagle-eyed help of my wife, Nancy Evans-Jones, who provided proofing and editing for each issue. It's been an interesting decade.

Now it's time for someone else to step up to this opportunity. I promise that you won't be bored, and you even have a few months to get used to the idea. It's not the easiest job at Cedars, but it's worth it. And I know it hasn't been easy finding volunteers to do some of the work of the congregation. But this is important, and someone out there knows that they can do this.

— Frank Mandt, Communications Chair and Beacon Editor

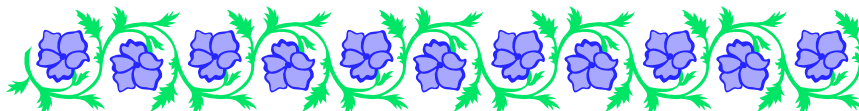
Social Action

Alternative Gift Project (AGP) 2010

The Social Action Committee (SAC) is happy to report that over the holidays the new on-line AGP raised \$5454.50. Below is a breakdown of how much money was donated to each organization listed in the AGP catalog. Thanks to all of you who participated, and we hope you will help spread the word about the on-line AGP. The AGP closed on January 31, and will be back in November.

Central Asia Institute:	\$1215.00
FINCA International	\$900.00
Food Lifeline	\$610.00
Freedom Project	\$20.00
Habitat for Humanity, Kitsap Co.	\$268.50
Kitsap Co HIV AIDS Foundation	\$30.00
People for Puget Sound	\$250.00
Project Ethiopia	\$401.00
Safe Passage	\$730.00
Solar Cooker Project	\$585.00
The Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project	\$170.00
West Sound Wildlife Shelter	\$275.00

If you want to suggest organizations for in next year's catalog, or if you have suggestions or comments about the on-line AGP, please send your comments to the Social Action Committee, Karolynn Flynn, SAC communication coordinator, socailaction@cedarsuuchurch.org.



Treasurer's Report – December 2010

Pledges	December	YTD	Capital Campaign
Budgeted:	\$12,692	\$76,150	Pledged: \$393,000
Received:	\$23,232	\$93,338	Received 12/31/10: \$186,786
Difference:	\$10,541	\$17,188	Difference: \$(206,214)
Operating Fund	December	YTD	Capital Fund Balances
Income:	\$25,653	\$126,192	Balance 7/01/09: \$215,260
Expense	\$14,650	\$ 98,991	Balance 7/01/10 \$220,367
Difference:	\$11,003	\$ 27,201	Balance 12/31/10: \$222,122

October – December 2010: Attendance

Plate Collection

Month	Weekly Average			Month Total	Weekly Average	Special Collection
	Children	Adults	Total			
October	13	91	103	517	\$200	\$987
November	14	80	94	375	\$213	\$392
December	12	94	106	529	\$187	\$754



Stewardship

Pledges for next year's annual budget will be collected on Celebration Sunday, March 20. A letter and brochure will arrive soon in your mailbox with more details about Cedars, its programs and ministry. Please read it carefully and come prepared to make your annual stewardship pledge.

When you arrive that Sunday, please pick up your pledge card from a friendly person in Webster Hall. They will be collected during the worship service.

After the service we will enjoy a scrumptious sit-down brunch in Webster Hall. Visitors are welcome to participate.



The Super Suppers process is changing. Neighborhood Teams will now be invited to sign up for only one month during the year, and only for our salad and salad dressing, bread and butter, desserts, and beverages months. No other groups will be asked to bring food. Our main dish months will be taken care through other means. We still will need volunteers to help at each Super Supper. These volunteers will not have to bring food, nor will they have to do this every month (last Tuesday of each month, 4:30-6:00). Social Action Committee members will be asking for volunteers during Coffee Hour. It's easy and it's satisfying. The more volunteers there are, the less often any one person will have to be there. Please consider volunteering.

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Worship with open hearts ♦ Nurture a learning spirit
Serve justice with compassion ♦ Love without judgment

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To rent facilities at *The Island School* for meetings or activities, contact **Vinne Perrone, 206-855-1588** or e-mail rentals@cedarsuuchurch.org.

Calendar of Events

February 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Begining Qigong, 10:00a SOULful Cedars 7:00p	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i> Program Associates Training, 9:45a  Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p	3 Meditation, 4:30p Intro to Geaneology, 7:00p	4 Music Committee, 12:00n	5 PNWD District Assembly, Portland, OR
6 Sunday Service 10:00a Buddhist Study & Meditaion, 4:00p	7 Adult Comparative Religion, 7:30p	8 Begining Qigong, 10:00a	9 Choir Rehearsal 7:30p	10 Meditation, 4:30p	11 Knitting/Handicraft, 10:30a	12 Junior High Youth Ski Trip
13 Sunday Service 10:00a Coffee & Tea Sales IFC Community Choral Festival, 3:30pm,	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> Adult Comparative Religion, 7:30p 	15 Begining Qigong, 10:00a Board Meeting 6:30p Beacon Submittal Deadline	16 Pastoral Care 2:00p RE Committee 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p	17 Meditation, 4:30p Ralph Waldo Emerson, 7:00p Social Action 7:30p	18 Knitting/Handicraft, 10:30a Spirituality Book Group, 7:00p	19
20 Sunday Service 10:00a Pick up Coffee & Tea Nominating Committee 11:00a	21 <i>President's Day</i> Membership Team 7:30p 	22 Begining Qigong, 10:00a Super Suppers 4:45p	23 Choir Rehearsal 7:30p	24 Meditation, 4:30p Intro to Geaneology, 7:00p	25 Knitting/Handicraft, 10:30a	26 Living Tradition Institute, 9:30a
27 Sunday Service 10:00a	28					

Notes:

For details on calendar events, please see www.cedarsuuchurch.org/calendar.html.
Events are accurate as of 9:00 pm, January 31, 2011

Cedars Programs & Events

Coffee and Tea Sales Fundraiser

Order Grounds for Change coffee and tea on the second Sunday of each month during the Coffee Hour after the service. We are selling 12 oz. bags of either whole bean or ground coffee for \$10.00 a bag, of which Cedars keeps \$3.50. You can also buy boxes of 20 tea bags of black, green, or herbal tea for \$5.00 per box, of which Cedars keeps \$1.25. Please order and pay for your coffee (with cash or check, sorry, no credit cards) on the second Sunday of the month and pick up your order on the third Sunday of the month. Please see Royce Reid after the service on the second Sunday, or e-mail him at royce.reid@gmail.com for more information.

SOULful Cedars Home Energy Survey is Ready for YOU!

Please help pursue "Sustainable Outcomes in Unity and Love," by taking five to ten minutes to fill out an illuminating, 24-question online survey that moves us toward the goal of reducing our home energy use and taking "care of the Earth because it is our home". Your engagement in this is important. Thanks! Go to: TinyURL.com/Cedars-Survey

Official Church Calendar

Please consult the official Cedars UU Church Calendar on the church website at www.cedarsuuchurch.org/calendar.html before scheduling events.

Super Suppers

Do you want to help our Social Action team but don't have much time? Are you a good cook looking for an excuse to make brownies? The **Super Suppers** at **Eagle Harbor Congregational Church** needs your help! We team up with **Congregation Kol Shalom** to serve dinner for all comers at Helpline House on the last Tuesday of every month. If you can bring food, help host the dinner with a member of the Social Action Committee, or simply want more information about these dinners, please contact **Carol Ann Davidson** at supersuppers@cedarsuuchurch.org or 206-855-0629.

Adult Courses and Programs

The Winter-Spring semester of Cedars' Ethical and Spiritual Programs for Adults began in January. **Register for all programs at <http://tinyURL.com/Cedars2011>.** All programs will be held at the church office, 571 Eriksen Avenue NE, Bainbridge Island, unless otherwise noted.

Buddhist Study and Meditation: A Monthly Introduction. Sessions begin at 4:00 pm on the first Sunday of each month through May 1. Each session will offer a combination of meditation instruction, meditation practice, discussion, and introductory teachings on Buddhism.

Weekly **Qigong** classes will continue, taught by Kim Beyer-Nelson at the church office, on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 10:45 am. This meditative movement class is designed for beginners, and can be done seated or standing.

Alan Miller and Kim Beyer-Nelson teach **Comparative Religion** from 7:30 to 9:00 pm on the second Monday of the month, through May 9 at the church office. Religions covered will include Hinduism, Earth-Centered Traditions, Buddhism, New Thought, and Shinto.

Rev. Barbara ten Hove's interactive sessions on **Prayer for Beginners** has been postponed until fall. Watch *The Beacon* for new dates.

Rev. Jaco ten Hove continues his monthly tutorials on **Ralph Waldo Emerson as Spiritual Guide** from 7:15 to 9:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month through May at the church office. Join this group study of the formative and thought-provoking essays by this influential 19th century Unitarian thinker.

Participation in any or all sessions of a program or series costs \$10. The exception is the women's retreat, which is \$20 and includes lunch.

A brochure on these and other Cedars programs is available on Sunday at the Membership Table. You can find more details and register at <http://tinyURL.com/Cedars2011>.

Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap Interfaith Community Choral Festival

The 10th annual Interfaith Community Choral Festival will to be held on February 13. This choral concert brings together singers from the varied faith groups including the Baha'I, St. Cecilia, Rolling Bay, Bethany, Eagle Harbor, Cedars Unitarian Universalist, LDS, Christian Science, Grace, Kol Shalom and others. Chris Smellow will conduct the combined singers, some 120 strong in three wonderful pieces. The rehearsal of the individual faith groups begins at 1:30 and the concert begins at 3:30 at the LDS Church building, 8677 Madison Avenue NE, Bainbridge Island.

The Spirituality Book Group invites you to join us in discussing a spiritually-based book every other month. We meet on the third Friday of even months. If you would like to be added to our e-mail list, send your e-mail address to Mary Romeo at nmromeo@msn.com. Our next meeting is **7:00 pm, Friday, February 18** at Mary Romeo's home, 10770 Arrow Point Drive, Bainbridge Island, 206-842-1708. We will discuss *Confession of a Buddhist Atheist*, by Stephen Batchelor (2010).

The Knitting and Handicraft Group meets Fridays from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Please contact **Shelley Kaurin**, dkandsk@easystreet.net, for locations and directions or to be put on the e-mail list. This is a drop in program: come when you can, stay as long as your schedule permits, no RSVP is required. Beginners are most welcome. There are many who are willing to teach you.

The Sustainability Book Group will meet at 7:30 PM on Friday, March 12 at the home of Herb Hethcote and Leslie Marshall, 1866 Commodore Lane NW, Bainbridge Island. We will discuss *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed* by Jared Diamond (revised paperback edition, January 2011). Please note that the collection of books we have already read is set up for browsing on the Green Sanctuary section of the table at the back of Webster Hall. Newcomers are always welcome. The teakettle will be on; bring snacks to share if you would like. Contact Leslie Marshall or Herb Hethcote at green@cedarsuuchurch to receive email announcements.

From the President

Looking Forward and a Request

As I write this column, I'm enjoying my memory of the energy displayed in January's mid-year Congregational Meeting. The east wall of Webster Hall was filled with poster-sized pages from last spring's Shaping Our Future report enhanced with green dots to indicate all of the proposed strategies and action plan suggestions that were beginning to be part of our present reality as well as some yellow-gold dots that indicated strategies and suggestions awaiting funding that we do not yet have in hand. The west end of the room was filled with a rich selection of projected photographs showing our engagement with each other in various activities of Cedars' past year. And many of us filled the center of the room, discussing our progress through the first half of our current year and our hopes for the remainder of the year.

We're an active community, sharing activities, experiences, and friendships that help give meaning to our individual lives. Our collective identity as Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church gives us a meaningful presence in our local communities, and that presence is maintained with the continuing service and community activities of our talented co-ministers and staff, our public programs and service activities, and the significant heritage and institutional presence that we gain through our UU affiliation.



Of course, maintaining an institutional presence has costs, for which we budget and share responsibility. As we have grown larger and more active, our budget has grown, but so has our generosity since such giving is simply funding an important and growing aspect of our own lives. Nevertheless, the economic downturn of the past two years has challenged us. We bravely budgeted for our 2009-10 church year with a \$20,000 deficit (a gap between pledged income and minimal expenses), but were able to cover it all and finish the year with a small surplus. This year we were less brave, agreeing to only a \$10,000 deficit and moving our previously included "fair share" portion of national and regional UUA dues into a prioritized set of budget additions to be funded on a "pay-as-you-go" basis after the gap had been closed. However, as I noted in my last column as well as in the meeting, the previous year's surplus combined with subsequent or additional pledging and special gifts can now be seen to have closed the gap so that we can begin addressing our "additions," which include the UUA affiliation dues and enhancement of the Youth and Music Programs.

The Board and I are making a special plea that you consider an increase in current year pledging that will allow us to begin addressing the further components of our budget, beginning with past-due portions of our UUA and District dues, and then moving (as formally approved in the meeting) to address the remaining additions together, apportioning our contributions in proportion to their budgeted size. With our gratitude, we ask that you complete and return this form to our Treasurer Larry Frank, or our Bookkeeper, Herb Hethcote:

I hereby pledge to increase my financial support to Cedars for the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 by a total of \$ _____, to be submitted in: Monthly/Quarterly/One-time (circle one) installments, beginning on or about (date) _____.

This pledge is made in good faith. In the event that I am unable to complete this pledge, I will notify the Treasurer as soon as possible.

Name, Signature & Date

Name, Signature & Date

Gratefully,

— *Richard Wilson, President*

Are You a Blogger?

Check out the Cedars Blog at www.cedarsuuchurch.org/blog.htm. If you want to link your blog, contact Frank at frank@mandt.org. If you're a member who would like to post on the blog and are not registered, contact Frank for an invitation. Anyone can post a comment.

Updates are on the Website

Be sure to check the Church Website, www.cedarsuuchurch.org, throughout the month for updates on activities and events. If you have something to be posted on the Website, e-mail Frank Mandt at webmeister@cedarsuuchurch.org.

Want to receive *The Beacon*?

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Doctors of Durability

The Cedars Pastoral Care Team has honored our ten most venerable members, all of whom have passed the 80-year marker, with honorary degrees of *Doctoris Durabilitatis*. *The Beacon* will feature their life profiles in the upcoming months, so all may enjoy the fondness we share for our well-rooted Cedars elders.

Doctors of Durability

Patricia "Patsy" Campbell (b. 1926)

Robert "Bob" Campbell (b. 1921)

Marvin Davies Evans (b. 1925)

Lucille Bailey Parker (b. 1922)

A. Diana Peters (b. 1925)

W. Jack Peterson (b. 1927)

N. Lyn Peterson (b. 1929)

Louise Rikley (b. 1915)

Lee H. Salisbury (b. 1927)

Elvin "Al" Tlam (b. 1924)

Marvin Davies Evans (b. December 2, 1925)

Marvin was born in Norfolk, VA, a region where his Methodist family had lived for 400 years. His loving parents were from rural stock, but moved to Norfolk with daughter Christine a couple years before Marvin's birth.

Father Olaus Bowdoin Evans (aka "The Chief") was an engineer on steamboats and took eager young Marvin with him on some trips. Mother Pearl was quite outgoing, and she cared well for Marvin, who had significant illnesses as a child. Early on, he became an ardent reader of newspapers, and he developed an interest in government politics through the radio, closely following the 1932 election at the age of six. He was an excellent student, but the local Elizabeth River was a main focus of his young life, especially sailing.

Marvin also learned what a special place church is, and has been a strong "churchman" ever since. After a two-year stint in the Army during WW II, he graduated from Randolph-Macon College, just north of Richmond, VA, with a B.A. in history, and soon began an 11-year job as a Virginia State Library archivist.

He met Mary Hood and they were married in 1953 in a Presbyterian Church; two boys, Kent and David, soon followed. In working hard to desegregate the Richmond public schools, they happily discovered First Unitarian Church there.

A latent call to parish ministry resurfaced and Marvin was settled at the Victoria, BC Unitarian congregation from 1963-67. As enthusiastic sailors, they had fallen in love with the Salish Sea region ("cruising in paradise," he calls it), so they moved to Seattle and retired early to become volunteers for various community endeavors, especially at University Unitarian Church, while also spending more precious time on the water.

Young son Kent collaborated on early computer innovations with Bill Gates and Paul Allen at Lakeside School but was killed in a tragic mountain-climbing accident in 1972 at the end of his junior year. A couple of years later, Marvin took on an interim ministry in Devon, PA, then spent a few years as Director of Ministerial Finances at the Unitarian Universalist Association in Boston before a final consulting ministry in Bellingham, WA. Being a principle spokesperson for the Death With Dignity Initiative (#119) in 1990-91 "was one of the most significant and rewarding projects of my entire life."

Son David had moved to Bainbridge Island, and Mary's health was declining, so they moved into Wyatt House in Winslow, where they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2003. Mary died the next year. Marvin's "central goal" continues to be to live according to the Seven UU Principles.

(Culled by Jaco ten Hove from "Pearl's Boy," Marvin's 2010 Memoir)

Lucille Bailey Parker (b. May 2, 1922)

Lucille was born in Clyde, Texas, and raised in nearby Abilene by father Van Bailey, a dentist, and mother Chessie, a housewife, bridge player, and avid reader. It was a wonderful Methodist home, including an older brother whom she adored. Early on, she especially cultivated a love of dancing, especially tap-dancing.

She was married in 1943 to Jim Parker, a bombardier and then clinical psychologist in the Army. "He was an outstanding man," a liberal, very interested in people and boating. They had three children, including two daughters: Peggy, who lives in Kingston and teaches at The Island School; and Darcy, a Seattle architect. They lost a son, Jim, who was a pilot.

Lucille earned a degree in education/social sciences from San Francisco State after having her children. The family lived in San Rafael, CA, where she started teaching but it only lasted two days before they got transferred by the Army to Germany.

At one point, while chasing a possible boat purchase (as devoted sailors), they discovered the beauty of Bainbridge Island and ended up staying here from 1972 on, first near Fletcher Bay and then on the south side of Eagle Harbor, converting a net shed into a beautiful home over the water.

In the 1980s, Lucille received EPA recognition for helping with the toxic cleanup of Eagle Harbor off Wyckoff Point, which was a large focus of her life for a while. She's also nurtured an adventurous spirit, and loved to travel with her husband and, after his death, to China and other places.

These days Lucille is thinking of putting taps on some of her shoes so she can dance again. She has drums she plays in time to the rhythms of music on the radio. She also enjoys her little dog Aussie, plus reading, raising plants and being with her grandchildren and soon, her first great grandchild. *(Interview notes by Diana Peters)*

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