

Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



HUUF's 2026 Endowment Fund grants are available

The Endowment Fund Committee is pleased to announce that approximately \$9,000 in funds will be available for small grants from the Endowment Fund in 2026. Endowment Funds can be used for purposes that align with UU principles and reflect the mission and purpose of our Fellowship. Examples of requests that can be considered include:

- Buildings and grounds (improvements, not regular maintenance);
- Religious education enhancements;
- Community service investments and actions;
- Membership leadership development;
- Conference attendance and workshops.

Note that requests should not be used for annual operating expenses.

There are also limited funds available from the Chaffee Fund and the Moore Bequest for grants satisfying those fund requirements.

Grant funds will become available on March 15, 2026. Grants can range in size from \$200 to \$2,000. Application forms will be available on our Fellowship website or by contacting members of the committee by email or phone. The deadline for submission of the applications is February 15, 2026. For questions, call Cynthi Chason at (707) 601-6136 or email cynthiachason@gmail.com

We thank the many members of the Fellowship who have been so generous in providing donations to our Endowment Fund. We See "Endowment," next page

Climate Action Campaign

Climate Change Theatre Action comes to Humboldt

In December, HUUF's Climate Action Campaign and the Arcata-based Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC) joined local activist Dr. Wendy Ring in bringing Climate Change Theatre Action (CCTA) to our area. Launched in 2015, CCTA is a worldwide festival of short readers-theater plays about the climate crisis. The plays are presented biennially to coincide with the United Nations COP meetings dealing with the climate crisis. Fifty professional playwrights, representing all inhabited continents as well as several cultures and Indigenous nations, were commissioned to write five-minute plays about an aspect of the climate crisis. The CCTA uses storytelling and live or recorded performances to foster dialogue about our global climate crisis, create an empowering vision of the future, and inspire people to take action.

Locally, Wendy Ring chose seven plays and recorded members from EPIC and CAC (thank you Ann Kilby, Laurel Busse, Cena Marino, Sylvia Shaw, Ed Gingras, and Sue Lee Mossman) reading them for later broadcast on KHUM radio's EcoNews Report, KMUD's Environment Show, and KZZH radio. The EcoNews Report is a weekly, half-hour environmental news/chat program on KHUM (104.3-104.7 FM) every Saturday at 10:00 a.m.; the Environment Show broadcasts on the second

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Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Specific broadcast times and a podcast link will be announced in HUUF's *Friday Weekly*.

CAC's climate actions of 2025

We collaborated with Dr. Ring to help establish the Humboldt Repair Café;

Participated in an Earth Day rally at the Arcata Plaza with great speakers (Amy Day and others) and live music (Raging Grannies);

Raised funds with 350 Humboldt to provide childrens' books on climate change for more than a dozen Humboldt County elementary schools;

Initiated and facilitated a Sunday service presentation with eco-psychologist Hanna Nielson;

Participated in the All Species Parade with HUUF families, 350 Humboldt, Raging Grannies, and Judy Rieger from the Arcata Presbyterian Church's Earth Care Committee;

Co-organized the "Transition to Renewables" fair for Sun Day with 350 Humboldt and other climate groups to inform people about incentives for electrifying homes and vehicles. With the help of local solar contractors, live bands, and speakers, we joined hundreds of other groups around the country in celebrating renewable energy.

CAC staffed a monthly legislative table to provide information for members and friends so they could contact decision makers regarding a variety of climate issues. In the most recent effort we contacted the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors requesting approval of the Climate Action Plan, despite some weaknesses in it. The Board adopted the plan on December 16.

CAC members stand with the Climate and Black Lives Matter banners every Saturday in rain, wind, or sunshine at the County Courthouse in Eureka.

Not to pat ourselves on the back too much, but I want to extend gratitude and acknowledge the efforts of everyone on CAC this past year. It's also our collaboration with other climate groups and individuals in the community that has allowed us to take on as much climate action as we have. Given that there are only a handful of CAC members, and we are also involved with other important causes, we extend to you an invitation to join us in this important work as part of our UU faith in action.

Climate action we can take to start off 2026

From Climate Action Now: Tell your state leaders to fight for instant rooftop solar permitting! [HERE](#)
Due to permitting barriers, the median cost to install a 7 kW rooftop solar system in the United States is \$28,000. It's just \$3,000 in Australia.

I look forward to a new year of further climate action as part of this spiritual community and as part of our shared ministry.

Sue Lee Mossman, CAC Co-chair

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hope you will consider a gift to HUUF in your planned giving and estate planning endeavors. Your legacy and our Fellowship mission can live on through contributions to the HUUF Endowment Fund.

Yours in Fellowship: Cynthia Chason, Katherine Almy, Val Gizinski, Colleen Broderick
Endowment Fund Committee

Sunday Services

Sunday, January 4, 11:00 a.m.

Exploring Our Religious Roots: A Community Conversation on Faith and Understanding with Berti Welty and Liesbet Bickett

Part one of a two-part series

Religious diversity has shaped this country from the beginning, yet today it is often used to create fear and division. As a Unitarian Universalist community, we are called to meet this diversity with curiosity, compassion, and a willingness to learn from one another.

Our Fellowship reflects a wide range of spiritual backgrounds. Some continue the traditions of their childhood, some have found new paths, and others weave together an eclectic blend of many religions, or practice none. This service invites us to explore that richness.

In this first part of a two-week series, select members of our community will speak about their experiences within four traditions represented in our Fellowship: Catholic/Christian, Buddhist, Pagan, and Islam. They will reflect on the teachings that have shaped them, the misunderstandings they encounter, and the wisdom their traditions offer in a pluralistic world.

Our aim is to deepen understanding within the Fellowship, practice active listening across differences, and model the compassion and openness so needed in the wider world. We invite you into this exploration as we begin to honor the diverse spiritual roots that shape our community.

Sunday, January 11, 11:00 a.m.

***Practicing Resistance*
with Amy Day**

It has been said that rather than a practice that aims toward perfection, we would be better served to work within a practice whose overarching goal is that of permanence. As in, what's the work we can cultivate over a lifetime that is uniquely ours to do? What is the work that makes full use of our innate gifts and abilities? What is the work that nourishes us even as we extend the tender and devoted effort to nourish the world? Come explore what it means to build up a practice of resistance that can see us through this current wave of woes and into the hoped for time that is wanting to emerge.

Sunday, January 18, 11:00 a.m.

***Exploring Our Religious Roots: Small Group Discussions on Faith and Practice*
with Berti Welty and Liesbet Bickett**

Part two of a two part series

Two weeks ago, select members of our Fellowship shared their experiences with the religious traditions that shaped them. This week we continue that exploration—turning from listening to engaging, and giving the entire community space to reflect together.

In this interactive service, we will gather in small groups to explore guided questions about our individual spiritual paths. Our Fellowship includes those who continue the traditions of their upbringing, those who have discovered new faiths, and those who practice an eclectic blend of many, or none. These conversations offer a chance to share stories, practice active listening, and notice the common threads and vibrant differences within our community.

Religious diversity is one of our greatest strengths. By speaking and listening across differences, we strengthen our capacity for compassion, understanding, and connection—within our walls and beyond them.

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Join us as we deepen our understanding of one another and celebrate the many ways we seek meaning and the sacred.

Sunday, January 25, 11:00 a.m.

Love at the Center

with Amy Day

Join us for another fun, participatory, action-oriented and delicious Sunday gathering where we roll up our sleeves and practice living into the values we hold so dear. Together we'll pack lunches for our unhoused neighbors, send cards, and find other meaningful (but deeply accessible) ways to inch closer to the world we dream of. Shared potluck to follow. Please bring a simple, nourishing dish for our collective feast.

News from the HUUF Playscape

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with the recent facelift of HUUF's Playscape, especially to Tiffany Hess who donated the new basketball hoop, and Ed Moeller who refinished the climbing wall. Needless to say, it's not all play at the Playscape and there's always work to be done. Please contact Montana at the HUUF office if you're interested in taking on an individual project. Otherwise, our next scheduled work/play party will be on Saturday, January 17, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and you are invited to join in the fun.

Montana Caouette



Registration and next steps

Older Adult OWL (ages 50 and over)

We're excited to share more details about the upcoming Our Whole Lives (OWL) Lifespan Sexuality Education for Older Adults, ages 50-plus, rooted in Unitarian Universalist values of dignity, respect, and lifelong learning around sexuality, intimacy, relationships, and identity.

Registration is now open: A registration form is available online at huuf.org to reserve a spot, and printed forms are also available on Sunday mornings to turn into the offering basket. Space is limited, and registering will help us confirm our facilitators and final group size.

Schedule and format:

Start date: Sunday, February 22

When: Sunday afternoons, after services

Duration: We will meet regularly through the Spring

Lunch: Participants are invited to bring their own lunch; light snacks will be provided

Cost and payment: To help us fairly compensate our facilitators, we are asking for a sliding scale contribution:

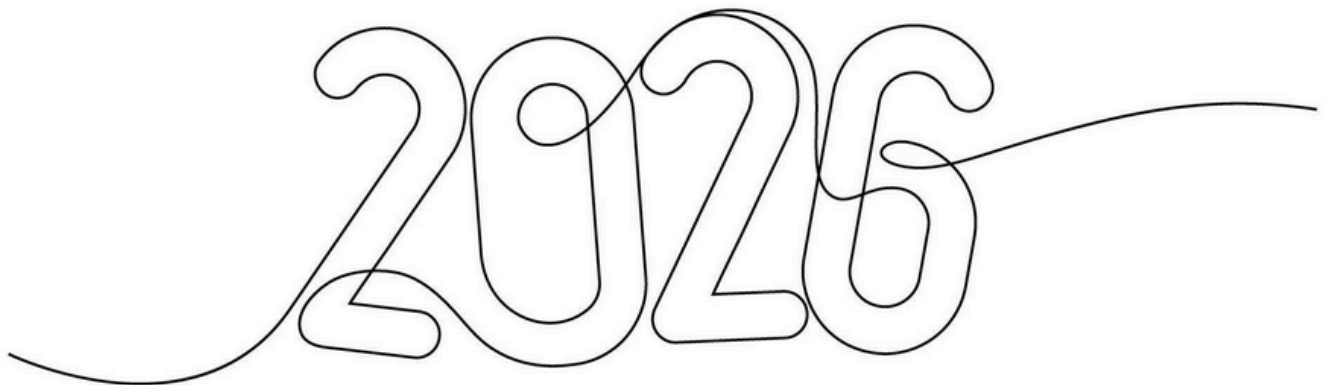
- Supported Tier: \$0–\$75 (for those with financial need)
- Sustainer Tier: \$150–\$250 (the standard rate)
- Community Builder Tier: \$300–\$400 (for those able to help fund scholarships).

We will offer up to eight scholarships (supported tier) to ensure that cost is never a barrier. Our goal is a circle of about 16 participants, with everyone contributing as they are able. Payment can be made by check (payable to HUUF) or by card online at huuf.org/donate or Venmo.

Help spread the word: If you're willing to post a flyer in the community, please email office@huuf.org to let us know where you'll hang it, and we'll make sure you get printed copies.

This class is an invitation to reflect, learn, and grow together in a supportive, confidential setting honoring the wisdom, experiences, and ongoing curiosity that shape this stage of life. We're grateful to our elders for helping set the tone that sexuality and intimacy are lifelong journeys worth tending.

Questions or interest? Email office@huuf.org. We look forward to gathering this circle together.





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Online community care calls with Amy Day

Every first and third Wednesday of the month at noon, Lay Minister Amy Day hosts a small group circle via Zoom, designed to help fortify our nervous systems and provide mutual support and care for whoever may need it. This circle is open to all, but particularly designed for those dealing with isolation, moving through major life challenges or loss, looking to reconnect with community or to expand their toolkit for coping with stress, uncertainty, or change.

Visit the HUUF website for more information or to register: <https://huuf.org/home-2/upcoming-events/engagement/>

Visit the HUUF Library

Our Fellowship Library is full of great winter reading—perfect for the long, dark days of the season. From spiritual reflection and justice-centered nonfiction to novels and poetry, there's plenty to browse and borrow. We're also excited to share a new addition: *Sign My Name to Freedom* by Betty Reid Soskin, a powerful memoir of activism, resilience, and living history. (An additional copy is available through the Eureka Public Library.)

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