

FUUF to hear about 'Way of the Heart'

On Sunday, Nov. 15, from 10 to 11 a.m., at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Kris Little will be the guest speaker. The title of her message is "The Way of the Heart."

Little is dedicated to spiritual expansion and the evolution of our highest potential in consciousness.

"I invite you to join me on a path to our authentic selves, seeing the world within, and realizing the mystery of infi-

nite possibilities," said Little. "We truly can express and experience life as happiness, freedom, love and harmony."

The UU Fellowship Hall is at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road.

FUUF is wheelchair accessible, and each service concludes with refreshments and a dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during each worship service.

For more information, call 541-997-2840.



Back in the 1970s, I used to bowl on Friday nights. I remember one night when I wasn't doing very well and I heard the Lord speak to my heart. "Ask Me to help you bowl." I immediately thought, I can't ask You to help me bowl! But I went ahead and prayed, "Okay, Lord, please help me bowl better." And He did!

I remember this experience so clearly because it was a great eye-opener that made me realize God cares about every part of our lives, and He wants to be involved in everything we do.

John 10:10 (AMP) says, "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)." Jesus died so we can have life-not just a barely-get-by, "I'm hanging on till Jesus comes back" existence.

God wants each of us to have a deep, intimate, personal relationship with Him so we can enjoy our everyday lives and learn how to "do life" with

Discover joy in your daily journey

Him. This means we do every single thing in our daily life with and for God. And when we realize we are just as close to Him at home doing laundry or at the grocery store as we are at church or during our time in prayer, then we are serving Him in everything we do.

It's all about balance

The first several years I was in ministry, I didn't enjoy it. I worked too much and was too concerned about what others thought about me. I had a tendency to be this way because growing up, it seemed that the more I worked and the more I accomplished, the happier people were with me. Over time I became a first-rate workaholic.

It took me awhile to realize that "all work and no play" is not healthy, and God wants me to have abundant life. This meant I had to learn how to balance my priorities so that my relationship with God is always first, and then everything else follows. This includes my relationships with family and friends, along with work and taking time to relax.

It's not wrong to work hard,

and I like to work. But if I don't make time to rest and just have fun, it won't take long for me to get out of balance and lose my joy.

Turn the ordinary into the extraordinary

So much of life can become a mundane routine that we only really enjoy it when we do something out of the ordinary, like go on vacation, go to a special event or do something exciting, like shop for a new dress. And many people have a "working for the weekend" mentality.

But this type of enjoyment is based on emotional excitement, not the joy God gives.

The joy of the Lord is much greater than simply feeling happy. It brings peace and contentment to your soul, even when your circumstances are difficult and it doesn't make any sense. Nehemiah 8:10 says, "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

This kind of joy makes the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday routine enjoyable. And since most of life is Monday through Friday, we

need to enjoy it!

The world can't give it to you

In John 15:11, Jesus says, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." The Amplified translation says "that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing." In the ten verses leading up to this one, Jesus is talking about abiding in Him, because that's the key to living with His joy.

Abiding means "to live, dwell and remain in"; it's not just visiting once a week at church. It's having a personal relationship with Christ, being one with Him and doing life together. The truth is apart from Jesus, we can do nothing of real value, but with Him, we can bear much good fruit (John 15:5).

God wants to abide with you every day, all throughout the day. He doesn't just want you to seek Him when you go to church or when you're desperate. His desire is to have a personal relationship with you, so you can experience His presence in everything you do.

Soup's On to discuss world happiness

On Monday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join a group from diverse spiritual paths who enjoy discussing a variety of topics. This week the topic will be: The Happiness of the World.

The Baha'i teachings say: "Until material achievements, physical accomplishments and human virtues are reinforced by spiritual perfections, luminous qualities and characteristics of mercy, no fruit or result shall issue there from, nor will the happiness of the world of humanity, which is the ulti-

mate aim, be attained."

The evening will begin with bowls of chili, homemade 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. The Heintz home is located at 875 Seventh St.

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

Library seeks feedback for improvement

What do you love about the Siuslaw Public Library? What could be better? Are there services you would like to see

offered by library staff? What is the most important thing the library currently provides?

The Siuslaw Public Library

District is getting ready to complete a new five-year strategic plan that will determine programs and services offered by the library through 2020. In preparation for this vital project, Library Director Meg Spencer, the Library Board, staff and volunteers are asking local residents to fill out a short survey about the library. The results will assist in determining the library's priorities for the coming years.

"I am hoping we'll hear from people throughout the community, including those who aren't currently using the library," said Spencer. "It is so important that we hear from residents of all ages and with all kinds of library experiences to make sure we are providing the best service."

The Siuslaw Public Library user survey is available online at www.SiuslawLibrary.org.

Paper copies are also available at the Florence and Mapleton locations of the library. Results will be collected through Dec. 18.

Siuslaw Public Library

District Board President Jane Yecny is excited about the possibilities that will come out of the current strategic planning process.

"We have a great library and great staff here in the Siuslaw region. The community is very supportive, and so many of our residents value all that the Siuslaw Public Library can offer," she said. "This is our chance to move to the next level and become one of the best rural library systems in Oregon. I really want everyone to help guide that journey by taking the survey."

At a recent special Siuslaw Public Library board meeting dedicated to planning for the survey and plan, board members set a goal of collecting 300 survey responses before the Dec. 18 deadline.

Spencer is positive the library can meet that goal.

"I know we can do it. I know we have hundreds of patrons who care a lot about the library and want to shape the future of what we do," she said.

Volunteer drivers needed

DAV is in desperate need of volunteer drivers who are willing to drive vets in the DAV van on day trips to Portland. Vets need to make the trip for medical appointments.

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