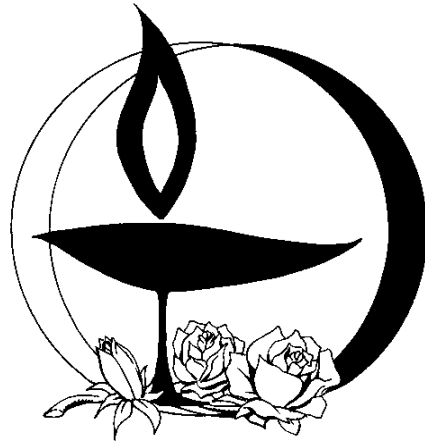


2009-2010 Annual Report



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Eastrose Mission Statement

We, the members of the Eastrose Fellowship
Unitarian Universalist congregation,
covenant to provide an
open-minded, caring community,
to support ethical values,
and to nurture the emotional, spiritual
and intellectual needs
of our members.

Our mission is
to nourish a liberal religious community
in East Multnomah County,
to respect and celebrate the diversity
inherent in humankind,
and to bring the hope-filled message
of Unitarian Universalism
into our community and world.

President's Report

This has been another year of remarkable successes and programmatic growth for Eastrose Fellowship. Our church is blessed to have leadership and staff that bring consistent energy, vision and commitment to congregation-wide health and vitality. And even as the larger world continued this year to struggle with challenging economic conditions, Eastrose has continued to be a thriving presence in the spiritual lives of our members as well as in the community we are a part of here in East County.

This year, the Fellowship has participated in the Covenant of Right Relations workshop facilitated by Kathryn Estey, our Office Administrator and a Pacific Northwest District Healthy Congregations Team consultant. This is a powerful process that has generated a draft version of a covenant for our fellowship that will assure that we step forward with love and integrity into our future. We have presented this draft covenant to the congregation at large for feedback, and I urge you all to give it careful attention as we work together to craft and approve the final version.

Once again, the year finds our congregation in healthy financial shape, due to the efforts of a hard working treasurer, treasury team, Generosity committee and key fund-raising presenters, such as the Service Auction. Our funds are well-managed, and we are "living within our means". The generosity of our members made both this year's Canvass and also the Service Auction the most successful in its history.

Thanks to our collective efforts as a welcoming congregation, our fellowship remains a warm, inviting gathering place for all seekers of a true, personal spiritual path. In one exciting new step in that process, we are now a proud host for monthly PFLAG meetings, which continue to increase our connections and presence in our community.

Our Sunday Services Committee continues to offer services that are vital, engaging and wide-ranging. Each week our members are presented with challenging, engaging and inspiring programs, which are a central pillar of our spiritual community.

Our outstanding Director of Religious Education Christine Walsh and a committed RE Committee provide a welcoming and enriching program for our children and youth. At the same time, the Adult Religious Education Committee continues to meet the ongoing needs of our members with a variety of engaging offerings.

Our Aesthetic Committee and the Grounds Committee members maintain the beauty of our settings, and enrich the experience of everyone who visits the fellowship. And you have certainly noticed the wonderful new play structure that makes Eastrose an even more inviting church home for our children and families.

Through the consistent efforts of both our leadership and the membership as a whole, we have continued to move Eastrose forward on the path of being an even greater spiritual and social presence in our community. We accommodated the sabbatical of our minister this past year without missing a beat in that process, and welcomed him back to a church that remains strong and healthy. And now, we have increased our commitment to expand our financial support for professional ministry at Eastrose, which will enhance all our efforts even further.

It has been my honor to work with so many dedicated and talented people, and to see the church thriving through the efforts of so many willing hands. We look forward to the future with excitement, commitment and hope.

Ron Randall
President, Board of Trustees

Minister's Message

Dear members and friends of Eastrose Fellowship,

As I write this annual report we are at the end of my eighth year as your Consulting Minister. By the Annual meeting we will have nine new members since May 2009. Our membership remains around 100. The average attendance on Sundays has been 62.6, down slightly from last year. The attendance was 121 on Easter with our magnificent choir and orchestra. We continue to have lots of visitors and keep pondering ways to encourage them to return.

For four months of the church year I was on a wonderful sabbatical – more about that below. When back on duty, I conducted twenty regular Sunday services and did one pulpit exchange with Rev. James Kubal-Komoto of the Federal Way UU church. During the year we lost member Flo Lewis and a former member Michael Fuehrer to death -- they are missed.

Some significant events of the year include:

Our religious education program now includes two support groups and a family movie night, a colorful periodic newsletter, and the usual nursery and graded classes. DRE Christine Walsh is dedicated and hard working. Expanding our youth program (jr. high and up) is a continuing goal.

We have three (!) choirs at Eastrose now: the adult choir led by Owen Hofmann-Smith, the children's choir led by Amanda Baker, and the speech choir led by volunteer Katie Ten Eyck. The adult choir sang twice monthly and had special concerts at Christmas Eve and Easter. The children's choir sang monthly and offered four special concerts. The speech choir performed whenever a Sunday service would benefit from their work.

We now have a playground structure behind the church – our first formal playground since arriving at our Gresham site in 1962. We plan to have a safe and attractive facility for our kids and the neighborhood.

Since last summer the new parking lot mortgages from Eastrose members have been paid. We will formally recognize the donors to this \$200, 000 project this year.

Kathryn Estey completed thirteen years with Eastrose Fellowship and continues to manage our affairs spectacularly. The death of her mother this spring is a sadness shared by all the staff. The continuing office assistance of Andi Howell and the volunteer work of Alexis Hylander and the Treasury team led by Kathie Loveall benefits Kathryn and the congregation greatly. Our three- or four-person Nursery staff rounds out our Eastrose staff team.

We had an excellent Annual Canvass and approved an ambitious \$144,000 budget under the guidance of Larry Adams and the generosity team. In a difficult economy, pledges are up from last year and have risen over 50% since 2005.

Following a November sermon and workshop led by Kathryn Estey, we have developed a Covenant of Right Relations and will seek to adopt it this year. We also are close to amending our By-Laws to have them reflect our current operations. The Leadership Council is meeting regularly with increasing success. We have a small committee preparing for another Chalice Lighter grant to help with special projects.

We have contributed \$3,685.99 to community causes with our Sunday cash collections for the past year. The cumulative list of agencies and amounts is posted in the hallway. The Social Concerns committee chooses recipients. They also have developed an impressive sitting area at the Wasco corner of our

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property and advocated strongly for the playground and our Nadaka Park ties, all as part of increasing our community presence.

During the month of March four movies, four meals, one Sunday service, one book discussion group, the dedication of Warren James' bench, the formation of a PFLAG chapter, the display of the banners outside and Sharing-the-Bounty with the Community of Welcoming Congregations were hosted or organized by the Social Concerns Committee and Spectrum! to enhance our GLBTQ presence. In addition, Eastrose, with three other UU congregations, is part of an advertising campaign in *Just Out* newspaper through June.

We had a delightful Winterfest, a spectacular "Oklahoma!" Auction raising over \$14,000, and other special collections such as Guest At Your Table and for Haiti relief. The 2009 Auction Special Project monies were used for a variety of church projects including augmenting staff insurance coverage.

Our older members continue to share their life experiences in the UUniques series after a Sunday service – we had six such shares this year. DVDs of their talks are available. Reaching out to members and friends in need continues to be a priority, too.

Ken Stine and Jerry Busse (Petals), Lynne Pfeiffer (web site), Nancy Woods (press releases), Andi Howell (weekly e-News), Warren James (Orders of Service) and Alexis Hylander (mailings and Sunday bulletins) get notice of our events out in an effective and timely way.

The Pacific Northwest District Addictions Ministry Project (Reverend Patti Pomerantz, Tom Ten Eyck and me) hosted another workshop at the February District Assembly in Bellevue and continues to promote the eight or more Addictions Ministry programs in our PNWD churches. Along with Eleanor Hunting and Warren James, I continue my work with the Oregon Chapter of the United Nations Association.

The sabbatical time was a great gift for me and for Jane – for which we remain grateful. Major events included an extended trip to California to see grandchildren and a niece's graduation, short trips to Colorado and Southern Oregon to see other family, a trip to the East Coast to see family and friends, and occasional visits to our home by the same. I also edited over seventy Minister's View columns from the past thirty years, wrote a number of meditations and short essays on counseling subjects and a spiritual autobiography, and completed some long-delayed projects around our house. Only as the church year progressed has it become clear how much I was able to do that simply does not get done during my usual schedule. Thank you, again, for the sabbatical!

A few major goals for the next year include increasing the ministerial time to three-quarters, the possible acquisition of the 179th Street house and land alongside the Peace Garden for Eastrose expansion, and increasing the programs and activities that support local UUs and connect us to our communities. I look forward to achieving these goals with you.

Sincerely,
Reverend David Maynard
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Sunday Services May 2009 – April 2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Presenters</u>	<u>Program</u>
5/3/2009	81	Eastrose Band (the Rewinders)	Bob Dylan tribute
5/10/2009	83	Rev. David Maynard	Imagine That! Gathering in Community
5/17/2009	72	Katie & Tom Ten Eyck	Meaning and Experience in Music
5/24/2009	75	Rev. David Maynard	Nature of Ministry, The
5/31/2009	68	Hank Robb	Contemporary Humanism
6/7/2009	55	Christine Walsh & RE Folks	Beyond the Arch/RE year-end wrap-up
6/14/2009	46	Owen Hofmann-Smith & Eastrose Choir	Worship and Song: A Celebration of Music
6/21/2009	39	CUUPs (Covenant of UU Pagans)	Summer Solstice
6/28/2009	42	Rev. Barbara Stevens	The Spirituality of Kindness
7/5/2009	40	Rev. Sarah Schurr	Courage to Live Life
7/12/2009	47	Rev. Genko Rainwater	Lesson in Buddhism
7/19/2009	40	Rev. Patti Pomerantz & Christine Walsh	The Treasure Chest: Religious Education
7/26/2009	51	Rev. Carol Hartman	Searching for a Church Home
8/2/2009	38	Alta Hancock	Some Things To Know About Epilepsy
8/9/2009	58	Dr. J. David Kinsie	Torture Is a Moral Issue
8/16/2009	50	Larry Adams	Finding Joy
8/23/2009	35	Rev. Patti Pomerantz	How To Clear a Path
8/30/2009	42	Carol Knox/Panel	What Does God Look Like? Credo Service
9/6/2009	63	Ron Randall & the Rewinders	Eastrose Band: Working on a Dream
9/13/2009	47	Rev. Sue Matranga-Watson	Homecoming Sunday: Looking at New Beginnings
9/20/2009	60	Kathie Loveall	Evolution Of a UU Humanist
9/27/2009	61	Rev. James Kubal-Komoto	Spirituality in 15 Minutes a Day
10/4/2009	59	Katie Ten Eyck & Speech Choir	Having a Voice
10/11/2009	61	Rev. David Maynard	You Will Know the Truth
10/18/2009	61	Rev. David Maynard	Doing the Right Thing
10/25/2009	72	Rev. David Maynard	The Truth Shall Set You Free
11/1/2009	51	donna gutierrez & Panel	Sacred Samhain Harvest Festival
11/8/2009	64	Kathryn Estey	Ain't Misbehavin' - Covenant of Right Relations
11/15/2009	71	Dick Adams	Using Privilege Well - Zimbabwe Artists Project
11/22/2009	88	Rev. David Maynard & Alexis Hylander	Looking Around, Paying Attention
11/29/2009	60	Elena Hofmann-Smith/Sandy Sakurai	Thanksgiving Poetry & Music Share
12/6/2009	63	Rev. Patti Pomerantz	Secret Life of Trees
12/13/2009	52	RE Program	The Gift
12/20/2009	77	Rev. David Maynard	What Are You Doing Right Now?
12/27/2009	40	Carol Knox and Terry Barrett	Mapquest for 2010
1/3/2010	59	Rev. Wendy Fish	Four Little Words

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1/10/2010	80	Rev. David Maynard	God: Some Reflections
1/17/2010	72	Rev. Bob McNeil	MLK, Jr. & Me
1/24/2010	70	Rev. David Maynard	Strange Bedfellows
1/31/2010	69	Ed & Elena Hofmann-Smith	Reincarnation
2/7/2010	70	Rev. Dr. Emily Brault	The Importance of Being Imperfect
2/14/2010	65	Rev. David Maynard	Loving You Until You Learn to Love Yourself
2/21/2010	58	Tanya Prather	One Step More: Community Building
2/28/2010	65	Rev. David Maynard	Where We Have to Go
3/7/2010	60	Jean DeMaster-Human Solutions	Resolving Homelessness in Our Community
3/14/2010	59	Rev. David Maynard	Serve Somebody!
3/21/2010	72	Ben & Bob Kincaid/Spectrum!	Diversity & UU
3/28/2010	70	Rev. David Maynard	Hedgehogs & Life
4/4/2010	121	Rev. David Maynard	Something Happened/ Messiah Concert
4/11/2010	65	Eastrose Band program	On The Road To Find Out
4/18/2010	61	Speech Choir and Katie Larsell	Is the Earth the Body of God?
4/25/2010	69	Rev. David Maynard	Do Not Go Gently

Treasurer's Report

It has been an eventful year. We've paid off a loan, approved a "leap of faith" budget, had a record pledge drive and auction, and we are generally thriving.

At the end of June we paid off the last loan for the Landscape and paving project, and ended that project with about \$2,500 in our capital account.

Eastrose came out of the 2009 fiscal year \$3,500 in the black. Pledges came in at \$90,000 -- 96% of the projected budget, and total income just shy of \$120,000 -- at 98% of budget. Expenses totaled \$116,500 -95% of projection. We did draw on our reserves by \$6,456, \$956 more than we had planned. Notable changes in the financials from 2008 were an increase in child care expenses (we're attracting young families), a 5% increase in donations (pledges and offerings) and a 12% increase in fundraising. In a struggling economy, we seem to be doing well.

Once again the annual canvass, led by Larry and Phyllis Adams heading up the newly named Generosity Committee, was a spectacular success. There has been a real transformation of the attitude about giving in our congregation, reflected by more than a 10% increase in pledges -- remarkable especially in a recession environment.

In December, the Board approved and congregation passed a budget dubbed "Leap of Faith." It included providing salary for 3/4-time ministry, and salary increases and life and disability benefits for the Administrator and DRE. It also included an income gap of "Additional contributions" of \$18,345, to be filled with an ongoing drive for additional member pledges so that we can support a minister at the level needed for our congregation. As of the end of April, we have increased the pledges by \$6,870 (37% of total needed), and will be creating a graphic to illustrate our continuing progress.

The Treasury Team continues its support in keeping our financial operations on track. We upgraded the management of our membership and donations database at the beginning of 2010. Our greatest loss was the death of Flo Lewis in March. Rebecca Gandy and Sue Aschim have joined John Comfort on the Sunday collection team. Warren James continues taking care of Accounts Payable. And Kathryn Estey manages to fit all the pieces of our puzzle together. Many thanks to all!

Kathie Loveall, Treasurer
Board of Trustees

Adult Programs

This is the seventh year for the Adult Religious Education Committee. Our mission is to “plan and implement educational and training classes and programs for members, friends, and visitors to Eastrose.” Current committee members are Rev. David Maynard, Don Howse, and Tom Ten Eyck, chair. All of our offerings are designed to increase community-building, as well as share new information and generate lively discussion and reflection.

The 2009-2010 (April to April) schedule included these events and programs:

- Rev. David Maynard continued to offer his monthly “brown bag lunches”. When David was on sabbatical, Rev. Patti Pomerantz filled in. These gatherings are very popular, attended by 12 to 20 individuals each month. Participants eat lunch together, and then the stimulating conversations begin!
- The Rev. Barbara Stevens periodically offered information sessions after Sunday services for people wanting to learn more about Eastrose. Also, Reverends Barbara and David offered a New “UU” class which covered the beliefs, history, ceremonies and practices of Unitarian Universalists over the last 460 years.
- Eastrose’s book discussion group meets monthly September through May (except December) on third Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Participants bring some food to share, and we discuss the current selection. The books and authors we read this year were:
 - *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, by Jared Diamond;
 - *Cheri*, by Colette;
 - *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* or *Lila*, by Robert Pirsig;
 - *Never Let Me Go* or any other book by Kazuo Ishiguro;
 - *Passionate Nomad*, by Jane Fletcher Geniesse;
 - *Hands of My Father*, by Myron Uhlberg;
 - *The Glass Castle*, by Jeanette Walls;
 - *Stone Butch Blues*, by Leslie Feinberg or any book on the GLBT theme;
 - *Justice: What’s the Right Thing to Do*, by Michael J. Sandel;
 - In May 2010 we will discuss works by Ursula Le Guin.
- “UUniques,” in which one of our congregants shares their personal life narrative, continued. These are very popular events, consistently attended by 20 to 25 individuals. Presenters this past year were Will Pool, Joyce Walsh, Patti Walsh and Eric Tschuy.
- Our “Visual Impact Series” offering videos and discussion continued this year. In collaboration with Eastrose’s Children & Youth program, the following video were offered:
 - “The Swiss Family Robinson”
 - “Horton Hears a Who”
 - “Because of Winn-Dixie”
 - Jane Maynard also led a group into Portland to see the movie “Cheri.”

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- Lynne Pfeiffer and Carol Knox facilitated several collage-making accompanied by music. Participants found that this creative exercise helped them to concentrate their mind states or spiritual paths, and that new insights emerged.
- Throughout the year, Rev. David Maynard conducted a series called “Candlelight and Conversations.” In a small group setting, participants share faith journeys from childhood on.

A number of other offerings fall outside the direct purview of our Adult RE Committee, but are important to mention here. Some were once-only events; some are on-going. Some of these are specifically for Eastrose members and friends, and some are “hybrid” groups comprised of both Eastrosarians and people in the broader community. Check Eastrose’s calendar for details about on-going groups:

- In November 2009 Kathryn Estey led a workshop called “The Covenant of Right Relations.” This event resulted in a draft congregational covenant which will likely be affirmed during our May 2010 annual meeting.
- In February, Christine Walsh, our Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth facilitated a discussion on the works of Thomas Armstrong, Ph.D. Open to Eastrose parents of children of all ages, this discussion focused on Dr. Armstrong’s theories of multiple intelligences which provide encouragement and support to both children and their families when society becomes academically and competitively preoccupied.
- “The Stitch’n Group” meets monthly for fellowship, conversation and to practice their crafts. All those who love to stitch, crochet, bead and more are welcome.
- Baby Blues Connection meets Monday mornings at Eastrose, coordinated by Susie Miyanaga. Baby Blues is a non-Eastrose-affiliated organization which provides support, information and resources to women and families coping with pregnancy and postpartum mood disorders.
- “A Course in Miracles” (ACIM) study group, led by the Hofmann-Smiths and offered to Eastrosarians and the community at large, meets weekly on Monday evenings. ACIM integrates ideas from Christianity, Eastern religions, mysticism, psychology, and Platonism and focuses on teaching participants how to gently undo the ego thought system through the practice of forgiveness
- A “Passage Meditation” group, which follows the teachings of Sri Eknath Easwaran, meets weekly on Tuesday evenings. It is led by Jude Watson and offered to Eastrosarians and the community at large. Meditating on memorized inspirational passages is at the heart of this program, and seven supporting disciplines are used to help participants go deeper for a lifetime of discovery.
- “A Year-and-a-Day/Paganism 101”, a year-long class sponsored by the non-Eastrose group Lyceum of Trees, met monthly and was offered to Eastrosarians and the community at large.

Tom Ten Eyck, Chair

Aesthetics Committee

During much of the 2009-2010 church year, Carol Knox headed up this committee, keeping our interior spaces looking lovely and inviting. In mid-January, Carol retired from this job and Rita Alm took over the helm. Currently, the Aesthetics committee members are: Rita Alm/chair, Avis Frein, donna gutierrez, and Joyce Walsh.

From May 2009 through mid-January 2010, the committee continued handling its regular tasks, and a couple of special jobs:

- Chapel preparation before Sunday Services, and chapel clean-up after the service, making sure everything is put away and lights & equipment are turned off;
- Fellowship décor in the chapel, lobby and Thatcher Room, coordinated according to season;
- Art gallery: see below for more information;
- Cleaning: the committee organized and worked hard at three cleaning parties, and provided scrumptious food to all helpers (thanks to Darleane Lemley!). Along with Warren James, we also worked hard at keeping the kitchen clean, and kept the bulletin boards uncluttered and timely.
- Collaboration with Building Committee on jobs that need doing around the fellowship (choosing colors, styles, etc.). This year we painted the hallway ceiling a bright white; David installed new, brighter spotlights in the hallway; and we purchased four new commercial folding tables for use mainly in the Thatcher Room.

After several years as our skilled art gallery coordinator, Ariel Hand retired from that position this year; and Ken Loveall and Bob Kincaid volunteered to take on this important position. They have done an excellent job in filling Ariel's hard-to-fill shoes, and have some exciting new displays coming up. Displays during this church year include:

- Photography celebrating Shari Sirkin's and Bryan Dickerson's Dancing Roots Farm
- "Portland Spring", local photography by church member Bill Smythe
- Colorful art offered by the Zimbabwe Artists Project
- Decorated ceramics by local artist Sheri Medford, wife of church member Bill Smythe
- Exquisite fiber art and craft items knitted by our own Kit Stowell
- Unique photography of Lee Dayfield, a Gresham resident
- Watercolor and acrylic paintings by Trudy Loveall, mother of Eastrose's Ken Loveall

Currently, the Aesthetics Committee has:

- Continued to do chapel prep on Sunday, and to keep up the flower calendar (thank you, Avis!)
- cleaned and organized the kitchen cabinets and the chapel and Narthex cabinets
- reduced the clutter and taken the unclaimed lost and found articles to Goodwill
- steam-cleaned the chapel chairs
- put up curtains in the kitchen and ladies room.
- ordered blinds for the nursery that have been installed and look good.

Future plans include:

- cleaning the flags in the chapel
- getting new curtains in the nursery
- raising the flower boxes in the chapel
- checking on wooden blinds for the chapel

Carol Knox, chair through 1/15/2010
Rita Alm, chair

Building Committee

Fortunately this year no major calamities struck; there were only minor details to attend to. We:

- wired for low-voltage lights
- painted the hall ceiling
- added some compact fluorescents
- performed minor maintenance to the heating units and filters.

Future plans include taking out the side entrance doors and having one big double door on the north wall between what is now the two side doors; and finishing the painting of the inside furnace duct work.

It has been a good year!

Dean Knox, chair

Choir – Adult Chorus

This has been a good year for the Eastrose adult chorus. Last summer Children's Choir Director Amanda Baker and I attended the Unitarian Universalist Musician's Network conference. We connected with many UU music leaders and learned new ways to engage our music program and congregation.

The chorus has been fluctuating between 6 and 20 members, and I continue to look for ways to improve both our excellence of performance and spiritual growth and connectedness. We have had many strong performances this year, including Christmas Eve when a friend of the Maynards played violin to accompany our program. In the same concert we also had a collaboration with the Eastrose Children's Peace Choir performing the song "War is Over if You Want It" by John Lennon.

This Easter featured another great performance when the Chorus performed excerpts from Handel's "Messiah." For this performance I assembled the Eastrose Chamber Orchestra with members such as Kathie Loveall on cello, Evan Tschuy on viola, and Joyce Walsh on harpsichord.

This year we also held a beautiful memorial ceremony for long-time Eastrose member Flo Lewis who passed away in March. At this ceremony Amanda Baker sang a solo, and the adult chorus performed Mozart's "Lacrymosa" and the traditional "The Storm is Passing Over."

This summer Amanda and I will be attending the Kodaly workshop where we will learn advanced methods of music training to improve our teaching skills. I look forward to our choral finale, the children's finale, and our training this summer.

Owen Hofmann-Smith
Director of Adult Chorus

Children's Peace Choir

About the Program

In this, its second year, the children's choir had a theme. It has become the Children's Peace Choir! All year we sang songs that involved love for one another and peace. Every month we sang for the congregation during a Sunday service and even caroled for the annual Winterfest/Tea Party. Our first concert helped raised money for the much-needed play structure. We also included the adult Eastrose Chorus to join us on the song, "What We're Asking for is Peace".

Our second concert was a display of our own Unitarian Universalist values. We sang the seven UU principles song and even had a moment of silence for the audience to pray for a peaceful world. At our concerts we provide a healthy lunch for our audience to help encourage intergenerational community building.

For our final concert of the year, we will present the musical, "Character Matters, Too". By putting on a musical, we allow the opportunity for other children of the congregation who do not wish to sing to participate, thus, creating an even larger community of involvement. Every song in the musical teaches us about being polite, the golden rule, gratitude, how bullying and revenge is wrong, taking care of the environment, and much more! The children are given a fun and creative outlet that teaches them morals and ethics of our daily lives.

We are a choir, but we do more than just sing during our Monday rehearsals. We learn about music theory, composers, and instruments through creative music games. This year there was no program fee to participate, and children outside of the Eastrose community were able to join in a free-spirited music-learning environment. Wow! This year the young people of the program worked on their own compositions for multiple instruments such as viola in alto clef, cello in bass clef, and violin in treble clef. Instrumentalists, including Owen Hofmann-Smith, played the compositions live for the kid composers. Attendance made it up to 15 kids this year! Ed Hofmann-Smith played the important role of accompanying on his guitar.

About the Director

For the past two summers, I participated in conducting workshops with Rodney Eichenberger and the Unitarian Universalists Musicians Network (UUMN) conference. This summer, I am looking forward to a week-long Kodaly class with financial support from Eastrose. In the fall, I will continue my Choral Music Education Degree at Portland State University.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring music to the children of Eastrose!

Amanda Baker
Director, Children's Peace Choir

Eastrose Speech Choir

The Eastrose Speech Choir is a volunteer choral speaking group seeking to enhance the worship and fellowship experience of Eastrose gatherings. Participants of any age and gender can enjoy the fellowship and creativity of exploring a wide variety of written materials, rehearsing and performing together. It is directed by Katie Ten Eyck.

Speech Choir membership is a very flexible group with a core of eight individuals (our enthusiastic regulars) and others who join us when their schedules allow. Twenty-three individuals have participated during this past year including 5 children and youth. Generally we are seen performing with four to eight voices.

This past program year the Speech Choir has performed at several services and other special events presenting material from the sublime to the ridiculous, from humorous to inspirational, including original works from Eastrose members, and the ancient sages:

- We sent Rev. Maynard off on his Sabbatical in June with an adaptation of Dr. Seuss's, *Oh, the Places You'll Go*.
- August service on "Joy in Every Day", Speech Choir performed *Whirligig Beetles*.
- Oct. 4 Sunday Service "Voices" presented entirely by the Speech Choir. Topics included: Declaring Ourselves, Words of Wonder, Are We Listening?, When Voices Come Together, and Voices for Peace. Writers and sources included poets and speakers, activists, novelists, leaders and individuals in ordinary and extraordinary circumstances including: Shel Silverstein, James Berry, Dr. Seuss, Elizabeth Cunningham, Julia Ward Howe, George Orwell, Yugoslavian children, and the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers, just to name a few.
- Leah Yamaguchi wrote and directed the children's RE Holiday Service, which included the Speech Choir in this original program.
- Children's Peace Choir and Playground Benefit Concert. Speech Choir performed poetry and stories by Shel Silverstein, e.e. cummings, David McPhail, Paul Fleishmann and Dr. Seuss.
- Katie Larsell invited the Speech Choir to play a key role in the April Earth Day service. The Speech Choir presented service elements including Opening Words, Story For All Ages (Dr. Seuss's, *The Lorax*), and readings including introduction of an original work by Katie Larsell, *The Psalm of the Polar Bear, A Lament*.

The Speech Choir welcomes new participants to join us at any time - even for single projects. Rehearsing and performing with the Speech Choir offers many opportunities for fellowship, fun, creative and spiritual exploration and expression. All that is required is:

- an ability to read aloud,
- a desire to join enthusiastically in spoken theater,
- and the ability to play well with others!

Katie Ten Eyck
Director, Speech Choir

Community Ministers' Reports

Eastrose is fortunate to have three wonderful community ministers affiliated with our congregation. Hear from them what they do at Eastrose and in the broader community:

Rev. Sue Matranga-Watson

I have been a Community Minister for Eastrose since 2000. Eastrose is now privileged to have in covenanted relationship three Community Ministers. A copy of my yearly covenant, which describes my relationship with Eastrose, is in the office for review.

My ministerial responsibilities at Eastrose this year included attending and participating at Board meetings, the Board retreat and Leadership councils, co-leading the Annual Memorial Service, co-leading the memorial service for long-time member Flo Lewis, and meeting twice a year with the Eastrose ministerial staff. I will be leading an Adult RE class later in the year. I have preached at the UU church in Vancouver and spoken at the canvass dinner at the UU Hillsboro church.

As a volunteer for Eastrose, I have chaired the Annual Service Auction, helped out at several clean-ups, worked as member of the by-laws committee and volunteered in the RE program.

I worked full time at Sunnyside Kaiser Medical Center as a chaplain in Inpatient Palliative Care Program until December of 2009. Due to budget cuts, my position was eliminated. I have started a position as a chaplain with the Department of Corrections as this Annual report goes to print.

I continue to attend the monthly UU chaplain meetings and the Pacific Northwest Unitarian Universalist Minister Association (PNWD UUMA) retreats and cluster meetings, when possible. I went to the PNWD District meeting in February. I am an active member in UUMA and Association of Professional Chaplains (APC). I am in the third year of a three-year commitment for mentoring two UU Community ministers whose ministry is in chaplaincy as well as a third UU Community Minister who has finished her second year. I was a member of a two Chaplain Peer Review Committees.

My social life consists of relishing being a new grandma, gardening, square dancing, being at my cabin at Detroit Lake and spending time with my spouse Jude, friends and pets.

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Rev. Patti Pomerantz

What a privilege it is to be a part of the ministry team at Eastrose! While my work takes me away most Sundays, I attend most Board and Leadership Council meetings and special events, all of which help me feel a part of the community and serve it. This year I assisted during Rev. Maynard's last sermon before his sabbatical and enjoyed performing with the speech choir; in June I assisted with the annual choir worship; in July I worked with Christine to kick off the summer church camp; and in August I reflected on the Leadership and Board Visioning process and upcoming congregational covenant workshop. In December I enjoyed offering the sermon selected by the winner of my auction sermon, Katie Larsell. In the coming year, I hope to find opportunities to be with you on Sundays both in the pulpit and in the congregation.

In the Eastrose community I continue to work on creating a lay pastoral ministry process and am in the second year of a two year commitment on the audit committee, and attend quarterly meetings with our

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ministry team. This year I also successfully completed my second of three required years of supervised, evaluated ministry required by the Unitarian Universalist Association to receive Final Fellowship. This was accomplished with help from many sources – and particularly from Katie Ten Eyck, who serves on my Committee on Ministry, Kathie Loveall and Sandy Sakurai, who completed the paperwork required from the Board, Rev. Sue Matranga-Watson who serves as my mentor, Rev David and Kathryn Estey. Other members of my Committee are: Sharon Enga, Florence UU Fellowship; Peg Nelson, Astoria UU Fellowship; Eunice Schroeder, Interfaith Spiritual Center; Rev. Alex Holt, representing the District Addictions Ministry team; and Rev. Marcia Schekel, representing UU Community Ministry.

My small congregation work continues this year with the Astoria, Florence and McMinnville congregations. In addition to my preaching responsibilities at these three fellowships, I also preached at Wy'east, West Hills, Vancouver (WA), West Linn, and Olympia, and offered afternoon Vespers at Calaroga Terrace. In Astoria I offered a new series based on the chapters in the third part of the UUA curriculum *Building Your Own Theology, Ethics*.

I continue as chair of the Pacific Northwest District Addictions Ministry team, and am proud to serve along with Eastrose members Tom Ten Eyck and Reverend David Maynard. This year we presented a workshop at the District Annual General Meeting, and continue to provide support and consultation to all congregations in the District. Check our website at: pnwd.org, Connections.

Finally, I continue to offer spiritual direction as a member of the Interfaith Spiritual Center in North Portland. The Center is committed to making spiritual direction available to anyone who needs it. Information on the Interfaith Spiritual Center is available at: spiritone.com/~isc/

This multifaceted ministry offers many opportunities to share the *good news* of Unitarian Universalism, expressing my passion for interfaith work and reminding me of my many blessings.

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Rev. Barbara Stevens

- Church Consulting Ministry

This has been my last year as the quarter-time consulting minister at Vashon Island Unitarian Fellowship (VIUF) in Washington. I am ready to stop making the monthly drive to the island. Due to budget constraints, VIUF won't be hiring another minister for awhile. I believe they are in a good position to move forward with their goal of calling a half-time minister within the next few years.

- Chaplain at Providence Portland Medical Center

Since 2007, I have been employed by Providence Health System as a chaplain on the Chemical Dependency and Stabilization Unit at the Portland campus. The program is fourteen days and includes detoxification, assistance with arranging aftercare, and groups to give patients tools that can help them in recovery. In September of 2009, I received board certification as a chaplain.

To supplement my Providence ministry, I plan to preach and perform weddings and funerals, along with developing a pastoral counseling practice.

- Eastrose

The Introduction to Unitarian Universalism that I lead monthly after a worship service has been going well. Most months at least a few visitors have questions about our faith and about Eastrose in particular. David and I co-led a New UU class this year. A few times I have had the opportunity to play

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piano for worship services when Joyce wasn't available. I meet monthly with my Committee on Ministry, made up of Katie Larsell, Eric Tschuy, and Terry Barrett. This year, I will preach in August.

The Ministerial Fellowship Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Association granted me a first-year renewal of preliminary fellowship last September. I am in the midst of applying for my second-year renewal. New ministers need to receive three renewals of fellowship before becoming fully fellowshipped ministers with the denomination.

COVENANT OF RIGHT RELATIONS – DRAFT - May 2010

Eastrose hosted in November, 2009 a Covenant of Right Relations workshop to which all our members and friends were invited. One of the reasons to stay connected to Eastrose is the sense of community we share here. How we treat one another is a key element in developing and maintaining a close-knit community. Working together in large and small groups, we developed a draft Covenant for ourselves that describes how we want to interact with one another, with our minister, our staff, our board and other leaders, and the larger community. We expect the congregation to vote on acceptance of our Covenant during the Annual Meeting in May.

May this Covenant enrich our relationships and inspire our efforts to build a better world.

We covenant to:

- be our best selves and to model trust, respect, and kindness.
- contribute friendship, insight and our talents to serve this congregation and others.
- respect diversity, to seek to understand differences and to assume people mean well.
- reach out to visitors and new members.
- encourage humor where appropriate, to be diverse in our generosity and encourage those who are generous to practice self-care.
- listen to understand while withholding judgment and to follow through on our commitments.
- speak criticism with care and accept it with goodwill, to raise issues directly, promptly, bravely and gently, and refrain from criticism of those who are not present.
- set clear boundaries, encourage others to do so and respect the boundaries of others.
- create an environment of trust in our community by keeping confidences and asking others to keep them as well.
- make decisions through the democratic process by reaching consensus where possible while embracing conflict as a growth and a learning opportunity.
- strive to forgive others and ourselves in times of failure, to continue in community, and begin again with love and faith.

Grounds Team

Your grounds maintenance team has kept the grounds reasonably tidy and weed-free. Our landscaping looks wonderful, and Linda Schaldach and her helpers do a lot of work to keep it that way!

In the past year, the grounds team has:

- put out two garbage cans that have reduced the amount of litter on our property and surround areas.
- started a community area which is being used for picnics and resting and smoking. Jane Maynard even decorated a coffee tin for cigarette butts!
- added several seasonal flower and decoration boxes.

Looking to the future, we hope to:

- add another garbage can to our grounds
- dig in a few more tiles
- install a border in the community area.

Your grounds team is planning to meet the first and third Mondays of the month to weed and help in the garden ... and then go out to lunch just for fun! Please join us, even if you're not a regular member of the team. We love company!

Rita Alm, coordinator

Leadership Council 2010

As Eastrose grows, our need to communicate with each other grows. The Leadership council meets quarterly to discuss issues of calendar and leadership at Eastrose.

If you are the head of a committee, on the Eastrose Board, on staff or part of our communication structure (Petals, E-news, website, etc.) you are a part of the Leadership Council. Leadership Council is relatively new, and therefore it's a new habit for leaders. They now are beginning to know that stepping up to leadership means also attending leadership council.

This last year we set up a Yahoo list serve that is maintained by the Eastrose office. The list serve is now used to communicate information from the meetings and reminders to attend! But it can also be used by our far-flung leadership to communicate with each other. We also set up dates for the entire year so that our leadership could plan. The regular date is the last Thursday of February, April, July and October.

We have used Leadership council meetings to train folks on how to use the Eastrose calendar, to communicate a draft of The Covenant of Right Relations and to share successes in Children's Religious Education. Here is an example of what Leadership Council can do: a recent conversation at a Leadership Council meeting explored 'the sweet spot', that time right after service when the coffee cart is brought forth. We noticed that the desire to use this time for committee business, or even special activities, was making after service a time of work. People were running around too much and the feeling of our after-service time had become frantic. The result of the conversation was a re-dedication to slowing down our interactions, connecting with visitors and each other in the spirit of Shalom.

Attendance at Leadership Council has grown this year along with the sense that this is a vital part of leadership at Eastrose.

Katie Larsell, Leadership Council Coordinator
Vice Pres., Board of Trustees

Marketing and Communications

Our marketing team consists of several individuals, each handling a particular phase of our marketing and publicity efforts.

Petals

Ken Stine has continued to layout and produce *Petals*, our monthly newsletter, according to a published schedule. Many of our members and friends subscribe to the electronic edition of the newsletter, and paper copies are produced and mailed each month by Jerry Busse to those who prefer to receive a hard copy. Ken is thinking of updating our e-Petals to offer "interaction" and multimedia elements to the newsletter. For example, he's considering adding hyperlinks to a Table of Contents that will take the user directly to the individual articles of interest, e.g., directly to the calendar, book club, or a section of our website, to You-Tube, etc. We could add videos like the 4-part series of UU-produced videos, "A Religion For Our Time", and provide mailto hyperlinks for e-mailed comments to the editor, minister, or whoever.

www.eastrose.org

Lynne Pfeiffer is our able Webweaver. Eastrose's website is hosted on SpiritOne, a local Internet Service Provider, where the staff is very helpful when help is needed. SpiritOne offers an attractively-priced non-profit rate from which we benefit. The Eastrose website informs us of upcoming events and services and demonstrates what Eastrose has to offer. Many visitors find us through the "front door" of our website. Lynne welcomes your suggestions.

e-News

Andi Howell is the talented producer of our weekly *e-News from Eastrose*. Published every Wednesday evening, e-News highlights our Fellowship's near-term activities and current news items pertaining to Eastrose members and friends, Unitarian Universalism and our broader community. Andi, with her creative use of clip art, keeps e-News useful and fun.

Sunday Bulletin

Warren James, with the assistance of Alexis Hylander, has produced our weekly Sunday Bulletin for many years. In addition to the current Sunday service information, the Bulletin is a briefer in-print version of our weekly e-News. It draws attention to future Sunday service topics, offers a calendar for the coming week and beyond, and cites activities that warrant special mention. For people without access to e-mail, this is a key communication tool.

Local Area Press

Nancy Woods completes our marketing and publicity team by writing press releases for local-area distribution. Visitors often tell us they come to hear a Sunday program they read about in the Gresham Outlook in an article written by Nancy.

Office Administration

For the office administration (O/A) team, 2009-2010 was mostly a year of “keeping on, keepin’ on.” With Rev. Maynard on sabbatical for several months, maintaining an office presence was particularly important. Volunteer and paid staff continued with their behind-the-scenes responsibilities supporting the Board, committees, and congregants.

The year saw one significant change that involved the energies of virtually everyone on the O/A and the Treasurer’s teams: updating, upgrading and converting our member/friend/giving database system from CDM’s pre-1997 version residing on an old MacIntosh to the most current version in a PC platform. I studied the system before our conversion and offered basic training to all our users; but self-training on the job is deepening everyone’s knowledge. The conversion was accomplished on January 1, 2010. It’s a very powerful system with many capabilities, and we’re excited about making fuller use of it.

It’s prudent to have people cross-trained on the various administrative tasks. Good progress has already been made in this area; and my unexpected absence from the office this spring due to the illness and death of my mother advanced our cross-training as well. See Kathie Loveall’s Treasurer’s Report for more on this topic.

My thanks to all who serve with me on the O/A Team (some of whom overlap with the Treasurer’s Team):

Jerry Busse
Andi Howell
Alexis Hylander
Warren James
Kathie Loveall (my liaison to fellowship financial matters)
Rev. David Maynard

Kathryn Estey, Office Administrator

Personnel Committee

The personnel committee consists of Sue Aschim/Chair, Dick Alm and Phyllis Adams. There was little that needed the attention of the personnel committee this church year, and the things that did come up were handled through e-mail and telephone conversations without actually meeting in person.

The systems of the fellowship and the personnel committee budget ensure that criminal record checks are made on staff and volunteers to protect our valuable community and its resources.

If you might be interested in serving on the personnel committee please contact Sue Aschim, 503-200-9489 as we will need new members for the coming church year.

Sue Aschim, Chair

Religious Education for Children and Youth

This year began with our new Director of Religious Education, Christine Walsh, working 1/2 time and entering a program that was already underway. The most important initial tasks our DRE worked on were the following:

- Getting to know the children, parents, teachers, and RE committee
- Cleaning out the DRE office, relocating it, and organizing RE files
- Becoming acquainted with the Willamette Valley Cluster DRE members
- Recruiting volunteers for the Sunday RE classes
- Understanding the schedule of Eastrose Fellowship's publications: E-News, Petals, Order of Service Submissions, Announcements, etc.
- Learning the Eastrose computer system, sound system, etc.

Classes

There are 27 families registered in our RE program, which is 9 more families than last year. There are 53 children registered, and our Sunday children's attendance varies from 11 to 33. We have 8 adult workers each Sunday. Two are paid to work in the nursery, and 6 are volunteers. Colleen Striffler, one of our paid child care workers, has left her position. We will miss her and will have to hire a replacement.

The Pre-K through 1st grade class has been studying "Heart Talk: Non-Violent Communication." This program was written by Debbie Grieb and Veronica Lassen. Some goals of this program:

- *to teach children to communicate with each other empathetically
- *to create an emotionally and physically safe environment for children to explore their feelings
- *to teach children words for their feelings
- *to help children understand the basic human needs behind all feelings
- *to develop skills in conflict resolution

The 2nd through 5th grade class has been studying the curriculum "Spirit of Adventure," written by Kate Tweedie. This curriculum focuses on gross motor skills and not exclusively on fine motor skills. In this class, the activities teach UU identity and heritage. Many of these projects are not normally included in an RE Sunday class setting. Examples are sports, plant research, science, working with concrete, constructing models, and trying new foods.

Youth

The "Neighboring Faiths" curriculum has proven popular with students and teachers alike. Goals of this program include the following:

- *to participate in the faith tradition of others
- *to reflect on the unique and universal qualities of religious observance
- *to explore personal values as they relate to other faith traditions
- *to increase understanding and appreciation of religious diversity

RE Committee

The playground structure task force that came out of last year's RE Committee has successfully installed a lovely play structure for our children this spring! The process took place over the course of a year, and the result was well worth the wait. Our children have a beautiful and safe structure with slide, rock climbing wall, and tree fort. We are grateful to David and Jane Maynard for all of their advice and support on this large project.

Retreat 2009

The RE committee held a 1/2-day planning retreat that ended with a fabulous dinner prepared by Tim and Ariel Hand. Much work was done on the RE calendar, RE Program mission statement, and group bonding.

The RE committee currently consists of Susie Miyanaga who is chair, donna gutierrez, Chris Horsley, and Tony Crumpton. Goals of the committee include holding a retreat on June 12th, 2010, continuing to plan field trips for the upcoming school year, holding OWL classes for our elementary-aged children, and hosting

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“creativity breaks,” that is, summer creative day classes this year. The committee will also support a summer-time drama camp that Amanda Baker, children’s choir director, is organizing.

Events. There were many events sponsored by our RE committee.

Field trips

Our Youth class went on three field trips: the “China Now” exhibit held at the Portland Art museum, the Jewish Heritage museum, and “The Grotto.”

Our younger group of classes went on 2 field trips: a Whole Foods grocery store tour and a service-trip to Hazelwood Retirement Community, delivering hand-made Valentines. The Hazelwood residents were deeply touched by the visit.

Children’s Winter Service

The children created a peaceful, reflective service for this holiday season. They focused on the need that winter fills: a time for life to rest and gather energy. They emphasized our relationship and connection with Nature. The program was written by Leah Yamaguchi, and all children had the opportunity to participate; no rehearsals were needed.

Intergenerational Easter Party

This year, our children prepared festive treats during their RE classes. Egg cookies were iced, rabbit cakes constructed, and punch mixed. Instead of hunting for eggs, the children and youth invited the entire congregation into the Thatcher room to partake of the goodies. The youth prepared 40 bags full of Easter treats and passed these out to our children.

OWL (Our Whole Lives) Training

Eastrose Fellowship hosted a district OWL training for elementary ages. OWL is a comprehensive sexuality program that helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. Our guests for the training were well-taken care of and enjoyed meeting us. Chris Horsley did most of the organizational paperwork for this event. We trained two Eastrose members, who can now teach OWL to our elementary children!

Movie Nights

There are monthly movie nights in the chapel for families and anyone else who may be interested. The movie is always chosen for upholding one or more of our Unitarian Universalist principles. Popcorn is provided. Examples of movies include “Horton Hears a Who,” and “Because of Winn-Dixie.”

Parent Support

Our DRE has organized a monthly meeting at Eastrose Fellowship for UU parents. Childcare is provided in the nursery, and the discussion topics vary. Parents are encouraged to share struggles and successes in this confidential format. Educational parenting concepts that are in line with our UU principles and values are introduced as “food for thought.”

Children’s Choir remains Connected to RE

Our Children’s Choir Director, Amanda Baker, is collaborating with the RE Committee on RE Sunday and on a Week-long Summer Drama camp. She also voluntarily teaches a Sunday RE music class once a month. Amanda’s enthusiasm and energy definitely draw new families to take a closer look at our RE program.

Director Family Leave

Christine Walsh took the month of November as unpaid leave because of a family medical emergency. Chris Horsley and the RE Committee covered all bases for her while she was absent. This demonstrates an admirable ability for volunteers at Eastrose to step up when they are most needed. We are blessed with a community that puts its faith into action.

Christine B. Walsh
Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth

Social Concerns Committee

Members of the committee are Warren James, Darleane Lemley, Charlene Petrie, Margee Bailey, and Jane Maynard. Several others join us for special projects or as co-sponsors from other committees.

The Social Concerns committee works to inform and encourage individual members and the congregation as a whole to participate in projects and needs of the immediate community, the larger community, and the Unitarian Universalist Association. Below are examples of putting our concern into action this past year. We:

- Maintain the SnowCAP donations barrel in the Thatcher Room to receive goods for the homeless and needy. We also make a monthly \$50 donation to SnowCAP as well as take up special collections for them during the year.
- Support the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) at Christmas through our Guest At Your Table and Mitten Tree contributions and also through the Peace Initiative.
- Support the Human Solutions Daybreak family shelter with scheduled food collections and special fundraising.
- Donated \$3,686 by way of our fellowship's "Sharing the Bounty" program to agencies listed at the end of this report.
- Completed and dedicated (twice) the Warren James Community Corner and bench at 181st and Wasco.
- Co-sponsored with Spectrum! the GLBTQ movie month in March and served food to over 100 people.
- Provided "Helpful Handout" packets if a bus ticket, snack food, resource booklets, and seasonally appropriate gifts to persons coming to our Eastrose doors.
- Set up monthly a Peace Table and acknowledged the Period of Non-Violence featuring words of Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Continue to work with the Religious Coalition Against Torture and wrote to President Obama in appreciation of his policies and actions regarding torture. Our *Torture Is Immoral* banner has been displayed.
- Have plans to participate in the Gay Pride parade again this year and have banners up for Spectrum! and the new PFLAG chapter meeting in our building monthly.
- Added the Center for Family Success, a program supporting families of recently released prisoners, to Sharing-the-Bounty and filled a collection barrel with school supplies for children.
- Showed the movie "Sicko" and served lunch in support of universal health care.
- Sponsored or co-sponsored Sunday services including Jean DeMaster, the Executive Director of Human Solutions, the Zimbabwe Artists Project, and the Native American Columbia River project.

It's been a busy year!

Jane Maynard, Chair

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Sharing the Bounty recipients:

May, 2009	\$410.37	Autistic Children's Activity Program, Inc.
June, 2009	\$166.65	Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
July, 2009	\$203.95	Wallace Medical Concerns
August, 2009	\$286.10	Planned Parenthood Gresham
September, 2009	\$298.02	Center For Family Success
October, 2009	\$361.08	Human Solutions
November, 2009	\$513.37	Dancing Roots Farm Scholarships
December, 2009	\$219.05	Oregon Interfaith Power and Light
January, 2010	\$381.05	SnowCAP Community Charities
February, 2010	\$246.63	The Wallace Medical Concern
March, 2010	\$288.02	Community of Welcoming Congregations
April, 2010	\$311.70	Festival of Nations

Sunday Services Committee

The Sunday Services Committee meets monthly, usually on the last Monday evening of the month at David Maynard's office. The committee members are Elena Hofmann-Smith, Carol Knox, Sandy Sakurai, Phyllis Adams, and Don Howse/committee chair. Rev. David Maynard also attends the committee meetings and assists the committee in its deliberations.

The committee searches for interesting and informative programs for the Sunday Services for the congregation. We contact potential speakers from outside the congregation, and/or create programs from within the congregation, including those delivered by our parish minister, David Maynard. The committee also searches for Program Leaders from the congregation, and makes the necessary contacts to ensure the services are covered by competent personnel

We evaluate recently conducted services from the previous month and then attend to details regarding the services in the forthcoming months. The committee also attends to details related to the Sunday Service programs, such as the texts used by the Program Leader during the service, and the Order of Service. The committee coordinates with other committees as necessary. The Sunday Services Committee has an annual budget of \$3,000 to use in paying for outside speakers.

During the past year we have had the following Sunday Service programs:

May 3, 2009- Dylan Tribute, by the Rewinders, the Eastrose Band

May 10, 2009- "Imagine That" with Rev. David Maynard as speaker, Sandy Sakurai as Program Leader. It was the annual Flower Communion Sunday. The Choir performed.

May 17, 2009- "Meaning and Experience in Music" with Tom and Katie Ten Eyck as performers, speakers, and program leaders.

May 24, 2009- "The Nature of Ministry" with Rev. David Maynard as speaker, and Patti Pomerantz as program Leader. The Eastrose Choir performed

May 31, 2009- "Contemporary Humanism", with Hank Robb as speaker, and Bill Smythe as Program Leader. Rev. David Maynard begins his sabbatical until October.

June 7, 2009- RE Sunday, "Beyond the Arch", with Christine Walsh, DRE as Program Leader.

June 14, 2009- "Worship and Song", the Choir Finale, with Owen Hofmann-Smith, Choir Director as Speaker and Patti Pomerantz as Program Leader

June 21, 2009- "Summer Solstice" a program with donna gutierrez as program leader. Katie Ten Eyck performed a solo, "Father Can You Hear".

June 28, 2009- "The Spirituality of Kindness", with Rev. Barbara Stevens as Speaker, and Phyllis Adams as program leader

July 5, 2009- "The Courage to Live Life" with Rev. Sarah Schurr as speaker, and Lynne Pfeiffer as program leader.

July 12, 2009- "Getting It Right", with Genko Rainwater as speaker, and Jean Lamb as program leader

July 19, 2009- "The Treasure Chest" with Rev. Patti Pomerantz as speaker, and Don Howse as Program Leader.

July 26, 2009- "Searching for a Church Home" with Rev. Carol Hartman as speaker, and Kathie Loveall as program leader.

August 2, 2009- "Some Things You May Not Know About Epilepsy" with Alta Hancock as speaker, and Sandy Sakurai as program leader

August 9, 2009- "The Human Cost of Torture" with Dr. J. David Kinzie as Speaker, and Kristin Warren as program leader.

August 16, 2009- "Finding Joy", with Larry Adams and Phyllis Adams as speakers and program leaders.

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August 23, 2009- “How To Clear A Path” with Rev. Patti Pomerantz as speaker, and Margee Bailey as program leader.

August 30, 2009- A Credo Service: “What Does God Look Like” with the Carol Knox leading the panel as Program Leader.

September 6, 2009- “Working On A Dream”, a musical program by the Eastrose Band, The Rewinders, Ron Randall as Program Leader.

September 13, 2009- “Looking At New Beginnings” with Rev. Sue Matranga-Watson as speaker and donna gutierrez as program leader. The Choir performed. It was “Gathering of the Waters” Sunday.

September 20, 2009- “Growing Up Humanist”, Kathie Loveall as speaker, and Sue Aschim as program leader. The Children’s Choir performed.

September 27, 2009- “How To Be a Spiritual Person in 15 Minutes” with Rev. James Kubal-Komoto as speaker, and Ed Hofmann-Smith as program leader. Choir performance.

October 4, 2009- The service was a performance by the Eastrose Speech Choir with Katie Ten Eyck as Program Leader.

October 11, 2009- “Knowing the Truth” with Rev. David Maynard as speaker, and Ron Randall, President of the Board of Trustees as program leader. We welcomed David back from his sabbatical. The choir performed.

October 18, 2009- “Doing the Right Thing” with Rev. David Maynard, and Theresa Hollis as program leader. The Children’s Choir performed.

October 25, 2009- Generosity Sunday: “And The Truth Shall Make Us Free” with Rev. David Maynard as speaker, and Larry Adams as Program leader.

November 1, 2009- “Sacred Samhain”, a pagan service, with donna gutierrez as program leader.

November 8, 2009- “Ain’t Misbehavin’”, with Kathryn Estey as speaker, and Rev. David Maynard as program leader. The Eastrose Choir performed. After the service a Covenant Workshop was held.

November 15, 2009- “Using Privilege Well” with Dick Adams as speaker, and Kathie Loveall as program leader. A special art showing of the Zimbabwe Artists Project was unveiled in the lobby, which was tied to the title of the service.

November 22, 2009- “Looking Around and Paying Attention” with Alexis Hylander and Rev. David Maynard as speakers, and also as program leaders. Choir performance.

November 29, 2009- “Fellowship Family Thanksgiving”, a service of Poetry and Music with Sandy Sakurai and Elena Hofmann-Smith as program leaders. Children’s Choir performance.

December 6, 2009- “The Secret Life of Trees” with Rev. Patti Pomerantz as speaker, and Katie Larsell as program leader. Choir performance.

December 13, 2009- “The Gift” a holiday program by the RE department, with Christine Walsh, DRE, and Leah Yamaguchi as program leaders.

December 20, 2009- “What Are You Doing Right Now” with Rev. David Maynard as speaker, and Cynthia Hopkins as Program Leader. The Children’s and the Eastrose Choirs performed.

December 24, 2009- Christmas Eve Service with Rev. David Maynard. There was special music by special musicians, and the Eastrose Choir.

December 27, 2009- “Mapquest for 2010” a panel discussion service with Carol Knox and Terry Barrett as program leaders.

January 3, 2010- “Four Letter Words” with Rev. Wendy Fish as speaker, and Rev. Carol Hartman as program leader.

January 10, 2010- “God”, with Rev. David Maynard as speaker, and Sandy Sakurai as Program Leader. The Eastrose Choir performed.

January 17, 2010- “Martin Luther King and Me” with Rev. Bob McNeil as speaker, and Don Howse as program leader. Children’s choir performance.

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January 24, 2010- “Strange Bedfellows” with Rev. David Maynard as speaker and Phyllis Adams as the program leader. The Eastrose Choir performed.

January 31, 2010- “Reincarnation” with Ed Hofmann-Smith as speaker and Elena Hofmann-Smith as Program Leader..

February 7, 2010- “The Importance of Being Imperfect” with Dr. Emily Brault as speaker, and Tami Arnold as program leader.

February 14, 2010- “Until You Learn to Love Yourself” with Rev. David Maynard as speaker, and Lynn MacLauchlan Winner as program leader. Carol Knox sang a solo, and the Eastrose Choir performed.

February 21, 2010- “Community Building” with Tanya Prather as speaker and Ed Hofmann-Smith as Program Leader. The Children’s Choir performed.

February 28, 2010- “Where We Have To Go” with Rev. David Maynard as speaker, and Jean Weigant as Program Leader. The Choir Performed.

March 7, 2010- “Resolving Family Homelessness” with Jean DeMaster of Human Solutions as speaker, and Warren James as program leader.

March 14, 2010- “Serve Somebody” with Rev. David Maynard as speaker and Margee Bailey as program leader. The Eastrose Choir performed, with a special performance of Dylan’s “You’ve Got To Serve” by Ron Randall and Ed Hofmann-Smith..

March 21, 2010- “PFLAG” with Bob Kincaid and Ben Kincaid as program leaders. Spectrum, the GLBT group put the service together.

March 28, 2010- “Hedgehogs and Life” with Rev. David Maynard as speaker, and Cynthia Hopkins as Program Leader. The Eastrose Choir performed.

April 4, 2010- Easter Sunday: “Once Upon A Cross” with Rev. David Maynard as speaker, and Andi Howell as program leader. There was a special performance by the Eastrose Choir and Chamber Orchestra with selections from Handel’s “Messiah”.

April 11, 2010- “On the Road To Find Out”, a special musical service by the Eastrose Band , the Rewinders, featuring the music and lyrics of Cat Stevens.

April 18, 2010- “Is the Earth The Body of God?” a special service by the Eastrose Speech Choir, with Katie Ten Eyck as Program Leader.

April 25, 2010- “Do Not Go Gently” with Rev. David Maynard and Ken Loveall as Program Leader. The Eastrose Choir performed.

Don Howse, Chair