

# The Saltwater Scroll

## The Newsletter of Saltwater Church

*A Place to Belong, Grow Your Soul, and Change the World*

**November 2015 Newsletter**

***Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 1. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, October 31.***

### **Worship Services**

*All worship services are at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings unless otherwise noted.*

**Sunday, November 1, “Journey’s End”**

**With Rev. Dr. James Kubal-Komoto and members of the congregation**

How do we make sure the care we receive at the end of our lives is in accord with our own values? A Ritual of Remembrance will also take place during this morning’s service.

A “Meet the Minister” gathering for recent visitors will take place after the service.

**Sunday, November 8, “Living the Fullest, Deepest, Richest Life Possible”**

**With Rev. Dr. James Kubal-Komoto**

**Sunday, November 15, “How We Got This Way”**

**With Rev. Dr. James Kubal-Komoto**

With its origins in American Protestantism, how did Unitarian Universalism become a movement that looks to all the religions of the world for inspiration?

A potluck will be held after the service. Please bring a dish to share.

**Sunday, November 22, “You Were Once a Stranger”**

**With Rev. Dr. James Kubal-Komoto, Melinda Einander, and members of the congregation**

This morning’s intergenerational service includes children and adults acting out three stories from Hebrew and Christian scriptures.

**Sunday, November 29, *To Be Announced***

**With Rev. Dr. Peter Luton, Guest Minister**

## Board of Directors

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*The Board of Directors may be contacted by email at [board@saltwaterchurch.org](mailto:board@saltwaterchurch.org). Phone numbers and addresses are listed in the church directory. Board officers will be elected at the July board meeting.*

## Church Office Information

Office: (253) 777-4994 or (844) 480-0647 (toll free)  
Email: [info@saltwaterchurch.org](mailto:info@saltwaterchurch.org)  
Website: [www.saltwaterchurch.org](http://www.saltwaterchurch.org)

**Church office hours:** Sue Eaton, our church administrator, is usually in the office Monday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.; and Friday, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. She sometimes runs errands, so please call before stopping by.

## Minister and Staff Contacts

*Any staff member may be reached by phone by calling (253) 777-4994.*

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## Minister's Schedule

**Reverend James** is at the church Sunday through Thursday most weeks. His days off are Friday and (sometimes) Saturday. He is available for appointments late mornings, early afternoons, and evenings. Feel free to call him on Fridays and Saturdays, but unless it is an urgent matter, he may not return your call until later. *He will be away from the church and unavailable by phone or email Tuesday, November 24 – Friday, November 27.*

## Church Calendar

The church calendar is on our website, at [www.saltwaterchurch.org/calendar](http://www.saltwaterchurch.org/calendar). To have an event put on the church calendar, contact church administrator, Sue Eaton, or visit [www.saltwaterchurch.org/calendarrequestform](http://www.saltwaterchurch.org/calendarrequestform).

## Deadlines

The deadline for announcements for the Weekly Emailed Announcements and the Order of Service is **Wednesday by 10 a.m.** The deadline for the newsletter is the third Sunday of every month. The next newsletter deadline is Sunday, November 15.

To submit any announcement or newsletter content, visit [www.saltwaterchurch.org/publicity](http://www.saltwaterchurch.org/publicity). If you email an announcement, please use the [announcements@saltwaterchurch.org](mailto:announcements@saltwaterchurch.org) address only. If you email a newsletter article, please use the [newsletter@saltwaterchurch.org](mailto:newsletter@saltwaterchurch.org) address only.

# *Our Welcoming Community*

## **Meet the Minister**

A “Meet the Minister” gathering will take place on Sunday, November 1, at 12 noon in the church office. This is an informal get-to-know-you gathering for recent visitors and is also a chance to learn more about Saltwater Church and Unitarian Universalism.

# *Our Worshipping Community*

## **Pictures for Ritual of Remembrance**

There will be a pictorial Ritual of Remembrance during our worship service on Sunday, November 1. If you have a picture of a loved one that you would like to have included, please email it in electronic format to church administrator Sue Eaton by Wednesday, October 28 with the person’s name, dates of birth and death if known, and the person’s relationship to you.

## **Worshipping from the Welcoming Room**

On some Sunday mornings, our sanctuary is very full. We have recently fixed our speaker and begun to set up tables and chairs in front of the TV screen in the Welcoming Room. If you would like to enjoy our Sunday service in a more relaxed atmosphere, feel free to use these table and chairs.

## **Reverend James’s “Messages of the Morning” are Now Available Online Again**

If you miss a Sunday service, you can now read or listen to Reverend James’s sermons online again. Sermons from services in September and October are available at [www.saltwaterchurch.org/recentsermons](http://www.saltwaterchurch.org/recentsermons) .

Selected sermons from past years are available at [www.saltwaterchurch.org/selectedsermons](http://www.saltwaterchurch.org/selectedsermons) .

## *Our Learning Community*

### **Compassionate and Choices of Washington Workshop to be held Sunday, November 8**

By Carol Sandoval

A workshop on end of life choices will be held at Saltwater Church on Sunday, November 8, 12:30 – 3 p.m., presented by Compassionate and Choices of Washington. The presentation will cover information needed to make end of life choices that can be shared with loved ones and medical providers.

This presentation is not just for elderly people. Younger people also need to prepare for unexpected futures and all people 16 and over are encouraged to attend.

A light lunch will be provided for a suggested donation. All are invited. People can register by contacting Compassion and Choices at (206) 256-1636 or at [associate@compassionWA.org](mailto:associate@compassionWA.org).

For more information, contact Cynthia Bagley, Sue Eckersley, Rosie Olds, Carol Sandoval, or Gean Dindia.

### **Workshop on SOULCOLLAGE® Coming in January**

Church member and art therapist Mayda Taney will lead a workshop on creating SoulCollage® cards on Saturday, January 2, 2016.

Originated by Seena Frost, SoulCollage® is a process for accessing your intuition and reflecting on life's questions and transitions. To learn more about Soul Collage, visit [www.soulcollage.com](http://www.soulcollage.com) or contact Mayda at [merrydancer@comcast.net](mailto:merrydancer@comcast.net)

## *Our Caring Community*

### **Creative Hands**

By Betsy Sproger

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? We meet to do our own creative projects regularly on the second and fourth Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Welcoming Room. Bring what you have been working on at home, and share it with others.

### **Aging with Spirit**

The Aging with Spirit Group will next meet on Sunday, November 22, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in the church office.

## Welcome New Members



**Audrey Niles** became a member of Saltwater Church in September 2015. Audrey is originally from Renton. She went to college at Western for a year, majoring in speech and drama. She has performed in various plays. After getting married in the 1970s, she joined Saltwater Church and attended for about three years. Audrey's wonderful daughter, Arvilla, is living with her for a while. Audrey enjoys gardening. In the past, Audrey worked in unemployment for the State of Washington and was the Vice President for the Union. She did a lot of marching and talking. She has returned to the Saltwater Church because she identifies with Unitarian Universalist principles. She would like to help others in whatever ways she can and hopes that others can help her as well. Audrey has volunteered for the

Worship Team this year. She likes to read poetry and (if given enough time to look at it) she hopes to read a poem or other reading during our worship service sometime.



**Rick Baird** became a member of Saltwater Church in August 2015. Rick is happily married to Victoria Leo and they live in Federal Way. Rick and Victoria were married at Saltwater Church in December 2009. Rick works for Boeing in Everett. He is very thankful for the Metro and its express buses. Rick has been a Unitarian for twenty plus years, but due to a grueling work schedule, he cannot often attend. However, when he can attend, he really enjoys the community. He "just loves the community for the spiritual and religious coming together" that Saltwater Church provides him. He also likes the food. One gift Rick has is a witty repartee. Rick has a varying number of "furry" kids. He is especially interested in astronomy and will talk 24/7 about astronomy and astrophotography to anyone who will listen. He

often offers sky parties when the sky is clear.

## Among Ourselves

Congratulations to Katherine and Aaron Sperry on the birth of Dexter Colfax Sperry, who was born at home on September 28.

## Our Caring and Lay Ministry Teams

Both the Caring Team and the Lay Ministry Team at Saltwater Church help members of our community during difficulty, transition, and crisis. Members of the **Caring Team** can sometimes help with some of the following tasks: Bringing meals, providing emergency babysitting, providing respite care, providing transportation to medical appointments, buying/delivering groceries or other needed items, and meeting other specific, short-term needs. To contact the Caring Team, call the church at (253) 777-4994 and choose the option for the Caring Hotline or email [caring@saltwaterchurch.org](mailto:caring@saltwaterchurch.org).

Sometimes during a time of difficulty, what a person needs most is someone to talk to. Members of the **Lay Ministry Team** can provide an ear to listen, a heart to care, and a hand to hold. They are also available to visit hospitalized or homebound individuals. To contact a lay minister at any time, call the church at (253) 777-4994 and chose the option for the Caring Hotline or email [layministry@saltwaterchurch.org](mailto:layministry@saltwaterchurch.org). You may also contact any one of the lay ministers:

- **Debra Valpey** (206) 243-5566 or [debra@saltwaterchurch.org](mailto:debra@saltwaterchurch.org)
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- **Lynn Crow** (253) 941-0860 or [lynn@saltwaterchurch.org](mailto:lynn@saltwaterchurch.org).

## *Our Serving Community*

### **Shine Bright This Holiday Season!**

By Silvia McClung

Saltwater Church will having a Giving Tree again this year for students and siblings at Mark Twain Elementary School. Here's how you can help:

- **TAKE A STAR** from our Giving Tree, Sunday, November 22.
- **SHOP** for the gifts they need... and maybe something extra too. Shop early for uniforms.
- **RETURN YOUR STAR** with your gifts to the church by Thursday, December 10.... Or cash by Sunday, December 6. Attach the stay you took please!
- **WRAP:** Help us wrap after Saltwater Church meeting on Sunday, December 13.



For more information, contact Silvia McClung at (253) 927-2127 or [silviamcclung@gmail.com](mailto:silviamcclung@gmail.com).

## Share the Plate for September

By Bev Ross, School Outreach Team

Together We Make a Difference.....During the month of September, half of the undesignated monies in the offering plate went to *Communities in Schools*. This organization is part of the nation's leading dropout prevention program working in public schools to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. In addition to volunteers from this church giving of their time by being a mentor to a young person, our congregation gave \$538.00, to help promote and support their mission.

The School Outreach Team would like to thank you, one and all, for your support to this worthy cause.

If you are interested in making a difference and want to get involved in helping in a school, please contact Dorothy Burt (541) 602-3190 or [burt.dorothy@yahoo.com](mailto:burt.dorothy@yahoo.com). Also, if you are already helping in a school, please make sure Dorothy has that information. (See the article below.)

No act of kindness is too small.

## School Outreach

By Dorothy Burt

The School Outreach Team has helped nine of Saltwater Church's people in their search for a volunteer position in four local school districts this Fall.

BUT our job is only beginning for this school year. Please help us by reporting to Debra Valpey or Dorothy Burt about YOUR experiences as a volunteer in our schools. Tell us about the good, bad and the merely frustrating.

We aim for a list of all our Saltwater Church people who are helping out in the classroom, on school grounds, etc.

## Sound Alliance

By Susan Aigner, Sound Alliance Team Co-Leader

Between October 18, when I submitted this article, and the end of October, when you read it, much will have happened....

Saltwater Church members and friends will have:

- Helped to pack the Federal Way City Council to watch them vote to fund the Day Shelter for men, women, and children. We will have joined with other Day Shelter supporters at St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Federal Way for a celebration assembly.



- Our Saltwater Church auction Fundathon will have raised money to support the Day Shelter.
- Saltwater Church Sound Alliance already has briefed dozens of local organizations (including our own members) about the Best Starts for Kids levy. Now we will have walked our neighborhoods, urging residents to support the levy. We will have posted yard signs throughout South King County and waved signs on corners in Federal Way. When you read this Saltwater Church’s Sound Alliance article, we will be waiting expectantly the results of the vote.

Each of these projects, the Day Shelter and the Best Starts for Kids levy, has engaged Saltwater Church in passionately fulfilling our mission.

“We will nurture each other to find meaning and connection within our lives and to contribute to our communities with our hearts, mind, hands and spirit. We also commit human and financial resources to advance social justice and environmental stewardship.”

I am so proud of all we have accomplished!

## *Family Ministries*

### **Best Starts for Kids**

By Melinda Einander, Director of Family Ministries



Last month I wrote about the importance of supporting one another as we parent our children to become capable, functioning adults. Many of today's parents lack support systems, and feel they need to do everything possible themselves to ensure their children's success in a cut-throat world. In the process, parents with the means to do so often end up protecting their children from life's struggles, and providing them with an over-abundance of material things and activities, while neglecting their need for developing their own capabilities.

While some families with the means to do so are “over-parenting” their children, many families grapple with a host of other concerns including providing for children's basic needs of food and shelter, providing adequate health care for medical issues, and having access to quality affordable childcare. Some issues affecting families cut across socio-economic lines, such as domestic violence, parents or children who suffer from depression or other forms of mental illness, or drug and alcohol abuse. The demands of the workplace, whether it be long hours, irregular schedules, lack of parental or sick leave, and many other factors impact family life. Concerns about community safety are a source of worry for many families, and schools that are not equipped to meet their students' needs impact both families and the broader community. Every family, every individual is impacted by their life experiences. We can never know what struggles another person has faced, or what struggles we may face in the future.

The more risk factors affecting a child's early development, the greater the odds that these will adversely affect his or her behavior and health as an adult. Unitarians and Universalists have a long history of working to improve conditions that adversely impact human lives. Our first principle, respect for the inherent worth and dignity of each person, reminds us of the value of each individual's life, and our



second principle, which calls for justice equity and compassion, inspires us to work towards creating a society in which each person has the opportunity to grow up safe, healthy, and happy.

There is much we can do to support children and families in our broader community. As part of Sound Alliance, members of Saltwater Church have been active supporters of the Best Starts for Kids levy which will be on the November 3 ballot. If it passes, Best Starts will fund early intervention and support for children, youth, and families, and invest in improving the health of communities. Our children learned about the Best Starts levy at our October 18 chapel service, and created a collage showing what children and youth need to be safe, healthy, and happy. According to our children, everyone needs food, clothing, shelter, and education, but above all what children need is love. Our children understand the importance of providing a good start for all children, and that in doing so we show children that they are valued and loved.

In support of this levy, County Executive Dow Constantine asserts that focusing on early childhood development will decrease rates of adult crime, as well as mental illness and addiction. Support for children and families are a “moral imperative” due to inequalities in educational, social, and financial opportunities available to families. We have a responsibility to ensure that all children receive the best start possible in life, and we can start here in our own community.

As we work together to support the growth and development of children, youth, and families within our own faith community, we also work to support the well-being of all the children in our wider community. Together we nurture our souls, including the souls of our children. Together, we change the world.

### **Family Ministries Calendar for November**

November 1	Children and youth meet in classrooms
November 1	Play rehearsal 11:45-12:30 p.m.
November 1	High School Youth Group 12-2:30 p.m.
November 8	Children and youth meet in classrooms
November 8	Parent Class “Roots and Wings” 4-6 p.m.
November 15	Play rehearsal 9-10 a.m.
November 15	Children and youth meet in classrooms
November 15	Potluck lunch at noon
November 15	High School Youth Group 12-2:30 p.m.
November 22	Intergenerational Worship (all ages meet in the sanctuary)
November 22	Meeting for Lighthouse volunteers 11:45-1:15 p.m.
November 29	Children and youth meet in classrooms

## Casting Call!

Performers of all ages are needed for a play to be performed during the worship service on Sunday, November 22. All are welcome to be involved—children, youth, and adults. We will have a variety of speaking and non-speaking roles. The story will be of three bible tales on the theme of immigration, tying in with the children's study of our Jewish and Christian heritage. Come read the script and select your role(s) November 1, at 11:45 a.m. We will have a rehearsal at 9 a.m. on Sunday, November 15, and possibly an additional rehearsal if needed. If you would like to participate, contact Melinda Einander at [Melinda@saltwaterchurch.org](mailto:Melinda@saltwaterchurch.org).

## Roots and Wings: Unitarian Universalist Parenting

Many parents struggle with the tension between wanting to protect and shelter our children, and wanting to help them develop the skills they need to become happy, capable adults. "Roots and Wings: Unitarian Universalist Parenting in the Millennium" addresses important child-rearing issues faced by contemporary families. This class is intended for parents with children ages 0-10.

We will meet monthly on the second Sunday from 4-6 p.m. Childcare is available upon request. Sign up online at [www.saltwaterchurch.org/classes](http://www.saltwaterchurch.org/classes) or call the church office to register. For more information, contact Melinda Einander, Director of Family Ministries.

## Meeting for Lighthouse Volunteers Sunday, November 22

All Lighthouse volunteers are invited to our next meeting, November 22, from 11:45-1:15 p.m. Our topic will be teaching about the bible from a Unitarian Universalist perspective. Reverend James will be available to answer our questions and concerns, and to share with us thoughts about sharing our Jewish and Christian heritage with our children. Please bring your own lunch, and RSVP to Melinda if you will need childcare.



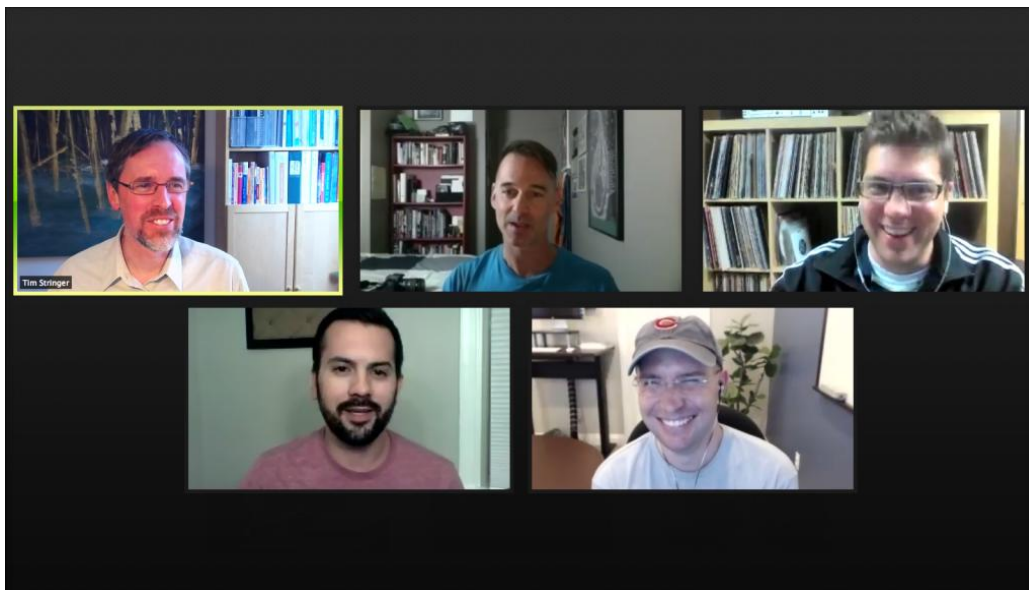
Children hear Aida Sanchez-Vela tell the story of Noah and the Ark on a recent Sunday morning.

# *Church Life*

## **Board to Meet Online in November, Other Team Leaders Urged to Consider Online Meetings**

When the Jewish theologian Martin Buber said, “All life is meeting,” he came close to describing what it sometimes feels like to be an active lay leader in our congregation. At Saltwater Church, some of us spend lots of time in meetings. We also spend lots of time driving to meetings, which is not good for us or our environment. Driving to meetings at night is also difficult for some of us.

So we don't have to spend as much time driving to meetings and so we can take better care of our planet and so those who don't like driving at night can more easily participate in meetings, Saltwater Church now has a Zoom Room - - a video-conferencing-technology-enabled webchat room that can be used for church meetings.



The church board will use our Zoom Room for its next meeting on Tuesday, November 3, at 7 p.m. and church members are welcome to observe and participate in the meeting from their homes.

Reverend James will also host a meeting on Wednesday, November 11, for any church members who would like to try out using the Zoom Room before using it for a regular meeting.

**Five people participate in the Zoom meeting pictured above, though up to 20 people can use it at the same time.**

To access the church's Zoom Room, visit [www.saltwaterchurch.org/zoomroom](http://www.saltwaterchurch.org/zoomroom) . To schedule a meeting for your own group in the Zoom Room, reserve it like any other room by contacting church administrator Sue Eaton.

## Stay or Go Task Force Update

Saltwater's Stay or Go Task Force is a task force mandated by the Saltwater Church Board to investigate strategies for attaining the long range facilities goal a.k.a. Goal six as laid out in Saltwater Church's "Vision 2020 A Five Year Plan" document drafted last year by the Saltwater Church Long Range Planning Team which the Congregation ratified at a congregational last year.

Goal 6 of Saltwater Church's Vision 2020 plan states as a primary facilities goal:

*"To provide sustainable, welcoming, accessible, aesthetically pleasing facilities adequate for a 300-member congregation, including 100 children and youth, and that will accommodate worship; community, arts, and social events; and space sharing."*

The Stay or Go Task Force is examining two primary options/strategies geared towards achieving this goal:

1. An expansion and remodel of our existing building to include space for three hundred adult members and one hundred children and youth. The expansion would necessarily include enlarging our sanctuary, fellowship space, religious education space, administrative offices and parking lot. An alternative to expanding and remodeling would be demolishing the existing church building a new one on our present location.
2. The sale of our current church property in favor of purchasing a new church property somewhere else in South King County that would be large enough to accommodate a congregation of three hundred adults and one hundred children and youth and would also be more visible and accessible to major public transportation routes than our current location. An alternative to this option would be to buy land in South King County and build a new church on it.

This past summer the Stay or Go Task Force met regularly to discuss these options and to research and solidify the Goal Six criteria with hard data such as the square footage needed to accommodate congregational growth to three hundred members and one hundred children. Additional criteria for each of the strategic options was vetted and adopted. These included:

1. Affordability
2. Human Resources Drain,
3. Staging,
4. Risk,
5. Location,
6. Satisfaction

This autumn, the Task Force, while still meeting regularly, has split into teams to initiate the following action items:

1. Consult with an architect about the feasibility of expanding and remodeling or rebuilding at our current location.

2. Consult with a real estate agent to research properties in the South King County area that could suit Saltwater Church's growth needs.
3. Consult with church members who have relevant space plan consulting and/or contracting skills regarding feasibility of expansion/remodel or building.
4. Consult with Unitarian Universalist congregations in Olympia, WA and Ventura, CA about their own expansion projects.
5. Consult with the Saltwater Church Parking Task Force to discuss current Saltwater Church Sunday parking demographics and the possibility of expanding parking at Saltwater Church.
6. Consult with the Saltwater Church Finance Team begin research into loan requirements. Begin assembling a packet of documents necessary for applying for bank loans.
7. Contact UUA Liaison Janine Larson with questions regarding finances, feasibility and to discuss examples of other congregations in a similar situation.

Once these projects have been carried out, the Task Force will re-group to analyze findings and formulate a recommendation to take to the Congregation for vote this upcoming spring.

## **The Saltwater Endowment Fund**

By Suzanne Laurel, Stewardship Team member

Did you know Saltwater Church has an Endowment Fund? It does! With a balance of over \$125,000, it earns investment income that helps ensure our financial stability for the next generation of Unitarian Universalists. A third of the annual growth is available to our Board to use for special projects or emergency expenses each year. Where did this money come from? From members and friends of Saltwater Church, like you! Individuals have named Saltwater Church in their will or as a beneficiary of their life insurance. Others have answered a matching grant challenge. Some have donated in memoriam of members or in honor of a personal life event.

This is the time of year the Stewardship Team would like you to think about the Endowment Fund as a giving opportunity for your family. Do you wish to be remembered for a bequest that ensures our Unitarian Universalist values survive and our community thrives in the years to come? When you review your will or your life insurance policy this year, mention Saltwater Church in it. Did you have a life event this year you wish to highlight through a donation to the future of our church and its mission? Please think of the Endowment Fund.

Have you received an inheritance you would like to share in a spiritually meaningful memoriam? We can help with that! Are you looking for a worthy charity to give a tax deductible donation before January 1, 2016? The Saltwater Endowment Fund is here for you!

The Saltwater Church Stewardship Team wishes to inspire us all to give in meaningful ways and foster a sense of spiritual generosity year round. We will be highlighting other ways we minister to each other and strengthen our community through giving in the months to come. In November, think about the Saltwater Church Endowment Fund and ASK a member of the Finance or Stewardship Team if you have questions about it.

## **Auction Update**

By Diane Schairer and Anjali Lopez-Stuit, Auction Committee

Thanks to all who joined us, or who donated to the auction! It was a fun night, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our community and support our mission—and we raised \$37,100 before expenses. We estimate it will be \$30,000 after expenses.

Of that, \$12,185 was raised in the fund-a-thon. This year, those funds are being split three ways:

- Day Shelter for the homeless in Federal Way
- Accessibility: a ramp to our administrative building.
- Eco-friendly: a water garden, to limit flooding on our grounds

We are happy that the Board selected funding for items that represent our Purposes and Principles so well! The primary purpose of the auction is to fund our mission, but we do it in a way that creates community. Many of the exciting live items were shared experiences-- dinners, boat rides, and parties. Other popular items were treasures created by our members: beautiful jewelry, scarves and art.

The success of the auction relies on so many volunteers. Thanks to all who helped us set up, run the auction; enter data and close things up, the night of the auction. Thanks also to all of you who gave us donations.

Special thanks to the super-team who helped share the load over the last half-year: Karen Lomboy, Saphronia Young, and Amanda Radak. And to Carol Mitchell and Kelsha Morris, who helped enter data in the weeks before the auction.

We'll be sending out a survey to get your ideas of what worked well and what to do differently, next time around. Meanwhile, enjoy your purchases! We hope you'll join us again next fall—and bring your friends and neighbors!

## **Celebrating our Saltwater Artists**

By Debra Valpey

Please visit the north wall in the Welcoming Room to view artwork by our members and friends. Many are for sale with partial proceeds to Saltwater Church.

Our new show will be up Sunday, November 1, and includes work by Barbara Bascom, Evelyn Gibb, Bob Kenney's son, Romana Perna, Gabriel Saylor, and Mayda Taney.

In December we will feature a one-woman exhibit of works by Mayda Taney.

If you would like to have your work included in the January show or would like more information, contact Debra Valpey at (206) 953-5704.

## **Scroll- Newsletter Helpers.....**

By Prudi Kantz

Communication is essential to our organization. Nowadays we have many ways of communicating among ourselves; the web page, Facebook, Google email groups. However, for the majority of us the main contact is the monthly newsletter, the Scroll.

Putting out the Scroll is a volunteer effort. There are generally about 250 copies a month. The bulk of this work takes place on the morning of the Thursday after the third Sunday each month when a group of volunteers meet in the Welcoming room to do the folding, sealing, and labeling. We need help.

So, if you are available during the day, please consider joining us once a month. You will be much appreciated. Individuals of all backgrounds, genders, ability, and planets of origin are welcome. We meet on Thursday morning at 10 a.m. in the Welcoming Room and are usually finished by 11:30 a.m. This month we meet on Thursday, November 19. You can just show up, if you have questions, please contact Prudi Kantz at (253) 315-4405 or [pkantz@comcast.net](mailto:pkantz@comcast.net).



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