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## "Pedal"

At first I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited Heaven or Hell when I die. He was out there sort of like the President. I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I didn't really know Him.

But later on when I recognized my Higher Power, it seemed as though life was rather like a bike rides, but it was a tandem bike, and I noticed that God was in the back helping me pedal.

I don't know just when it was that He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since. Life with my Higher Power, that is. God makes life exciting!

When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable. It was the shortest distance between two points.

But when He took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts, up mountains, and through

rocky places and at breakneck speeds; it was all I could do to hang on!!! Even though it looked like madness, He said "Pedal!"

I worried and was anxious and asked, "Where are you taking me?" He laughed and didn't answer, and I started to learn to trust.

I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure. And when I'd say "I'm scared," He'd lean back and touch my hand.

He took me to people with gifts that I needed, gifts of healing, acceptance and joy. They gave me their gifts to take on my journey, our journey, God's and mine.

And we were off again. He said, "Give the gifts away; they're extra baggage, too much weight." So I did, to the people we met, and I found that in giving I received, and still our burden was light.

I did not trust Him at first, in control of my life. I thought He'd wreck it. But He knows bike secrets, knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, jump to clear high rocks, fly to shorten scary passages.

And I am learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful constant companion, my Higher Power.

And when I'm sure I just can't do any more, He just smiles and says... "Pedal."

(Author Unknown)

## NOTES FROM ROB...

As I was preparing for this issue of your newsletter it occurred to me that it's been a while since I put 'pen to paper' and brought you up to date with the results of some of the activities that we have undertaken.

Have you have visited our website ([www.Unitymedford.org](http://www.Unitymedford.org)) and seen the links to Amazon.com ? This link is a part of our bookstore. And you will be pleased to know that last month we received a check for purchases made by those who 'clicked thru' and made a purchase.

This is one way, in addition to being physically present, that you can support our church. When you purchase gifts for your loved ones using the Amazon.com link our church is blessed. And speaking of being blessed, if your subscription to Daily Word is due, use the link on our website to renew. That helps too!

We have been broadcasting our 11:00 am (Pacific) Sunday service over the internet using a technology called "Live Video Streaming." Will you be traveling for the summer? You can still join us by going to: ([www.UnityMedford.org/live](http://www.UnityMedford.org/live)) And when we take time in the chapel to participate in the Law of Giving and Receiving you can participate online! Yep, we will receive your gift through the safe way to give online, Pay Pal. Many of our worldwide visitors have sent their Love offering in just that way.

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### Board of Trustees

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE...

*These are some of the areas within the Ministry where your time and talent could be put to use:*

### Hospitality Team

We have room for you to serve on the Hospitality Team. One Sunday a month help set up for fellowship in Bosworth Hall following the service. See Maureen Henderson or call the office.

### Sound Technician

Prepare the sound system for use prior to the Sunday service or special event to accommodate speakers and/or musical performances. Works with Steve, Shula and Rev. Rob on post-production work to prepare tapes and cd's (*and now DVD's - Notes from Rob on page 1*) for the "On the Road" program (*No experience necessary... we will teach the ease of use of the system.*)

### Transportation Assistant

We have folks who would love to come to church, however, they are unable to drive. Would two Sundays a month work for you to ride share?

### Multi-Media Crew

We are looking for people who either know or would like to learn Power Point, Microsoft Publishing (this newsletter) to support our staff as we grow. When we add a projector in the Sanctuary we will need people just like you every Sunday. **Would once a month work for you?**

### Contact and Communication Team

The Church supplies the cards, stamps and addresses. From your home You supply the love and a few minutes to say "We Love You, We miss you, We look forward to seeing you soon"

### Ushers & Greeters

You can play an important role! You are the first person new Folks meet. We want folks to be at home here, just as you were the first time you came. **Which Sunday's work best for you?** Please see Diane Coash the chair of this committee and we will put you in the schedule.

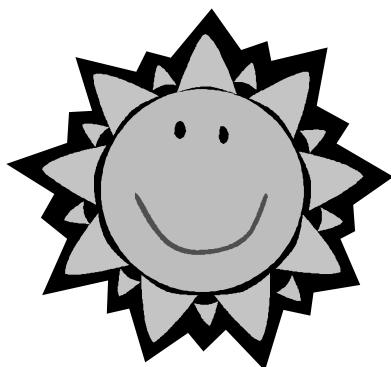
### Platform Chairperson

Assists Rev. Rob and our Guest speakers during the Sunday Service by introducing the songs, leading the affirmation, welcoming visitors and reading the announcements. We are so blessed to have Joyce Larson, Estella Leske, Anne Ainsworth and Diane Coash in that position. There is room to add YOU as we grow and have the need for two (or more) services every Sunday.

### Membership

The Membership committee are looking for new ideas and your input. Care to Serve?

Did we forget any Ministry Team? If so, let us know and we will find those who are willing to serve in



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In addition to the video broadcast capability we also have the software to make DVD's. This is another way for us to be of service to those who can't attend. And we use the same technology to bring our message to the world via the internet. Having this hardware and software available also opens up the possibilities for you to be of service. And it's great fun!

We are once again into that time of the year where we are preparing for the annual Membership Meeting. I know, it's not until September, however, the nomination committee will be talking with our members as we seek two members to serve on the Board of Trustee's. If you have not yet made the decision to become a member, please see me, call the office, chat with a Board Member. We will put you on the path to becoming an active member.

I will close this note with a question and a request... How may I be of service to you? ... is the question.

I am told that some folks hold back from asking for a few minutes of my time. I am never too busy or too involved in other activities to be of service to you. So my request is this... call me, let's set up a time to address your thoughts and concerns. Thank you!

Lovingly in His service,

Rob

## HEAVENLY NOTES:

What a wonderful time we had in creating both the Mothers Day and Fathers Day special service. More music by the Choir, more songs for you to sing and a great message of the Divine attributes of both. We will be working on programs for the fall and (gulp) Christmas in the coming months. Now would be a really good time to join the choir. Share your presence with our congregation and make a 'joyful noise unto the Lord.'



### LOOKING AHEAD

#### THEME FOR JULY

*Our Essence is of God;  
therefore, we are inherently good.*

Jul 6 "In His Name"

Jul 13 "Conscious Oneness"

Jul 20 Guest Speaker - Alida Montegna

Jul 27 Guest Speaker – David & Joyce Larson

#### THEME FOR AUGUST

*With Prayer and Meditation,  
We Align Our Heart-mind With God*

Aug 3 Guest Speaker - Rev. Anne Ainsworth

Aug 10 "Preparation"

Aug 17 "Know Thyself"

Aug 24 "Behold Your Christ Self"

Aug 31 "Ready to Act; In the Silence"

#### MOVIE & DESERT

July 12th - "Guarding Eddy" This touching feature is based on the true story of 18 year old Eddy Patterson, an autistic sports fanatic who dreams of playing pro-basketball. A beautiful story that reminds us we all face our challenges no matter how talented we may seem to be, and we can all use a little help to stay on track.

August 9th – "Believe in Me" This movie is about a young man who dreams of being an important basketball coach in Oklahoma in the 1960's. After he is forced to take a job as the coach of an all-girls team, he fears his short career will soon come to an end. What happens instead is nothing short of a miracle. This is a film the whole family can enjoy.

#### PLATTER CHATTERS

July 11th at Deli-Down at 11:30 am  
The Group is taking August off and holding the Annual Group get-together on Sept 20th

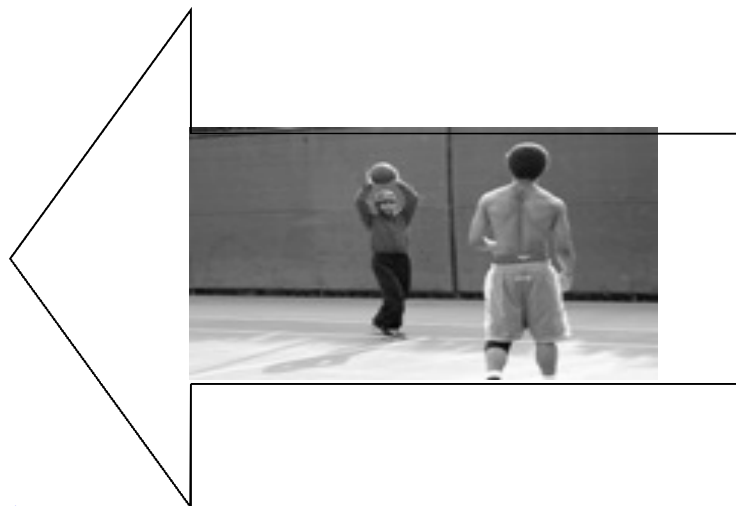
#### MEN'S GROUP

July 22nd and August 26th  
10:00 a.m. Brunch at Elmer's Restaurant

#### OPEN MIC NIGHT

July 19th and August 16th  
6:30 pm Signups with 7:00 pm Show Time

Board Meetings - July 10th and August 14th



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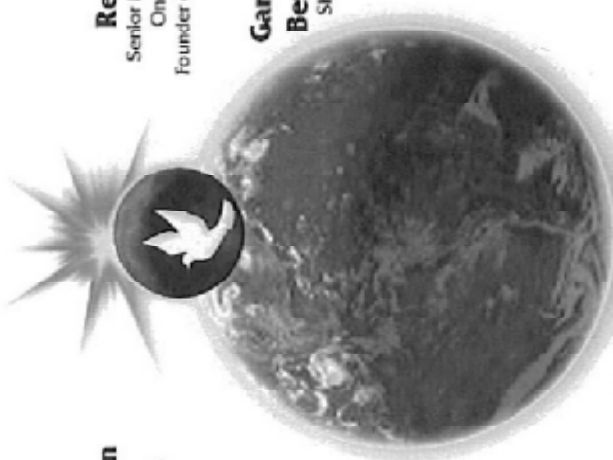
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Author of Storycatcher;  
Making Sense of Our lives  
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Practice of Story

**David Roth**  
Award winning Singer/  
Songwriter/Speaker

**James Howard**  
A natural on the guitar,  
blending rock, blues, jazz,  
latin/spanish sounds

**Rev. Richard Levy**  
Senior Minister at Seattle Unity;  
Oneness Blessing Facilitator  
Founder of Floxing Heart Ministry

**Garnett Hundley &  
Beverly Daugherty**  
Sharing their CIEBAL Music  
Ministry

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