

# Buddhism topic of next FUUF meeting

The guest speaker for Sunday, Feb. 15, at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is Buddhist Pip Cole.

Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 11 a.m. with refreshments and fellowship.

Cole has been involved with most of the large protestant denominations in his life and then he began the study of Buddhism.

Cole has practiced meditation and looks forward to sharing his experiences with the FUUF congregation.

Cole will give a short history of meditation as a Buddhist practice and how

these practices are stressed in Buddhism.

Cole started his practice of meditation in 1967.

He has studied with Meher Baba, Ram Dass, Yogi Bhanjan, Ch'an Master Hsuan Hua and has been to temples from Kamakura and Kyoto Japan to pilgrimages in India, Korea, China, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Cambodia.

The UU Fellowship is at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road and is wheelchair accessible.

For more information, visit [www.florenceuuf.org](http://www.florenceuuf.org) or call 541-997-2840.

# Soups On to discuss impact of kings, rulers

Monday, Feb 16, at 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join a group from diverse spiritual paths who enjoy discussing a variety of spiritual topics.

This week, they will study kings and rulers.

There is a Baha'i quote, "O kings of the earth! We see you increasing every year your expenditures, and laying the burden thereof on your subjects. This, verily, is wholly and grossly unjust."

The evening will begin with

bowls of Chunky Pasta Soup, fruit, home-made warm bread and vegetables followed by the evening's topic until 8:30 p.m.

The gathering will end with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.

Everyone is invited to attend.

The Heintz home is at 875 Seventh St.

For more information, call Suzanne Mann-Heintz at 541-590-0779.



# You're all right standing with God

righteous (right with God) is by having faith in Jesus Christ — it's not something we can ever earn in our own effort.

I used to really struggle with self-righteousness.

Many years ago somebody came to the church I was attending and suggested that we all read through the Bible in a year.

The pastor got on board, and every Sunday he'd ask, "Who's been doing your Bible reading?" Well, I didn't want to be the one not standing up, so I got really serious about it.

We all got a calendar so we could check off the days we read the chapters. I put it up on the refrigerator so everybody who came in would ask me what it was, and I was so proud.

As long as I had all my checkmarks, I liked that calendar.

But then I got 36 chapters behind and had these big, gaping holes!

It was like a nightmare for me.

So one day I decided I was going to catch up, and I zipped right through the chapters.

And honestly, when I closed my Bible I felt so relieved.

But then I almost immediately heard the Holy Spirit say to me, "So, tell Me, what did you learn?"

And I realized I could not remember one thing!

God taught me an important lesson that day.

He would rather we read one verse and actually get

something out of it and connect with Him than read 36 chapters and learn nothing.

The point is we need to have the right motives for the things we do and stop making laws out of tasks that make us feel better about ourselves but are unfruitful.

In 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT), Paul writes, "For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."

Every day of my life I say, "I am the righteousness of God in Christ."

Now, I'm not righteous because I do everything right.

No one is perfect, and none of us do everything right.

The Bible says in 1 John 1:8 (NLT), "If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth."

You might say, "Well, Joyce, shouldn't we try to do what's right?"

Absolutely! God wants us to live through faith in Christ.

Then, as we have a personal relationship with Him, we'll do the right thing by His grace because we want to do the right thing.

He puts the desire in us to do what's right.

In Philippians 3:3 (NLT), Paul explains that "we rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort."

He says he obeyed the law without fault, and if any person had a reason to have

confidence in himself by the law's standard, he had more of a reason than anyone.

In verses 7 through 9 (NLT) of that chapter, Paul goes on to say, "I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith."

Paul is saying in order to have a relationship with Christ, he had to be willing to gather up all of his accomplishments and the things he had worked so hard for and be willing to get rid of them all.

That's because it's nothing but trash compared to the priceless privilege of knowing Christ as our Lord and Savior.

Yes, what we do matters, but our good works do not make us acceptable to God.

We are only made right with Him by putting our faith in Jesus Christ.

And when we put our faith in Christ, we can rest in knowing that everything is all

## Time for a new direction? Try 'Ashes to Go' during Lent

BY REV. GEORGIA C. DUBOSE  
For the Siuslaw News

Ash Wednesday is coming. "So?" say many people. "What's that?"

Ash Wednesday is, like Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, one of the most spiritually healthy days of the year. It prepares followers of Jesus for the celebration of Easter, inaugurating the 40 day period known as Lent. During the days of Lent, we pray, fast and take on good deeds for the betterment of humankind and of our own spirits. Ash Wednesday, in particular, is a day for repentance.

"Repentance" means "turning around." It means, "Going in a new direction." (It does not mean beating myself up, saying what a jerk I am, or looking sad and grim.) It recalls that I, and other humans, are finite, and have limited days here on earth, and that we need, from time to time, to make sure that we are headed in a useful, gracious and healthy direction.

To honor the spirit of repentance, there is a church tradition of clergy marking the heads of people with ashes in the shape of a cross and saying, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

This year, the clergy of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will be offering "Ashes to Go"

near the boardwalk at the end of Bay Street in Florence on Wednesday, Feb. 18, from noon until 1 p.m.

They also will offer a prayer card to use during Lent, and will have a box for prayer requests. People can write their requests on a slip of paper, put them (anonymously, if they choose) in the box, and the clergy will pray for them during the 40 days of Lent.

Regular Ash Wednesday services at St. Andrew's, including an Ash Wednesday litany with a new composition, "Call to the Desert," by Florence composer Mary Ann Eagle, will take place at 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at 2135 19th St., at the corner of Tamarack, one block east of Spruce Street. Eagle's setting of music for the mass will be used throughout Lent at St. Andrew's.

Other Lenten programming will include Soup Supper on the five Tuesdays in Lent, at 6 p.m. beginning Feb. 25, and the evening service of Compline with rosary and intercessory prayer, at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday during Lent.

If it seems to you that perhaps turning in a new direction could be useful, come to the boardwalk Feb. 18 at noon.

For more information, call St. Andrew's at 541-997-6600 on Tuesday, Feb. 17, between 8 a.m. and noon.

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