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Schedule of Upcoming Events

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Jan. 8 10:30	Worship Service - Courage is not the absence of fear; it is the willingness to do what is necessary despite the fear - Debbie Raby	Miscellaneous	3
Jan. 12 7-9 PM	Dances of Universal Peace - The Dances of Universal Peace are always on the 2 nd Thursday of the month, 7-9 pm in room 107 at the Harding Center. The Spokane Unity Church also offers these dances on the 1 st and 3 rd Thursday of each month at 29 th and Bernard from 7-9 pm.	Inspirational	4
Jan. 15 10:30	<p>Worship Service— Courage to be Uncomfortable. Unitarian Universalists are called to work for our vision of the Beloved Community. Often this will mean doing what we do not know how to do and learning what we did not know. It will undoubtedly be uncomfortable. Where do we find the courage to be uncomfortable?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p>This is also our semi-annual congregational meeting and potluck so don't miss it!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">We Accept. We Support. We Transform.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY SERVICES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All services begin at 10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Touchstone Worship Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Intergenerational Services</p>	
Jan. 22 10:30	 <p>Worship Service with Guest Speaker Paul Graves - On this weekend of presidential inaugural festivities, it is helpful to consider an alternative inaugural address that took place over 2000 years ago. It capsulizes the kind of work Jesus was called to do as Emmanuel, "God with us"...</p>		
Jan. 26 5:30	Nonviolent Communication Group (N.V.C.) Based on work of Marshall Rosenberg Led by CdA Dharma Friends, every fourth Thursday of the month. Call Elke 771-1703(c) or 765-5409(h) for more information	<p style="text-align: center;">Minister</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Tracy Springberry</p>	
Jan. 29 10:30	Worship Service with Video Presentation: "Billions in Change." - This is a video that is inspiring and as well as give us hope for the future.		
Jan. 31	 <p>The Book Club will discuss "Idaho Falls: The Untold Story of America's First Nuclear Accident." Location TBA. Call Cathy Mohns with any questions at 509-808-5203</p>		

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Minister's Musings

Much is changing. I am leaving in June. A new administration begins in Washington in January. In these new circumstances, NIUU will need to find a new way of being.

In November, the NIUU board and other church leaders gathered to consider this future.

At the retreat we focused on what NIUU does well. Congregations do best if they spend their energy growing their strengths rather than trying to shore up their weaknesses.

The group envisioned a future where NIUU bustled with more people and children and more singing and fun.

We talked about how warm and welcoming NIUU feels and how much it meant to have a place to be authentic in a conservative community. We liked that our faith asks us to use our minds and our hearts to make decisions about our theology and values. We felt we benefited from weekly reminders of our values and how to live them.

We also asked ourselves what the wider community needed and how we could contribute. We had many words: hope, kindness, support, safety, and values. We considered how we might stand on the side of love and against hate.

At our annual meeting in January we will continue this conversation about our future. What do we want to be in the future? What is this moment in history calling us to be?

Why does NIUU matter to each of us? Why does it matter to the community where we live?

Miscellaneous

Unitarian Universalist Buddhist Fellowship

Convocation 2017

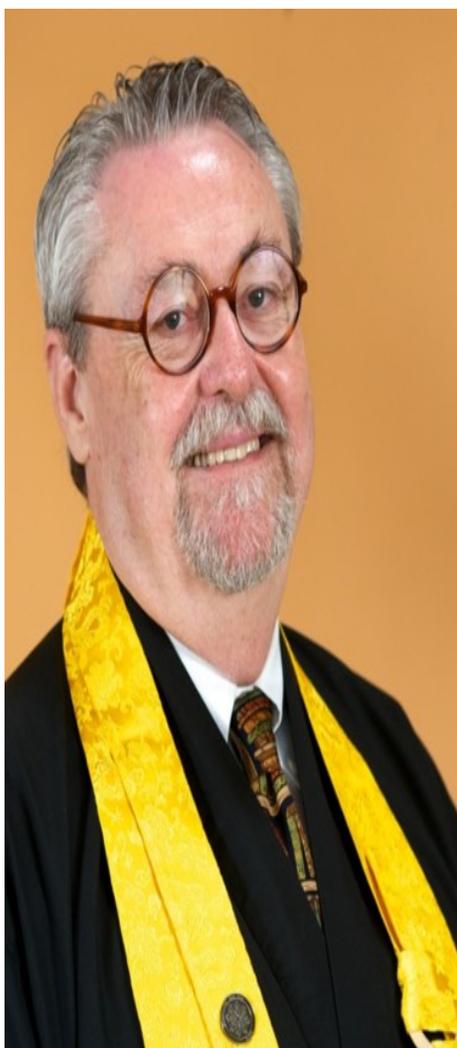
March 31—April 2

Menucha Retreat Center

Corbett, Oregon

Learning the Language of Dragons:

Zen Meditation and Zen Koans



James Ishmael Ford, Zen teacher and Unitarian Universalist minister says that Zen meditation, both its "just sitting" or "silent illumination" discipline and "koan introspection" are in fact the language of dragons.

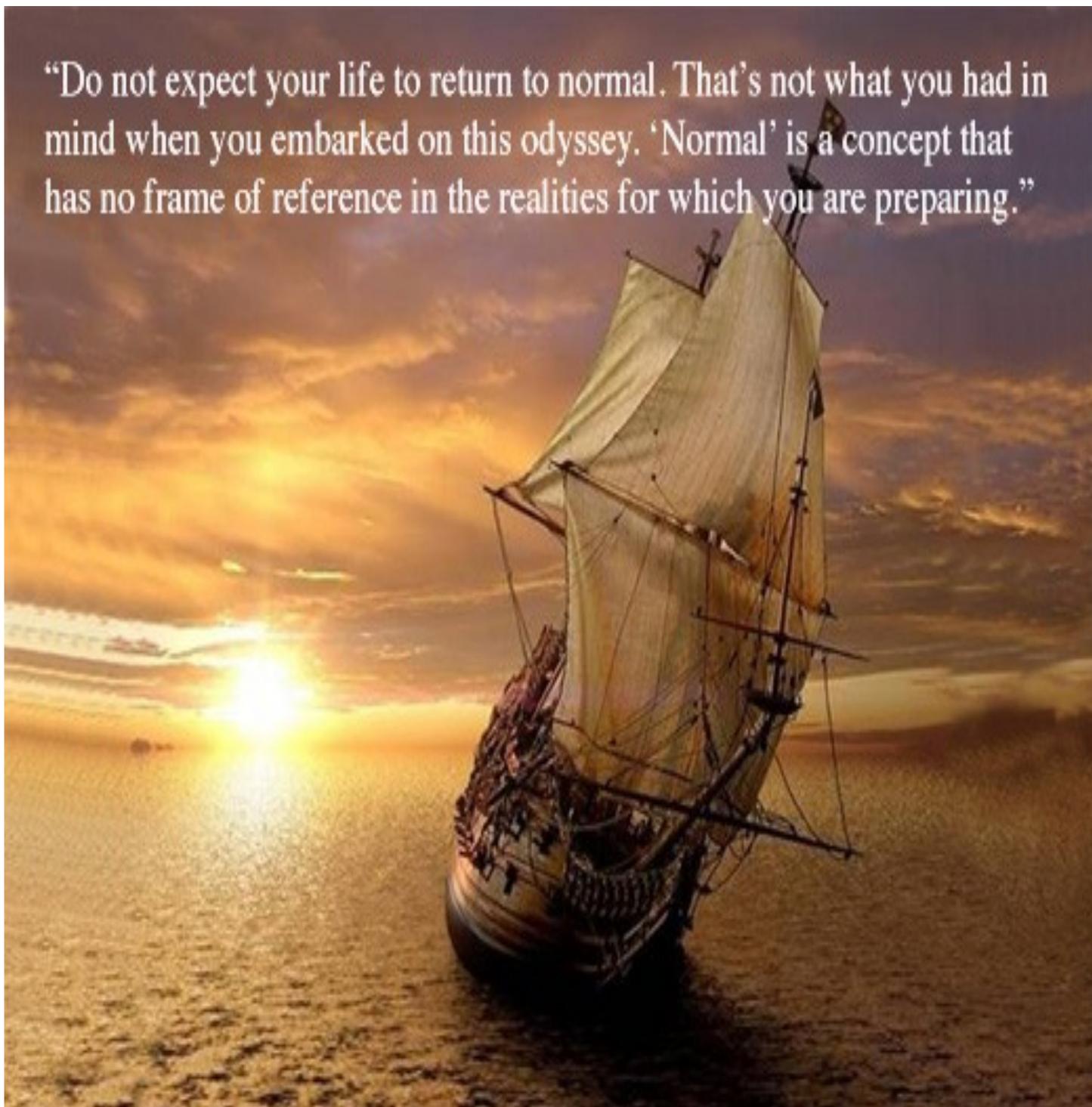
In our time together we will be introduced to the grammar of dragons, a bit of the vocabulary, and with that to throw ourselves into a little dragon language immersion.

Menucha Lodge overlooks the beautiful Columbia River Gorge, designated as a national scenic area with the greatest concentration of waterfalls in North America

For more information and registration visit:
<http://uubf.org>

Inspiration

“Do not expect your life to return to normal. That’s not what you had in mind when you embarked on this odyssey. ‘Normal’ is a concept that has no frame of reference in the realities for which you are preparing.”





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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist

Association, covenant to affirm and promote :

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Principles in Poetic Language for Children

We Believe

- ◆ Every person is important
- ◆ Be kind in all you do
- ◆ We're free to learn together
- ◆ And search for what is true
- ◆ All people need a voice
- ◆ Build a fair and peaceful world
- ◆ We care for Earth's lifeboat

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