

**SPIRITUALITY**

**Metro: Spirituality**

**Ainsworth United Church of Christ** is a multi-racial, multicultural, open and affirming church. Sunday worship is at 10 am; church school for children runs concurrently. (2941 NE Ainsworth St. 503-284-8767. [aucc@teleport.com](mailto:aucc@teleport.com)) (7/03)

**Anawim Community** of gay men meets weekly for Christian meditation and prayer. (7:30 pm Thursday. 503-281-0722.) (7/03)

**Atkinson Memorial Church** is a Unitarian Universalist welcoming congregation in Oregon City. (710 Sixth St. 503-656-7296. [www.atkinsonchurch.com](http://www.atkinsonchurch.com)) (7/03)

**Bridgeport United Church of Christ** is a community of progressive, political people exploring and celebrating the Christian faith. We are sexual minority and straight, multicultural and multi-racial, and our children are valued members. (10:30 am Sunday. 621 NE 76th Ave. 503-258-0992. [www.bridgeportucc.org](http://www.bridgeportucc.org)) (7/03)

**The City Church**, Portland's "oldest gay-affirming Christian church," offers a spirit-driven church for today's diverse generations. (10 am Sunday communion and worship service. 6:30 pm Sunday worship service. 7 pm Wednesday Bible study. 3830 SE 62nd Ave. 503-775-5024.) (7/03)

**Congregation Neveh Shalom**, an open and progressive Conservative Jewish synagogue, extends a warm welcome to all sexual minorities. Shabbat services 8:15 pm Friday and 9 am Saturday. (2900 SW Peaceful Lane. 503-246-8831.) (7/03)

**Congregation P'nai Or** (Faces of Light) is a vibrant, egalitarian, Jewish Renewal congregation in Portland. Meets several times a month in various locations. (PO Box 42187, Portland, OR 97242-0187. 503-248-4500. [www.pnaioipdx.org](http://www.pnaioipdx.org)) (7/03)

**Dignity Portland** meets for Mass on Sundays. (503-262-6947.) (7/03)

**Eastrose Fellowship Unitarian Universalist**, a welcoming congregation, offers Sunday service and children's religious education. (10:30 am Sunday. 1133 NE 181st Ave., Gresham. 503-665-2628. [eastrose@teleport.com](mailto:eastrose@teleport.com). [www.eastrose.org](http://www.eastrose.org)) (7/04)

**Faith United Methodist Church** is a welcoming community of Christians in Troutdale that values and encourages all people in finding a place of belonging in the family of God. Sunday worship at 10:15 am. Adult Education at 9 am; children and youth at 10:30 am. Wednesday Prayers 6-6:30 pm. (27400 SE Stark St. 503-661-4520.) (7/03)

**First Unitarian Church** of Portland is an open and affirming liberal religious community offering a wide range of programs to nurture spiritual growth, community and social justice. Sunday service 9 and 11 am. (1011 SW 12th Ave. 503-228-6389. [www.firstunitarianportland.org](http://www.firstunitarianportland.org)) (7/03)

**First United Methodist Church** of Portland, a welcoming and reconciling congregation, believes no one is left out in God's family. Sexual minority potlucks held monthly. (10:30 am Sunday. 1838 SW Jefferson St. 503-228-3195. [www.fumcpdx.org](http://www.fumcpdx.org)) (7/03)

**Gay and Lesbian Outreach (GALO)** of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church celebrates an affirming Mass followed by a social. (7:30 pm Friday. Paulist Center, 2408 SE 16th Ave. 503-231-4955.) (7/03)

**Gay Men's Labyrinth Project** meets quarterly for a walking meditation and wisdom circle on the labyrinth. (Date 503-233-2026, ext. 3. [www.gaylabyrinth.org](http://www.gaylabyrinth.org)) (7/04)

**Integrity** is a group of sexual minority Episcopalians and friends. Various locations throughout Oregon. (Bruce Mason 503-286-9111. [brucepdxor@attbi.com](mailto:brucepdxor@attbi.com). [www.integrityusa.org](http://www.integrityusa.org)) (7/03)

**Interfaith Spiritual Center** houses spiritual directors from various world religious traditions, who are available for guidance, classes and retreats. (Second Floor, 3910 SE 11th Ave. 503-233-2026, ext. 3. [www.interfaithspiritualcenter.com](http://www.interfaithspiritualcenter.com)) (7/03)

**Keshet Portland** is a group for Jewish members of the sexual minorities community and their partners, spouses and supporters. Monthly social, religious and cultural events. (David or Laney 503-226-7079, ext. 14.) (7/03)

**Koinonia Catholic Community** is a progressive, small faith community that gathers weekly to celebrate Eucharist at Bridgeport United Church of Christ. A welcoming congregation, Catholic in tradition and Ecumenical in membership. (6 pm Sunday. 621 NE 76th Ave. 503-699-0473. [www.koinoniacommunity.org](http://www.koinoniacommunity.org)) (7/03)

**Lesbian Christian Fellowship** meets for study and social outings. Committed Christians and still-unsures welcome. (Barbara 503-760-5791.) (7/04)

**Longview United Methodist Church** is welcoming and reconciling. (10 am Sunday. 2851 30th Ave. 360-425-4927.) (7/03)

**Metanoia Peace Community United Methodist Church** is a "house church" that brings gay and straight together. Daily morning prayer and Sunday evening worship. (503-281-3697. [www.tearsoup.com/metanoia](http://www.tearsoup.com/metanoia)) (7/04)

**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](mailto:info@mccportland.com)) (7/03)

**Peace Church of the Brethren** is a welcoming congregation. (11 am Sunday. 12727 SE Market St. 503-254-6380.) (7/04)

**Portland Center for Spiritual Growth** is a New Thought, uplifting, refreshing and exciting place of worship. Become a minister in our ministerial program. (10 am Sunday. Call for location. 503-777-0727.) (7/03)

**Portland Church of Religious Science** is a liberal, open, progressive New Thought community welcoming everyone to discover the spirit within. Change your thinking, change your life! (10 am Sunday meditation, 10:30 am service and junior church, 6:30 pm Wednesday prayer circle. 3983 NE 112th Ave. 503-261-0677.) (7/03)

**Portland Radical Faeries** meet twice a month with potlucks and circles at the full moon and the new moon. Open to all men seeking alternative spiritual growth and community. Coffee hours start 9:30 am Saturdays at 3 Friends Coffeehouse, 201 SE 12th Ave. (503-235-0826. [otter@pccp.com](mailto:otter@pccp.com)) (7/03)

**Seventh-Day Adventist Kinship** is a support organization for LGBT people, their families and friends. (PO Box 7320, Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-7320. 866-732-5677. [office@sdakinship.org](mailto:office@sdakinship.org). [www.sdakinship.org](http://www.sdakinship.org)) (7/04)

**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](mailto:sistersp@teleport.com)) (7/03)

**Spirit Circle** is for lesbian, bi or trans women seeking a welcoming community in the Catholic church. Meets every third Thursday in the St. Andrew Nativity School. (7 pm. 806 NE Alberta St. [lbspiritcircle@yahoo.com](mailto:lbspiritcircle@yahoo.com)) (7/03)

**Southminster Presbyterian Church** is a challenging, supportive community that welcomes all people. It is the first More Light Presbyterian Church in Oregon. Sunday school and nursery care. (10 am Sunday. 12250 SW Denney Road, Beaverton. 503-644-2073. [staff@southmin.com](mailto:staff@southmin.com)) (7/03)

**St. Andrew Catholic Church** invites all to join a diverse faith community for prayer and fellowship. (9:30 am Sunday. 806 NE Alberta St. 503-281-4429.) (7/03)

**St. James Lutheran Church**, a Reconciled in Christ congregation, welcomes all people for traditional, liturgical worship where we experience God's reconciling love that sets all people free. (9 and 11 am Sunday. 1315 SW Park Ave. 503-227-2439.) (7/03)

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church** has been wel-

coming all people since 1863. (12:10 pm Wednesday and 7:45 and 10 am Sunday. Sunday school and child care at 10 am. Southwest 13th Avenue at Clay Street. 503-223-6424.) (7/03)

**Trinity United Methodist Church** is an open Christian community where faith and life intersect. All invited! (10:30 am Sunday. 3915 SE Steele St. The Rev. Wendy Joy Woodworth 503-777-3901.) (7/03)

**Waverly Heights UCC** is open and affirming with worship, children's school and child care. (10 am Sunday. 3300 SE Woodward St. 503-238-1337. [www.waverlyucc.org](http://www.waverlyucc.org)) (7/04)

**Wyeast Unitarian Universalist Congregation** is an open and liberal religious community offering intergenerational services and religious education for children. It welcomes gay, lesbian, bi and trans members. Nurtures spiritual growth and promotes living by Unitarian Universalist principles. (4 pm Sunday. 3915 SE Steele St. 503-777-3704. [www.wyeast.pnwd.uua.org](http://www.wyeast.pnwd.uua.org)) (7/03)

**Zion United Church of Christ**, an open and affirming congregation, is open to gay, lesbian, bi, trans 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.) (7/03)

**Washington: Spirituality**

**Abundant Life Center** is A New Thought Community for spiritual awakening and transforming lives through love. A safe place where children learn to embody spiritual principles. (10 am Sunday. 10006 NE Ninth Ave., Vancouver. 360-573-2626.) (7/03)

**East Vancouver United Methodist Church** is reconciling and welcoming. (10 am Sunday. 5701 MacArthur Blvd. 360-693-4761. [ourclarkcounty.columbian.com/273/](mailto:ourclarkcounty.columbian.com/273/)) (7/03)

**First Congregational Church**, United Church of Christ, holds two Sunday services, traditional and "less traditional" in an open and affirming congregation. (1220 NE 68th St., Vancouver. 360-693-1476. [vanuc@aol.com](mailto:vanuc@aol.com)) (7/03)

**God's Holy Territory** is a charismatic, joy-filled worship experience in Vancouver where everyone is welcome: gay, lesbian, bi, trans and straight. (11 am Sunday service. Bible study 7 pm Thursdays, except third Thursday. 1500 NE 49th St. 360-885-9461. [pastor@godsholyterritory.com](mailto:pastor@godsholyterritory.com)) (7/03)

**Metropolitan Community Church of the Gentle Shepherd** in Vancouver welcomes you. (10:30 am and 6:30 pm Sunday worship. 9 am Sunday Bible study. 2200 Broadway. The Rev. Harriet Barshofsky 360-695-1480.) (7/03)

**Michael Servetus Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**, a Welcoming Congregation, provides a home for the liberal religious spirit. (9:15 and 11 am Sunday. 4505 E 18th St., Vancouver. 360-695-1891.) (7/03)

**Willamette Valley: Spirituality**

**First Congregational Church**, United Church of Christ, is an open and affirming congregation offering worship and church school. Child care provided and wheelchair accessible. (9 am Sunday learning hour, 10 am worship. 700 Marion St. NE, Salem. 503-363-3660.) (7/03)

**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.) (7/03)

**Sacred Souls** honors all sacred paths, promotes peace and strives to create an environment that supports and promotes interfaith dialogue. Meets at the Oregon School of Massage. (6:30 pm Sunday. 440 Ferry St. SE, Salem. [wholth@aol.com](mailto:wholth@aol.com). [www.sacredsouls.org](http://www.sacredsouls.org)) (7/03)

**Eastern Oregon: Youth**

**Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living** offers support and advocacy to gay, lesbian, bi, trans and questioning youth in Eastern Oregon. (541-889-3119 or 866-248-8369. [eoic@eoic.org](mailto:eoic@eoic.org). [www.eoic.org](http://www.eoic.org)) (7/03)

**Washington: Youth**

**Triple Point** offers education, support and advocacy to gay, lesbian, bi, 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.) (7/03)

**Willamette Valley: Youth**

**Gay, Lesbian, Bi, Transgender and Questioning Youth Group** for ages 13 to 18 offers support, information and fun in Eugene. Free, confidential, adult-facilitated. (Drop in 4-6 pm Friday. Amazon Community Center. 2700 Hilary St. 541-684-3466.) (7/03)

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Youth Group** for ages 25 and younger meets every Monday in Eugene. (5 pm. Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St. 541-346-1134.) (7/03)

**Rainbow Youth of Salem** for kids 21 and younger meets twice weekly. (6-8 pm Tuesday, 4-6 pm Thursday. 600 State St. Dani 503-930-7260.) (7/03)

**ADVICE**

**Close, closer...**

Sexual predator or victim—which are you?

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

I seem to attract bisexual women or those who are still in the closet. They find me a safe haven for unexpressed feelings or are attracted to me. We start out as friends, and then the relationship evolves to another level of verbal intimacy.

Most women talk about intimacy and love, right? So this isn't a boundary abuse, is it? How does one help others with their hidden sexualities without making them feel uncomfortable in any way?

There are times when these women have gone as far as flirting with me in different, subtle ways. It has caused me heartache and pain to deal with such denial. I have even put myself in therapy to make sure what I am perceiving from these women is an attraction because it is so confusing. They end up dropping out of my life when they feel they are getting too close to me, and I am left standing there feeling empty.

—Trust Bandits

DEAR TRUST BANDITS:

Are you the lesbian our mothers warned us about? You'd prefer to believe you're a magnet for sexually confused women, when in actuality you lure them with the promise of sorting out their feelings. Your conversations with them are probably erotically charged, which is why you wonder if it's "boundary abuse."

In reality, these women don't need your help with their "hidden sexualities." They'll figure out what to do with their feelings all by themselves, without you acting as the midwife for their latent lesbianism.

You need to stay away from straight or bisexual women (and their birth canals) and figure out why you're afraid to have friendships or relationships with real lesbians. (OK, some of us are admittedly scary, but once you get to know us we'll embrace you and love you and excite you—and try to ensnare you in long, sexless relationships.)

If you stop trying to suck confused women into intimate chat, you'll stop feeling the pain of their denial, which is actually your own denial. If your therapist hasn't begun to lead you in this direction, you might need a new therapist. (Ms. Behavior hopes you haven't gone so far as to find yourself a sexually confused therapist, too.)

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

Out of the blue I received an e-mail from a guy I had lots of secret sex with in high school. He wants to know if I'm going to our 20-year reunion.



**Ms. Behavior**  
by Meryl Cohn

Jeff is now married to a woman, and he's a lawyer, and he lives in the wealthy 'burbs near the city where we grew up. I'm none of those things. I haven't figured out yet what to be when I grow up.

I am clean and sober now, finally, after years of depression and booze. I work as a waiter in a very gay city, which is about as far away from

my hometown as a person can get. Sadly, I have never found love, so I would be going alone.

Aren't these reunions just a bunch of people standing around bragging about their kids, careers and happy, happy lives? My life hasn't been so happy. Should I subject myself to the misery of having to tell people I work in the restaurant industry just to get a little tongue from an old lover?

Somehow I can't seem to make myself blow it off because Jeff from my past wants me to show up and have a cocktail with him. Should I go to this thing for one final fling?

—At Least I Still Have All My Hair

DEAR AT LEAST I STILL HAVE ALL MY HAIR:

If you go to your high school reunion just to reconnect with your secret sex buddy from 20 years ago, you'll probably be disappointed. You might have left out a juicy detail when you described Jeff's e-mail, but, if not, it seems unlikely that he plans to have a final fling with you at the reunion, despite your luxurious hair. It's fine to fantasize about hooking up with a past

lover, but counting on it might leave you feeling crushed. Besides, where does his wife go in your fantasy while Jeff fellates you behind the punch bowl? Sometimes a cocktail is just a cocktail.

Most people attend these events when they're feeling good about themselves, and it doesn't sound like you do right now. So, congratulate yourself on your newfound sobriety. And work on becoming a spiritual giant before your 25th reunion so that you can decide from a detached and fearless position whether to attend. ☐

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**YOUTH**

**Metro: Youth**

**Flavors**, a program of MultiQueer and Brother to Brother, is a social support group for sexual minority youth of color 24 and younger. Meets every other Sunday for food and socializing. Regular events and activities. (Laye 503-228-3892 or [jaye@imfamily.org](mailto:jaye@imfamily.org)) (7/03)

The **Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)** fights to end anti-gay bias in K-12 schools. (12700 SW North Dakota St., Suite 180, #129, Tigard, OR 97223. 503-525-1177. [glsen@glsenoregon.org](mailto:glsen@glsenoregon.org). [www.glsenoregon.org](http://www.glsenoregon.org)) (7/03)

**MultiQueer**, a program of Love Makes a Family, provides advocacy to sexual minority youth. Offers resources and support in the community and the school systems, with a focus on support for youth of color. (Laye 503-228-3892 or [jaye@imfamily.org](mailto:jaye@imfamily.org)) (7/03)

**Outside In** operates a clinic for anyone who can't qualify for the Oregon Health Plan as well as needle exchange services that include those who inject hormones. Can provide transitional housing for youth 20 and younger as well as for those HIV+ and younger than 23. Also plays host to VOICES (Voices of Individual and Community Empowerment from the Streets), a self-support group for queer youth. Needs volunteers of all ages. (10 am-6 pm

Monday-Friday. 1132 SW 13th Ave. 503-535-3800. [www.outsidein.org](http://www.outsidein.org)) (7/03)

**Vanguard Youth Services**, a program of Cascadia Behavioral HealthCare, offers support and recreation to gay, lesbian, bi and trans kids 23 and younger. Programs include: **Clackamas County Sexual Minority Youth Connection (COSMYC)** provides opportunities for queer and questioning kids to get together for free, fun and supportive social activities. Also one-on-one support and referrals to Clackamas County service providers. (503-969-0060. [cosmycyouth@yahoo.com](mailto:cosmycyouth@yahoo.com)) **Expression** is a free art/expression support group in Gresham for queer youth. Hang out and have fun every Friday! (Jonathan 503-872-9664, ext. 28.) **Pride Project** brings together Washington County queer and questioning youth to plan and attend monthly social events. Also information, referral and advocacy services in Washington County. (Molly 503-260-5792. [molly@prideproject.org](mailto:molly@prideproject.org)) **Sexual Minority Youth Recreation Center (SMYRC)** offers drop-in computer access, pool tables and an informal place to hang out. Weekly youth support groups includes 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. TTY 503-231-9286. [www.smyrc.org](http://www.smyrc.org)) **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.) (7/03)