



Pacific Northwest District
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

SUPPLY PREACHING DIRECTORY
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This Supply Preaching Directory is made available to congregations in the Pacific Northwest District. We hope you will find it useful, whether yours is a lay-led congregation or you are looking to fill some extra slots in your worship calendar.

Contact information is provided so you can be in touch with the individuals listed in this directory. Please contact them directly if you have questions regarding their schedule or need more information regarding sermon or workshop topics.

The Pacific Northwest District Chapter of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association follows guidelines established by the continental UUMA. The recommended fee schedule is available on the UUMA website at <http://www.uuma.org/default.asp?page=professionalfees>.

Please Note: Inclusion in this Supply Preaching Directory does not imply endorsement by the Pacific Northwest District. All members of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the UU Ministers Association (UUMA) are eligible to be listed here, and are not screened in any other way. Congregations are encouraged to consider the speaker's experience and to seek references in order to identify the best matches for your Sunday pulpit or other event.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Have served churches in the PNWD (and now BC) since 1994.

Winner, six national sermon contests.

Playwright, author, spiritual director, joyfulness consultant.

Featured presenter at three Eliot Institute camps.

Currently serving South Fraser Unitarian Congregation.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Western Washington and Lower Mainland, BC

AVAILABILITY: Summer; occasional Sundays during the church year. Please see calendar on www.revamanda.com for available dates.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- The Porpoise-Drive Life
- Can Science and Religion be Reconciled?
- Prayer Beyond "To Whom It May Concern"
- The Inner Landscape of Beauty
- Loneliness: A Path to the Heart
- What Mends Us When We Are Broken
- Don't Forgive Too Soon
- We Will Surely Learn to Fly

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Memoirs from the Heart – a 90-minute writing workshop
- Full-Spectrum Joyfulness

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: Happy to be called for rites of passage and spiritual direction in the Seattle area.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: My ministry "Listen to Heart Song" provides Spiritual Direction, Rites of Passage, Workshops, and as a guest in the pulpit. I support the UU Spiritual Director's Network and am president of the continental organization, CUUPS. I work for social justice half-time with the League of Women Voters of Portland. I reverence and celebrate the mystical experience of the sacred in nature and relationships. B.A.: religious studies, Lewis and Clark College. MDIV, Meadville Lombard. I have served congregations ranging from a membership of 124 to a membership of 1200. I hold credentials in Spiritual Direction, Supervision, Interim Ministry, and Project Management. I knit and sing as spiritual practices.

I value laughter, heart, myth, and story to deepen and widen our intellectual curiosity. I craft my services to be "of a piece" where each element is in service to the theme and message of that Sunday. I also deeply value collaboration to create a service. Tell me what your congregation is working on and let's craft something that will comfort and move you.

My services often are built on the music so I like to clarify that piece early in the process, please put me in touch with the right person. For congregations without musicians I can provide recorded music (even hymn accompaniment) with speakers for up to a 100 seat sanctuary.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: None - I enjoy traveling by car or train to different congregations.

AVAILABILITY: See my calendar at amybeltaine.com/home/schedule

POSSIBLE SERVICE THEMES:

- Occupying the Side of Love for Every-Body
- Compost Communion
- The Sacred Fool - Show us truth, teach us courage
- Bring Many Names: the UU Superpower
- Equinoxes, Solstices, Samhain/All Souls, May Day, Groundhog Day/Imboc, August Eve

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP THEMES:

- Sacred Laughter
- The Inanna Journey: Loss and return
- West African Drumsong
- Green Chalice - Sourcing to Mystical Naturalism
- Living with Dying

See website for service themes and workshop topics: amybeltaine.com/catalog.pdf

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Marriage/Handfasting, Divorce/Handparting, Coming of Age, Child Dedication, Affirmation of a Gender Transition, Memorial Service, Home Dedication/House Blessings

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Rev. Burke worked as an administrator in the arts and adoption of children and youth before studying at Northwest Theological Union for her M.Div. While in seminary she served the UU congregations in Edmonds, WA and Rockford, IL. She was a ministerial intern at the Community Church in New York City. In 1989 she was called to be the parish minister at Northlake, in Kirkland, WA, where she served for eight years. Her next two positions were as New Congregation Minister in Daytona Beach, FL and as Program Minister in Carrollton, TX. She retired from parish ministry in 2003 to spend several years as a substitute teacher in Dallas and its suburbs. She was also a supply preacher in congregations throughout the Southwest UU District. Now she is fully retired and living back in Seattle, WA, where she raised her two sons, who have given her four dear grandchildren.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: None. Rev. Burke will go wherever public transportation can take her, be it plane, train, or bus. She will depend on the congregation she is visiting to provide rides within the local setting. She will accept home hospitality if the journey requires one or two overnight stays.

AVAILABILITY: Please call or email.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- The Gods Are Dying - Theological reflection
- Growing Older, Growing Wiser - Faith development
- They Didn't Have A Clue - Easter
- The Gratuitousness of Absolutely Everything - Gratitude
- Sisters and Brothers - Different ways to be spiritual
- I Shall Not Want - Twenty-third psalm reflection
- Toads Do It In The Water - Ecology
- Uncircumcised Lips - My call to ministry
- A 3-sermon series based on Dante's Divine Comedy
 - Journey and Transformation: Hell*
 - Journey and Transformation: Purgatory*
 - Journey and Transformation: Heaven*

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Leadership Strengths—When things are going well and when they aren't
- Personal Strengths—For individuals in transition and families

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: Rev. Burke gratefully accepts invitations to officiate at weddings, memorial services, child dedications, and less formal events, such as recognition of a clean and/or sober annual anniversary, animal blessings, the loss of an important congregation member due to a move or life event, installation of new leadership, and youth bridging ceremonies (from junior to senior youth, and from senior youth to young adult.)

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Florence Caplow is a Candidate for UU ministry and an ordained Soto Zen priest. She will complete a ministerial internship at Quimper UU Fellowship in Port Townsend in June, 2015. She is the editor of *The Hidden Lamp: Stories from Twenty Five Centuries of Awakened Women*, and *Wildbranch: An Anthology of Nature, Environmental and Place Based Writing*. Before entering the ministry, Florence spent many years as a conservation biologist.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Washington, northern portions of Oregon.

AVAILABILITY: Summer 2015

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Resilience
- Are We Better Than We Think We Are?
- Riding the Waves
- Touch the Earth

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Mountains and Rivers: Zen and Nature
- Freedom in a Female Form
- The Hidden Lamp
- A Brief Introduction to Buddhism and Buddhist Meditation
- Spiritual Paths

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Emily received degrees from McGill University, Starr King School for the Ministry, the Graduate Theological Union, and the Claremont Graduate University. She served congregations in La Canada, CA, the Sierra Foothills, CA, and Reno, NV. While in Reno, she taught Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) and New Testament classes as adjunct faculty at the Lake Tahoe Community College. Most recently, she taught classes through the Mature Learning Program at Clark College, in Vancouver, WA.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: None

AVAILABILITY: Open

FOCUS: Emily's special interest is the Bible as history, literature, wisdom, and a record of religious questing. She is open to considering a sermon or workshop on almost any New or Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) subject. She is also available for weddings, including those which are bilingual (French, Spanish, Russian).

POSSIBLE SERMON or WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Celebrating Our Courage in the Face of Injustice (How one person can make a difference)
- Drawing from Christian Teachings Which Affirm Our Liberal Religion
- Fun in the Hebrew Bible (Word games biblical writers played while composing their texts)
- The Bible's Famous Forgotten Couples (Men loving men? Women loving women?)
- The Politically Daring Book of Revelation (An alternative reading to "End of the World Hysteria")
- Where the Hebrew Bible and UU Values Intersect (For business transactions, justice in the courts, animal rights, and care for poor and "undocumented" residents)
- Challenges for Biblical Translators: Why we have a "Salad Bar" New Testament, making the translations so different
- The 1898 *Woman's Bible*: A mighty river from many UU streams
- Why the Gospel of Thomas Threatens Traditional Religion (What the Gospel tells us about Jesus' earliest followers)
- The Real "Eve and Adam" Story: Eve as insightful, courageous gift-giver
- The Jesus Between Christmas and Easter: A legacy of kindness and hope
- Celebrating the African Presence in the Bible: No Africa, No Bible?
- Women Marching: For rights, dignity, and lives (The struggle to make abortion legal and now to keep it accessible)
- Humor in the *Book of Jonah* (Written to be serious or spoofy?)
- Mary Magdalene: Recovering her story from the Gnostic writings
- Chanukah Joy (How four ancient texts tell this story)
- Three Stories of Hagar (The very different Jewish, Christian, and Moslem interpretations)

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Married to artist/writer Frances Woods; former civil rights and family law attorney; lay leader at 3 UU congregations; Dean of Eliot Institute (2X); received M.Div. from Seattle U and UUMA fellowship in 2010; Intern Minister at Skagit UU Fellowship 2007-09; Minister of Tahoma UU Congregation 2010-13; member of PNWD Healthy Congregations Team and UUMA Connect Team (re Rites of Passage).

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: PNWD (I would like to combine pulpit engagement with explorations with my spouse of new neighborhoods and hiking trails)

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Passover and Spiritual Maturity
- The Essence of Easter
- Everything is Holy Now - (7th Principle/Earth Day)
- Papa's Day
- Mama's Day
- A Long Loving Look At the Real - (with or without Flower Communion)
- A Day of Remembrance and Resolve - (Memorial Day)
- Sermon on the Amount - (several variations)
- Water Communion (several variations)
- Forgiveness: The Art of Beginning Anew - (Yom Kippur theme)
- Honoring Our Ancestors - (Day of the Dead theme)
- Is God a Republican or a Democrat
- The 12 Gifts of Christmas: A UU Advent Calendar
- Christmas: A Season of Hope, Gladness, and Kindness
- The Moral Arc of the Universe - (Parts 1 & 2)
- Spiritual Practice 101 & 102
- Evolution of a Lawyer
- Loving the Religion Of (Rather than about) Jesus
- A Compelling Faith for the None-Zone
- The Gospel According to John, Paul, George, and Ringo
- Howard Thurman's Universalist Theology
- Liberal Religion in 4 Sermons: Naturalism, Theism, Mysticism, Humanism
- Preach-In on Climate Change
- Standing on the Side of Love - (sermons on marriage equality, anti-racism and immigration justice)
- A Theology of Eating Locally
- "If I Had a Hammer" (based on music of Pete Seeger)
- Buddhist Wisdom
- Healing the Heart of Democracy
- What to Do About G-d
- The Joy of Pilgrimage - (reflections on walking the Camino de Santiago)
- Whose are We?
- Why Do UU's Worship?
- The Voice Behind the Backstop - (3rd Principle theme)
- The Forest Is My Bride - (Theology of Thomas Merton)
- The Prodigal Son Revisited
- R.E. Is Us

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES: I have led many workshops for new members and for exploring our UU historical roots in expanded depth.

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: Weddings and memorial services by arrangement.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: I am “webfoot,” born and raised in Portland, Oregon amid a family full of educators and music lovers. I attended Pacific University and Portland State U. in Oregon, with minors in music and religion, and a major in elementary education, and got married directly out of college. My husband and I moved several times before settling in Yakima, WA, where we joined the UU fellowship. I quickly discovered that my experiences with both “doing church” and “making music” were welcome.

After 14 years, I was divorced with two sons. I worked part time, took courses in television production technology, studied conflict management, and eventually earned a Masters degree from U. of Portland in Communications.

A member in various small UU fellowships from 1962 to 1991, I participated in the life and leadership of each group. I attended PNWD UU Leadership School in the mid 1980s and was very excited by what I learned, both about my self and my skills, and about the people in our movement. I organized retreats and workshops for my congregations, and worked in adult education as my career. At last, when my sons were out of high school, I allowed myself to think about what I felt called to do, and I entered seminary to become a UU minister.

Having graduated from Pacific School of Religion (an interfaith seminary in Berkeley, CA) I served three years as assistant “Minister for Growth” in Houston, in a church of 400 members. I then began serving congregations as an interim minister. I completed training to become an Accredited Interim Minister for the UUA. I have served congregations of various sizes all across the continent, helping them through the transition to prepare for their next minister.

Finally returning to the greater Portland area in 2013, I am delighted to be living in the Pacific Northwest again.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: will travel within 50 miles of the I-5 corridor of Oregon and WA, and by special arrangement, other locations in the Western Region.

AVAILABILITY: Relatively flexible schedule as of May 2015. Call or email for availability

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Truth-telling in a world of fictions and fallacies
- Salt, Leavening, and Fir Trees—old and new parables for faithful living
- Tripping on the Fifth (Principle) – democracy in small groups
- What Song Do You Sing? – the power of word and song on congregational culture
- Five Smooth Stones – the basis of our liberal faith
- A Heritage of Heresy – a gallop through Early UU history
- Swimming Against the Tide – when incivility is the norm
- Hands that Rock the Cradles – legacies we inherit – and may pass on
- Perspectives and Perceptions – life-long learning
- Yes, No, and Placebo
- Making Room At the Welcome Table – dealing with bias and privilege, intentional or not
- Resilience

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: Weddings – only locations in the greater Portland Metro area.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: I am a UU minister with over 15 years of parish ministry, mostly in Alaska. I am an AIMIT, an Accredited Interim Minister in Training and have served three congregations in an interim capacity. I also organized and led Seward UUs for seven years.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Alaska. I am within driving distance of Anchorage, Palmer/Wasilla, Glennallen, and the Kenai Peninsula.

AVAILABILITY: At present, I am serving the Fairbanks UU congregation 1/4 time. I have a small personal ministry in Palmer, Alaska, with flexible scheduling.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Celebrating Our Universalist Heritage
- The Evolution of Unitarian Universalism
- Jesus and the Hero's Journey of Mythology

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- The Meaning of Membership
- The Art of Worship
- Heretics, Emerson, Humanism, and More: The Evolution of Unitarianism and Universalism Through the Ages
- The Spirituality of Menopause

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: I am available for weddings, funerals/memorial services, baby blessings, etc.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: The Rev. Katherine Jesch is a community minister affiliated with First Unitarian Church in Portland. The primary focus of her ministry is on caring for the Earth and seeking justice for all of Earth's beings. Katherine helped launch the Green Sanctuary program for UU Congregations in 2001 and served as Director of Environmental Ministry for the UU Ministry for Earth until 2009. She currently serves on the executive team for the Social Justice Council at First Church and on the steering committee for the Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns, a program of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. She is a program leader for the UU College of Social Justice, co-leading two trips to Haiti and one to the Lummi Nation in Bellingham, Washington. As an organizational consultant, she provides consulting services, leadership development and organizational resources to Unitarian Universalist organizations and congregations. Katherine received a Master of Divinity from Starr King School for the Ministry and was ordained in 2003.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: All areas.

AVAILABILITY: Flexible; please call.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Solidarity with Our Native American Neighbors: They're not just another minority
- Food Justice: Building Community, One Table at a Time
- Let Justice Roll Down Like Water: Protecting the Human Right to Water
- Crossing Borders, Building Bridges: Immigration and Cross-Cultural Connections
- Weaving the Interdependent Web: Reflections on a Theology of Ecology
- Interdependence: A UU Perspective on Race, Justice and Environment
- A Sense of Place: Where Am I in the Cosmos? [Grounding Ourselves in Nature and the Land]

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: Weddings, services of union, and memorials in Oregon specializing in Green burials. Rituals and one day and weekend retreats; vespers;

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: I currently serve as half time Minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Yakima, WA. I graduated from Starr King School for the Ministry in 1999 and in 2000 was ordained by Tahoma UU Congregation in Tacoma, WA, at which I served as full-time Minister from 2000 to 2008. In early 2008 I left Tacoma to create and live in an off-grid sustainable homestead and intentional community in a remote area of NE Washington. In October of 2010, I began serving the UUCY. I also served as half-time Interim Minister at the Mid-Columbia UU Fellowship in Hood River, OR (concurrent with my Yakima assignment) from January 2013 to June 2014.

I am eager to offer my services to Unitarian Universalist and other liberal religious communities, including sermons, workshops and facilitated discussions. My primary area of interest is in reconnecting human civilization to our natural, evolutionary roots, and practicing spiritual ecology. I am also passionate about peace (non-violence) and social justice, and many facets of anti-discrimination work. I offer a range of topics encompassing various theological and spiritual issues of contemporary Unitarian Universalism.

GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS: Mainly Washington and Oregon.

AVAILABILITY: Schedule varies, so please be in touch. I am also a part-time single dad, so often travel with my ten-year-old daughter, who enjoys listening to her dad preach.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Yearning for the Web – reconnecting to and being a part of the interdependent web.
- Before the Numinous Stars – a personal reflection on being inspired by the night sky.
- Dark Ecology – a reflection on what the ecological crisis implies about the human spirit.
(This formed the basis of a theme talk at Winter Eliot I gave in Dec. 2013)
- The Unthinkable Realm of the Spirit – on how to give up trying to figure everything out.
- Forgiveness: The Mirror of the Heart.
- The Most Precious Thing Offered – a sermon about redemption in liberal congregations.
- Beyond Shock and Awe – a sermon about reverence.
- Love, the Sinner, and the Sin – a biblically-rooted response to homophobia.
- Possible two-part series:
 1. The Search for Truth and the Illusion of Certainty
 2. The Yearning for Freedom and the Illusion of Separateness
- Speak It and Breathe It – a clarion call to action inspired by Bob Dylan
- UU 101: An Homage to my Father – a reflection on the basics of our faith.
- New ones all the time, so call and ask!

I enjoy doing sermon series on topics about UUism, such as UU History and the “Sources” of our living tradition. I also offer services that integrate well-known works of fiction read dramatically with a short homily – examples include “The Phantom Tollbooth” by Norton Juster, “Horton Hatches the Egg” by Dr. Seuss, and “The Education of Little Tree” by Forest Carter. I often like to include a “Story for all ages” with my sermons, though that is not necessary.

POSSIBLE WORKSHOPS OFFERED:

I enjoy leading workshops on topics such as sustainable homesteading and non-violent living, taken from my experience living off-grid and from an online course I taught through Starr King School for Ministry titled “Non-violent Living in a Violent World.”

SPECIAL SERVICES PROVIDED: Weddings, services of union, memorials.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Katie is all about engaging the mind and the heart. She is interested in connecting with everyone who walks in your door. She is a community minister working for equity in East Portland, and an outdoor enthusiast. She has a Master of Science in Systems and Industrial Engineering to go with her Master of Divinity. Katie has lived in the Northwest all her life except for a ten year stint in Arizona.

GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS: Katie lives in Portland, Oregon. Anything over 130 miles from Portland would need an overnight stay or hotel.

AVAILABILITY: Please contact Katie. She would love to fit you in!

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Spiritual Imagination – When was the last time you exercised your spiritual imagination? This service includes a guided meditation on compassion – which gives participants a chance to use their spiritual imagination.
- Borderlands – An update of the classic Transylvania historical story of Francis David and John Sigismund. Not just a history lesson, this is crowd pleaser.
- Being Good – Maybe being good isn't all it's cracked up to be. "Moral licensing" is one of the odd quirks of trying to live a moral life.
- God for the Skeptic – Many UU's are skeptics. Is there a God for them? This works nicely with the workshop below.
- The War to End All Wars – This service is perfect for Veterans Day. It honors veterans through the prism of WWI.
- Just Call – Not really a sermon title. Just call or email Katie if you are interested in a particular topic and don't see it here.

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- God for the Skeptic – Interactive, fun, and occasionally moving, this workshop walks you through the skeptic's personal spiritual journey. It shows how influenced we are by the age we live in (hint: it's not the modern age anymore), and then explores some possible models for God.

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: Weddings, services of union, and memorials in the Portland metro area.

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Note: Kevin will be serving as a Chaplain Resident with the Portland VA September 2015 – 2016. He will be seeking National Board Certification in Chaplaincy to support his ministerial formation. He is planning for ordination with First Unitarian Portland in fall 2015.

GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS: Oregon, Washington, Idaho,

AVAILABILITY: Please contact, flexible with advance scheduling.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Why we gather.
- With a Song in my Heart
- Being an Instrument for Peace
- Prayers for Peace
- Summer's Wish – a send off for the sun, fun and restorative months of Summer.
- Forgiveness
- Taking Action, Living our Principles
- How do we speak rightly of God?
- How do you do UU?
- There's a thread that you follow?
- Don't be afraid of mistakes!
- Answering Yes, when called!

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Radical Hospitality
- Coming Out, Journey to Wholeness
- Group Spiritual Direction Retreat
- Everyday Spiritual Practice
- Labyrinth 101

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: Available for Weddings, Memorials, Funerals, Rites of Passage

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Carol recently retired as Coordinator of Washington State Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice, a statewide legislative advocacy network. A community minister affiliated with the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, she received her M Div from Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry. She is a native of Washington, and has had careers in secondary school and community college teaching, antiquarian bookselling, and magazine writing and editing. She serves as a member of the PNWD Healthy Congregations Team and the PNWD Board.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Washington State and western Oregon

AVAILABILITY: Flexible; please call.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Living the Spirit of Covenant
- Expanding the Realm of Love (marriage equality)
- Beyond the Wall: UU Community Ministry
- Living a Covenant of Social Responsibility
- Our Heretical Heritage
- Speaking Out, Creating Justice
- Reclaiming the Common Good
- Our Network of Mutuality (7th Principle)
- Restorative Justice: Moving Beyond Punishment
- Honoring Our Life's Worth (worship)
- Reading Fiction as a Spiritual Practice
- A Language of Reverence
- The Holy Gift of Renewal (Easter season)
- Crossing the Desert (Passover/Easter)
- From Many Streams (Fall ingathering)
- Beginning Again in Love (forgiveness)
- An Original Relation to the Universe (Emerson and nature)
- Olympia Brown: A Prophetic Voice of Religious Optimism

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: Weddings, services of union, and memorials in the Puget Sound area.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Slim is a candidate for the ministry and a seminarian at Meadville Lombard Theological School. He expects to receive his M. Div. in May 2016. Slim was the Social Justice Intern Minister at First Unitarian Church of Portland during the 2014-2015 church year, and will be a Worship Fellow at the Church of the Larger Fellowship during the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 church years. Before answering the call to ministry, Slim was an entrepreneur in the music business. He founded the record label Kill Rock Stars in 1991 and a management company called Shotclock Management in 2004. Slim has a BA from The Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA. He has been in recovery from addiction since 1998. He lives in Battle Ground, WA with his wife Portia, and his son Finnian.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: PNWD

AVAILABILITY: generally available, ask slim@musicfordataports.com

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- The Fire of Commitment: social justice and climate change
- Blessed are the Meek: a Unitarian Universalist investigation into humility
- Call and response: Answering sacred invitations in everyday life
- On Being a Person of Faith: growing and deepening in our Unitarian Universalist faith

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Addiction and Grace
- Escalating Inequality/Class Matters
- Challenging Microaggressions with Love
- The 12 steps as a Spiritual Practice

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: weddings, memorial services, services of union, child dedications, affirmation of gender transition

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: I just retired after 13 years as Minister of Westside Unitarian Universalist Congregation in West Seattle. Previously, I served University Unitarian Church in Seattle as Assistant Minister for 5 years.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Seattle/King County

AVAILABILITY: Flexible

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES: Contact me for options.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Craig Moro is a graduate of the University of Chicago and Starr King School for the Ministry. He has lived and studied in India, Singapore, Thailand, the Netherlands, and Japan. He has served churches in California, Illinois, and the Pacific Northwest and is a founding member of the TriCities Interfaith Alliance in Washington. He currently lives in Salem, Oregon.

His sermons are often informed by readings in the original languages of religious texts (including Arabic, Hebrew, and Tamil) and are known for blending scholarship with plain speech and a sense of humor!

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Destinations over 150 miles from Salem, Oregon, may require motel as well as travel compensation.

AVAILABILITY: most Saturdays and Sundays in 2015-16.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- The First Principle; Five Questions of “Ms. Thought” (Buddhist sources)
- The Grammar of Faith; Big Scary Lady; Live Forever, Die Tomorrow; (Islamic sources)
- I am a Lie; More Than a Mouthful (Hindu sources)
- Doodle-Deedle Up and Down; Say ‘Shibboleth’; Get Going (Hebrew Bible)
- Build a Better Front Porch (on writing a UU “elevator speech”)

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES

- The ABC’s of Islam (works well on Saturday, followed by Islam-centered Sunday sermon)
- How to Build a Good Front Porch (writing your own “elevator speech”, works well on a Saturday followed by “Front Porch” sermon on Sunday)

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Amy Moses-Lagos is a stay-at-mother of her one year old son in Seattle. She attended Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, California. She completed her ministerial internship at the Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church in Walnut Creek, California. She was ordained in San Francisco in 2014.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: up to 2 hours drive/ferry from Seattle.

AVAILABILITY: I have many open Sunday mornings.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Encountering Grace
- Immigration Stories
- Braving the Rapids, Following our Callings
- Journeys of Pilgrimage

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Compassionate Communication

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: Weddings, Child Dedications, Memorial Services.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Reverend Patti Pomerantz is the Parish Minister at Eastrose Fellowship UU, and is a spiritual director with the Interfaith Spiritual Center in North Portland. She is available for general pulpit supply, workshops and pastoral services; (she is on leave from the District Addictions Ministry team.) She has worked extensively with small UU congregations delivering monthly sermons, adult religious education, pastoral care, and pastoral and organizational support to church leadership.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Flexible.

AVAILABILITY: Flexible

SERMON SERIES [Sermons can be offered singly, as well]

- I: Why Are You UU? - Seven unique aspects of Unitarian Universalism: History; Governance; Theology; Spirituality; Worship; Evangelism; Multiculturalism
- II: The Art Of Living - Fully Listening; Breathing Lessons; Spiritual Inventory; Passionate Engagement; Trauma Stewardship
- III: Ethics - Companion to Building Your Own Theology, Book 3: Authority; Motivation; Responsibility; Situation; Intention; Relationships; Values; Character
- Title: Rabbi Hillel Said It All - A three part sermon looking at the famous saying of this first century Jewish scholar: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me?. But if I am for myself only, what am I? And if not now, when?"

OTHER TOPICS:

- Poetry As Prayer
- Generosity
- Finding UU Passion
- Tolerance: Blessing and Curse
- Learning from Mystics
- The Color of Pluralism
- What is Spiritual Direction, Anyway
- My Favorite UU Heretics
- Spirituality and Addiction
- Requested topics welcome

WORKSHOP or CLASS:

- Religious Roots of Unitarian Universalism (multi-session)
- Caregiver Grief – A Spiritual Journey (single session or on-going group)
- Reclaiming Images of the Sacred (single session collage)
- Spiritual Practice (single session or on-going group)
- Non-violent Communication (multi-session)
- Spiritual Challenges of Addiction (single session)

SPECIAL SERVICES:

- Spiritual Direction – individual and group
- Weddings, Memorial Services, and other rites of passage
- Religious Education consultation

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Within the greater Seattle area.

AVAILABILITY: As I work M-F, I am available most Sundays.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Everyday Risk Taking
- The Dog Days
- And So We Turn
- Embracing Vulnerability
- Otherworldliness
- Creating Heaven on Earth

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Grief
- Death/Dying
- Unitarian Universalism and Chaplaincy
- Spirituality and End of Life
- Justice in Hospital Settings

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Tandi lives in Tacoma, WA with her 7 year-old son and Jamaica Plane, MA with her wife Rev. Sue Phillips. Tandi serves the UUA as Innovation & Network Specialist for Congregational Life. She previously served the Pacific NW District as Program Specialist. She is also a Credentialed Religious Educator, master level.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: None, really.

AVAILABILITY: DEPENDS

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- An Evangelical and a UU Get on a Plane... - teaching sermon about what it means to be UU and in relationship to our big, beautiful world.
- Ontological Optimism is about the rise of Universalism in the world and our part in that collusion of goodness.
- Why I am an Evangelical UU frames our saving message and tells stories from the field

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Lay Leadership Development Retreat
- Unitarian Universalism in the 21st Century
- Finding Your Congregation's Unique Growth Strategy
- Parenting as Spiritual Practice

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED:*

Yes, I can perform weddings and memorial services with permission from area minister(s).

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Rev. Sarah Schurr currently serves as minister of the West Hills Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Portland, Oregon. As PNWD Developmental Outreach Minister she has previously served our congregations in Juneau and Fairbanks, Alaska. She is a graduate of the Applied Theology program at Marylhurst University and interned at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis, where she was ordained. Prior to ministry, Sarah was an active lay leader in our movement, serving on the PNWD board and as new congregation organizer for the Wy'east UU Congregation in Portland.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Driving distance from Portland

AVAILABILITY: Call for availability

SERMON TITLES INCLUDE:

- Why I Celebrate Easter
- Letting Go
- A Day of the Dead Ritual
- Parenting as a Spiritual Practice
- Chanukah and Religious Freedom
- Praying and Paying Attention
- Martin the Visitor (about MLK and UU justice work)
- Sermons in Stones
- Wisdom from the Neighborhood (about Fred Rogers)

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: I love doing weddings and memorial services

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Rev. Barbara Stevens has a private practice as a Spiritual Counselor, specializing in working with people who have experienced addiction or trauma. In 2011, she started the Universalist Recovery Church. Meeting at Eastrose Fellowship in Gresham, the recovery church offers worship and other programs to support healing and growth for people in recovery from addiction and other mental health challenges. Previously, she served as a chaplain for a residential chemical dependency program and was a consulting minister at Vashon Island Unitarian Fellowship. Before that, she was the religious educator at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Vancouver in Washington. She offers groups and trainings on addiction, trauma, shame and guilt, forgiveness, and spirituality. Her websites are <http://urcportland.org/> and <http://barbarastevensministries.com>.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Mostly I am limited to congregations within 100 miles of Portland, but on occasion can go further.

AVAILABILITY: available most Sundays, depending on how far I must travel.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

Many possible topics. Past sermons include:

- To Be or Not to Be: Engaged Buddhism
- Addiction and the Prodigal Family
- Reconciliation and Recovery (good for Yom Kippur)
- Rebellion and the Recovery of the World
- Nonviolence and Reconciliation
- Stories, Meaning, and Magic
- Compassion Will Set You Free
- What's Salvation Got to Do With It?
- The Power of Powerlessness
- On the Empowerment of Women
- Jan Hus and the Right of Conscience
- Harry Potter's Father's Day
- Kindness
- The Power of Naming: Hagar's Gift

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Shame, Guilt, Forgiveness, and Grace: A look at how shame and guilt affect us and how we can learn to forgive not just other people, but also ourselves.
- The Power of Presence: Learn to be present to the moment, to ourselves, and to other people. A look at the healing power of compassionate presence.

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: Weddings and memorial services

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: With many years of hospice experience, the Rev. Dr. Karen B. Taliesin was called to Unitarian Universalist ministry to work as a chaplain. She received her M.Div. from Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry and was ordained in October 2002 by University Unitarian Church in Seattle. In May 2006, Karen was granted Board Certification by the Association of Professional Chaplains and in May 2013, Karen received a Doctor of Ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary. Before her call to ministry, Karen taught HIV/AIDS education to middle school and high school students throughout the state of Iowa. A practitioner and teacher of daily meditation for over 40 years, Karen is a Reiki Master and is certified in other energy healing therapies. Karen is in her twelfth year as a full-time chaplain at Seattle Children's Hospital and is Minister Affiliated at East Shore Unitarian Church in Bellevue where she and her husband, Brian, are members.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Pacific Northwest District

AVAILABILITY: Schedule varies – please call.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Take Good Care – For many people, life is described as being “crazy-busy.” This sermon focuses on using mindfulness and self-compassion to nurture spirit and soul in an all-too-busy world.
- Forged by Fire – How do we as Unitarian Universalists stay grounded in our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of everyone while standing up to the injustices we witness on a daily basis?
- All Shall Be Well – Throughout our lives, we are faced with challenges, struggles, and heartache; yet somehow we survive and even thrive. Resiliency is an amazing gift if we come by it naturally, but if we don't, it is well worth cultivating.
- Cultivating a Forgiving Heart – Forgiveness may be one of the hardest tasks set before us. We sometimes continue to feel hurt or angry as our hearts struggle to catch up with our intellectual notion of forgiving someone who has wronged us. Lessons learned along the journey toward a forgiving heart will be shared.
- Diving into the Deep: Finding Strength and Restoring Hope – Reflections on how trauma and loss can be catalysts for deepening our relationship with self, community and the interdependent web of life.
- Staying at the Table: The Sustenance of Right Relation – Lifting up truth and giving honor to those with whom we deeply disagree.
- An Unexpected Opening – A non-Christian UU's experience of attending a Jesuit seminary and discovering a new perspective on what it means to be open-minded.
- Life and Death in the Giraffe Zone: Suffering, Faith, and Hope at Children's Hospital – At Children's Hospital in Seattle, patients and families face chronic disease, injury, and terminal illness. Coping through it all is a daily challenge, in which the children are often our best teachers.

[The following sermon should be scheduled the last weekend of October or as close to October 31-November 2 as possible.]

- Día de los Muertos: Honoring the Dead as We Celebrate Life – El día de los muertos – the Day of the Dead – is one of Mexico's most important holidays celebrated from October 31 to November 2. The focus of the celebration is on seeing death as another stage following life, not something to be faced with fear. We will reflect on the spirit of this tradition, and *all are invited to honor and celebrate a loved one who has died by bringing a picture or a token to place on a table in the sanctuary before the service.* (Pictures may be retrieved after the service.)

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: Available to officiate weddings, funerals, memorial services, child dedications, and other rites of passage.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: The Rev. Connie Yost is the founder and coordinator of Friends Stay Warm, a nonprofit which supports low-wage workers in the Portland area. Connie's ministry has entailed contemplation and action – she has founded three nonprofit social justice ministries and is an advocate for the poor. She knows how important it is to have a spiritual practice in which you can feel held when the going gets very tough in your own life and/or in the world. She is affiliated with First Unitarian Church, Portland, Oregon.

Connie is the founding Executive Director of the Chalice Oak Foundation, a UU nonprofit organization which provides organizational consulting, leadership training and fiscal sponsorship. She is the Founder and former Executive Director and Board Co-Chair of EarthWorks Community Farm, a job training and leadership development program for at-risk high school youth who are employed to help grow and sell organic produce to the low-income community in east Los Angeles County. Connie has also served in ministry as a hospice and hospital chaplain, and administrator and board member of the UU Society for Community Ministries. She is a trained Spiritual Director and facilitates spirituality groups.

Connie received her Master of Divinity degree in 2003 from Claremont School of Theology, where she specialized in urban ministry and community economic development. A former business owner, Connie is passionate about empowering people to work creatively together for equity and justice for all strands of the interdependent web of life. Connie was honored to receive the 2005 Juanita Tate Community Activist of the Year Award from People for Parks. She is the recipient of the 2007 Unsung Hero Award given by the Western Center on Law and Poverty. She is an avid home gardener and was awarded the Lifetime Volunteer Award as a Master Gardener in Los Angeles County. She loves to travel, hike, write, play piano, and watercolor paint.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: none

AVAILABILITY: open

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Yes We Can, Yes I Can: Becoming the UU missional church
- Courage to Change – What does it take to sustain ourselves in the struggle for justice?
- Sick and Tired -- Lessons from the Civil Rights movement
- Hope and Healing: Stories from the Frontlines of UU Community Ministry
- Grace from the Garden -- Story of the Earthworks Community Farm and the transformative power of community
- The Thing with Feathers -- Reflections on hope
- Plan B – all about change
- The Earth is Our Mother

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Making Your Ministry Dream a Reality
- Business Plans for Church and Nonprofit Projects
- Introduction to Spiritual Direction and six traditional spiritual practices tailored for UUs
- How to be a healing presence (pastoral ministry for lay persons)
- End of life planning: death and dying
- Dementia and caregiving
- Grief and loss

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: Weddings, services of union, and memorials; Spiritual direction; Spiritual retreats