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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.**

MARCH 2015 WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, March 1, 9:30 & 11:00 AM “Surrender and the *Shahada*” *Rev. Jill McAllister*
What is the foundation of your moral imperative? What grounds your idea of “how shall we live?” In Islam, the *Shahada* is the foundation: “there is no god but God.” Islam means “peace” and real peace comes from surrender. Not an easy concept for non-Muslims – some consider it either naïve or dangerous. Let’s explore it.

Sunday, March 8, 9:30 & 11:00 “What Muhammad Taught” *Rev. Jill McAllister*
The prophet Muhammad is considered to be one of the 100 most influential people in history. In his lifetime, he had a huge impact on his society. Many of his ideas were radically progressive for his time. Why do we not know more about him?

Sunday, March 15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM “*Gahflah: The Greatest Sin*” *Rev. Jill McAllister*
Forgetfulness: The greatest sin, from an Islamic perspective. Not just a sign of aging. What does that mean?

Sunday, March 22

9:30 AM “*Ummah: The Islamic World Today*” *Rev. Jill McAllister*
There is far, far more to Islam in the world today than a few terrorist organizations. There are Islamic environmental activists for example, worth mentioning as the UUA/UUSC Climate Justice Month begins.

11:00 AM “*Ummah: The Islamic World Today*” *Leslie Chartier*
How UU’s can make a difference for Muslims by embracing our Third Principle.
Leslie Chartier is a UUFC member and an aspiring UU minister “in care” of the UUFC. We welcome her once again to the pulpit.

Sunday, March 29, 9:30 & 11:00 AM “Pluralism Within, Pluralism Without”

The Rev. Lois Van Leer

I gotta be me. You gotta be you. Why is my “I” such a threat to your “you?” How do we do the work of religious pluralism within our UU religious communities? How do we do the work of interfaith collaboration while honoring the integrity and authenticity of the faith of all the partners involved? What happens when “us” meets “them?”

Lois Van Leer serves the UU Congregation of Woodinville, WA. She is well known to many here as a friend and fellow activist, and a former UCC minister in Corvallis.

Other Worship Services

Sunday, March 8, 7:00 PM Monthly *Kirtan* Service

Kirtan and Movement Meditation with Johanna Beekman and Rhythmantra

Friday, March 20, 7:00 PM Wheel of the Year Ostara (Spring Equinox) Worship

As we experience the gift of returning light, join us for a ceremony honoring this world-wide shared time of balance between day and night.

Sunday, March 22, 7:00 PM Monthly Vespers Service

Join us in a quiet service of meditations, music, and movement for centering.



Between Us . . .

This month marks the 50th anniversary of the march for voting rights in Selma, Alabama, led by Martin Luther King, Jr., Ralph Abernathy, John Lewis, and many others. It was a highly organized, strategic effort, like all of the work of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. It

was grounded in faith in democratic ideals, and even more deeply in religious faith – a trust that ideals of loving each other could be lived into reality. Answering a call for solidarity from Martin Luther King, Jr., many Unitarian Universalist ministers and lay people responded by getting to Selma as quickly as they could. Our late Minister Emeritus, Art Wilmot, was one of those UU ministers. He told a story of literally running into Martin Luther King, Jr. as they both rounded the corner of a building from different directions. The Rev. James Reeb was another of those ministers; he traveled from Boston. Viola Liuzzo was a UU from Detroit – she also felt the need to go. Both of them lost their lives in Selma – victims of the brutal violence that racism had spawned over generations.

On March 8, many UU's will join a great gathering in Selma to observe this anniversary, to consider the legacies of racism and the civil rights movement, to help take stock of where we are now and how much farther we need to go. UUFC member Donna Melcher is biking 50 miles to Selma – you can read more about her need to be there at “Selma to Montgomery Peace Pedal” at gofundme.com, where she's raising funds for peace work. Here in Corvallis we will honor all those past and present for whom Selma was and is a turning point, with reflections during the Sunday Services.

We know that racism is still embedded in our culture, and that we must learn new skills to be more effective in

putting it to rest. The events in Ferguson MO, New York City, a recent killing of three young Muslims in North Carolina, and too many other similar events make clear that we have so much to learn about how to live beyond racism. Intentions are not enough; skills are needed. In May at the UUFC we'll offer an introduction to multi-cultural skills competency training for all who are interested. Later this year I hope an interfaith group of local religious leaders, just now forming, will be successful in bringing a Crossroads Anti-Racism training to Corvallis. Meanwhile, this month we turn our attention to Islam, which is the probably the most misunderstood of all the traditions we are considering this year. Our study of Islam is an opportunity to understand not only another great wisdom tradition, but also the dynamics of racism and prejudice which are very much alive in relation to this tradition.

Thank-you for being willing and able to keep learning and growing, as Life calls us to do.

See you Sunday- *Jill*

P.S. At the end of March I'll travel to the UK to speak at the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches (the British Unitarians.) I'm grateful to my friend and colleague the Rev. Lois Van Leer, formerly of Corvallis, for coming here to preach on March 29.

Living with Loss

A meeting for any and all who are working through illness, grief, loss of loved ones, and life transitions; facilitated by Jill McAllister.

- Thursday, March 12, Noon, Library (can bring your lunch)
- Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 PM in Room 8

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give. For what are your possessions but things you keep and guard for fear you may need them tomorrow?And what is fear of need but need itself?There are those who give little of the much which they have - and they give it for recognition and their hidden desire makes their gifts unwholesome. And there are those who have little and give it all. These are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their coffer is never empty.

The Prophet – Kahlil Gibran

Worship Committee

We are continuing to explore how to enhance the front of the sanctuary to better focus our worship experiences. Pat Pennock is creating a series of seasonal wall hangings, and the Worship Committee has been experimenting with displaying the words of the Mission Statement.

Has one of our UUFC hymnals followed you home?

Please return any borrowed hymn books so we can do an accurate count and have enough for all during our services. We anticipate ordering more hymnals this year; if you wish to purchase your own, they cost about \$28 for the grey hymnal, \$18 for the teal paperback, plus shipping. Ordering information will be coming soon.

Kirtan and Movement Meditation with Johanna Beekman and Rhythmantra

Sunday, March 8, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Johanna Beekman is a singer, songwriter, and kirtan artist who grew up in the UU Fellowship of Corvallis; she currently lives in Portland. Johanna is known in the kirtan community for her soulful voice, her creative interpretations of classic chants, and her open-hearted presence. Her songs interweave mantras and chants with English translations.

On March 8 Johanna will be accompanied by members of her band Rhythmantra, vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Lyris Cooper and percussionist George Beekman. The band will be joined by popular local guitarist Sidney Rosen, who also plays with the New World Kirtan Band, and Eugene flautist Vince McClellan, who has recorded and played with many well-known kirtan artists. Lea Bayles, world-class yoga teacher, inspirational speaker, and catalyst for joyful movement play, will guide gentle movement meditations.

Save the Date: May 31 - Missa Gaia!

The UUFC choir and invited instrumentalists will perform the Missa Gaia, or Earth Mass, on Sunday, May 31 at 7:00 PM. This mass is an environmental liturgy of contemporary music. The Missa Gaia was written by Paul Winter when he and his Paul Winter Consort became the artists in residence at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. This Earth Mass uses some traditional mass components mixed with other text, hymns, instrumental parts, and recordings of the calls of wolves, whales, and more. You won't want miss it!

Wheel of the Year: Worship and Training

Join us for a Wheel of the Year gathering to celebrate the **Spring Equinox/Ostara** on Friday, March 20th at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

As we experience the gift of returning light, join us for ceremony honoring this worldwide shared time of balance between day and night.

A time of new life and renewal.

A time of awareness of opposites.

A time of change as day length increases rapidly.

The Wheel of the Year group honors eight special points in the Earth's annual dance around the sun: the equinoxes, the solstices and the four cross-quarter days half-way in between.

A **Wheel of the Year Leadership Workshop** will be held Saturday, March 21, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Social Hall

Learn about our Wheel of the Year rituals and, for those interested, how you can help to make them happen.

Using the altar and circle of chairs from the equinox gathering the night before, we will explore and share about the many aspects of our Wheel of the Year gatherings. We will also cover the nuts and bolts of planning, publicity and logistics.

Questions? Contact Cliff Pereira (541-753-9224).

UUFC Emergency Aid Fund

The Emergency Aid Fund (EAF) is for members and friends of the Fellowship in a time of need: one-time, emergency situation when assistance is not available through any other sources. Examples include: food, shelter, utilities, medical prescriptions, transportation to a job or job interview.

All inquiries are confidential. To make a request contact EAF Committee Chair Judy Malouf (541-740-4805), or Rev. Jill McAllister (541-752-5218).

Religious Exploration: Children and Youth

March Topics for Children in 1st-6th Grades:

- March 1 – What is Islam? - An Introduction
- March 8 – What Do Muslims Believe?
- March 15 – Children’s Chapel - on Partner Church
- March 22 – Islamic Traditions and Practices
- March 29– Indigenous Spiritual Traditions

What Actually Happens in Children’s RE?

At the UUFC, children, youth, and adults share the first fifteen minutes of worship: the opening and the Time for All Ages. Then the congregation sings the children out to their religious exploration sessions. But what happens after that?

Most Sundays the children go directly to their own rooms, with their volunteer adult teachers. There they check in, light their own chalice, sometimes sing a song, and then begin the day’s lesson. These lessons vary widely, depending on the topic, the teachers, the knowledge those teachers bring to the topic. For instance, in February the children learned about Taoism and Confucianism, just as adults did in the Sunday morning worship services. In RE, the children learned a little bit about the ideas, the history, the people, their practices and rituals, and their values and principles. Often RE sessions include a story, time for questions, and an art project or game. When weather permits, the children sometimes go outside to play.

On the third Sundays of each month, the children all come together for “Children’s Chapel”. This is a special time when the children all worship together with their teachers. We light our chalice, sing a song, do some spiritual practice, hear (and sometimes act out) a story, and do an art project or other activity.

No matter what lesson is planned, the heart of children’s religious exploration at the Fellowship every Sunday is about our time being together, sharing a sacred time and space. Together we are the “Living Tradition” of Unitarian Universalism!

Next month: What Actually Happens in Youth (Teen) RE?

Adult Religious Exploration

If you have a program interest related to religious exploration (RE) and spiritual growth, the deadline for Spring Adult RE programs is fast approaching. The Adult RE Steering Committee is in the process of planning for Spring and Summer terms. To have your program included in the Adult RE Program Spring term listing, please submit your proposal by **Saturday, March 7, 2015** to Ann Mbacke (541-740-7471, reassociate@uucorvallis.org).

The **Over 65 Group** gathers on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Each month we converse about a topic or book. Newcomers are welcome to join us for these discussions where we share perceptions, experiences and ways to deal with challenges related to the current topic. If you’re interested in these activities and would like to join us, contact Carolyn Madsen: carolynzac@comcast.net.

Interested in after service discussions? Opportunities for discussion are planned to take place in the Gallery at 12:30 PM, beginning once facilitators are scheduled. Contact Carolyn Madsen (carolynzac@comcast.net) or Ann Mbacke (reassociate@uucorvallis.org) to sign up to facilitate.

Walk with the Seasons: Spring

Tuesdays: March 31 and April 14 groups: 4:00-6:00 PM OR 7:00-9:00 PM A quarterly offering. Contact Anna Coffman to register or for more information: (978-760-0910, anna@journey-home.net)

Qigong and Health

Thursdays: March 26-May 7, 6:30-8:15 PM
A seven week class taught by Fellowship member and qigong master teacher Dean Johnson in which you’ll make needed connections between your physical, mental and spiritual selves. Qigong works on three levels - healing the body, enhancing the mind/body connection, and raising consciousness. This class will focus on the first level. Experience strategies that orient you in the direction of optimum well-being. The class has a materials fee of \$60. Register via the church office: (541-752-5218, office@uucorvallis.org).

“Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing, there is a field. I’ll meet you there.

When the soul lies down in that grass, the world is too full to talk about.
Ideas, language, even the phrase “each other” doesn’t make any sense.”

~Mawlānā Jalāl ad-Dīn Muḥammad Balkhī Rūmī, 13th Century Persian poet

Path to Membership Classes

First Steps is first in a three-part series of membership classes. First Steps classes meet every fourth Sunday from 9:30 -10:15 AM in the UUFC Library (March 22, April 26, May 24). This class offers an introduction to UUism and the UUFC, and includes a tour of the building. No need to sign up ahead of time.

UU Path class, April 11, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM in the UUFC Social Hall. Second in the three-part Path to Membership classes for those new to Unitarian Universalism or to the UUFC. Learn about UU history and ways to get involved in our Fellowship. Facilitated by the Rev. Jill McAllister. Light brunch food is included. Registration is required. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

Membership class, April 12, 12:30 PM-1:45 PM in the UUFC Library. Third in the three-part Path to Membership classes for those interested in becoming members of the UUFC. Participants will learn about the rights and responsibilities of membership, the UUFC's relationship to regional, national and international Unitarian and Universalist organizations, and have the opportunity to formally become members of the UUFC. Facilitated by the Rev. Jill McAllister. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

Those who are interested in voting at the UUFC Annual Meeting on May 17 must sign the Membership Book at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Contact Melinda Sayavedra (sayavedl@onid.orst.edu) if you have questions about any of the classes.

Chamber Music Corvallis Concert

In memory of their husbands, David Waldorf and Craig Leman, who both passed away last summer, Elizabeth Waldorf and Nancy Leman are sponsoring the Chamber Music Corvallis concert on Friday, February 27 at 7:30 PM at LaSells Stewart Center on the Oregon State University Campus. That night will feature the Aurnyn Quartet from Germany playing Haydn: Quartet No. 1 in C, Op. 64, Dvorak: Quartet in E flat, Op. 51, and Brahms: Quartet No. 1 in C minor, Op. 51. Tickets are available in advance or at the door.

REGISTRATION for the 2015 UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY opens on March 2.

GA is in Portland this year, from June 24-28.

Information about registration & more at:
<http://www.uua.org/ga/registration/>

Adopt-A-Highway

UUFC has been participating in the Oregon Department of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway program for about fifteen years. This means a quarterly commitment to pick up litter on two miles of Philomath Blvd from 53rd Street to Philomath. Ideally, eight folks work in pairs with each pair picking up one side of the highway for half of the distance, about one mile. This usually takes about an hour and a half and can be a very social time. We meet in the NW parking lot of the 53rd Street BiMart at 9:00 AM on a Saturday. ODOT provides "grabbers," reflective vests and bags.

The next quarterly pickup date is, Saturday, March 14, rain or shine. This is a great opportunity for volunteer hours for teens and adults. For more information or to sign up, contact Bob Ozretich (541-758-3221, boboz@peak.org).

Singles Group

Are you looking for people to join in activities you enjoy? Margaret Westfall has started a new group to provide networking for singles to find folks with similar interests, activities, or skills-to-share. So far, the group has enjoyed a happy hour at 101 and is eagerly awaiting new opportunities. Movies, hikes, game nights, river floats, wine tasting, trips to the coast ... what would you like to host? Join the group email list at: uufc-adult-singles-network@googlegroups.com. Any member of the group can post an activity, and then other members of the group can join in. Contact Margaret or Nancy Kyle (n.kyle12@gmail.com) for more information.

The Flow

Original Willamette Valley Rock 'n' Roll

Concert & Dance

Fun Music for Everyone

All are Welcome

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Saturday, March 28, 2015 - 7PM

Requested donation \$5

RSVP/Questions: Beany Kunis 541-760-9436

Annual Pledge Drive Begins

The UUFC annual pledge drive begins this year on Saturday, March 7, with a Breakfast and World Café event. Come discuss the intersection of our mission statement – Explore. Love. Act. – with two major areas of congregational stewardship: financial support and buildings and grounds. Rev. Jill and John Bailey, chair of the Future Structures Task Force, will share info and assessments. Using the World Café approach, tables of four will share their responses and ideas, and rotate into new combinations three times to learn, get new ideas, and develop visions.

In the 2015-16 budget we continue the work of bringing our endeavors together under a common budget and vision. The Board of Trustees has set a pledge drive goal of \$418,000, which includes incorporating committee activities that have, for years, required multiple small fund raisers. Tending a larger flame requires less energy and effort than multiple several smaller flames. Sharing our work in this way makes us more resilient as a community and helps us understand the value and magnitude of all we do. Reaching our goal will take ALL of us, including YOU. Please consider a generous pledge.

This year you may make your pledge online if you choose. To opt out of a printed pledge packet, saving paper and postage, and to RSVP for the World Café, visit: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FJ8TY9P> before March 2.

After March 2, email stewardship@uucorvallis.org with questions or for a link to the online pledge materials.

Communication at UUFC

One feature of the revitalized UUFC website is a congregational blog, which has so far been mostly reposted content from the newsletter. This content is now expanding to include longer items, such as reflections on UUFC and UU values, that don't fit in the newsletter.

Blog posts are always linked from the Facebook page and on the Twitter account, @uucorvallis. They won't be used to convey essential information; instead blog posts will become a venue for hearing from more UUFC voices. This is, as always, an experiment: we'll try it for a while and see how this approach serves our needs.

Questions? Wondering what the guidelines are for a blog post? Contact Communication Coordinator Monica Jacobson Tennesen (news@uucorvallis.org).

Social Concerns

Action Lunch

In March the Social Concerns plate, bake sales, and the Action Lunch on Sunday, March 1, will be in support of the Partner Church Committee and their work with the UUFC partner church—the Unitarian Church of Kőrispatak, Transylvania, which is in Romania.

Parents and children in Kőrispatak are especially grateful for the scholarship aid the UUFC sends through the Partner Church Committee. Since there is no high school in the little village of Kőrispatak, students who have completed the eighth grade, passed the required tests, and want to continue their education must attend boarding schools in larger cities. Currently we help three high school students—one freshman and two juniors—at \$700/year each. There may be more students in the future. The most we have supported at one time has been four high school and two college students (both are teachers now). Scholarship donations are always welcome; contact Beverly McFarland and Janet Throop, co-chairs, for more information.

Climate Justice

Environmental Film Screenings

Join us for two free film showings in March relating to climate change, on the first and last Friday in March.

Cowspiracy - The Sustainability Secret

Friday, March 6, 7:00 PM in the UUFC Sanctuary

Why does meat matter, more than we ever thought? What are its greenhouse gas equivalencies when compared with transportation?

From the film: “So my calculations are that without using any gas, or oil or fuel ever again from this day forward, that we would still exceed our maximum carbon equivalent GHG emissions (565 gigatons) by the year 2030 without the energy sector even factored into the equation. ... All simply by raising and eating livestock.”
-Dr. Richard Oppenlander, author and environmental researcher featured in the film.

Forks Over Knives

Friday, March 27, 7:00 PM in the UUFC Sanctuary

This film suggests that “most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases that afflict us can be controlled, or even reversed, by rejecting our present menu of animal-based and processed foods.”

Environmental Action & Climate Justice

In the Community

The Looming Threat to Oregon of Natural Gas Pipelines and Exports

Wednesday, March 4, 7:00 PM at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

Take advantage of this opportunity to learn about habitat destruction caused by the pipelines, the danger of explosion, and the increased risk of earthquakes related to fracking operations. Expert panelists will be Dan Serres, Columbia Riverkeeper; Ted Gleichman, Sierra Club; Charlie Miller, Oceanographer (U UFC member).

Free Efficient Light Bulbs

Pacific Power and NW Natural Gas customers are eligible to get free LED and CFL light bulbs, bathroom aerators, kitchen aerators and low flow shower heads. Both renters and homeowners are eligible. By lowering your fossil fuel consumption you also save money and help Corvallis win the \$5 million Georgetown University Energy Prize. Visit www.EnergizeCorvallis.org/FreeLightBulbs to participate.

Carbon Fee:

A Way to Reduce Dependency on Fossil Fuels

The Climate Justice Committee is working to provide U UFC members and friends with information about a price on carbon to address the climate crisis. Here are some ways it could work—nationally, statewide, and locally.

National Level

Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change. Trained CCL members lobby members of Congress from their districts to support a carbon fee and dividend which would put a steadily rising fee on the CO₂ content of fossil fuels at the source, where they are extracted, and return all of the revenue from the carbon fee to households.

<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>

State Level

Oregon Climate is a statewide, grassroots campaign to put a price on pollution in Oregon. The one overarching goal is to pass a carbon price and dividend for our state. This simple system would charge polluters and give the money directly back to Oregon residents.

“We believe the states are the laboratories for democracy, and Congress needs an effective model to craft federal

legislation. Oregon can lead the country with the most cost-effective climate policy available: a carbon tax or “fee” on fossil fuels. Returning all revenue from a carbon price to Oregonians in an annual check will power a just, swift and lasting transition to a new economy.”

<http://www.oregonclimate.org/>

Corvallis Community Level

Corvallis is in the semi-finals for the \$5 million Georgetown University Energy Prize. This is a national competition challenging communities to lead the way in energy efficiency and conservation. Energize Corvallis is heading up the effort to win. At the group's website, you will find lots of helpful ideas about how to register to win prizes and reduce your energy consumption at home.

<http://energizecorvallis.org/>

UU Oregon Voices for Justice - MTA

State Initiative: The suit against the Secretary of State for rejecting the Oregon Move To Amend affiliate's We the People Amendment Initiative was rejected by the Circuit Court of Marion County and is being appealed with the help of the national Move to Amend Coalition and the very generous contribution of a Portland lawyer's legal services.

Legislative events: The Rules Committee in the Oregon House of Representatives will be considering at least one of two bills calling an Article 5 Constitutional convention to consider an amendment related to campaign finance reform. House Joint Memorial (HJM) 4 calls for a convention to consider an amendment that stipulates BOTH that money spent on elections is not speech and should be regulated AND corporations are not people with constitutional rights.

HJM 4 is very similar to the wording of our challenged state-wide initiative. However, HJM 2, which also calls for a constitutional convention, calls for it “for the purpose of proposing amendments...relating to free and fair elections.” This is very general and may leave such a convention relatively wide open to other amendments. For more information or ways to get involved, contact Rachel or Bob Ozretich (541-758-3221), or Karen Josephson (kjoseph@spiritone.com).



Remember to Fill the Baskets for the South Corvallis Food Bank

Jams or jellies (no home canned, please). We will accept canning jars as they can be used by the Methodist jamming group.

Contact Martha Clemons at 541-757-9627.

Living the Mission

What the Mission Statement Means to Me

I view UUFC as both a vessel and a catalyst. It is a vessel that holds those who come together seeking meaning, inspiration, and companionship on life's journey. It is a place where we can be challenged in a non-confrontational way to acknowledge and even embrace that which is different from the comfortable and familiar. It is also a place to find support and solidarity in common values.

The UUFC community also serves as a catalyst that moves us to action. By providing us with an idea, an organizational structure, a challenge, we recognize that we each have the potential to create change in ourselves and our larger world.

These aspects of our beloved community are presented as an invitation made with opened hands—never with a fist of force, nor a pointed finger of obligation. They are offered to us with love, in the hope of fostering a greater love in all.

~Linda Hardison

How I Live the Mission

Alison Myers takes insight from her own experience of worship to share with her colleagues at work:

"I used the reminder at the beginning of services - take a deep breath, there's nowhere else you need to be right now, for the next hour, set aside those things you're worrying about - at a staff meeting to help my staff be more present, and reduce their anxiety about what else they "should" be doing. One person has come to me and thanked me for helping her remember that what we're doing NOW is what she needs to be doing and it made a huge difference in how she approached meetings."

Dianne Roth lives out her UU values this way:

"Once a week I am blessed to be able to go into my granddaughter's second/third grade classroom to teach math. I do this because math education has become a series of worksheets and tests that have nothing to do with our deep, intuitive, mathematical selves.

"What is math?" I asked these youngsters.

Their conversation answered, "It is learning how to think." Of course, learning math is learning how to think. "But," I asked, "Do you know what happens when you learn how to think?"

I smiled and said, "When you learn how to think, you learn how to be kind."

Jacob Tennesen finds great joy in teaching RE:

"The best part is simply getting to watch the youth grow and blossom. Every single young person that I have been privileged to get to know through this work is a truly amazing human being. Each year I see astonishing examples of courage, compassion, insight, wit, and friendship. Of course, it doesn't happen all at once. The truly miraculous thing is seeing the emotional and spiritual transformations that occur during these formative years, and being able to help shape and nurture them. Nothing gives me more hope for the future than spending time with our youth, and I am inexhaustibly grateful to be a part of their lives. Though I am nominally giving my time and energy to the community, it feels like I am the one receiving a gift."

What does our mission mean in your life? Email news@uucorvallis.org to share how YOU live the mission through exploration, love, and action.

ICUU GLOBAL CHALICE LIGHTING WORDS from FEBRUARY 2015

ENGLISH: "Hope, respect and love – three important treasures of spiritual life. May they always be in our hearts, may we always give them generously. The light of this flame is a symbol of them too, as hope, respect and love are the cornerstones of our free spiritual path." - Petr Samojsky, Religious Society of Czech Unitarians

GERMAN: "Hoffnung, Respekt und Liebe - drei wichtige Schätze unseres spirituellen Lebens. Mögen sie stets in unseren Herzen sein und wir sie stets großzügig verschenken. Das Licht dieser Flamme ist ebenso ein Sinnbild für dafür, wie Hoffnung, Respekt und Liebe Eckpfeiler unseres freien spirituellen Weges sind."

CZECH: "Nadeje, úcta a láska – tři důležité poklady duchovního života. Necht jsou vždy v našich srdcích, necht je vždy stále rozdáváme kolem. Světlo tohoto plamene je také jejich symbolem, neboť nadeje, úcta a láska jsou základními kameny svobodné duchovní cesty."

SPANISH: "Espera, respeto y amor: tres tesoros importantes de la vida espiritual. Ojalá estén siempre en nuestros corazones y podemos entregarlos a los demás con generosidad. La luz de esta llama los simboliza, pues la esperanza, el respeto y el amor son las piedras angulares de nuestra vía espiritual libre."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Art Display: Judith Sander 11:00 AM Young Adult Group Noon Action Lunch 12:30 Coming of Age CREDO 6:30 Great Decisions Discussion Group	2 Art Display: Judith Sander 1:15 Over 65 Housing Group 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics 7:00 Shawl Ministry	3 Art Display: Judith Sander 7:00 Community Choir Rehearsals 7:00 Stewardship Committee	4 Art Display: Judith Sander 1:00 Women's Lunch Bunch 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics 5:30 Membership Committee 6:00 Weekly Potlucks 7:00 UUFC Choir Rehearsals 7:00 Leading from Spiritual Depth	5 Art Display: Judith Sander 6:30 Pastoral Care Training 7:00 Program Council 7:00 Climate Justice Committee	6 Art Display: Judith Sander 10:30 AM Insight Meditation 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics 7:00 <i>Kirtan Bhakti</i> Yoga Study Group 7:00 <u>Cowspiracy</u> Movie Showing	7 Art Display: Judith Sander 8:15 AM Pledge Drive World Café
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Art Display: Judith Sander 8:45 AM Drop-in Choir 11:00 AM Young Adult Group 1:30 Pastoral Care Training 3:00 Environmental Reading Circle 6:00 Connect-up Sunday Book Club 6:30 Great Decisions Discussion Group 7:00 <i>Kirtan</i> Worship	Art Display: Judith Sander 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics 7:00 UUFC Board Meeting	Art Display: Judith Sander 7:00 Community Choir Rehearsals 7:00 Stewardship Committee 7:00 World Religions Class	Art Display: Judith Sander 1:00 Women's Lunch Bunch 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics 6:00 Weekly Potlucks 6:30 Connect-up Wednesday Book Club 7:00 UUFC Choir Rehearsals 7:00 Leading from Spiritual Depth	Art Display: Judith Sander NOON Living with Loss 3:30 Adult RE Steering Committee 6:30 Pastoral Care Training 7:00 Dances of Universal Peace 7:00 Transgender Group Meeting	Art Display: Judith Sander 9:45 AM Circle that Reconnects 10:30 AM Insight Meditation 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics 7:00 Music Sharing Night 7:00 <i>Kirtan Bhakti</i> Yoga Study Group	Art Display: Judith Sander 9:30 AM Men's Monthly Gathering
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Art Display: Judith Sander 11:00 AM Young Adult Group 12:30 Coming of Age CREDO 12:30 Pledge Drive Discussions 12:30 EAC Meeting 6:30 Great Decisions Discussion Group 6:30 Connect-up Sunday Book Club	Art Display: Judith Sander 1:15 Over 65 Housing Group 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics 6:00 Dining for Women 7:00 Shawl Ministry 7:00 Worship Committee	Art Display: Kat Sloma 9:00 AM UUFC Staff Meeting 7:00 Community Choir Rehearsals 7:00 World Religions Discussions 7:00 Stewardship Committee 7:00 Living with Loss	Art Display: Judith Sander 1:00 Women's Lunch Bunch 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics 6:00 Weekly Potlucks 7:00 UUFC Choir Rehearsals 7:00 Leading from Spiritual Depth Newsletter Deadline (for April 2015 Edition)	Art Display: Judith Sander 3:00 Over 65 Group 6:30 Pastoral Care Training	Art Display: Judith Sander 10:30 AM Insight Meditation 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics 7:00 <i>Kirtan Bhakti</i> Yoga Study Group 7:00 Wheel of the Year Worship: Oslara/Spring	Art Display: Judith Sander
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Art Display: Judith Sander 9:30 AM First Steps Class 11:00 AM Young Adult Group 1:30 Pastoral Care Training 3:00 Environmental Reading Circle 6:30 Great Decisions Discussion Group 7:00 Monthly Vespers 6:30 EAC Film/Talk	Art Display: Judith Sander 7:00 MVHCA Meeting	Art Display: Judith Sander 1:00 Newsletter Folding 7:00 Stewardship Committee	Art Display: Judith Sander 1:00 Women's Lunch Bunch 7:00 UUFC Choir Rehearsals	Art Display: Judith Sander 6:30 <i>Qigong and Health</i>	Art Display: Judith Sander 9:45 AM The Circle that Reconnects 10:30 AM Insight Meditation 7:00 <i>Kirtan Bhakti</i> Yoga Study Group 7:00 <u>Forks Over Knives</u> Movie Showing	Art Display: Judith Sander 7:00 The Flow Concert and Dance
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Art Display: Judith Sander 11:00 AM Young Adult Group 12:30 Coming of Age CREDO 6:30 Great Decisions Discussion Group	Art Display: Judith Sander 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics 7:00 Compassionate Listening	Art Display: Judith Sander 4:00 Walk with the Seasons: Spring 7:00 Community Choir Rehearsals 7:00 Walk with the Seasons: Spring 7:00 Stewardship Committee				



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