

## **Moving on** *by Ben Morgan*

Late in 1992 Cheryl, Anne-Marie age 1, and I started attending the UUCM, then under a different name. We had just survived Hurricane Andrew in Homestead and were looking for a like-minded faith-based home. She was a recovering Catholic, and I was a UU in High School but had not had time or interest till Cheryl said we need a neutral religion to raise our kids. 28 years later I still enjoy it. Our kids claim to be quiet UU's. We as a family and then individuals were active in many ways and found so many like-minded people over the years. It was a great experience for all of us. An extended family who help each other and others in need. Just so many friends over the years. It was a wonderful journey in so many ways. Our kids Anne-Marie and Carrel are off on their own as adults and Cheryl left us unexpectedly as a victim of cancer two years ago. I have decided it's time to move on to Redmond, OR to be closer to family, friends and so many outdoor activities in the rivers, lakes, ocean, mountains, and open spaces of the west. A major downsizing sale in late January and putting the house on the market in February. Hopefully leaving in March. In the time of COVID-19, I will miss so many of you in person but not in my heart. E-mail and cell phone will remain the same and hopefully, in a couple of months, I will find a new house. If you are out that way once I get settled visitors would be welcome and a hiking experience awaiting as I get to know the new landscape. Bend, OR has a large and active UU community and it's only about 20 minutes away.

Thank you all, It has been a wonderful journey in so many ways.

Peace, health, and happiness be with you all.

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