

**SPIRITUALITY**

**Metro: Spirituality**

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

**Atkinson Memorial Church**, a Unitarian Universalist church, provides a spiritual home for those looking for a liberal-minded, supportive and caring congregation in Oregon City. (10:30 am Sunday. 710 Sixth St. 503-656-7296.)

**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 multiracial, and our children are valued members. (10:30 am Sunday. 621 NE 76th Ave. 503-258-0992. www.bridgeportucc.org.)

**Congregation P'nai Or** (Faces of Light) is a vibrant, egalitarian, Jewish Renewal congregation in Portland. Meets several times a month at Portland State University Campus Ministries. (PO Box 42187, Portland, OR 97242-0187. 503-248-4500. www.pnaiorpd.org.)

**Eastrose Fellowship Unitarian Universalist** a welcoming congregation, offers Sunday service and children's religious education. (10:30 am. 1133 NE 181st Ave., Gresham. 503-665-2628. office@eastrose.org. www.eastrose.org.)

**Eckankar—Religion of the Light and Sound of God** holds worship services and maintains a library of materials. Learn how the Divine Spirit works throughout your own life in today's world. (10 am Sunday. 7904 SE Milwaukie Ave. 503-233-1595. www.eckankar.org.)

**Elevation**, a gay Christian rock band, invites you to join us for energetic, inspiring jams and powerful, spiritual messages at Metropolitan Community Church of Portland. (6 pm Sunday. 2400 NE Broadway. 503-281-8868.)

**Enneagram Community of Portland** offers mentoring, therapy, spiritual direction, classes, workshops and retreats. (enneagrampd@aol.com. www.enneagramportland.com.)

**Faith United Methodist Church** is a welcoming congregation that values and affirms the sacredness of all people. We invite and encourage everyone to find a place in the family of God. (10:15 am Sunday. 27400 SE Stark St., Troutdale. 503-661-4520.)

**First Congregational United Church of Christ** is an open and affirming congregation in the liberal Christian tradition. Church school and nursery care. (10:25 am Sunday. 1126 SW Park Ave. 503-228-7219.)

**First Congregational United Church of Christ of Hillsboro** is an open and affirming congregation explicitly welcoming everyone into its Christian community, fellowship and worship. Bible and book study groups, Sunday school and nursery care. (10:30 am Sunday. 494 E Main St. 503-648-4341. www.hillsboro-ucc.org.)

**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.)

**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.)

**Integrity** is a group of sexual minority Episcopalians and friends. Various locations throughout Oregon. (Steven Norcross or Bruce 503-286-9111. brucepdor@comcast.net. www.integrityusa.org.)

**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.)

**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.)

**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.)

**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 service. (2400 NE Broadway. 503-281-8868. info@mccportland.com. www.mccportland.com.)

**Nichiren Buddhist Temple of Portland** offers several weekly gatherings. Everyone welcome! (10 am Sunday. 7:30 am Tuesday and Thursday. 7:30 pm Wednesday meditation. 2025 SE Yamhill St. 503-232-8064. www.nichiren-shu.org/portland.)

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

**Portland Center for Spiritual Growth** is a center for worship, growth and leadership that adheres to an all-inclusive spiritual philosophy similar to 12-step, Unity and Religious Science. Impromptu

wedding ceremonies available. (503-777-0727. www.portlandcenter.org.)

**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 Coffehouse, 201 SE 12th Ave. (503-235-0826. otter@pcez.com.)

**Rose City Park Presbyterian Church** a member of the Community of Welcoming Congregations and the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, is a vibrant, inclusive community of faith. All God's children are welcome to join in our life and worship. (10 am Sunday. 1907 NE 45th Ave. www.rosecityparkpres.org.)

**Seventh-Day Adventist Kinship** is a support organization for former and current Adventists who are queer as well as their family and friends. (PO Box 49375, Sarasota, FL 34230-6375. 866-732-5677. office@sdakinship.org. www.sdakinship.org.)

**Southminster Presbyterian Church** is an active member of the Community of Welcoming Congregations. Sunday school, nursery care, classes, community service activities and events for all ages and interests. (9 am Sunday chapel service, 10 am Sunday main worship service. 12250 SW Denney Road, Beaverton. 503-644-2073. staff@southmin.com. www.southmin.com.)

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

**St. Brigid Celtic Anabaptist Community** is a newly developing group connecting ancient traditions and future visions to manifest liberty, peace and justice. Now meeting for discussion, study and meditation. (Sarah 503-757-7545. www.stbrigidcac.co.nr.)

**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. www.stjameslutheranportland.org.)

**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. 1432 SW 13th Ave. 503-223-6424.)

**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.)

**Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Washington County** is an open and affirming liberal religious community offering a variety of enrichment programs in addition to community and social action opportunities. (9 and 11 am Sunday. 22785 NW Birch St., Hillsboro. 503-648-1720. www.uuccwc.org.)

**University Park United Methodist Church** is a small, diverse, open and progressive community of faith that extends a warm welcome to all people. (10 am Sunday. 4775 N



RC Gallery exhibits Seattle artist Juan Alonso through June 30.

Lombard St. 503-289-7843. www.upumc.net.)

**Waverly Heights United Church of Christ** is open and affirming with worship, children's school and child care. (10 am summer, 11 am school year. 3300 SE Woodward St. 503-238-1337. pastor@waverlyucc.org. www.waverlyucc.org.)

**Wy'east Unitarian Universalist Congregation** is an open and liberal religious community offering intergenerational services and religious education for youth and adults. We welcome gay, lesbian, bi and trans members and nurture spiritual growth living by Unitarian Universalist principles. (5 pm Sunday. 3300 SE Woodward St. 503-777-3704. www.wyeast.pnwd.uua.org.)

**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/10:30 am summer). 2025 NE 23rd Ave., Gresham. 503-665-8741.)

**Central Oregon: Spirituality**

**United Church of Christ Congregational** is an open and affirming congregation in The Dalles. (9:20 am adult Sunday school, 10:30 am worship/9:30 am summer). 111 E Fifth St. 541-296-2909. ucccngl@netcnet.net. www.forministry.com/usorucfucccc.)

**Washington: Spirituality**

**Abundant Life Center** assists the community in spiritual growth. (10 am Sunday. 111 W 39th St., Vancouver. The Rev. Kathleen Verigin 360-573-2626. www.abundant-life-center.org.)

**First Congregational United Church of Christ** has been an open and affirming congregation since 1992, extending God's extravagant welcome to all people, no matter who they are or where they are on life's journey. (1220 NE 68th St., Vancouver. 360-693-1476. www.vancouverucc.org.)

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

**Metropolitan Church of the Gentle Shepherd** welcomes you. Bible study follows morning worship. (10:30 am and 6:30 pm Sunday. 2200 Broadway St., Vancouver. The Rev. Harriet Barshofsky 360-695-1480.)

**Michael Servitius Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**, a Welcoming Congregation, provides a home for the liberal religious spirit. (9:30 and 11:15 am Sunday. 4505 E 18th St., Vancouver. 360-695-1891.)

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church** has welcomed all people since 1853. Traditional but never stuffy. (English: 8 and 10:30 am Sunday. Spanish: 1 pm Sunday. Child care at 10:30 am. 426 E Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver. The Rev. John Allen 360-696-0181. www.stlukeschurch.info.)

**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. (9:30 am Sunday learning hour, 10:30 am worship. 700 Marion St. NE, Salem. 503-363-3660.)

**Metropolitan Community Church Two Rivers** is a Christian church with primary outreach in the sexual minorities community. (6:30 pm Sunday. 1166 Oak St., Eugene.)

Wednesday, 4-11 pm Friday, 2100 SE Belmont St. 503-872-9664. www.smyrc.org.)

**YOUTH**

**Metro: Youth**

**Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)** strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. (12700 SW North Dakota St., Suite 180 #129, Tigard, OR 97223. 503-525-1177. glsen@glsenoregon.org. www.glsenoregon.org.)

**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. Provide transitional housing for youth 20 and younger and for those HIV-positive and younger than 23. Need volunteers of all ages. (10 am-6 pm Monday-Friday. 1132 SW 13th Ave. 503-535-3800. www.outsidein.org.)

**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.)

**Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center (SMYRC)** offers support, recreation, counseling and referral to gay, lesbian, bi and trans kids 23 and younger. Drop-in computer access, pool tables and an informal place to hang out. Weekly trans, leadership and art support group meetings. (4-9 pm

**Eastern Oregon: Youth**

**Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living** offers support and advocacy to gay, lesbian, bi, trans and questioning youth in Eastern Oregon. (1021 SW Fifth Ave., Ontario. 541-889-3119 or 866-248-8369. ecocil@ecocil.org. www.ecocil.org.)

**Washington: Youth**

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

**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 Hilyard St. 541-684-3466.)

**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.)

**ADVICE**

**Organ grinder**

Lesbian outraged at proposed threesome with man

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

What is it with 21st century so-called lesbians and their infatuation with penises?

I read your column about the dyke couple who want to have a threesome with some "hot" straight guy at their gym ["Three's a Crowd," June 3]. What a joke.

I'm not judging queer women who enjoy their fantasies, but I'm a lesbian because I am NOT attracted to men. I don't care how they look in gym shorts, and I don't want sexual contact with any of their body parts. I don't need a dick to get off or to get my lovers off.

But lesbianism is so perverted by testosterone-dominated culture, we think that we need a penis and that there's something wrong with us if we don't collect dildos to regularly fuck each other with. That whole mock hetero penetration thing is insulting and degrading. We've been programmed to believe real sex involves a phallic object jammed into us.

Those plastic toys are ridiculous enough. Now, to make matters worse, dykes are taking it to the extreme by picking up live men just for their penises. But Ms. B, if the couple who wrote to you are really lesbians, they would not want or tolerate a man in their bed. You should have told them so.

Why be diplomatic? Have those ladies tell gym boy to take his ego trip and get lost. He just wants some pussy, and there's no shortage of straight chicks on the planet. And get these pathetic dick-loving dykes to learn to use their mouths and hands and tongues and FEMALE parts.

Do we ever see fags strapping on fake boobs and plastic vaginas to fuck each other? Hell, no. Are gay male couples out cruising for girls at the health spa? Come on.

Lesbians are penis-whipped. And in my book, that's a fate worse than being straight.

—Real Dyke

DEAR REAL DYKE:

Lesbian readers seem divided on the boy-stud issue along age lines, with younger ones saying, "Go for it," and most older ones gassing.

But your diatribe against sex toys crosses a sacred line: Regardless of your age, if you think real dykes don't use dildos, you don't know dick. Your anti-penetration argument may have sounded compelling 30 years ago, but since then too many lesbians have invested way too many hours finding their G spots to be willing to settle for only gentle clitoral caresses.

Frankly, you seem to protest far too much against real and fabricated penises to seem credible. How do you



Ms. Behavior by Meryl Cohn

know you wouldn't be erotically thrilled by a romp with a silicone member? Maybe it would be fun! Please try to keep an open mind so you don't give feminism a bad name by confusing it with prudishness.

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

In response to your letter about the gay women contemplating a threesome with a

guy, I don't disagree with your wise words of caution; however, as a 19-year-old women's studies major and bi/dyke feminist, I vote that they go for it.

Throughout history, men have used women for sex. Now women are turning the tables, and it's about time.

Let those lesbians have their fun. It's empowering for all of us. And when they're done with the dude, they should toss him away like used meat, as his ex-wife did.

It's time for men to be the sex objects. It's good for us all, and we women deserve the fun!

—Grrls on Top

DEAR GRRLS ON TOP:

Hurrah. You sound like a grrl who knows how to have a good time! As for tossing him away, it's unlikely that a straight guy would be offended, as long as he was used for sexual pleasure first.

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

I'm saddened to read of the lesbian couple seeking a threesome with a male. Why a male?

Take me: I'm 38, healthy and divorced, with a well-used gym membership—in other words, a perfect replica of their fantasy hunk, except I'm a woman. So please tell them to forget that guy. To quote him, I too have "some equipment" they'll like—better than his!

I hope you'll forward my e-mail address to the ladies. Thank you! (And by the way, the same goes for you and your girlfriend. Interested in a threesome?)

—A Better Offer

DEAR A BETTER OFFER:

Ms. Behavior's threesome calendar is booked for the season, but she appreciates the kind offer. Still, she enjoys facilitating the erotic fulfillment of others and has forwarded your note to the gym women. She hopes that they take you on your proposal and that you'll report back in detail when they do. ☑

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