

Living Our Values

*Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Social Action Newsletter*



New Social Justice Committee Forms

A cornerstone of being a UU is to work for social justice and diversity. Here at PUUF our individual members have always been actively working for our communities. Due to our small size and the geographical distance between our northern most members and our southern most members this made sense. We live in many communities and in two different states. Over the years a more unified approach has been tried but usually was short lived. However, in February an optimistic group was formed and we think this time we have come up with ways to unite our diverse group in some joint efforts and/or sharing about our individual efforts.

Why do we believe this will be successful?

1. There has never been a time during our lives when social action and work toward diversity was so necessary
2. All members can participate, or not, at any level they choose.
3. We will unify PUUF sponsored activities with members individual activities through bulletins and a quarterly newsletter.
4. Anyone can be on the committee, there is no limit, and be as active as they wish.
5. We will do diverse projects from supporting legislative action to community projects.

Join us, all are welcome at the 10am meetings in the “chair room” on the first Sunday of each month.

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Children's Garden

Teaching our Children About Giving



Since our previous “little green church” was across the street from Astoria’s Community Gardens it was an easy decision to have the children’s summer activities be a garden. Thus the Children’s Garden was born. The RE teaches and parents, including Forest Duggan, shown at left, set up the garden. It has become a PUUF tradition and Forest leads the kids in the planting, weeding and harvesting each year. Then he and the kids take the crop to the Clatsop County Food Bank.



In our first year, 2013, the harvest was 200 lbs, 2014 was 300, 2015 was 400. Then we moved to our present location. Forest worked with Home Depot to have the building supplies donated and then built the current beds in the back of the PAC parking lot. The first year was difficult and no product survived. In 2017 we harvested one tomato (always appreciate what we are given.) But a revival happened in 2017 as 225 lbs plus 175 bulbs of garlic were donated. This year the soil is well prepared, and starts are ready for use so Forest predicts 500 lbs will be harvested.

The all organic garden will have carrots, sun-flowers, peas, cucumbers, squash, zucchini, cabbage, brussel sprouts, corn, strawberries, artichokes, garlic, potatoes, and tomatoes. All in those few boxes. In addition to the vegetables Forest and the children have done the spring weeding of PAC’s flower beds. They are looking good as the picture shows.



“The kids are happiest when outside” says Forest, and “there is no wrong way to plant and work in a garden. Everyone has a different way, and as long as it is safe, most ways work.” Forest goes on to say that although the harvest is what’s fun, the hard work and putting in the effort is what makes it rewarding. They even learned from the failure of 2016 and 2017. They learned why and went on to make 2018 work.

Watering help from members of PUUF may be needed this year although Forest hopes to install a watering system that runs across the parking lot. Permission from the PAC will be needed. So let’s all hope for a good balance of sun and rain to get that 500 lbs.

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PUUF Celebrates Pride Sunday June 9th

Service **10 am**

Potluck **11 am**

JUNE 7 - CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION - 6:00 pm

GAYLA - 8:00 pm

JUNE 8 - PARADE -10:30am

BLOCK PARTY -11:00am

DANCE - 9:00pm

JUNE 9 - TBA



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We are adjusting our schedule to maximize our participation in pride activities.

Some of our members will be performing in the Gayla on June 7th so let's support their efforts while having a great deal of fun.

The potluck will be combined with the LCQC BBQ so bring an appetite along with your potluck dish.

How the Committee Will Interact Internally and Externally

1. We will collaborate with other community groups whenever possible.
2. The committee will choose which activities and causes to support by majority vote.
3. All causes supported by using the PUUF name will be preapproved by the board.
4. The PUUF community at large will frequently be offered opportunities to participate in social justice activities.
5. The social justice committee will keep the fellowship informed of current issues via bulletins.
6. Bulletins may also be used by fellowship members to inform others of their own volunteer upcoming activities and events.
7. There will be a quarterly newsletter about internal and external social justice and community events.