

ship. (9:30 am Sunday Mass, 806 NE Alberta St. 503-281-4429.) (11/00)

Dignity Portland meets for Mass Sundays at 4 pm at St. Stephens Episcopal Church followed by a social. (Southwest 13th Avenue at Clay Street. e-mail: digni-tydx@aol.com.) (11/00)

Directions NorthWest (ECWR) helps gay and lesbian Christians integrate faith and sexuality through Bible study and fellowship. (PO Box 86383, Portland, OR 97286-0383. 503-727-3387.) (11/00)

Eastrose Fellowship Unitarian Universalist, a welcoming congregation, offers Sunday service at 10:30 am. (1133 NE 181st Ave., Gresham. 503-665-2628. eastrose@teleport.com.) (5/01)

Estacada United Methodist Church Reconciling Congregation, where we really mean everyone is welcome. Sunday worship is at 10:30 am. (204 SE Main St., Estacada.) (11/00)

First Congregational United Church of Christ is an open and affirming congregation in the liberal Christian tradition. Sunday worship is at 10:25 am, and church school for children runs concurrently. (1126 SW Park Ave., 503-228-7219.)

Full Circle Temple is a place of worship for women of all ages offering workshops, song and drum circles, meditation rooms and altars of celebration, incorporating what you bring to share. (10 am-10 pm Tuesday-Sunday. 3125 E Burnside St. 503-238-0675.) (11/00)

The **God Connection Center for Worship, Growth and Leadership** invites you to celebrate your spirituality with the Revs. Berdell Moffett and Casey Chaney. Liberal, practical; all are welcome. (10 am service every Sunday. 4828 NE 33rd Ave. 503-481-7591.) (11/00)

Grace Space, a newly formed multid denominational spiritual center led by the Rev. Stephanie Torres, holds Sunday evening celebrations. (5 pm at Unity Church, 4525 SE Stark St. 503-287-3216.) (11/00)

Integrity, the gay and lesbian ministry of the Episcopal Church, meets on the second Friday of each month in the Morrison Room at Trinity Cathedral. Eucharist is celebrated at 6:45 pm followed by a potluck and fellowship. (147 NW 19th Ave., 503-289-1687.)

Interfaith Spiritual Center. Gay men's spirituality groups form every other month. Spiritual directors from various world religious traditions are available for guidance, classes and retreats. (3910 SE 11th Ave., second floor. 503-233-2026, ext. 3. www.hometown.aol.com/djrho5/webpage.html.) (11/00)

Lesbian and gay meditation group. "Compassionate Heart Sangha," meets for meditation in the Buddhist Vipassana tradition. Donation requested. (7:30-9 pm Wednesdays at Flanders House, 2926 NE Flanders St. Jon 503-239-5539.) (11/00)

Metanoia Peace Community (United Methodist) is a "house church," bringing gay and straight together. (Daily prayer 7:20 am, Sunday gathering 6 pm at 2116 NE 18th Ave. 503-281-3697.) (11/00)

Metropolitan Community Church of Portland holds ecumenical Sunday morning worship services at 9 and 11 am. Sunday school for children is held during the 11 am worship service. (2400 NE Broadway. 503-281-8868. mcccpx@aol.com.) (11/00)

Potter's House Ministries Life Center. Evangelical and charismatic Christian. (3830 SE 62nd Ave. 503-775-5024.) (11/00)

Radical Fairies Fae Dirt info line: 503-235-0826 (11/00)

SisterSpirit offers women's spirituality celebrations, discussion groups, a drumming circle, workshops and classes. Schedule of events available. All women are welcome. (Office hours: 3-6 pm Tuesday-Friday at

3430 SE Belmont St., #102. Mailing address: PO Box 9246, Portland, OR 97207. sistersp@teleport.com. 503-736-3297.) (11/00)

Southminster Presbyterian Church is a challenging, supportive community that welcomes all people. It is the first More Light Presbyterian Church in Oregon. (Sundays at 10 am summer, 9:30 and 11 am winter. 12250 SW Denney Road, Beaverton. 503-644-2073.) (11/00)

St. Philip Neri gay and lesbian outreach. A gay/lesbian-positive community for Catholics and their friends. Mass at 7:30 pm on Fridays followed by a social. (Paulist Center, 2408 SE 16th Ave. 503-231-4955.) (11/00)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, the new home of the Portland Gay Men's Chorus, has been welcoming all people since 1863. (Wednesday service 12:10 pm; Sunday services 7:45 am and 10 am. Sunday school and child care at 10 am. Southwest 13th Avenue at Clay Street. 503-223-6424.) (11/00)

University Park United Methodist Church is a member of the network of Reconciling Congregations and meets for worship each Sunday at 10 am. (4775 N Lombard St. 503-289-7843.) (11/00)

Zion United Church of Christ, an open and affirming congregation, is open to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and heterosexual people who wish to worship in a Christ-centered, warm, caring, multiage/race/cultural faith community. (Service: 11 am Sundays. 2025 NE 23rd Ave., Gresham. 503-665-8741.) (11/00)

Washington: Spirituality

East Vancouver United Methodist Church. Reconciling, welcoming. (10 am Sundays. 5701 MacArthur Blvd., Vancouver. 360-693-4761. ourclarkcounty.columbian.com/273/.) (11/00)

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Two Sunday services, traditional and "less traditional" in an open and affirming congregation. (1220 NE 68th St. Vancouver. 360-693-1476.) (11/00)

Metropolitan Community Church of the Gentle Shepherd. (10 am Sundays. 913 W. 13th St., Vancouver. 360-695-1480.) (11/00)

Michael Servetus Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. (10 am Sundays. 4505 E. 18th St. 360-695-1891.) (11/00)

Willamette Valley: Spirituality

First Congregational Church. United Church of Christ, is an open and affirming congregation offering worship and church school. Child care provided. Wheelchair accessible. (10 am Sundays. 700 Marion St. NE, Salem. 503-363-3660.) (11/00)

The **Gay-Straight Alliance** of the **Unitarian Universalist Congregation** of Salem meets on the third Sunday of each month for a potluck. (6 pm. 5090 Center St. NE. 503-363-8716.) (11/00)

Interfaith Spiritual Community meets every Sunday at the Heart Center for inspirational messages, children's celebrations and joy. We honor and celebrate all sacred paths, recognizing each person's divine gifts and supporting spiritual growth, healing and enlightenment. (6-7:30 pm. 1578 Commercial St. SE, Salem. 503-763-6030.) (11/00)

Morningside United Methodist Church is a reconciling congregation where everyone is welcome to participate in the full life of the congregation. (8:30 and 11 am Sundays. 3674 12th St. SE, Salem. 503-364-5013.) (11/00)

Sweet Spirit Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) holds worship at 11 am Sundays followed by coffee and fellowship as well as potluck lunches every second Sunday. (Services held at American Legion

Hall, 4774 Lilac Lane NE, Salem. Mailing address: Pastor Ken Kerr, PO Box 12753, Salem, OR 97309. 503-315-7923.) (11/00)

YOUTH

Metro: Youth

Outside In operates a clinic for anyone who can't qualify for the Oregon Health Plan as well as a needle exchange service. It also has some transitional housing for youth 20 and younger as well as for youth who are HIV+ and younger than 23. It also plays host to **VOICES** (Voices of Individual and Community Empowerment from the Streets), a self-support group for queer youth. (10 am-6 pm Monday-Friday. 1236 SW Salmon St. 503-223-4121.) (11/00)

Pride Project brings together Washington County lesbian, gay, bi, trans and questioning youth to plan and attend monthly social events. Also information, referral, support and advocacy services for Washington County. (Molly 503-260-5792.) (11/00)

Rainbow is a multicultural peer support and activity group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans and questioning youth. (4:30 pm Mondays at Metropolitan Community Church of Portland, 2400 NE Broadway. 503-281-8868.) (11/00)

Sexual Minority Youth Recreation Center (SMYRC) offers drop-in computer access, pool tables and an informal place to hang out. Also plays host to weekly youth support groups including Windfire, Trans Youth Group and Personal Deity Proxy (a creative group). (4-8 pm Wednesday, 4 pm-midnight Friday and Saturday. 424 E Burnside St. 503-872-9664. www.smyrc.org.) (11/00)

Youth HIV/STD Prevention Project provides fun and educational programs along with counseling and testing to queer youth in a friendly, relaxed environment. (503-872-9664.) (11/00)

YouthNet, a program of Love Makes a Family, offers tutoring and mentoring for lesbian, gay, bi and trans youth as well as for children of LGBT parents. (503-227-1981.) (11/00)

Southern Oregon: Youth

The **Sexual Minority Youth Recreation Group of Klamath Falls** provides support for gay, lesbian, bi, trans and questioning youth and their allies. (For more information, e-mail boytoy22@hotmail.com.) (11/00)

Southern Oregon Youth Outreach (SOYO), a group for gay, lesbian, and bi youth aged 14-20 meets on the first and Thursdays of the month in Ashland. (541-488-6990.) (11/00)

Washington: Youth

Triple Point Youth Program is a social/support group for gays, lesbian, bi and trans youth between 13 and 22 in Vancouver, Wash. Meets 6-8 pm Tuesdays and 3:30-5:30 pm Thursdays at 1104 Main St. Suite M-100. (Amanda 360-693-1188.) (11/00)

Willamette Valley: Youth

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Questioning Youth Group for ages 13-18 offers support, information and fun. Free, confidential, drop-in. (4-6 pm Fridays at Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard St., Eugene. 541-684-3466.) (11/00)

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender youth group for ages 25 and younger meets every Monday. (5 pm Mondays at Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St., Eugene. 541-346-1134.) (11/00)

This little piggy

Is playing footsie the same as playing around?

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

I'm a gay male in a relationship for two years. I'm in love, but part of me wants to actively explore a fetish.

I've had a foot fetish since childhood that I never have acted on. Now, I find myself wanting to.

I've been surfing the Net recently for Web sites about this and have been in contact with

other men who share my interest. My question is: Would this be considered cheating in terms of my relationship?

My partner never would go for this. He's very ticklish, and I'd have to endure a constant array of jokes and teasing.

I'd rather just seek it elsewhere and not divulge it to him. I'm one of the few gay men in the world who actually has morals, and it bothers me to consider doing this. Help!

—Raymond the F.F.

DEAR RAYMOND THE F.F.:

Oh, what's wrong with a little innocent foot fondling? You can take a toe between your lips without any health risks (other than athlete's tongue), and a toe is way smaller and cuter than a penis, right? Has Ms. Behavior made your case for you?

It sounds like you and your partner are monogamous. If it bothers you to consider acting out your fetish secretly, you must think it's beyond the agreement of your relationship, whether or not you want to call it cheating.

So, you need to either change your agreement (with your boyfriend's consent) or try to interest him in your fixation.

If you're ashamed of your fetish, Internet sites might help with your feelings of isolation. But clandestine involvement with members of a furtive foot society probably will lead to in-person meetings. And secret intimate contact with other men will create distance between you and your partner.

Why are you so sure your partner would tease you? Ms. Behavior assumes he might indulge your fetish even if he doesn't share it.

Tell your partner you want to fulfill your fantasies with the man you love. Tell him that you're afraid he'll ridicule you but that you long to wrap your hot wet lips around his tender pink digits. Then, if he does make fun of you, you always can ask him if he'd mind if you sucked someone else's toes.

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

I'm a lesbian with an ex-girlfriend dilemma. When Jennifer left me a year ago, she took Jimbo, our beloved German shepherd.



Ms. Behavior

She only recently admitted he is as much mine as he is hers. Now, she's talking about letting me have him some of the time, which I'd really like, but I'm afraid Jennifer is just using the dog as an excuse for daily contact. She's apologized about keeping me from the dog and has told me she wants to do

the right thing now.

I'm trying to get Jennifer to commit to how often I can have Jimbo, but she insists couple's therapy is the only way we can resolve the issue. This seems ridiculous, because she refused to go to therapy with me when we were still a couple.

Jennifer has a new partner but acts like I'm her wife. She cooks me meals and brings me presents, which she never did when we were together.

I don't think she really wants me back, but she's not happy I have a new girlfriend. Should I go to couple's therapy with my ex?

—Jimbo's Other Mother

DEAR JIMBO'S OTHER MOTHER:

Couple's therapy with Jennifer would be trouble. If you go, even with the short-term plan to talk about the dog, she will have succeeded in sucking you in and probably will come up with all sorts of drama to keep you there.

Besides, regardless of what you say to Jennifer, she unconsciously will receive the message that you're still with her. Couple's therapy is, after all, for couples.

Tell her in person what you think is fair in terms of canine custody. Write it down for her very clearly, too, because she'll be tempted, consciously or not, to create confusion as a way of remaining engaged with you.

Limit yourself to two conversations with Jennifer about the dog: one in which you explain what you want and another in which you negotiate after she's had time to consider your request.

If Jennifer really wants to do the right thing, she'll do it without manipulating or torturing you. If she's not capable of that, you might have to think about how much involvement you want.

Ms. Behavior realizes one pet never can replace another. But if Jimbo doesn't come back to you in any significant way, maybe getting a dog with your new girlfriend will be a representation of creating a new family.

Write your confused and conflicted heart out to MS. BEHAVIOR at MsBehavior@aol.com.



Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences get together Nov. 18 for a discussion on wild mushrooming