

# Living Interfaith Church

## Monthly Newsletter

**Justice knows no race or religion, gender or ethnicity. When we forget this we lose our way. Equal justice is what all of our spiritual paths beg of us.**

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### July

No July services! Have a wonderful summer!!!

Services will resume in September and we hope to see you then.

[More Details...See page 2 below](#)

### August Calendar

We'll have our annual retreat on August 5th (see below) and then resume regular services beginning on September.

### Sermon Podcasts

[LivingInterfaith.Podbean.com](http://LivingInterfaith.Podbean.com)

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### Interfaith Q & A

If you have an Interfaith question of general interest, e-mail us your question at [Livinginterfaith@frontier.com](mailto:Livinginterfaith@frontier.com).

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## Know A Good Accompanist?

♪ We need your help! ♪

Contact [LivingInterfaith@Frontier.com](mailto:LivingInterfaith@Frontier.com)

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## Our August Retreat

Our retreat this year will be on Saturday, August 5th. Our retreats have two purposes. One is simply to have fun and catch up with what has happened in our lives since we last met.

The second reason is for each of us to share which sacred days from our spiritual traditions we would like Living Interfaith to honor/celebrate in our coming year (September—June). There are times when the dates of important holy days conflict with each other, making it impossible to accommodate every request, but we do our level best! We strive to include two holy days from each of our diverse spiritual traditions in our year. It can be a challenge!

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## September Services

**September 9th**, "Ingathering" - After a summer off, we begin meeting again to honor and celebrate our diverse spiritual paths as well as our common humanity.

**September 23rd**, To be announced.

# Living Interfaith At Work in the Community

## Interfaith Curriculum Part One Available

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO CONTINUE SPREADING THE WORD!**

Our curriculum is available free of charge (when downloaded from our website) to any school, spiritual community or other interested group that is committed to teaching our children not only to respect our diversity but how to be able to talk about it. Word is spreading. Copies have been downloaded from as far away as India and Austria.

It might best be described as a teacher's handbook. It walks the reader through how to teach our children about both our common humanity and our diverse spiritual paths and traditions. It provides lesson plans and lists the materials a teacher needs to put together meaningful, respectful classes, including important content.

Such a curriculum has *never* been more needed.

Part One covers grades 1-3. Our beautiful hard copies are available either by hand delivery (if you live nearby) or for the cost of printing and postage (\$13.00) if you would prefer that the curriculum be mailed to you. Again, **electronic copies are available for free from our website!**

## Summer Burrito Rolls!

Hunger doesn't slack just because it's summer. Please help!

**Saturday, August 19th** The roll will take place at first Baptist Church at 1:30 PM and generally lasts 1 1/2 hours.

Not into rolling, or have something to do on Saturday? The fixings for the burritos will be chopped on Thursday, **August 17th**, and then cooked on **Friday August 18th**. If the fixings aren't prepared, the roll can't take place.

**For further information, or to sign up and get on the e-mail list, please contact our own Rebecca Alder at:**

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## **Interfaith Q & A/Musings**

### **WE DID IT! 1000 Pounds of Food!**

This year we passed a landmark. For the first time in our seven years of gathering to learn about and celebrate each other's spiritual paths, we were able to donate just over 1000 pounds of food to the Lynnwood food bank.

For those who haven't been able to attend services, we have boxes for food donations that we place at the back of the church at every service. It fluctuates from service to service, but this year we have averaged donating 50 pounds each service—100 pounds a month.

Let's be honest. 1000 is just a number. If we had gathered 995 pounds in food donations that would have been just as good. Nor is food that weighs more somehow "better" or more important than lighter but more nutritious food. But still, 1000 pounds is a nice, big, round, and memorable number. And this year we passed it.

No, a 1000 pounds of food won't end hunger in Snohomish County. Neither will 10,000 pounds.

But every pound of food helps. Indeed, every time we do something positive for humanity it helps. Every act of kindness helps. Just as every act of unkindness hurts.

What is important, I believe, is our continuing commitment to the hungry among us. That commitment is what warms my heart.

In so many ways, we can remain prisoners of a "What can I do?" and "What can we do?" syndrome. The problems that face us are huge. That is undeniable.

But it may help, I know it helps me, to think of a great, cosmic scale balancing justice and injustice.

From the time we get up in the morning to the time we go to bed at night, and frequently even while we sleep, we add to one side of the scale or the other. Justice or injustice.

To be sure, much of the time we will only add a mote of dust. Some days we may actually add a twig. And perhaps once or twice in our lifetimes we will add a rock or maybe even a small boulder. For most of us, we have very little control over the size of what we add to the scales. But what we can control is to which side of the scale we add whatever our contribution that day may be.

So yes, 1000 pounds of food donated by our small church is perhaps a twig when it comes to addressing hunger. But we can know that with intention and full hearts we have added that twig to the side of justice.

Let the size of our contributions be whatever fortune allows. But let us with intent place those contributions on the side of justice.

Hope you are having a wonderful summer.

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## Support Living Interfaith

Our church expenses are not huge, but we do have them. As we look towards our new year beginning in September, **we are anticipating a shortfall of about \$500. PLEASE HELP.** It's not a huge shortfall, but it we still need to raise that extra \$500.

Any and all contributions are welcome and very much appreciated. For those who might want to use a credit card to help support us, by going to our web page [www.livinginterfaith.org](http://www.livinginterfaith.org) and clicking the donate button, a safe contribution may be made through PayPal.

If you prefer not to use the web, checks are also welcome. They should be made out to "Living Interfaith Church" and sent to PO Box 2352, Lynnwood, Washington 98036. And yes, Living Interfaith is a 501 (c)(3) organization. Your donations are tax deductible.

## THANK YOU!!

