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Sunday Morning Services

Sunday, January 4, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

“For the Good of All: Kwanzaa in African American Culture ”

The African American holiday Kwanzaa offers deep insight about working for the strength of community and the common good.

Sunday, January 11, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

“Roots of African American Spirituality”

From African indigenous practices and beliefs, through Islam and Christianity, African American spirituality is rich with resources for facing the challenges of human living.

Sunday, January 18, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

“The Genius of Martin Luther King, Jr. ”

MLK's influence as an orator lives on, and perhaps grows, even today. But there was so much more to the examples he set—in strategic planning and community organizing, in embodying love for neighbor and for enemies, in the ability to connect people and events, in his grounding in a sustaining faith and spiritual practice. Martin Luther King, Jr will always be one of my heroes, and I continue to learn from his legacy.

Sunday, January 25, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

“Ubuntu: Because You Are, I Am”

Before it became a popular computer language, Ubuntu developed as a humanistic philosophy of the Africanization (transfer to African majority rule) in several countries in the south part of Africa. Translated roughly as “human-kindness or “human-ness”, it is a concept which can expand our understanding of “community.”

Other Worship Services

Sunday, January 11, 7:00 PM Monthly *Kirtan* Service

Kirtan comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice, to calm your mind and open your heart. This service is the first in a new monthly offering from the UUFC Worship Committee and the New World Kirtan Band.

Sunday, January 25, 7:00 Monthly Vespers Service

A quiet service of meditations and music for the turning of the year.

Religious Exploration for Children and Youth
is offered at 11:00 AM on Sunday
Childcare for Infants and Toddlers if offered at both services.
Children and Youth are welcome at all services.



Between Us . . .

Is it an understatement to say that people are constantly coming and going at the UUFC? Imagine the time-lapse photography. In the past few months we've been pouring over membership lists, trying to update and consolidate information for our new data base. From this research it's

obvious that even in our relatively short 65 years this congregation has been one long and on-going series of comings and goings.

There are the usual modes, of course. People are born and people die. We welcome and we grieve. But there is much more. Some people come looking for something specific and when they realize the UUFC is not what they had in mind, they don't come back. Others come for a short while – a few weeks, a few months – and they find comfort and stimulation while here and then move on to something else. Some want to stay, but bring with them feelings of unworthiness – they feel they won't measure up, so they slip away. Some come in need of being with others – following a death, a loss, a major challenge – and find here a place to exhale and rest and connect again with people, perhaps in new ways – they keep coming, though they may not really “dig in.” Some come week after week and are fed in ways spiritual and intellectual, but don't stay to talk. Others come and introduce themselves the first time. Some people come and are blown away that there is a place like this – a community of openness and searching – and they join several activities and enjoy meeting and talking to others. Some people go away when their lives change – when they marry or retire, change jobs, move closer to children. Others who have been deeply involved the work of the congregation simply discover one day that they are ready for something else, and they move on. Some realize that after a short or long time the church did not provide for

them what they expected it to provide --- be it close friends, business connections, or a specific political or religious perspective – and they go away, often blaming the church.. Some people stay and complain. Some get mad and quit. Others go away for a while, or for years, and then come back.

Some find exactly what they have been searching for years, and they really dig in, taking on responsibilities, challenging themselves to grow in wisdom and compassion. Some realize that being part of this congregation – taking part – listening, speaking, contemplating, helping, committing – is in fact a spiritual discipline and a path for growth.

A congregation is really just a huge dance of people searching and sharing, struggling and finding, hurting and healing, coming and going, circling around and out and back again. Touching, listening, talking, moving away, coming back. It has been this way forever, and will continue to be this way – for this is what human community looks like.

All who come here bring something unique. All who join in help make us who we are. For those we touch lightly and let go of, we can hope that with them goes some seed of awareness or openness or love. For those who never understood, who wanted us to be different, we can feel compassion. For those who come and stay and work and help and stretch and grow and change and commit, and so make it possible for all the others – we must be ever grateful. For those who go – and we will all go someday – we can send our love with them.

May your comings and goings lead you here often. May you have courage to ask for what you need, and to accept what others can and can't give. May you find here a religious and spiritual home.

See you Sunday - *Jill*

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

"Life goes on. Over and over we must know that the real target of evil is not the destruction of the body, the reduction to rubble of cities; the real target of evil is to corrupt the spirit of man and to give to his soul the contagion of inner disintegration. To drink in the beauty that is within reach, to clothe one's life with simple deeds of kindness, to keep alive a sensitiveness to the movement of the spirit ... in the quietness of the human heart and in the workings of the human mind -- this is, as always, the ultimate answer to the great deception."

Howard Thurman, in Meditations of the Heart

Monthly Kirtan Worship at UUFC

Beginning in January, the UUFC Worship Committee and the New World *Kirtan* Band will be co-offering a monthly worship service of *Kirtan* chanting, held in the sanctuary of the UUFC. *Kirtan* comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice. New World *Kirtan* Band describes *Kirtan* as “the path of Bhakti Yoga and devotional chanting, [which] calms your mind and opens your heart — it gives you peace and can change your life. We are in service to this path and the global community around it.”

The monthly *Kirtan* worship will be held on the second Sunday of each month, beginning on January 11, at 7:00 PM. More information about New World *Kirtan*, including weekly podcasts, is available online at <http://newworldkirtan.com/>.

August 2015 Wyoming Retreat

You are cordially invited to join Jill, and Peter Mayer, at Ring Lake Ranch in Wyoming, for a week of “renewal in sacred wilderness.” Just outside of Dubois, WY, about an hour east of Jackson, Ring Lake Ranch is a retreat center dedicated to spiritual renewal, on land that has served this purpose for more than a thousand years. From August 2 to 8 Peter Mayer will present the evening program, while during the day we hike, canoe, relax, enjoy solitude, etc. For more information, talk to Jill, and/or go to www.ringlake.org

Music Sharing and Choir

The next Music Sharing Night will be February 13, 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the UUFC. Contact David Servias if you'd like to perform.

The choir will resume regular Wednesday night rehearsals from 7:00 to 8:30 PM starting January 7th. New members are always welcome, and no audition is required. Drop-in choir will continue on the second Sunday of each month. Show up at 8:45 AM to learn a song for the services the same day.

PETER MAYER IN CONCERT
Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015 – UUFC 7:30 PM
Tickets: \$14 in advance, \$16 at the door.

Bring your friends!



Singer Songwriter Peter Mayer writes songs for a small planet – about the interconnectedness and the human journey; about the beauty and mystery of the world. Whimsical, humorous and profound, his music transcends to a realm beyond – to a place of wonder at the very fact of life itself.

Pastoral Care for Times Such as These

Saturday, January 17, 9:00 AM to Noon

We will honor where we have been, note where we are now, and assess our pastoral care needs in order to better meet the spiritual needs of the members of our congregation. Others are invited to join with current lay ministers and the Caring Connection for this visioning opportunity. RSVP to the church office if you are interested in attending 5541-752-5218.

Minister's Discretionary Fund

This line item in our budget is for the minister to use at her discretion for needs of the Fellowship, its programs and outreach, members and friends. It is the source of our Emergency Aid Fund. This year funds have been directed to members in need due to health and housing crises, to justice work, local and international partners, and Fellowship programs. The Minister's Discretionary Fund is funded by contributions by us, the members and friends of the Fellowship. Contributions are always welcome.

In Memory

~UUFC member Jeannie Ferrell, wife of Bill Ferrell, died in November. A memorial service will be held at the Fellowship on Saturday, January 17, at 2:00 PM.

~Another long-time member, Audrey Swygard, died on December 16.

Happy Holidays

Happy Holidays whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Solstice or another spiritual path may it be joyful and filled with good surprises. Thank you all for supporting the Religious Exploration Programs. It is my hope that 2015 is filled with more good, more joy, and prosperity for you and your family. Wherever you are, wherever you go we hope your journeys are safe and that you return with a renewed vigor for shared discovery and fulfillment on this journey.

Many Thanks and Peace— *Ann Mbacke, RE Associate*

January Focus: African and African American Traditions

Religious Exploration lessons this month will focus on African and African American religious traditions – how they have affected us and what we can learn from them. Within the history of Unitarian Universalism, the experience of African Americans is worth knowing. This short introduction come from a UUA Meditation Manual published in 1991, titled “Been in the Storm Too Long.”

“Few in number, scattered through time, African Americans have often found themselves standing alone in our religious movement, their voices largely unheard. Yet when brought together here, their voices blend and harmonize. Certain themes emerge and repeat: the self-evidence of human equality, an immediacy to the human search for justice, an understanding that salvation is corporate, life informed by the nearness of death. Africa Americans bring to Unitarian Universalism a sense of urgency in response to the black experience of oppression, a hope born of having survived that experience, and a basic life-affirming joy that can transcend many moments of despair....”

Religious Exploration-Children and Youth

Infant/Toddler Care

Infant/Toddler care provided at both 9:30 and 11:00 AM worship services.

Pre-K/Kindergarten

January 4—Meaning of Kwanzaa

January 11—It’s Winter!

January 18—Martin Luther King, Jr’s Birthday

January 25—We’re Alike, We’re Different

Children (1st through 6th grades)

January 4—Kwanzaa, African American culture

January 11—Oya, Yoruban goddess of the whirlwind

January 18—“Children’s Chapel”- MLK, Jr.

January 25—“Ubuntu:” kindness/connection in Uganda

7th/8th Grades

Friday, January 9 to Saturday, January 10 “Wizard of Oz”
Retreat kicks off Coming Of Age program (COA)

YRUU (9th-12th Grades)

January 18--Participate in worship service honoring
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Friday, January 30-Sunday, February 1

Winter Youth Retreat at Silver Falls State Park

Adult Religious Exploration

“Evolution: Is There Really Any Evidence?”

Friday, January 16, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Film on Evolution, with producer Jon Perry.

Over 65 Group: share experiences, challenges, goals and develop friendly relationships. Contact Carolyn Madsen, carolynzac@comcast.net to be added to the email list. On January 22, at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary, guest speaker, Sandy Helmick, will be sharing what she learned in her personal research on retirement living options and care facilities.

Seminary for a Day will be returning to First Unitarian Church in Portland on January 24th. Our keynote presenter will be Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker, the recently retired President of Starr King School for the Ministry. Her keynote presentation “Entering the Sanctuary of Openness” will explore how emerging theologies deal with these questions in surprising ways that can inform, intrigue and inspire us to new expressions of reverence and devotion. To learn more about Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker: <http://www.sksm.edu/people/rev-dr-rebecca-ann-parker/> Look for details and registration information the first week of January at www.firstunitarianportland.org. Other workshops on spirituality, justice, and theology offered by local clergy will make this a rich and rewarding day

Rev. Bill Sinkford, Senior Minister

First Unitarian Church of Portland, Oregon

The **Young Adult (YA)** discussion group is meeting Sundays during the 11:00 AM service in the Library for those YAs out of high school under 26. Contact Ann at reassociate@uucorvallis.org for more information or drop in on Sundays. Anyone between ages 26-35 contact Ann if interested in being a part of an ongoing group.

Great Decisions: a foreign policy discussion is starting. Go to (www.fpa.org/great_decisions) for information. There is space for 2-3 more participants. Meets Sundays, February 1st through March 29th, 6:30-8:30 PM; contact Ruth Wyse at 503-394-3677 or rwyse@smt-net.com to join. Materials required.

After Service Discussions: Are you interested in sharing in an after service discussion? This discussion will involve shared responses to the Sunday sermon. The after service discussions will take place after the service in the Gallery at 12:30 PM. These discussions will start after we have completed sign-ups for facilitators. If you are interested in facilitating the discussion on any Sunday, please contact Carolyn Madsen at carolynzac@comcast.net or Ann Mbacke at reassociate@uucorvallis.org

The UUFC Women's Retreat: The UU Women's Retreat Planning Committee needs your feedback to help with planning this and future year's Retreats. Please take a moment to fill out a three-question survey. Just click on the link below to access the survey page. We appreciate your help!
~Dianne Roth

See insert for full listings of Winter Adult RE

Program Council

Connect UP Starts Again this Month

Connect Up--a way to connect informally with members of the congregation--was wildly successful during its launch this fall. We will have another signup at the end of January. Now is your chance to connect with other UUs. What activity can you host? It could be an all day outing or simply meeting for coffee, whatever you would enjoy doing with some new friends.

Thanks for a Great Fall Cleanup

Hats off to everyone who helped put the shine back in our buildings and tidied up the grounds at the fall cleanup on Saturday, November 22. Inside, we dusted, cleaned out cobwebs, replaced light bulbs, washed windows, painted

ceilings and moved file cabinets. Outside, we raked, bagged and carried leaves to the street for collection; cut off dead branches, faded flowers and shrubs; and cleaned off roofs and gutters. We replaced the latch on the RE play yard gate and cleaned off the Social Hall deck. Meanwhile, rain varied from drizzle to downpour. A big thank you to:

Patton Friar	Rainey Graham
Lloyd Wagenschutz	Janet Throop
Will Mustard	Kathy Johnson
Rachel Houtman	Dorothy Sowell
Diana Thompson	Peter Sanford
Jed Irvine	Sandy Houtman
Nancy Leman	Valerie Leman
Tim Dehne	Louise Ferrell
Polly Kaye	Steve Ferrell
Ken Larson	Tom Smith
Ellen Mathes	Tom Christian
Patricia Parcells	Sandy Houtman
Bob Ozretich	

Apologies for anyone we missed.

Nick Houtman, for the UUFC Building and Grounds Committees

Holiday Bazaar Thanks

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who made the 2014 Holiday Bazaar such a success. Over 100 volunteers made Cornish pasties, swags, artwork, baked goods, scones and soups, and raffle items. They moved chairs and risers, tables and vendor supplies, signs, and the recycled gifts donations multiple times. They were team leaders, sales clerks, artist assistants, bookkeepers, cooks and dishwashers, cleaners, organizers, and movers.

All this generosity helped the UUFC raise over \$7,000.00
Thank you so much!

Jeannie Ramsey



The UUA General Assembly, held this year in June in Portland, is getting close!

Have you ever attended? If not, consider this a great opportunity. Every UU should get to go to a GA at least once! Join thousands of other UU's in worship, workshops, justice work, and networking. For more information, contact UUFC Board VP Marcia Shaw.

Board of Trustees News

Task Forces Forming: You Can Join In!

Two short-term task forces will be working on goals set by the Board of Trustees this winter. Are you interested in helping?

The first Task Force will gather facts and identify solutions related to our **structural needs**. It will begin meeting immediately with its recommendations due to be presented to the Board this spring. The Task Force will include both Board members and others in the Fellowship. If you are interested in this group, please contact Judy Malouf who is organizing its first meeting. She can be contacted at j.malouf@comcast.net

A second Task Force will work at creating a **UUFC Participants Guide**. This Task Force will create, assess, and share a guide that will help members and friends understand our evolving Fellowship governance and decision-making processes, and identify how to engage in them.

If you want to join this Task Force, please contact UUFC President Kyle Jansson at 503-838-2313 or kjansson1@minetfiber.com.

UUFC Treasurer: Changes Coming

Tim Emery will conclude his duties as UUFC Treasurer with the start of the new calendar year. Tim has done a tremendous job of helping make our financial reporting systems easier to understand. He also helped make it clear that the job of UUFC treasurer has far outgrown its volunteer status.

The Board will appoint an interim treasurer (or co-treasurers) at its January meeting following the process in the UUFC bylaws. The interim(s) will serve until the congregation elects a new treasurer at the May 17 congregational meeting.

Meanwhile, the Treasurer's duties will be examined along with other business operations of the Fellowship, by an Administrative Review Committee for possible changes. Rev. McAllister is leading the review with the guidance and assistance of several Board members.

2015-16 Budget Cycle Begins this Month

It's time to start the budget planning process for fiscal year 2015-16 at the Fellowship. The budget is one of the very tangible ways that we accomplish our goals as an organization, since it is literally a plan for what we will do with our money. We invite you to take an active part in this process, whether or not you are currently serving as a committee chair.

At the beginning of each fiscal year, we renew our sense of mission and purpose, and our vision of how we might live out our values even more effectively. That means that the budget process begins with dreaming, at least a little bit. If it were up to you, what would we do next year to improve our efforts and our impacts? A simple budget proposal form is available to submit proposals.

We continue to move toward budgeting so well and so realistically, taking into account all that we really think and hope we can accomplish, that there will not be a need for mid-year fundraisers by any committee or department. This may take a few years to accomplish, but we are moving in this direction.

Budget hearings are scheduled on February 1 and in April. The entire congregation is invited to hear all budget proposals to see how they relate to and affect each other, to share the excitement, and to offer feedback. With this feedback, the final 2015-16 budget will be crafted in April to be presented to the congregation for a vote at the annual meeting May 17.

Please respond with your proposals to Kyle Jansson (kjansson1@minetfiber.net). The due date for sending your proposals is January 25. If you would like more information or a proposal form, please contact UUFC President Kyle Jansson or Monica Jacobson Tennesen, UUFC Board Secretary.

The Public Gratitude Project

The Stewardship Committee invites you to participate in an on-going public gratitude practice.

Beginning January 18th, we will have a board posted in the Social Hall where UUFCers of all ages will have the opportunity to post brief **thank-yous** or appreciations to the person, process, or thing of your choice at the Fellowship.

Explore. Love. Act.

Seeking Graphic Designers!

Do you have graphic design experience, perhaps in creating brochures or posters? Or perhaps you can create graphics and logos? Several Fellowship committees need assistance in creating brochures - content and images will be provided by the committee, so your skills and time are needed for layout and design.

There is also a need for digital graphics work for our newsletter, eNews, and social media platforms. A particular project along these lines is creating a simple and attractive presentation of our mission statement to be used on the web and in other places.

If you have these skills and are willing to help, contact Monica Jacobson Tennesen, monica.djt@gmail.com to volunteer.

Communication at UUFC

Would you like to access the UUFC on Facebook, Twitter, and Tumblr. You can find access these through the links below. You don't need an account on any of these sites to see what's posted there.

Facebook, as a major social networking site, has pages for organizations as well as people. If you have a Facebook account, you can subscribe to the UUFC Facebook page using the "Like" button. Twitter is a "microblogging" platform, which means the content is "tweets" which are limited to 140 characters. Tumblr is a graphic-oriented and short-form blogging platform popular with teens and young adults, with more than 213 million blogs. Our social media channels are another way we put our UU values and information about our Fellowship into the world.

Important Fellowship information is always published in the newsletter, and sometimes repeated on the social media channels. Additionally, there are quotes and readings, content from the UUA and other UU groups, and links to articles and multimedia from a variety of sources. Our Twitter account occasionally has tweets from Jill while she's traveling.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/uucorvallis>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/uucorvallis>

Tumblr: <http://uucorvallis.tumblr.com/>



Remember to Fill the Baskets for the South Corvallis Food Bank

Whole grain foods: brown rice (one or two pound bags), corn meal, whole wheat flour (five pound bags or less), etc. *Contact Martha Clemons at 541-757-9627.*

Stewardship

Beginning Again: Living Fully Through Generosity

As we close one year and begin a new one, we often establish or renew commitments that move us toward *living more fully*. What this means for each of us differs significantly, but the idea of making a difference in the lives of others is no doubt a common thread. Making a difference by being generous with one's talents, time, and treasure is something that we are called to do by the various faith traditions that we, as Unitarian Universalists, look to for inspiration and wisdom.

The Christian teaching to love our neighbor as ourselves, the Buddhist Precept of Generosity and the Muslim Pillar of Charity, among others, all speak to *giving* as a practice that connects us to each other. Practices need to be cultivated and attended to in order to bear fruit. Thich Nat Hahn, writing about Buddhist generosity, is very clear that "feelings of generosity" are not enough. *We must express* our generosity, he writes.

Generosity is subjective, and there is no "one size fits all." But Reverend Jill has encouraged us over this past year to "give until it feels good." So as you begin again in this new year, how will *you* live more fully through generosity?

~Virginia Shapiro, Stewardship Chair

Winter Darkness and Light – A Reading

This short excerpt is from "all of us" who attended the intergenerational Sunday Service on December 21.

What I Like Best About Winter Darkness:

It calms me – a chance to rest and reflect

I can sleep longer

It feels restful – for my eyes, my body, my mind and spirit.

What I Like Best About Winter Light

How warm it feels against the dark nights

The moment of surprise when the sun breaks thru the clouds!

The many different kinds – candles and fire, stars and lights, the slanting evening sun.

Climate Justice Work

Climate Justice Committee (CJC) Meetings

Anyone interested in helping with climate justice work is welcome to attend the Climate Justice Committee meetings (first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall). The next meeting will be January 8, since January 1 is New Year's Day.

Climate Justice Committee at State Hearings

Several Fellowship members recently made special efforts because of their commitment to helping build a stable energy future and preserve a habitable earth for the generations who follow us. They exemplify one way of taking action based on our UU principles, for the sake of us all, even when it seems hopeless.

On Monday, December 8, Charlie Miller, Martha Clemons, and Sylvia Yamada travelled to Coos Bay to testify at a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) hearing on a proposed LNG export terminal at Jordan Cove. Martha's beautiful testimony included a plea to Veresen (a Canadian energy infrastructure company based in Calgary, Alberta) to develop renewable energy alternatives that would provide many more jobs in the long run. Sylvia testified about the Dungeness crab nursery that might be affected and Charlie testified about the potential earthquake and tsunami.

On Tuesday, December 9, Tom Smith, Jean Townes, Sally Shaw, Elizabeth Waldorf, and Bob Ozretich went to Roseburg to attend a FERC hearing on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this LNG pipeline and export project. I have read Jean's inspiring testimony about the immorality of this project, from which a Canadian company would profit, and its far-reaching negative impacts in light of the worsening climate crisis.

Sometimes it seems like the entire Pacific Northwest coastline and the beautiful Columbia River Gorge are under siege by the fossil fuel industry. There will be many more hearings on more export projects! I offer these committed people my deepest gratitude for the work they are doing to combat this threat. They know it's not possible for everyone to do what they are doing. But the struggle is often disheartening, and it's easy to feel utter despair. Please thank them when you see them, and give them a hug.

~Susan Christie, Climate Justice Committee Chair

Visioning Workshop: What Kind of World Do We Want and How Do we Get There?

When: Saturday, January 3, 2015, 12:30 – 5:30 PM

Where: UUFC

The deeply respected Rainforest Action Network has developed a visioning process to help people realize their own creative power as we face the global climate crisis together. This workshop will help us explore ways we can contribute to a collective vision of a just and stable climate future. The four to five hours will be packed with activities.

Our input will provide important data for the Rainforest Action Network's analysis of a shared vision, helping them create plans for future national actions. We really hope you can attend.

Register at: http://www.ran.org/corvallis_climate_visioning_session_january_3rd

For information: contact Jean Townes
(townesj@peak.org; 541-745-5210)

Additional Information on Climate Justice

If you would like to receive additional information about climate justice activities, we invite you to subscribe to our Climate Action email list (Google Group): uufc-climateaction@googlegroups.com). Contact Susan Christie: crypto716@gmail.com.

Health Care for All Oregon Fair Questions Workshop

Saturday, January 10, 1:00 to 5:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church (Dennis Hall)

Come learn how to influence this legislative session.
Health care is a human right.

Social Concerns

Alternative Giving

An article about Alternative Giving in the Corvallis Advocate suggests that we help others in our community by making donations to local charities as holiday gifts. The UUFC has a long tradition of supporting many of the charities on that list, including the Food Bank, the Homeless Shelter, the Youth Shelter, Habitat for Humanity and We Care. I am happy to report that our efforts during November raised over \$1500 for the South Corvallis Food Bank. That represents over 100 food boxes for hungry families.

~Sylvia Yamada, Social Concerns Chair

January Social Concerns Outreach – Corvallis Housing First

In January our outreach is for Corvallis Housing First (formerly Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition, which includes Partner's Place, the Men's Homeless Shelter and WRAP (Women's Rental Assistance Program). The primary mission of Corvallis Housing First is to provide emergency shelter for the homeless. Not all of us can volunteer to work a shift at the shelter, but we all can help in different ways. We can donate during Sunday services or bring refreshments for the bake sales in January.

Corvallis Housing First is the new name adopted by the former Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition. We changed because we feel the name best describes what we do. Our three programs include: the Men's Cold Weather Shelter, (we sheltered 170 different men during the winter of 2013-14); Partners Place, an apartment building based on the 'Housing First' model, an innovative approach to engage and rapidly house individuals who are homeless in supportive housing (we presently serve 14 individuals) and provide case management and access to services to meet individual needs leading to employment for some and stable long term housing for all; and the Women's Rental Assistance Program (WRAP) which provides rent subsidies to families to enable them to keep their children out of shelters and in apartments. We assisted 28 families and 112 parents and children last year.

Our long-range plan includes building a three story facility. Working with an architect and the Corvallis Planning Department, we now have a design for a multi-use building that will house permanent and separate men's and women's emergency shelters, a daily Stone Soup meal site, the Corvallis Daytime Drop In Center and space for additional services, including medical and mental health programs and temporary job placement. We are committed to ending chronic homelessness. We believe that providing rapid access to emergency shelter and permanent low-cost housing is a more humane, successful and cost-effective strategy than cycling individuals in and out of hospital emergency rooms and/or the jail.

Environmental Action Council Film

The Environmental Action Council will sponsor a showing of "Genetic Roulette" on Sunday January 28 at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. This film provides information on the health risks associated with consuming GMO's (genetically modified organisms) and looks the effects on livestock fed nonGMO food and then shifted to GMO food. It includes interviews with physicians and veterinarians. All are welcome.

Action Lunch: If you want to help with the Action Lunch on January 4th please contact Sylvia Yamada (yamadas@science.oregonstate.edu). We could use soups, a vegetable plate, fruit plates and help with set-up and clean-up.

Safety at UUFC

Our January Safety column provides more information about fire alarms and other emergencies requiring evacuation, and the use of the *Emergency Alarm Pull Stations*.

In the event of fire or another emergency, pull the emergency alarm to alert everyone in the building. There are four-inch square red ***pull stations*** in the following locations:

~in the Sanctuary: one by the west exit door, and one by the gallery exit door

~in the Social Hall: one by the thermostat/wall divider, and one by the door to the deck

~in the Foyer: one by the glass double doors to the office and library, and one by the double doors into South Wing (formerly the RE Wing)

~in the South Wing: one by back door leading to parking lot, and one by back door leading from 6A to the playground structure

Note: There are no pull stations upstairs in the South Wing, where Rooms 9 and 10 are.

Pulling down the handle will sound the very loud fire alarm with bright flashing lights inside both wings of the building. It alerts our security company, Circle Alarm, 24 hours daily. The **alarm company** then contacts the Fire Department to alert them to the location of the alarm and dispatches them to proceed to the scene; and telephones the list of designated UUFC building safety people to alert them to the problem.

Whoever activates a pull station and sounds the alarm should call 9-1-1 to advise them of the exact nature of the problem and the location in the building, and whether there are known injuries.

Partner Church News

Annual Partner Church Dinner

Tickets for the annual dinner to raise funds for our Partner Church will be sold after Sunday services beginning January 15. **Save the date: Sat., Feb. 7 at 6:00 PM** for dinner and the musical program.

Recent Letter from Rev. Katalin Szasz-Cserey, Our Partner Church Minister



“The Deva pilgrimage [in mid-November] came out very well. seven of the nine youth confirmed in the spring were present, and a church trustee was there also. It was an unforgettable experience for all of us. Nearly 1000 young people took part in the pilgrimage from all over the country. Thank you for helping young people attend this beautiful event., 1520-1579—*David Ferenc, the founder and first bishop of the Unitarian Church was martyred in the prison of this castle.*”



waiting for this event because of the package distribution,

“We were able to keep the Elderly Sunday on the 23rd of November in the Reformed church. I preached, children sang, recited, and after the service a love-feast was kept in the cultural center. A lot of delicious food went into the packages: sugar, flour, oil, rice, chocolate, candy, Neapolitan wafer, orange, biscuits and lemon. People over 60 were really

but the feast has come out very nice. Every elderly person received flowers and a greeting card made by the children...

...Yes, we received the \$500; we spent \$200 on the elderly packages, we made 23 packages, and we are going to make 35-40 Christmas packages for the children from \$300. You should see all that joy which you do for these children and elders. I put a little bit more expensive things into the packages, which they cannot really afford for themselves. The church bell-ringer (sexton) lives in very poor conditions; he is raising his two grandchildren whom their mother abandoned, I cannot describe the surprise that the packages caused them. Thank you for your help on their behalfs. I am wishing you a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

~Katalin



Partner Church Regional Conference: Jan 31, 2015

In connection with the meeting of the UUPCC Board of Directors, taking place in Bellevue January 28-30, 2015, East Shore Unitarian Church will host a regional conference, “What’s New in Partnership?” on Saturday, January 31, 2015. All churches in the Pacific NW District are invited to attend. If your church is currently partnered, if it was formerly in partnership, if it is looking for a partner or partners – this is the conference to attend.

Although conference registration is handled through the UUPCC office in Massachusetts (register online at www.uupcc.org) we at East Shore would like to hear from you if you are planning to attend, especially if you are coming from far away. Some home hospitality will be available. Please register as soon as possible if you know you will need a place to stay. If you plan to arrive Friday night, there will be food and fellowship at East Shore – all are invited.

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