

Sunday Services

Sunday, January 1 – 11 a.m.

Cider Sunday – JoAn Huffman and Veronica Galiani

Start the New Year with friends. JoAn and Veronica invite you to sip a cup of cider or coffee and think about the past year's events, as well as the year ahead. Do you have any New Year's resolutions? Bring snack foods and goodies as well as thoughts to share.

Sunday, January 8 – 9 and 11 a.m.

The Thoughtful Journey to a Place Called Consensus – Rev. Jessup

For many years this Fellowship has been committed to operating by consensus. We have studied it, applied it and then drifted and forgotten it – only to be reminded of how important consensus is to congregational relationship. To come to a decision by consensus requires a great deal of everyone involved. It requires thoughtfulness, authenticity, flexibility and a commitment to a common good that is often more important than our own particular preferences on a given issue. Learning to truly listen to ourselves and one another is the key.

Sunday, January 15 – 9 and 11 a.m

Stories of Courage – Baba Jamal Koram

“De Storyman” will return to tell tales of courage. Thought-provoking, uplifting and culturally relevant, Baba Jamal Koram captures the hearts of the audience as he weaves powerful stories and narrative with rhythm, voice and drum.

Baba Jamal is the recipient of the highest award presented by the National Association of Blackstorytelling: The Zora Neale Hurston Award, as well as the National Storytelling Network's Circle of Excellence Oracle Award. He has been featured at the Kennedy Center, Smithsonian museums, national and regional storytelling festivals, theaters, museums, outdoor events and schools in Germany and Ghana, Mali, and South Africa. He holds B.A., M.S., and Ed.S degrees.

Sunday, January 22 – 9 and 11 a.m.

Purpose-Driven Congregations & Their Post-Inaugural Importance – Rev. Jessup

Congregations that thrive and serve their purpose in the world are composed of people with a unified understanding of who they are as a group and why they exist. UU congregations across our country are becoming increasingly aware of how vital their work is. They have found it useful to state, in a succinct way, what values they serve, what their purpose is, and what outcomes they hope to create. In this service, we will explore our draft of HUUF's Values, Purpose and Ends.

On Saturday Jan. 29, there will be a congregational workshop to discuss being a “Purpose-Driven Congregation” and to ready our statement of Values, Purpose and Ends for a consensus.

Sunday, January 29 – 9 and 11 a.m.

The Buddha Walked Into a Bar –Rev. Dennis Reynolds

Many in the west place Buddhist and contemplative practice on a pedestal or view it as something one can strive to do. Perhaps *lightening up* and *not doing* can open doors to new experiences, perspectives and insights.

Since serving as the minister at HUUF in 2011-2012, Dennis and his wife Suzanne have made their home on Whidbey Island, Wash., where Dennis serves as minister with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation there and Suzanne works as a Hospice volunteer coordinator. They report that they love that little island, but miss the real trees and the people of Humboldt.