

SPIRITUALITY

Metro: Spirituality

Ainsworth United Church of Christ is a multiracial, multicultural, open and affirming church. Sunday worship is at 10 am, and church school for children runs concurrently. (2941 NE Ainsworth St. 503-284-8767. aucc@teleport.com) (11/01)

Anawim Community of gay men meets weekly for Christian meditation and prayer. (7:30 pm Thursday. 503-281-0722.) (11/01)

Bridgeport Community Church (UCC) is a growing community of progressive, political people exploring and celebrating the Christian faith. We are multicultural, lesbian, gay, bi and straight, and our children are valued members. (10:30 am Sunday. 621 NE 76th Ave. 503-258-0992.) (11/01)

Community of St. Andrew invites all to join a diverse Catholic faith community for prayer and fellowship. (9:30 am Sunday. 806 NE Alberta St. 503-281-4429.) (11/01)

Dignity Portland meets for Mass on Sundays. (503-262-6947.) (11/01)

Eastrose Fellowship Unitarian Universalist, a welcoming congregation, offers Sunday service and children's religious education at 10:30 am. (1133 NE 181st Ave., Gresham. 503-665-2628. eastrose@teleport.com) (11/01)

Estacada United Methodist Church Reconciling Congregation, where we really mean everyone is welcome. Sunday worship at 10:30 am. (204 SE Main St., Estacada. 503-349-4245.) (11/01)

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.) (11/01)

First United Methodist Church of Portland, a welcoming and reconciling congregation, believes no one is left out in God's family. GLBT potlucks are held monthly. (10:30 am Sunday. 1838 SW Jefferson St. 503-228-3195. www.fumcpxd.org) (11/01)

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.) (11/01)

Portland Center for Spiritual Growth invites you to celebrate your spirituality with the Revs. Casey and Berdell Moffett-Chaney. Liberal, practical, all are welcome. (10:30 am Sunday. 4828 NE 33rd Ave. 503-481-7591.) (05/02)

Grace Space, a multidimensional spiritual center led by the Rev. Stephanie Torres, holds Sunday evening celebrations. (5 pm. Friends of Multnomah, 4312 SE Stark St. 503-287-3216.) (11/01)

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. 503-286-9111. www.integrityusa.org) (11/01)

Interfaith Spiritual Center. Spiritual directors from various world religions are available for guidance, classes and retreats. (Second Floor, 3910 SE 11th Ave. 503-233-2026, ext. 3. www.spiritone.com/~isc) (11/01)

Compassionate Heart Sangha, a lesbian and gay meditation group, meets in the Buddhist Vipassana tradition. (7:30-9 pm Wednesday. Flanders House, 2926 NE Flanders St. Jon 503-239-5539.) (11/01)

Lincoln Street United Methodist Church is an open and accepting congregation of progressive Christians. (9 am Sunday. 5145 SE Lincoln St. 503-231-1930.) (11/01)

Metanoia Peace Community (United Methodist) is a "house church," bringing gay and straight together. (Daily prayer 7:20 am, Sunday gathering 6 pm, 2116 NE 18th Ave. 503-281-3697. www.tearsoup.com/metanoia) (11/01)

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. info@mccportland.com) (11/01)

Potter's House Ministries Life Center. Evangelical and charismatic Christian. (3830 SE 62nd Ave. 503-775-5024.) (11/01)

SisterSpirit offers women's spirituality celebrations, discussion groups, a drumming circle, workshops and classes. Schedule of events available. All women are welcome. (Suite 102, 3430 SE Belmont St. Mailing address: PO Box 9246, Portland, OR 97207. 503-736-3297. sistersp@teleport.com) (11/01)

Southminster Presbyterian Church is a challenging, supportive community that welcomes all people. It is the first More Light Presbyterian Church in Oregon. (10 am Sunday summer, 9:30 and 11 am Sunday winter. 12250 SW Denney Road, Beaverton. 503-644-2073.) (11/01)

St. James Lutheran Church, a reconciled in

Christ congregation, welcomes all people for traditional liturgical worship. (9 and 11 am Sunday. 1315 SW Park Ave. 503-227-2439.) (11/01)

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church offers a gay-positive community for Catholics and their friends. Mass at 7:30 pm Fridays followed by a social. (Paulist Center, 2408 SE 16th Ave. 503-231-4955.) (11/01)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church has been welcoming all people since 1863. (12:10 pm Wednesday and 7:45 and 10 am Sunday. Sunday school and child care at 10 am. SW 13th Avenue at Clay Street. 503-223-6424.) (11/01)

Unity Church of Portland is an all-inclusive community following Christ's teachings and celebrating diversity and truth without trappings for 75 years. Sunday school and child care available. Potluck first Sundays. (10 am Sunday. 4525 SE Stark St. 503-234-7441. unityprtd@wwd.org) (11/01)

University Park United Methodist Church is a member of the network of reconciling congregations and meets for worship at 10 am Sundays. (4775 N Lombard St. 503-289-7843.) (11/01)

Wy'east Unitarian Universalist Congregation is a new, open and liberal religious community on the inner east side of Portland offering intergenerational services and religious education for children. It welcomes members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Wy'east nurtures spiritual growth and promotes living by Unitarian Universalist principles. (4 pm Sunday. 3915 SE Steele St. 503-777-3704. www.wy'east.pnw.uua.org) (05/02)

Zion United Church of Christ, an open and affirming congregation, is open to gay, lesbian, bisexual

Universalist Congregation of Salem meets for a potluck on the third Sunday of each month. (6 pm. 5090 Center St. NE. 503-363-8716.) (11/01)

Interfaith Spiritual Community meets for inspirational messages, children's celebrations and joy every Sunday at the Heart Center. 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.) (11/01)

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 Sunday. 3674 12th St. SE, Salem. 503-364-5013.) (11/01)

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. (American Legion Hall, 4774 Lilac Lane NE, Salem. Mailing address: Pastor Ken Kerr, PO Box 12753, Salem, OR 97309. 503-315-7923.) (11/01)

YOUTH

Metro: Youth

Expression is a free art/expression support group for GLBT youth between 13 and 23 in Gresham. Hang out and have fun every Friday! Sponsored by Roots and Branches. (Jonathan 503-872-9664, ext. 28.) (11/01)

Outside In operates a clinic for anyone who can't qualify for the Oregon Health Plan as well as a needle exchange service that includes exchange for those who inject hormones. It also has some transitional housing for youth 20 and younger as well as for youth who are HIV-positive 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.) (11/01)

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 molly@prideproject.org) (11/01)

Rainbow is a multicultural peer support and activity group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans and questioning youth. (4:30 pm Wednesday. Metropolitan Community Church of Portland, 2400 NE Broadway. 503-281-8868.) (11/01)

Sexual Minority Youth Recreation Center (SMYRC) offers drop-in computer access, pool tables and an informal place to hang out and plays host to weekly youth support groups including Windfire, Trans Youth Group and Personal Deity Proxy (a creative group). (4-8 pm Monday and Wednesday, 4 pm-midnight Friday and Saturday. 2100 SE Belmont St. 503-872-9664. www.smyrc.org) (11/01)

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.) (11/01)

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.) (11/01)

Southern Oregon: Youth

Southern Oregon Youth Outreach (SOYO), a group for gay, lesbian, and bi youth between 14 and 20, meets on the first and Thursdays of the month in Ashland. (541-488-6990.) (11/01)

Washington: Youth

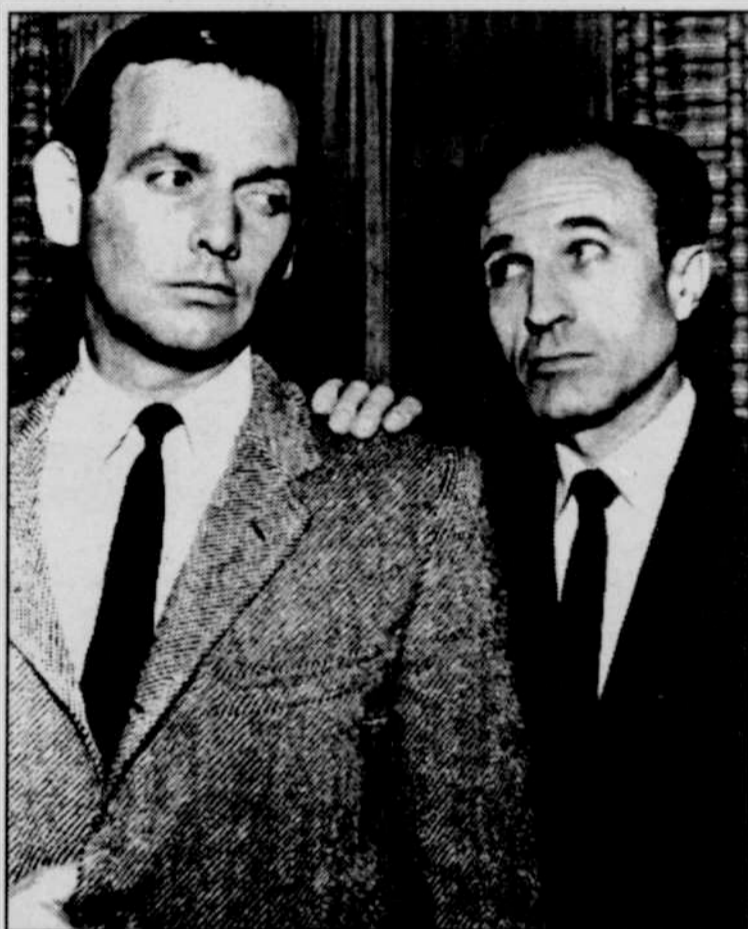
Triple Point offers education, support and advocacy to gay, lesbian, bi and trans and questioning youth in Vancouver, Wash. Meets 6-8 pm Tuesdays in the basement of Youth House, 1112 Columbia St. in Vancouver. (John 360-695-1325.) (05/02)

Willamette Valley: Youth

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth Group for ages 13 to 18 offers support, information and fun. Free, confidential, drop-in. (4-6 pm Friday. Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hiyard St., Eugene. 541-684-3466.) (11/01)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Youth Group for ages 25 and younger meets every Monday. (5 pm. Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St., Eugene. 541-346-1134.) (11/01)

Rainbow Youth is a support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth and their friends between 13 and 17 years old in the Salem-Keizer area. (503-581-5535.) (11/01)



Broadway actor Barry Morse (right, on his fugitive days) is among the performers during *Out on Broadway* on Oct. 11, a benefit for Esther's Pantry

transgender and heterosexual people who wish to worship in a Christ-centered, warm, caring, multiage/race/cultural faith community. (11 am Sunday. 2025 NE 23rd Ave., Gresham. 503-665-8741.) (11/01)

Washington: Spirituality

East Vancouver United Methodist Church. Reconciling, welcoming. (10 am Sunday. 5701 MacArthur Blvd. 360-693-4761. ourclarkcounty.columbian.com/273/) (11/01)

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.) (11/01)

Metropolitan Community Church of the Gentle Shepherd. (10 am every Sunday, 6:30 pm second and last Sunday. Suite E/F, 2200 Broadway, Vancouver. 360-695-1480. mccgs@aol.com www.mccgs.org) (11/01)

Michael Servetus Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, a home for the liberal religious spirit. (10 am Sunday. 4505 E 18th St., Vancouver. 360-695-1891.) (11/01)

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 Sunday. 700 Marion St. NE, Salem. 503-363-3660.) (11/01)

First Congregational United Church of Christ is an inclusive Christian community, an open and affirming church. (9:30 am Sunday summer, 10:30 am Sunday winter. 4515 SW West Hills Road, Corvallis. 541-757-8122.) (05/02)

Gay-Straight Alliance of the Unitarian

ADVICE

A fool and his money

Friend expects payback from rags-to-riches ex

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

My best friend (and longtime ex) Jim is happy in a new relationship with a man also named Jim.

My Jim has had a lifelong problem with debt, including school loans and credit cards up the wazoo. He often has sought my help with budgets and organization.

The two Jims have been together for a year. They are happy, have bought real estate and have merged like lesbians.

My Jim is particularly happy because his boyfriend, a stockbroker, is richer than God. He doesn't seem to have a single problem anymore and is basically very content, I presume because his boyfriend has paid off his debts; bought the new home, furniture and lifestyle; and basically created a comfy nest for the two of them.

Here's the problem. My Jim owes me \$7,000 from loans through the years. Because I never in a million years thought he'd be able to pay it back, I forgave him the loan.

Is it OK for me to have a frank talk with Jim about the money and his new situation? It seems indelicate to point out his newfound standing as a rich househusband, yet if his new Jim is paying people off, why shouldn't he pay me? How can I explain that I forgave him the loan because I never thought he'd have two pennies to rub together?

Please don't tell me to let it go; \$7,000 is a lot of money!! I want the money and the friendship with both of the Jims.

—Friend of Jim(s)

DEAR FRIEND OF JIM(S):

Lucky thing Jim's desperation took the form of being broke. Imagine if he'd had kidney failure and you'd helped him out!

Ms. Behavior envisions your conversation: "Jim, I never guessed you'd land a boyfriend with two perfectly functioning kidneys. Isn't it time we contacted a surgeon to retrieve mine?"

Because you forgave Jim the loan, standing in line with your hand out would seem tacky. If you insist on discussing it, tell him simply and directly that if he's ever in a position to repay you, it would help you. But do not act resentful when the Jims fly to European health spas, and do not cry when they visit wearing matching Rolexes.

If you do talk about it, say it once and never bring it up again. Think of it like this: If Jim hadn't had anything nice to wear and you'd donated your favorite frock to his limited wardrobe,



Ms. Behavior

you might feel stirrings of longing for it back once Jim snagged a fabulous Parisian designer who filled his closet with stunning outfits. But even then you only could notify him of your feelings tastefully: "Jim, if you someday find that you don't actually need that slimming black velvet and lace gown, and it's just taking up space in your closet, I

wouldn't mind having it back." Money is, of course, a little trickier. It takes up little space and is not necessarily irreplaceable, and the question of need vs. desire is not clear-cut.

Only when pressed, for example, will Ms. Behavior reveal that her desire for a pair of Manolo Blahnik shoes might be lower priority than her need for Pan-Asian food, world peace and oral sex. (She declines to comment, however, on comfortable shoes vs. tribadism.)

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

Tonight my wife, "Brenda," has gone on a date with another woman. I've agreed to it, but I don't approve. She has said recently that she loves me "millions" and wants to spend the rest of her life with me but that at this moment in time she doesn't "fancy" me.

She met this girl about six weeks ago. She assured me this is only a fantasy or experiment. What should I do? —Rita

DEAR RITA:

Stop agreeing to things that make you feel bad. They only will twist you and your relationship into a pretzel.

You can't keep Brenda happy by agreeing to let her date someone else. She thinks she can keep you hooked by saying she wants to spend "the rest of her life" with you—at least the part that happens when she's not at the movies or in a bubble bath with another woman.

Grow a backbone, and tell her what you want. Then, if it doesn't work out between you and Brenda, toss her gently to the curb*. At least you won't have to blame yourself for having been a spineless jellyfish.

* "Toss her to the curb" is a metaphor for breaking up. Ms. Behavior added "gently" to further clarify, so she won't receive angry letters from people who mistakenly think she advocates spousal abuse. ☐

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