



UUFC Newsletter

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis



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Through Thursday, July 3

Summer Hours beginning

Tuesday, July 8

Tu-Th 9:30 AM-1:30 PM

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JULY WORSHIP AND SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday Summer Services at 10:00 AM

Summer 2014 services and Religious Exploration (Summer Fun)

theme: *The Earth, Our Home*

Summer Fun for Children and Youth and Childcare

Are also offered at 10:00 AM.

Children and Youth are welcome at all services.

Sunday, July 6, 10:00 AM

This Sacred Earth: Religion, Nature and the Environment Part One

(A three-part series)

What is Paradise?

Rev. Jill McAllister

How are our images of nature constructed, and how do our constructions affect our lives, since we ourselves are part of *nature*?

Sunday, July 13, 10:00 AM

This Sacred Earth: Religion, Nature and the Environment Part Two

What is the Sacred?

Rev. Jill McAllister

A look at some historical relationships between nature and gender, and the perspectives of environmental feminism.

Sunday, July 20, 10:00 AM

This Sacred Earth: Religion, Nature and the Environment Part Three

What is Religion?

Rev. Jill McAllister

A look at approaches to nature in several traditions, with an eye toward what can serve our present needs.

Sunday, July 27, 10:00 AM

The Oregon Flora Project:

Taking Stock of the Growth around Us

With Linda Hardison

What is the value in cataloguing and describing the plants that comprise our natural landscape? Can knowledge of our local flora move us to more fully embrace our seventh principle? Come hear about this project's work in gathering and sharing knowledge about our state's plant life, and consider the impacts of this information, both regionally and personally. Fellowship Member Linda Hardison is the director of the Oregon Flora project at OSU.



Friday, August 1, 7:00 PM

Wheel of the Year Worship--Solar Fall/Lughnasadh

Woods Fire Circle 34217 NE Colorado Lake Dr.

Questions: Cliff Pereira 541-753-9224 peartree15@comcast.net

Between Us . . .



My summer almost always begins with the UUA General Assembly, the annual meeting of delegates and others from all 1048 UUA congregations in the USA, usually a gathering of 5,000 or more. This year's GA, in Providence Rhode Island, has just finished. There is so much to tell about a General Assembly –

the dozens of worship services, hundreds of workshops, general business sessions, community social action, and more. One of the best pieces of news is that the delegates easily approved a resolution for the UUA itself to reallocate its investments away from fossil fuels. UUFC delegate Susan Christie was next in line to speak for the resolution when the debate was ended due to no other speakers against it. You can see and hear most of the GA speakers and programs on the UUA web site – www.uua.org. We'll be bringing a good deal of what we learned and experienced here back to the Fellowship in the coming year.

The life of the Fellowship continues through the summer, of course. The single Sunday Service begins at 10:00 AM., focusing on *The Earth, Our Home*, drawing on ancient wisdom and present realities. We hope you'll come as often as you can. Changes in the administration of our Religious Exploration program are well underway as Michael Molk and Ann Mbacke make plans for working together and supporting a World Religions Curriculum. A brand-new RE Council has begun meeting to develop a road-map for Lifespan RE at the Fellowship, giving special attention to including Adult Religious Growth and Learning. The former process of facilitating adult programs is on hold at the moment, awaiting a new approach for a more coordinated and integrated program for adults. The Board of Trustees will meet for orientation of

new members and planning for next year. Open discussions of Shared Ministry, Music, and Justice work are scheduled. Weekly pot-luck suppers will take place every Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

A small move is underway soon; the staff will be *shuffling* office spaces. We want to get the program staff into closer proximity to facilitate Sunday morning communication and to help make more meeting space available for the Fellowship in general. To this end, during the month of July these changes are planned: Jill's office will become the Fellowship Library, Jill will move into Niya's former office, and David Servias and Ann Mbacke will move into the present library. I'm sure there will be other details to share as we move, so stay tuned.

Beside and around these summer activities at the Fellowship, there is also time for rest and regrouping, because there must be time for rest and regrouping. When we are so full, so focused on tasks, productivity, and success, we deplete and sometimes block the very energies for creativity and community that all of our work needs. Productivity too often becomes intertwined with nervous energy – or the inability to pause, to reflect, to not have an immediate reaction or opinion, to not immediately respond. Our summer schedule is intentionally designed to provide a break in many regular church activities, because new energy and new insight almost always come from rest. In summer I try to take time to read and think broadly about the next church year, and to evaluate and learn from the year just finished. I try to take time to *take stock*. And I also try to simply relax, as often as I can.

I hope you can do some of the same – take a break, take stock, read and think, rest and relax. And if these couple of months would be a good time for you to work on questions and issues of life, spirituality, and your religious journey, I hope you'll invite me to join you in some way. *Wishing you good days--Jill*

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THE LIFE OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Membership Committee News

The Membership Committee is looking for people interested in working on an Integration Subcommittee. This committee will stay in touch with new members and help them find their niche or comfort zone within the congregation. If you are interested in knowing more about this subcommittee contact,

Claudia Weintraub 541-602-6127 or

ClaudiaCW@comcast.net.

Library Committee News



Attention Committee leaders and members: A brand new Library Committee has formed, and as you may have already heard, starting in September the Library will be in a brand new location. We look forward to providing all of you with a rich source of information, as well as a comfortable and attractive area for meetings.

That being said, we could use your input so that we may be able to provide you with the books and other informational materials you may need to help support you in the work you are doing.

You are welcome to *email Saloma Stopher with any recommendations and/or questions you may have, stopher3382@comcast.net.*

Justice Work Discussions

Facilitator: Dan Shapiro

Late August and Early September (Dates TBD)

Close to fifty members and friends gathered at the Fellowship in March to talk about the wide range and variety of justice work undertaken by and shared by this congregation. We tried to provide each other with an overview, and asked some questions about coordination of our efforts. The Program Council took the next steps of comparing our justice work to that of several other congregations, in terms of staffing, structure, and support for the work. We will hear about their findings, and continue the discussion about how to make our own work as effective as it can be. This is a chance to share ideas and experience with each other.

We have added a second discussion, to be held in September. Dates for both discussions will be announced in mid-July. The Program Council will also make notes from each discussion available afterwards for those who were not able to attend or who wish to have a summary. *Contact Monica Jacobson Tennesen (monica.djt@gmail.com) with questions.*



WORDS FOR REFLECTION

A Living Truth

I have not come to give you Truth,
nor have you come to give truth to me.
We have come together to recreate the truth,
and only a living truth can blossom,
and thus become large enough to embrace the wholeness of our lives.

Une Vérité Vivante

Je ne suis pas venu pour vous transmettre la Vérite,
Et vous n'êtes pas venus m'imposer la vôtre.
Mais nous nous sommes rassemblés pour le bâtir ensemble.
Parce que seule une vérité vivante,
et seule une vérité vivant peut sèpanouir
et devenir ensuite universelle pour englober la totalité de nos vies.

*Rev. John Baros-Johnson
Canadian Unitarian Council www.cuc.ca*

WORSHIP NEWS

Summer Worship Services

This summer, our single 10:00 AM Sunday Worship services focus on the theme *The Earth, Our Home*.

Guest speakers from our congregation will join Reverend Jill McAllister in sharing their ideas and expertise about a variety of topics. We will learn new opening and closing words, and opening and closing songs to enhance our worship experience. David and Lauren Servias will treat us with piano accompaniment and special music. There is a children's program in Religious Exploration with different weekly activities during the service.

July 6, 13, and 20	Reverend Jill McAllister will explore a three-part series
July 27	Linda Hardison
August 3	Reverend Jill McAllister
August 10	John Swanson
August 17	Wolfgang Dengler
August 24	Jana Svoboda
August 31	Reverend Jill McAllister

We invite you to join us for worship and community connection during the summer!

Wolfgang Dengler

UUFC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cosmo Allen Memorial Site Please join others in remembering Cosmo Allen on his memorial Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CosmoRemembered>. A memorial service for Cosmo will take place at the Fellowship on Saturday, July 19 at 11:00 AM.

Rummage Sale Ahead! August 23 approaches!

This is a major fundraiser for the Fellowship--over \$7000 last year to support programs and needs--which takes the efforts of many to be so successful. The sale is **August 23**, and there is much to do in the next weeks (more info later on set-up the week before and the sale itself).

You can start now to sort out and bring your clean, usable donations. Everything from hats to hoes to housewares, we sell it all. Furniture, musical instruments, jewelry, giftware, books, lamps, craft ma-

terials, kitchen stuff, stationery, gardening and camping gear, tools, bicycles, art, toys, baby gear, children's clothes, linens, collectibles. **Help the workers by labeling electrical and mechanical items with a note on their working condition.**

Deliver goods to RE Room 8, please store larger items in 6C.

Need someone to haul larger items?

Call Virgil Agnew at 541.758.3658.

(Sorry, we do not sell adult clothing, big exercise machines, older computers/monitors/TV's, old software, paint, poisons, tires, halogen lamps, or broken items. Please recycle those elsewhere. Adult clothing goes to the Women's Retreat fundraiser.)

We make great effort to get the sale leftovers to local charities and community groups. So when you donate, you are helping fund church activities and support our community partners: the library, Habitat for Humanity, Heartland Humane Society, South Corvallis Food Bank, CARDV, and others.

Questions: *Kathy Clark at 541.753.5097 or Marilyn Walker at 541.752.0591*

Fall Women's Retreat:

Power Down and Connect

September 26-28

(Friday through Sunday)

at the Silver Falls Conference Center.

Come join us and **Power Down** with other UU women, new and not-so-new, for nourishment of body, mind, and soul at our annual

Women's Retreat. Registration is still open, online at: bit.ly/registerUUWR. **If you would you like to lead a group, have a suggestion for a session or for the program, please let us know. We are still planning and welcome your thoughts.** Please let us know by our next meeting Sunday, July 13, 11:00 AM.

The Women's Retreat Committee:

Joni Zander, Tasha Dodge, Dianne Roth, Joan Rose, Valerie Hervey and Yaney LA MacIver

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RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION (RE)

Michael's Musings

Our topic for children this summer is *The Earth, Our Home*. Various adult members of the Fellowship have generously offered to share their passion and knowledge about nature and the environment with our children. Why do we, as Unitarian Universalists, choose to focus on the Earth as part of our religious exploration? Because:

- Our Seventh Principle calls us to promote “respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part”.
- Our Sixth Source of wisdom and inspiration draws from “spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions, which celebrate the sacred circle of life, and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature”.
- At the same time, our Fifth Source calls on us to “heed the guidance of reason and the results of science”.

I believe that being outside for some part of every day is important for our well-being. When we get caught up in the news, in our thoughts and reactions, our worries and our fears, we can lose sight of what a miracle it is that we are here. Walking on the Earth, experiencing the natural forces of wind and rain and sun and soil which created and sustain us, can bring us back to an awareness that we are alive, and that we are able to see and hear and touch and feel! And we can recognize our connection to other living beings. By paying attention to the natural world around us, there are many lessons we can learn: how life is constantly changing, cycling, and recycling; how life is simultaneously fragile, and yet resilient; how beautiful and marvelous life is; and how much we depend on other forms of life, both plants and animals, for our existence and our continuing ability to thrive and grow.

By learning about the Earth, we gain appreciation and gratitude for our home. This in turn can lead us to a desire to protect the diversity of life, and motivate us to work to sustain the conditions needed for life to

continue. For better or worse, our abilities and knowledge as human beings brings with it the responsibility to be good stewards: to protect clean air and water and soil; to use resources moderately; to reduce our ‘footprint’; and strive for a more just world, one where resources are distributed more fairly, and all have what they need. As our first source of wisdom states, we Unitarian Universalists derive inspiration from “direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit, and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life”. May it be so.

~yours, *Michael*

Summer Fun Continues for K-6th Grades, Sundays at 10:00 AM

July 6th: Water—Quantity and Quality
with Jack Elder

July 13th: Fire!—with John Bailey

July 20th: Endangered Species—with Mae Araki

July 27th: The Tree of Life—with Priscilla Spears

Infant/Toddler Care

During Worship throughout the Summer

Infant/Toddler care will be provided during worship throughout the summer, on Sundays from 9:45 to 11:15 AM. in the Dr. Seuss and Beatrix Potter rooms 4 and 5. Our capable and playful Infant/Toddler Coordinator, Barb Holmes, and team of volunteers will be there to welcome our youngest UUs, and provide a safe place for them to play and explore. Barb and the volunteers *LOVE* to spend time with the toddlers and infants!

Summer RE Sessions for Youth

7th through 12th grade youth are welcome to come to the Fellowship this summer, on Sundays from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, in Ralph Waldo Emerson room 7. We'll have discussions, activities, snacks, crafts, and worship together. Hope you can come!



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.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION (RE)

A Few More Volunteers Still Needed for Fall RE

Next September our Religious Exploration (RE) theme for the 2014-2015 church year for children and youth will be *The Religions of the World*. Teaching teams are shaping up, but it's not too late to get in on the action! Teams of at least four adult volunteers schedule with one another to be present during RE at least two Sundays each month, mid-September through early June. Volunteers can take turns leading activities and being helpers. Staff provides lesson plans, training and support. We need a few more folks to work with infants/toddlers through 6th grades. You can sign up to help on the easel in the foyer; talk with Michael or Ann after worship; *call and leave a message at 541-752-5218 x225; or email Michael at molke@uucorvallis.org*. It's a fun way to deepen your own religious growth and learning and make good friends in the process. Please consider joining our learning community for another great year!

Youth Willing to Work This Summer

Do you need help with yardwork, gardening, a building project, cleaning, or childcare? Some of our teens are interested in working for pay this summer. *Contact Michael at molke@uucorvallis.org or call 541-752-5218x225 and leave a message*. He'll get back to you.

SOCIAL JUSTICE/OUTREACH

Bake Sales

The Vina Moses Center

-serving Benton County since 1918



Vina Moses is the recipient of bake sale proceeds now through July 17.

This organization provides school clothing and supplies for children in need. Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated! If you can't bake something, maybe you could grab a bag of fruit or another delectable on your way to the only service at 10:00 AM? Bring it to the kitchen and I'll prepare it for serving.

Thanks from Jeannie Ramsey 541-829-3252

Summer Bake Sale Coordinator

So far this year we raised \$868 for the Vina Moses Center to help kids begin the school year.. The Vina Moses collection will continue through the mid-July for their Christmas program.

Louise Ferrell

LED Lighting in Sanctuary

Bobbi Hall and Kathy Johnson working with the Energy Trust of Oregon will be installing LED lighting in one part of the Sanctuary as a trial. Generously, Bobbi has donated the money that could not be reinvested in CFL's (as they are no longer supplied). And also generously, Kathy will donate her skills as an electrician by installing them. When you see either Bobbi or Kathy, please thank them for this project. This lighting uses less energy and will contribute to our pledge (in May 2013 at the Annual Meeting) to work to reduce our fossil fuel consumption.

Free Plants Available

Elizabeth Waldorf has surplus plants that she wants to share with gardeners. Starts of pole beans, kale, collards, turnips, romaine lettuce, sweet meat squash and young ornamental maple trees are available. Please bring a container with soil and call before you come. Growing your own food can reduce your carbon footprint. *Submitted by Elizabeth Waldorf*

MUSIC NOTES

Summer Drop-in Choir

Hello! Anyone who wants to sing can show up at 9:00 Sunday morning to learn some music to sing that day at the service. What a great opportunity to keep music in your life this summer, while at the same time helping out with the summer services! Choir members as well as newcomers who have not sung with UUFC choir before are welcome to participate. This is a no-pressure, low-commitment opportunity to get involved with music at UUFC. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Summer *Drop-in* Choir Dates are July 13th, July 27th, August 17th. *David Servias*

UU ELSEWHERE

DRE Position open at UUFCO in Bend, OR

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon (UUFCO), a rapidly growing, liberal religious congregation in Bend, Oregon seeks a Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth. This position directs the program for children and youth ages 0 – 21, and coordinates with the Adult RE Committee. Fifteen to twenty hours per week with paid benefits. See full job description and requirements at www.uufco.org. *Judith Hurlburt DRE Search Committee Chair judithanneb@gmail.com 907-240-6792*

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis Upcoming Events (Sunday Services Front Page.)							Hours are PM unless noted.	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
			July 2 1:00 Women's Lunch Bunch 6:00 Weekly Summer Potlucks	July 3 8:00 AM Exercise/ Aerobics 10:30 AM Grounds Maintenance	July 4 UUFC OFFICES CLOSED	July 5		
July 6	July 7 8:00 AM Exercise/ Aerobics 5:00 Insight Meditation 7:00 Shawl Ministry	July 8 7:00 Community Choir 7:00 Building Committee	July 9 1:00 Women's Lunch Bunch 6:00 Weekly Summer Potlucks	July 10 8:00 AM Exercise/ Aerobics 10:30 AM Grounds Maintenance 2:00 Class on Aging 7:00 TG Support Group	July 11	July 12 9:00 AM UU Path Class 9:30 AM Men's Monthly Gathering		
July 13	July 14 8:00 AM Exercise/ Aerobics 5:00 Insight Meditation 6:30 UUFC Board Meeting	July 15 4:00 Walk with the Seasons Summer 6:30 Stewardship Committee 7:00 Community Choir	July 16 1:00 Women's Lunch Bunch 6:00 Weekly Summer Potlucks	July 17 8:00 AM Exercise/ Aerobics 10:30 AM Grounds Maintenance	July 18	July 19 9:30 AM Membership Class 11:00 AM Cosmo Allen Memorial		
July 20	July 21 8:00 AM Exercise/ Aerobics 5:00 Insight Meditation 6:00 Dining for Women 7:00 Shawl Ministry	July 22 4:00 Walk with the Seasons Summer 7:00 Community Choir 7:00 Communication/ Publicity Committee	July 23 1:00 Women's Lunch Bunch 6:00 Weekly Summer Potlucks Newsletter Deadline (for August 2014 edition) Covers events from August 1 to 31	July 24 8:00 AM Exercise/ Aerobics 10:30 AM Grounds Maintenance 2:00 Class on Aging	July 25	July 26		
July 27	July 28 8:00 AM Exercise/ Aerobics 5:00 Insight Meditation 6:30 Veterans for Peace 7:00 MVHCA Meeting	July 29 1:00 Newsletter Folding 7:00 Community Choir	July 30 1:00 Women's Lunch Bunch 6:00 Weekly Summer Potlucks	July 31 8:00 AM Exercise/ Aerobics 10:30 AM Grounds Maintenance	August 1 7:00 Wheel of the Year: Solar Fall	August 2		



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Explore. Love. Act.

We gather as an inclusive religious community to search for meaning, build deep connections, and inspire action toward a better world for all.



CHURCH YEAR CALENDAR

We are about to publish the church year calendar. If you have events that you would like included please contact Monica Jacobson Tennesen or the office to ensure your event(s) are listed. Thank you.