



THE WEEK AHEAD

April 16 - 22, 2017

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

Today, Sunday, April 16, 2017

~For more information about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, contact First Steps coordinator, Elona Meyer (elonameyer@msn.com).

~Join us after the services in the Social Hall for coffee and conversation. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know.

~Fellowship Care and Support Team listeners are available for anyone looking for support. Ask at the greater desk.

The Week Ahead: April 17-April 22, 2017

Office hours: Monday and Wednesday 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM; Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

- **Exercise/Aerobics**, Mon, Wed, Fri, 4:00 PM (SH)
- **Potluck for Families and Kids**, Mon April 17, 5:45 PM (SH/K)
- **Shawl Ministry**, Mon April 17, 7:00 PM (7)
- **Rehearsal: Julius Caesar**, Mon April 17, 7:00 PM (6ABC)

Rehearsals begin for those who auditioned. Everyone else, save the date – Friday, June 2 -- for a one-night only resistance theatre event featuring an interactive adaptation of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, live music by our own Daniel Landberg, and roundtable discussion, with all donation proceeds going to the ACLU.

- **UUFC Board of Trustees Meeting**, Mon April 17, 7:00 PM (SH)
- **UUFC Art Exhibits Meeting**, Tue April 18, 9:00 AM (SFH)
- **Fellowship Care and Support Team**, Tue April 18, 9:30 AM (7)
- **Spiritual Activism Training**, Tue April 18, 6:30 PM (9)

Training offered by the Spiritual Firefighters Task Force. Contact: Susan Sanford (susanwulfe@gmail.com).

- **Women's Lunch Bunch**, Wed April 19, 1:00 PM (North Co-op)

Friendly conversation with women of the Fellowship. Contact: Elizabeth Waldorf (dewaldorf@comcast.net).

- **Weekly Potluck Supper**, Wed April 19, 6:00 PM (SH)

Please bring a dish (with a list of ingredients) to share, and your own plate and utensils if possible. All are welcome.

- **Budget Committee Meeting**, Wed April 19, 7:00 PM (7)
- **Over 65 Group**, Thur April 20, 3:00 PM (SFH)

Movie and popcorn. The documentary film, Young@Heart, to inspire and lift your spirits. (You don't have to be over 65 to attend!) Contact Ann Pemberton or Jonathan Lipman (annprnbrtn126@gmail.com).

- **Capeoira Angola**, Thur April 20, 6:00 PM (SH)
- **Earth Prayers Evening Worship**, Thur April 20, 7:00 PM (SFH) *For the earth, for all the living, for courage.*

Join us for an evening service of singing, silence, and sharing.

- **Young Adult Group**, Thur April 20, 7:15 PM (10)

Join the young adults and the Climate Justice Committee to watch a video.

- **Insight Meditation**, Fri April 21, 10:15 AM (7)

Insight Meditation is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required. Contact: Mary Leigh Burke (maryleigh.burke@gmail.com).

- **Becoming Our Own Best Friend**, Sat April 22, 9:00 AM (SH)
- **Kirtan Meditation**, Fri April 21, 7:00 PM (7)

Kirtan comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice, to calm minds and open hearts.

Plan Ahead

~April 23, 30 What I Believe: Credo for Adults.

~May 5-7 **Multi-Culturalism Training:** "Braving the Divides," and Interrupting Oppression: Exploring Discrimination
Dr. Mark Hicks, of Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, and Ryushin Hart, of Community Outreach Inc., in Corvallis, will lead participants.

~May 13 UUFC Annual Services Auction. Donation forms are now available.

~May 21 UUFC Annual Meeting. Join us for a light lunch after the second service. Meeting starts at 1:00 PM.

~May 21 On Sunday afternoon, Singer/Songwriter Peter Mayer returns to UUFC for a concert. Details forthcoming.

Next Sunday: April 23, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"At Home on This Earth"

Rev. Jill McAllister and all

What does it mean to be at home on the Earth in this time of such great instability? Does the earth have more to teach us? If so, are we willing and able to learn? Members of the Climate Justice Committee will join in the service. We'll begin the service with the traditional **Czech Unitarian Flower Ceremony**. Please bring a flower or two to share, for each person attending.

We are called to diversity and to be inclusive. May we focus our conversations to make it so.

Earth Prayers: An Evening Worship Service Thursday, April 20, 7 PM

Many have asked for more opportunities to gather for worship, to share joys and sorrows, to be strengthened and encouraged, comforted and nourished, especially in this brave year, for all of us living on the earth, and for all that lives. Invite others and join us for an evening service of singing, silence, and sharing.

Immigration, Immigrants, and Sanctuary: Interfaith Meetings at UUFC (April 24, April 27)

The UUFC will host two meetings for members of the Corvallis/Albany faith communities to share ideas, plans and questions about how to help support immigrants and undocumented families. All are invited to attend one of the two: choose either Monday April 24 at 10 AM, or Thursday April 27 at 7 PM, depending on your schedule.

Finishing the Pledge Season at UUFC – please turn in your pledge!

If you haven't turned in your pledge for the 2016-17 operating budget and for the "Our Shared Future" capital campaign, please mail or bring your pledge form to the Fellowship as soon as you can! We are still short of meeting the operating budget goal, so we need all responses in order to accurately estimate the 2017-18 Fellowship budget. Please, don't delay!

Building Consensus on the Building Enhancement Project, for Moving Forward

With tremendous response to the capital campaign, we can move forward to define exactly what will be in the plan. From many months of congregational input, the Board and the Building Design Team (BDT) have identified six top priorities:

- Meet current code for fire safety and sidewalk requirements
- Conduct structural engineering and soils analyses for upgrading current buildings plus expansion
- Install new heating and ventilating system for the sanctuary, for increased energy efficiency and air quality
- Install new flooring in the sanctuary (also for air quality)
- Build a new social hall, kitchen, and restrooms, with highest possible energy efficiency
- Create a new outflow from parking lot to Elmwood with some additional parking

The Board and the BDT will be holding eight information and discussion meetings in April and May to describe the details and hear more comments, so that we'll have a good idea of our shared commitments before the annual meeting on May 21. The meetings will be on Sundays: April 23, April 30, and May 7, twice on each of those days: 8:45 AM (with bagels and coffee/tea!) in the Social Hall and 12 PM in the Gallery.

What I Believe: Credo for Adults – April 23 and 30

This two-session class is an opportunity to explore, clarify and declare your core personal beliefs as a Unitarian Universalist. Your credo serves as a grounding touchstone to give direction and deeper meaning to your life. We will engage in small group sharing, individual writing and reflection, and creative artistic expression. Facilitated by DRE Michael Molk. To register, contact molk@uucorvallis.org. Two Sessions: Sunday, April 23rd, 1:00-4:00 p.m. (in room 9, upstairs) and Sunday, April 30th, 1:00-4:00 p.m. (in room 7, downstairs)

Help Support the Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center For more information on local efforts to save the CMLC from losing their building, please contact Karen Stephenson cedaropionions@gmail.com.

Adult Religious Exploration – New schedule for Spring Term 2017

The schedule of classes, events, and discussions will be available in the foyer on Sundays, and on the UUFC web site at http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=223.

Anti-Oppression/Multi-Culturalism Training, "Braving the Divides" and "Interrupting Oppression"

Dr. Mark Hicks, of Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, and Ryushin Hart, of Community Outreach Inc. in Corvallis, will lead participants in exercises and reflection aimed toward increasing our skills for working and communicating across the divisions of perspective, opinions and experience which loom so large around us, and at examining discrimination. **Friday evening, May 5 and Saturday May 6 with Mark Hicks. Sunday afternoon, May 7 with Ryushin Hart.** Sign-up for these sessions in the foyer or email office@uucorvallis.org.

Save the Date: May 21 Peter Mayer returns to the UUFC for a concert

Singer/Songwriter Peter Mayer will give a concert on Sunday afternoon, May 21. "Peter Mayer writes songs for a small planet – songs about interconnectedness and the human journey; about the beauty and mystery of the world."

New to the Fellowship? Welcome!

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