

# *Rogue Unitarian*

## *December 2000*

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### *Minister's Holiday Meditation*

May we find grace through this holiday season  
Touched by a child  
Kindness among strangers  
Connectedness with "family"  
Reconnected with cherished friends  
Miracle stories to brighten our spirits  
As special stars brighten our long nights  
Wonder of light returning to our days

May we stay the overwhelming hubbub  
Lead ourselves not into temptation  
in the valley of the shadow of Debt  
in the valley of the shadow of Diet  
nor the mound of Greed  
Stressed in the wanting  
trying to do more than we've time or energy  
expecting more than is human  
wishing people, especially family, to be what they are not  
craving peace amidst an array of violence

May we shape a season of tenderness and joy  
Savor winter of red-green on white and grey  
Life continuing through barrenness  
Warm coats, warm fires, warm hearts  
Making our zakat/tzedaka/alms for the poor  
Bringing gifts

Letters that share our lives  
Cards infused with love  
Glitter and candles and tinsel and sparkles  
on homes and in eyes  
Gathering together for celebrations  
Keeping the beacon of hope  
Cherishing

May we hold all these things in our hearts  
May we work against estrangement  
May we cherish our knowing  
May we reflect in the velvety darkness  
May we be touched by hope, stars, surprises and Love.

*Yours in the gusto of holidays, with love, Rev. Patt*

## *Vespers for December - Thursdays at 5:30 PM*

December 7 and 21 - Esther Bell  
December 14 - Gene Brandon  
December 28 - No Vespers (Labyrinth set-up)

## *Walking a Sacred Path 2001*

RVUUF is sponsoring the Sacred Labyrinth at the end of December, in our third year as sponsoring congregation. We are building a history for this annual event, which is remarkable in its spirituality, inclusiveness, diversity, respect, outreach, and transforma-tive atmosphere.

The title of this year-ending event is "Walking A Sacred Path: 2001." The Labyrinth will be opened ceremonially on Friday, December 29th, at 6:00 PM and will remain open to all for 72 hours until the closing ceremony at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 1st, 2001. Betty Austin Hutto, local leader of the "Veriditas, the Worldwide Labyrinth Project" and primary facilitator and moderator, is, also owner of the 40' by 40' canvas labyrinth to be used. The design is a recreation of the medieval labyrinth built into the floor of Chartes Cathedral near Paris, France, The history and mythology of the labyrinth date back more than 4,000 years and appeared in some form in most ancient cultures for which we have recorded information.

Labyrinth time will be filled with live and re-corded music, silence, silent and guided meditation, diverse religious and spiritual focus, special ceremonies, and sharing community. There will be worship altars in the four cardinal directions as well as a fifth altar dedicated to all forms of the goddess. Once again, the spirit/prayer hoop will hang above the center of the Labyrinth and will be a focus of the turn-of-the-year ceremony occurring

between 11:00 PM and 1:00 AM, when December 31st becomes January 1st. Labyrinth Circle, the group coordinating and facilitating this event, will meet Mondays at 7:00 PM through December 18th. Many hands, hearts and minds are needed to create and guide this experience. Anyone interested in participating is invited. I am leading this group this year and welcome your comments, suggestions and support. Please contact me through the office by telephone (482-4755), e-mail (rvufoa@mind.net ), or whenever you see me!. I hope that many participate this year, and that this effort will coalesce into a long and fulfilling tradition for our liberal religious community.

-Brian Kerns

## *12/10 Congregational Meeting*

Mark your calendars for December 10, when the annual Rogue Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will hold its Annual Congregational Meeting to go over the Budget for 2001 and elect members to open seats on the Board. The full agenda should arrive at your home at about the same time as this issue of the newsletter. The meeting will also present a proposed By-laws change (see Money Matters, p. 5), and will feature talks on the state of our congregation by some of its leadership. The youth will have a Beggar,s lunch available immediately after the service to tide us over through the meeting. Please come and participate.

## *Mason's Musings*

In one of those moments the Board came up for air from the myriad of tasks facing us, we realized we had not been doing such a great job communicating what we are doing or in getting your feedback on fellowship life. Thanks to those of you who brought it up. With all we have been doing, we became task-oriented and forgot process. We have thought of the following ways to remedy this important facet of community life. We want to increase the information flow both ways.

So, first, we are going to explore doing a once a month reflection on Board work from the pulpit during Sunday service. Second, the Board will begin wearing identifying name badges so people will be better able to identify Board members and solicit information or share ideas or concerns. I hope I get one with glitter! Third, we want to have a Board listening session once a month after service where anyone can come to share ideas, concerns, and joys.

We have been working our bippies off to facilitate our transition from small church to mid-size church. We are working on creating a policy manual, coherent and comprehensive personnel policies, infrastructure that makes clear the roles of all, and setting in motion new ways to do stewardship and create budgets. These are just a few of the things we have tackled in the last year. We have had no evil intent in our lack of communication. We are not by and large a power hungry gang of thugs wanting to usurp the sacred democratic traditions of our congregation. We are instead just an overworked group of dedicated volunteers trying to serve the best way we can. We apologize for our errors and hope you can always attribute the highest

motivations to our work even when we fail to do it right.

On another note HOORAY and HALLELUJAH!!!! We have completed our Stewardship Drive. Even though I am writing this before the results are in, I am sure we have been successful. We all need to thank the Stewardship Committee and each other for continuing to build a dynamic, meaningful, liberal religious community.

Come one and all and practice our beloved democracy at our annual Congregational Meeting on December 10 after Sunday service. We will vote on new Board members, the Budget, and Bylaws changes. We will hear state of the congregation addresses by your President, Minister and other congregational leaders. We will share a new idea to get more feedback from you. The youth will feed us and maybe we will also get some other treats. It is as always my pleasure to be a part of this beautiful home of love and justice.

[Yours in Unitarian Universalism, Diane](#)

## *Board Notes 11/5/00*

### *Next Meeting 12/3/00*

Reports and comments:

Reports: Minister, Director of Religious Education (DRE), Treasurer, and Stewardship Committee. Rev. Patt noted in her report that some committees need more members, especially Membership, Caring, and Welcoming. The Membership Committee Chair, Sherry Johnston, has resigned. Charlotte Doty is interim Membership Committee chair until the Board appoints a new chair. The DRE's report noted lots of good, new energy in RE. The Treasurer reported the success of the rummage sale.

Old Business

◆ Caroline Harris was approved unan-imosly as an interim board member until the December Board elections.

◆ Our new Infrastructure is posted on the Bulletin Board and our congregation will be asked for suggestions or feedback for discussion and approval at the 12/10 Congregational meeting.

More discussion is needed regarding childcare. Rev. Herdklotz and Deana Hoffer will look into models and rework the policy draft.

◆ The new intermediate position in RE has been filled. Requests for salary increases as in the October DRE Report were approved unanimously.

New Business

◆ Elysia Newman and Leroy Owens were approved as Endowment Trust nominees, to be approved at the December Congregational Meeting.

◆ Guidelines for Fair Compensation package (2001 budget) for staff and clergy were approved unanimously.

◆ The draft of the "RVUUF Policy Format Guidelines" was distributed for the December Board meeting.

-Caroline Harris, Beth Coye

## *Endowment Receives Major Bequest*

The Endowment Trust has received a bequest from the estate of Howard Ohmart in the amount of \$160,195. Howard and Hattie Ohmart may be unfamiliar names to those of you who are relatively new to the Fellowship, but most of us knew and loved the Ohmarts for many years as friends and staunch supporters of the Fellowship with their time and energy, as well as financial stewardship. Hattie, along with Mamie Kreisman, was famous for organizing and managing rummage sales and auctions of goods and services.

They seldom missed Sunday service, any fund raiser or other event as long as their health permitted. They made a generous contribution toward the purchase of our wonderful building. After Howard's death in 1991 Hattie continued her love of and contributions to the fellowship not the least of which was the funding for our new carpet which was installed last year. What you can say is they were first class UU citizens! Hattie passed away in June of this year.

The Endowment Trust was established November of 1997 to provide a receptacle for gifts and bequests where the intent of the donor is to make a lasting contribution to the Fellowship. The Trustees receive and manage gifts for the benefit of the Fellowship.

Hattie and Howard will long be remembered for their wonderful participation and generosity.

-Elysia Newman

## *Money Matters*

During the first weekend of November, Clayton Gordon and Betty Owens-Gordon, Phillip Hart, and I attended a Stewardship Conference arranged by Pacific Northwest District of the UUA. Wow! We learned for sure about things we had been talking about but had never acted upon. First, while stewardship does deal with money, the larger part deals with communication with the membership. We have become quite aware that several members note a lack of communication, about what we are doing, about where we are going, and about when we might get there. The newsletter helps, but obviously additional steps are needed. So, here we go.

The second major step follows logically from the first. Whereas, historically the annual canvass has been somewhat restricted in scope, and was technically a subcommittee of the Finance Committee, this revised condition should place the Stewardship Team at the same operational level as the Finance Committee. This will require a Bylaws change, a simple thing in comparison with the

gains foreseen. I hope the Board can get such a change on the agenda for the December Annual Business Meeting.

As you recall, long time member Harriett Ohmart passed away last summer. The Ohmarts have made provisions in their wills for RVUUF. I have been serving as contact person for the Fellowship with the Executor of the Ohmart estate. It was my extreme pleasure recently to turn over to the Endowment Trust the first check, in the amount of \$160,194.74! There will be a second bequest, probably to be received in May 2001. By the terms of the wills, this part will be placed with the Tweedie bequest toward the future possible building program. I will not speculate about the amount of this second part. I think we are getting our act together.

-Gail Adams, Finance Chair

## *Stewardship Thanks You*

The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank all of the good members and friends who participated in our 2001 Stewardship Drive. Like our Manzanita tree that just kept growing, you are helping our Fellowship grow by adding good nutrients---your generous pledges and your comments. Both are appreciated. It is a pleasure to work with you toward the building of our Fellowship. When all pledges are in, the Finance Committee will share the amount pledged during this annual Stewardship Drive. Thanks so much.

Love and Peace, The Stewardship Committee

## *UU's in Action Shelter Program*

We are rolling in December! The Shelter Program runs the week of December 11-18. Anyone interested can sign up at the Sunday table to help with dinners, host, or stay overnight with the families. Also, watch for a wonderfully heartwarming Sunday service on the 10th, with Patt,s warm touch. We will play the love game, give the first Annual Bill Tweedie Award, and much more.

### New Meeting Time

The UU's in Action have changed their meeting time to the third Sunday after the service, to accommodate folks who work during the week. That,s December 17, after the service. Any questions? please call me at 482-6143. I look forward to new members. Please visit...all are welcome. Say, if UU,s in Action is not the committee for you, how about Membership, Welcoming, and

Caring committees? In spirit, we, re, all of us, in service and outreach together through this work!

-Jill Munn

## *Food Bank*

We completely filled the volunteer calendar for November, RVUUF's month to staff the food box desk at the Ashland Community Food Bank. Despite changes, all time slots were filled and the food boxes were distributed. We even had a few home deliveries. I greatly appreciate all of you who participated. We couldn't keep distributing without you volunteers. Thank you.

The December Food Bank project is a Christmas Party for Hispanic people in the Talent area. Food and toys will be distributed as we celebrate together with music and piñatas. We hope for a second distribution, through the Hermanos Project (see p. 6), too.

-Fran Petschek, for the Ashland Emergency Food Bank

## *UUSC: Stories of Hope*

### *Children in India*

Kamala is a 13-year-old girl in a very poor rural village north of Calcutta. She went to school until she was eight, but had to quit to help her parents buy food by working in the fields of farm owners. Last year, organizers of Nishta, a UUSC partner that fights for women's rights, came to her village. Kamala heard them talking to the older women, and asked what girls like herself could do. The Nishta organizers helped the girls start their own group. The children learned songs and dances that taught them about India's proud heritage, about how to eat healthy food, keep clean and be honest, hardworking members of their village. The children helped the women and men of their village keep the paths and common areas clean, repaired the wells, and helped plant flowers and vegetables. Nishta's teachers taught them math and the Bengali alphabet. They put on plays to educate their village about the things they had been taught. Now Kamala has a future filled with hope. Support UUSC through Guest at Your Table. More next month.

## *Environmental Action*

### *Next meeting: 12/4 at RVUUF*

Potluck at 6:30 PM,

Program (video ) at 7:30 PM

Our December 4 program will feature a video treating urban sprawl. It

treats what really goes on as our population, and lifestyles, spread across the landscape. Measure 7 has people talking about land use planning in Oregon in the near future.

We're doing something else differently for December, since we haven't taken time out to break bread and share conversation as a group. Those who can meet at 6:30 PM can share a potluck dinner before the program. Call me after November 29 for more information (482-2933).

-Kate Cleland-Sipfle

## *Did You Know?*

Adopt-a-Minefield is part of the United Nations' effort to remove 70 million land mines in at least 70 countries around the world. Cities in Colorado and California have raised thousands of dollars for removal of mines. In Southern Oregon, however, the United Nations Association (UNA) has raised about \$500. Can we make it \$1000 by the year 2001? Checks may be made out to Adopt-a-Minefield--UNA, USA, and given to me to pass on to the UNA.

-Selma McAlester

## *PNWD Winter CHANGES*

CHANGES, the newspaper of the Pacific Northwest District UUA, can be picked up at the RVUUF office. This issue includes registration forms for the District Annual Meeting at Eugene in February.

## *Religious Education*

Deana Hoffer, Director RE; Linda Boody and Bob Carson, RE Committee Co-Chairs

### *RE News*

With focus on the third UU Principle, our churches are places where we should accept one another and learn together. Learning together for the RE program is getting more exciting. The RE Committee and the DRE have recently added new staff to the department. Our children and youth have new teachers to add to the energy of Lea Johnson in primary and Carol Lee Rogers in the Junior Youth Group. We would like the Congregation to join us in welcoming three new teachers.

In the nursery (for children up to age 3), we are proud to introduce Riven Mattoon. In addition to her love of children, Riven holds a BA in world religions. She has worked in a day care center for homeless kids prior to coming to Ashland. She and her husband were married by a Unitarian Minister. Riven's experience and kind manner brings so much to our nursery.

Their son Druien, 9 months, adds his happy personality, too.

The intermediate class, children age 6-11 years, welcomes Jane Perkins as the teacher. Jane is currently an education tutor for READ in White City, a program designed to assist home school families. She has also been the volunteer coordinator for Interim Health Care of Rogue Valley Medical Center specializing in hospice care, and is a La Leche League leader. Jane is a wonderful addition to our staff. She brings our kids a wealth of experience and knowledge, as well as the ability to inspire.

Our Senior Youth Group has welcomed David Sherwin as their advisor. David holds a BA in secondary education and taught environmental education on Seabrook Island, SC, prior to moving to Ashland. He has served in AmeriCorps, a national community corps, and currently works with a team to create Heartlight School in Ashland. We are pleased to have David's energy.

The synergy created by our teachers, students, DRE, RE Committee members, the Minister and Congregation is exciting. This fall several new families have joined us adding 20 new children and youth, bringing our average Sunday attendance to 31. If you have not met our new staff, please come on back and introduce yourself. Volunteers are always welcome to help in the classroom or on special projects. It still takes a village to raise a child...we need each other to create the environment necessary for young people. We welcome you to take part in the learning together.

[-Linda Boody](#)

Sunday Snacks...What to Bring??

Our kids like to enjoy a snack with their classmates on Sunday. Snacks are provided by congregation members. We are currently low on drinks and healthy snacks. We would appreciate donations of juices, fruit, muffins, bagels, etc. Look for the Sunday Support sign up sheet in the hallway (across from the kitchen), check the newsletter copy for this month on page 8, or just drop by with some goodies. We like to keep our kids going! Thanks.

YRUU

Hello out there you fabuliffic Unitarians! We are the young voice of the Ashland Unitarian revolution. At this writing, we plan to hold an open house at the Annex on November 26, where we offer a free party, free food, and free hugs!!!! As if that wasn't enough fun, we are hosting a Beggar's Lunch at the usual charge after the service on December 10.

What Unitarianism means to me is an expression of how to unite with all people and the entire universe. It is about creating community. Last weekend I got to be part of the community created at a Unitarian youth conference. At conferences youth from all over the northwest worship in candle light, learn how to salsa dance, and get to watch a talent show that invites the untalented (only to prove that everybody has talent). Most of all, we learn to let the chalice burn brightly within so we can radiate that light to the world. This conference was the best ever for me personally. I learned a lot about how life is so much more than surviving. I got a free haircut too!!

-Kate Gould

## *YRUU Collecting for Hermanos Project*

We have „adopted“ three families with a total of ten children for this holiday season. The parents are migrant farm workers whose children are in great need of warm clothes and other gifts. We will collect these to give to the families the week of December 17th. Do you have something to give? Please bring donations of toys, clothes, and money to the office. We will also deliver food in January, February, and March, which are lean months for migrant workers. Here the children and their ages:  
girls: ages 12, 9, 8, and two 6-year-olds  
boys: ages 10, 8, two 2-year-olds, and  
one more, a 4-month-old baby

## *Eliot Institute Winter Conference*

Eliot Institute is holding its 17th annual Winter conference at Seabeck, Thursday, December 28-Monday, January 1, 2001, featuring the Rev. Thomas Anastasi, minister of Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church. Space is available for individuals and families. The topic is "Spirit Flowing." There is a full children's program. Featured are a music program with Joyce Poley, a New Year's Eve buffet prepared by Don Morgan and other special events planned by Dean Kathy Reid-Russell. Check the web page, <http://eliotinstitute.org>

for information and an application, or contact Joan Lawson at (206) 860-4171, or via e-mail: [eliotsbeck.org](mailto:eliotsbeck.org)

## *Ric Masten - „Let it Be a Dance!*

"Let It Be a Dance! through the good times and the bad times too," wrote Ric Masten, the Unitarian Universalist Troubadour Minister. Since 1968 Ric has inspired over 500 UU congregations in the US, Canada and Great Britain. with his songs and poetry -- wit and wisdom. Those were the good times. Now he is confronting "the bad times too."

Ric has advanced prostate cancer, now metastatic & hormone refractory (in other words, traditional treatments are no longer effective). He has found an alternative medicine, PC SPES that is working, but its \$420 per month cost is not covered by Medicare or insurance. So, to raise the money for this medication Ric is creating a new book entitled WORDS & ONE-LINERS to be published in a fancy, hard cover, boxed, numbered, limited edition, personally inscribed, with a broadside suitable for framing included in the package. The book will feature Ric's poetry, lyrics (both old and new) along with his unique single line drawings. Orders must be in by December 1, 2000. Price \$100

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## *Women,s Heritage Calendar*

"Liberating Faith" is the title of the 2001 calendar published by the Unitarian Universalist Women's Heritage Society, and now available from the Heritage Society Office. Introduced at the 2000 General Assembly, the calendar features important Unitarian Universalist women with biographical sketches: accomplishments Sandra Mitchell Caron, Elizabeth Blackwell, Sarah Billings Doolittle, Anna Carpenter Garlin Spencer, Florence (Chris) Bailey, Caroline Wells Healey Dall, Anna Linzee Tilden Gannett, Margaret Moseley, Elizabeth Cleghorn Stevenson Gaskell, Sarah James, Dorothea Foote Merriman, and Hannah Hill and Joanne Prince Edwards (featured together, for their joint work).

The calendar gives the birth dates of over 200 additional Unitarian Universalist women. These dates can be used for dedications at chalice lightings during Sunday services. Calendars sell for \$13.00 each, but can be ordered 15 or more at a 15% discount and resold to make a profit for your organization. For a limited time, the Women's Heritage Society is absorbing the shipping costs.

To order calendars, call the Unitarian Universalist Women's Heritage Society, 781-321-3979, e-mail: [uuwhs@aol.com](mailto:uuwhs@aol.com)

To learn more about the Women's Heritage Society and the current 2000 calendar, go to their website at: [www.uua.org/uuwhs](http://www.uua.org/uuwhs)

For additional information contact Rev. Dorothy Boroush at 508-824-2953 or via e-mail at:

dboroush@aol.com

## *Music Notes*

The calendar year is winding down, winter is coming, the night reaches its greatest length, and our music program is shining through the meditative darkness. As Don explains below, Maureen Thompson Phillips, November 19 Sunday afternoon Petrof Series concert of works of Fannie Mendelssohn was a great success. The choir was wonderful in performing the new anthem "Here We Gather" that same morning. Our next choir offering, at the December 10 service, will be intergenerational. We will reprise "Christmas is a Feeling" with voices from RE joining those of the choir.

In mid-December, a group from the choir will once again carol for our shut-in members and friends. Then, on the evening of December 24th, members of our choir and others will participate in the Candlelight Service with carols and readings. Finally, we will close December and turn the year with the Sacred Labyrinth event, which will feature many different types of live and recorded music during the 72 hours it will be open (see p. 3). In addition, our RVUUF choir is still growing with more than thirty folks participating as and when they can, while more people ask about joining every month. Is there, perhaps, an oratorio in our future? Stay tuned...

Happy Solstice and Holidays,

-Brian Kerns

## *Music Committee News*

We have now had two concerts featuring our new Petrof grand piano, on October 29, November 19. Each netted over \$400 for the Music Fund. One of our goals in presenting these programs is to raise money for the Music Fund, our only source for purchasing music. It also supports such activities as sending choir members to the PNWD Choir Workshop recently held in Portland, and maintenance for the organ and piano.

We are pleased that response to the concerts has been so positive, yet we have heard that \$12 is too much for admission. To clarify, we ask for a donation, and \$12 is only a suggested amount. We want as many as possible to enjoy these concerts, so please make a donation with which you are comfortable. That may be less than \$12, or more. Also, we believe that exposure to great music is good for children once they are mature enough to sit through a concert quietly. We hope to have several more piano concerts in 2000-2001. We'd like to see you there.

-Don Black, Chair

# *Poet's Corner*

## THE PRESENT

Now we settle like teals to the pond.  
I,m startled by our faith.  
Each could do these years alone,  
be safe from one another,  
avoid the questions and the reasons,  
awake and sleep in silence,  
sit in cool and ordered rooms.

Darrelle Novak

## *Book Notes*

The Library Committee thanks all of the people that contributed to our recent very successful book sale. This extends to the donors, the buyers, and the work-ers. Special thanks to Margaret Gellat, who organized the sale, and to Ben Hoffer who helped us set up the sale, and volunteered to dispose of the books that re-mained after the sale. Due to his efforts, we have a generous book credit at a local bookstore We have already used part of the book sale funds to purchase a new bookcase for the Library. We also intend to pur-chase some new books. Thanks again for your help.

If you have books that you want to contribute for the next sale, please box or bag them, mark them for book sale, and leave them on the shelves on the left in the library storeroom.

-Ruth Carson

## *Days in World Religions:*

### *December 2000*

3 First Sunday of Advent - Christian

8 Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) - Buddhism

Immaculate Conception - Catholic  
Christian

10 Second Sunday of Advent - Christian

12 Feast Day of the Virgin of Guadalupe -  
Catholic Christian

13 Nuzulul Qur'an - Islam

17 Third Sunday of Advent - Christian

18 Maunajaiyaras- Jain

21 Yule - Wicca

22-29 Hanukkah - Jewish

24 Fourth Sunday of Advent - Christian

Christmas Eve - Christian

25 Christmas - Christian

26 St Stephen's Day - Christian  
27 'Id Al-Fitr - Islam  
28 Holy Innocent's Day - Christian

## *TMP (Too Many People)*

Think about the coming holidays... we in the US have a lot to be thankful for. But what about the multitudes in India, Africa, and South America, etc.? Have we thought through the consequences of our efforts to eliminate diseases? Have we thought through the consequences of peace? Have we really thought about the unintended consequences of all the "good" things we do? There is an old idea, Chinese perhaps, that if one saves someone from drowning, he must take care of that person forever. Perhaps we should apply this to foreign affairs ...maybe even to domestic affairs. We talk all the time about helping others, but is the help counterproductive? Or, is it just letting us feel good?

-[John McClendon](#), for TMP

## *About Sunday Decor*

RE and Building/Aesthetics Committee will be responsible for decorating the Great Hall for the December holiday season. We hope everyone will marvel at or at least be satisfied with the „Peace%oo theme.

After the holidays, please consider volunteering for decor for a Sunday service or several Sunday services. Sunday service decor is not an Aesthetics Committee function; it is a Sunday Support function just like making coffee, bringing goodies, or greeting. In past years, many people brought their creativity to the front of the Great Hall, but for the last year- and-a-half duties have fallen to just three people, the same three people on the Aesthetics Committee. The decorator does have to coordinate with the requirements of the program, choir, and others using the Great Hall. Otherwise, such aspects as colors, design, and props are up to you. Some materials are available. Think decor and sign up when the Sunday Support sheet goes around.

-[The Aesthetics Committee: Susan Meek, Marylin Hart, Jan Waitt](#)

## *Rummage Sale Meets Goal.*

Thanks to 41 volunteers and many more item donors, the rummage sale brought in \$2367. This sum enabled us to order twelve new light-weight tables and a cart for storage. No longer will those who set up for events have to struggle with unmanageable tables. The sale was a good example of what can be accomplished when many hands pitch in.

Each volunteer deserves applause: Ellen Wallace, Margaret Gelatt, Renee Raziuk, Ester Bell, June Holmes, Gene Brandon, Anne Taylor, Charlotte Abernathy, Georgene Webber-Olsen, Al Berger, Judy and Louie Lichtenstein, Lois Bernard, Elaine Ensign, Mary Jo Owens, Kathy Holden, Muriel Williams, Elysia Newsman, Mary Lou Bayliss, Betty Branch, Kate Cleland-Sipfle, Alan and Myra Erwin, Ellie Marzocco, Pat Walden, Elizabeth Baxter, Jody Sorensen, Conrad and Nancy

Olsen, Caroline Harris, Jean Conger, Ron Iverson and Austin Meek. If you slipped in and were not on the list, many thanks to you, too. The Building, and Aesthetics Committee were on duty most of the week and express their sincere appreciation to all. -

Phil and Marylin Hart, Bill Holmes, Walter

Ensign, Susan Meek, Mamie Kreisman and Jan and Ron Waitt.

## *Special Appreciation for Office People*

Year,s end is a good time to remember what we all do for one another, and no-body can voice that louder than myself. A big thank-you to the Board (I believe it was) who thought of having an office person for phones, clerical help, and filling in when I'm on vacation or ill.

Reba Adams got this idea off the ground. When she became too busy, she passed coordination on to Anna Harris, who is so conscientious she'll come in an extra day if she can,t find someone. Thank you, Anna, and to all my regular helpers: Bill Johnston, Al Berger, Mary Jo Owens, Elizabeth Baxter, Elaine Ensign, and Judy Lichtenstein.

Thanks also to those who have sub-stituted in a pinch: Mary Lou Bayliss, Wilma Oksendahl, Selma McAlaster, Margaret St. Clair, Jody Sorensen, Jan Waitt, Betty Owens-Gordon, Marilyn Nordquist, Muriel Williams. You ALL help to make the office run smoothly.

- Janet Dolan