



# THE WEEK AHEAD

April 9 - 15, 2017

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

## **Today, Sunday, April 9, 2017**

- ~For more information about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, contact First Steps coordinator, Elona Meyer ([elonameyer@msn.com](mailto:elonameyer@msn.com)). UU Membership Class meets today at 12:30 PM in the Library.
- ~Moving toward consensus on the Building Enhancement Project begins today. 8:45 AM in the Social Hall and 12:15 PM in the Gallery. Join us to learn about the six key priorities. Can't make it? Additional meetings will be held April 23, 30, May 7.
- ~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.
- ~Art Exhibit Committee Meeting today at 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall.

## **The Week Ahead: April 10-April 15, 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)
- **Spiritual Activism Training**, Tue April 11, 6:30 PM (9)  
*Training offered by the Spiritual Firefighters Task Force. Contact: Susan Sanford ([susanwulfe@gmail.com](mailto:susanwulfe@gmail.com)).*

- **Women's Lunch Bunch**, Wed April 12, 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 12, 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.*
- **Centering Prayer**, Wed April 12, 7:00 PM (7)

*Class begins with a brief reading, then silence, journaling, and an opportunity to share the experience with others. Come to as many classes as your calendar and interest allow. Diana Vezmar-Bailey ([dianavb@inbox.com](mailto:dianavb@inbox.com)).*

- **Capeoira Angola**, Thur April 13, 6:00 PM (6ABC)
- **Building Design Team**, Thur April 13, 6:00 PM (LIB)
- **Senior Housing Potlucks**, Thur April 13, 6:00 PM (SH/K)
- **Dances of Universal Peace**, Thur April 13, 7:00 PM (SFH)
- **Fellowship Care and Support Team**, Thur April 13, 7:00 PM (7)
- **Corvallis Transgender Support**, Thur April 13, 7:00 PM (9)
- **UUFC Young Adults Group**, Thur April 13, 7:15 PM (10)
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri April 14, 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)).*

- **New World Kirtan Band**, Fri April 14, 7:00 PM (SFH)  
*Kirtan comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice, to calm minds and open hearts.*
- **State of Justice Forum/UUFC Justice Dinner**, Sat April 15, 5:00 PM (SFH/SH/K)

*Learn about our justice work and ways to get involved. RSVP Larry Roper ([larry.ropor@oregonstate.edu](mailto:larry.ropor@oregonstate.edu)) by April 10.*

## **Plan Ahead**

- ~April 28-30 **ReVive Retreat for Social Justice Activists** at the Shalom Prayer Center in Mt. Angel, Oregon.
- ~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 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.
- ~May 21 UUFC Annual Meeting
- ~May 21 On Sunday afternoon, Singer/Songwriter Peter Mayer returns to UUFC for a concert. Details forthcoming.

**Next Sunday: April 16, 9:30 and 11:00 AM**  
"Confronting Truth"

*Rev. Jill McAllister, Elizabeth Sollie, and Rev. Tet Gallardo*

Jill and Elizabeth welcome the Rev. Tet Gallardo to the UUFC. Tet is a leader in the UU Church of the Philippines, and this year's Balazs Scholar at Starr King School for the Ministry. Of her sermon she says: "Inclusion is a word we often use to imply a radical welcome in our culture. Yet our churches remain predominantly white because our community culture itself is not diverse. A diverse culture is not limited to one set of social cues and unwritten rules. A diverse culture is one where conversation is genuine, thriving, and confrontationally trusting."

*Spirit of Love, help us examine our lives and explore the ways justice is possible.*

## **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 9, 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! 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!

## **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.

## **ReVive Retreat for Social Justice Activists: April 28-30, 2017, Shalom Center, Mt. Angel, OR**

If justice issues interest you, and you are active in this area or looking for ways to become active as part of UUFC, consider attending ReVive! Retreat primarily for UUFC justice workers. A joint effort of the Fellowship Care and Support Team and Climate Justice Committee, it will include respite, renewal and connection through facilitated activities, reflection, and silence. Vans are provided for transportation in order to minimize our carbon footprint. Our facilitator is Rev. Lindi Ramsden, Interim Dean of Students at Starr King School for Ministry, former Executive Director of the California UU legislative lobby. Sliding scale registration(\$130-170), covers food and lodging; some scholarships are available. Please contact Martha Clemons ([clemm12@comcast.net](mailto:clemm12@comcast.net); 541-757-9627) for details.

## **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](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](mailto: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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