



# THE WEEK AHEAD

April 23 - 29, 2017

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

## **Today, Sunday, April 23, 2017**

- ~Informational Sessions to move toward consensus on the Building Enhancement Project. 8:45 AM (Social Hall) and 12:15 PM (Gallery). Join us to learn about the six key priorities. Can't make it? Additional meetings will be held April 30, May 7.
- ~For more information about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, join First Steps coordinator, Elona Meyer ([elonameyer@msn.com](mailto:elonameyer@msn.com)) today at 11:00 AM in the Library.
- ~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 greeter desk.
- ~Seven Principles Café, discussing the sixth principle, meets today at 12:30 PM in Room 7.
- ~UUFC Investment Committee meets today at 12:30 PM in the Library.
- ~What I Believe: Credo for Adults, facilitated by Michael Molk, meets today at 1:00 PM in Room 9.

## **The Week Ahead: April 24-April 30, 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)
- **Interfaith Networking on Immigration and Sanctuary**, Mon April 24, 10:00 AM (7)
- **Women's Lunch Bunch**, Wed April 26, 1:00 PM (North Co-op)

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

- **Weekly Potluck Supper**, Wed April 26, 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.*

- **Capeoira Angola**, Thur April 27, 6:00 PM (SH)
- **Interfaith Networking on Immigration and Sanctuary**, Thur April 27, 7:00 PM (7)
- **EDI Anti-Racism Group Meeting**, Thur April 27, 7:00 PM (9)
- **Young Adult Group**, Thur April 27, 7:15 PM (10)
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri April 28, 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](mailto:maryleigh.burke@gmail.com)).*

- **Live Kirtan with Johanna Beekman and Joss Jaffe** Fri April 28, 7:00 PM (7)

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

## **Plan Ahead**

- ~April 30 Second session of 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. Sign-up in the foyer or Email [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org) to register.
- ~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.
- ~May 21 On Sunday afternoon at 4 PM, Singer/Songwriter Peter Mayer returns to UUFC for a concert.
- ~May 22 UUFC Dine-in Fundraiser at Delicias Valley Café, 5-9pm. Come enjoy a delicious dinner and Delicias will donate 20% of food proceeds to the Fellowship if you mention our name. Register here <https://www.groupraise.com/events/30986> or through Connect-up in the Foyer.

## **Next Sunday: April 30, 9:30 and 11:00 AM**

"Belief or Faith?"

*Rev. David Usher, with Rev. Jill McAllister*

"What is the essence of religion? What is the point of it? How difference does it make in these times?" Rev. David Usher is a lifelong Unitarian, raised in Australia, with 36 years' experience in ministry in the UK and the USA. He worked closely with Rev. Jill McAllister on the foundation of The International Council of Unitarians & Universalists, and was its first President. He is the author of two books, "Twelve Steps to Spiritual Health" and "Life Spirit". He now lives in semi-retirement in San Francisco with his wife, the Rev. Vail Weller.

*Blessed be the flower that rises through the earth against all odds. May we remember to learn from the earth and its beauty.*

### **What will you donate to the UUFC Auction?**

A service, a party, a meal, artwork you created, a hike, a raft trip, childcare, pet care, house care, yard work, a tie-die party, wine-tasting, beer making, movie watching, gardening..... What will you donate that others will be happy to buy? Please submit your donation form to [uufcservicesauction@gmail.com](mailto:uufcservicesauction@gmail.com) as soon as possible. You can also find paper forms in the lobby and social hall that you can fill out and place in the Services Auction mail slot outside the office door.

### **Creating 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.

### **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! All responses are needed in to accurately estimate the 2017-18 Fellowship budget. Please, don't delay!

### **What I Believe: Credo for Adults – today April 23, and April 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](mailto: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)

**Seven Principles Café – today April 23** We're discussing the sixth principle – "...peace, liberty and justice for all."

### **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 this week 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.

**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](mailto:cedaropionions@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org).

### **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."

### **Save the Date: May 22 UUFC Dine-In Fundraiser at Delicias Valley Café, 5-9 PM**

On Monday, May 22, come enjoy a delicious dinner and Delicias Valley Café will donate 20% of food proceeds to the Fellowship if you mention our name. Register here <https://www.groupraise.com/events/30986> or through Connect-up in the Foyer on April 30.

### **Connect Up**

Sign up on April 30th to participate in or to host an activity in MAY! Questions: contact Wendy Sutton ([connect@uucorvallis.org](mailto:connect@uucorvallis.org)). Visit Connect Up on the UUFC website [http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=3776](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=3776) May events will be posted shortly after the Sign Up.

### **New to the Fellowship? Welcome!**

For more information about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, contact First Steps coordinator, Elona Meyer ([elonameyer@msn.com](mailto:elonameyer@msn.com)). Register for upcoming Membership Orientation classes at the foyer Welcome Desk.