



THE WEEK AHEAD

Aug 14-Aug 20, 2016
Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

Today, Sunday, Aug 14, 2016

Please join us after the service in the Social Hall for coffee. Introduce yourself to someone if you can.

- **Rummage Sale Collections** Room 6B is now available for items for the August rummage sale.
- **Open Discussion** with Jill McAllister. Bring your questions about ministry, religious growth and learning, and how we are living out our values.

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- **August office hours – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM**
- **Memorial Service for Floyd McFarland**, Mon Aug 15, 2:00 PM (SFH)
- **Adult RE Steering Committee Meeting**, Tue Aug 16, 2:00 PM (7)
If you are interested in learning more about Adult RE, please join us as we plan for Fall programs. Contact Ann Mbacke for more information (reassociate@uucorvallis.org).
- **Addictions Support Group**, Tue Aug 16, 6:30pm (7)
This group is open to anyone who has a family member or loved one who is living with an addiction. Contact Ann Mbacke for more information (reassociate@uucorvallis.org).
- **Women's Lunch Bunch**, Wed Aug 17, 1:00 – 2:00 PM (North Coop)
Weekly lunch with women of the Fellowship. Contact: Elizabeth Waldorf (dewaldorf@comcast.net)
- **Weekly Potluck**, Wed Aug 17, 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.
- **Interfaith Climate Coalition Meeting** Wed Aug 17, 7 pm (SH)
Follow-up to presentation by Rabbis Arthur Waskow and Phyllis Berman in May. All who'd like to help build this interfaith coalition are invited.
- **Laughter Yoga Labyrinth**, Wed Aug 17, 7:00 PM (SFH)
Laughter Yoga Labyrinths are meditations that focus on peace and growing our inner joy. For more information, contact facilitator Tracy Merritt (tmcmeritt@comcast.net).
- **Connect Up – Intro to Zumba**, Fri Aug 19, 8:00 AM (SH)
To sign up, please contact Monica Olvera (sraolvera@gmail.com).
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri Aug 19, 10:30 AM (9)
Insight Meditation is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required.

Plan Ahead

- **UUFC Board of Trustees Meeting**, Mon Aug 22, 7:00 PM (SH)
Monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees (please note this is a deviation from the normal schedule).
- **Rummage Sale**, Sat Aug 27 (UUFC)
Annual fundraiser and recycling event: purchase donated items, from furniture to kitchen to baby gear to and more.
- **UUFC Camping Trip**, Sept 2-4 (Cascadia State Park)
Join other UUFC members & friends for an all-ages camping trip! Space is limited to 25 people on the group site. Contact Roberta Smith with questions or to register (robertasmith2@peak.org).
- **Labor Day Tuna Roast**, Sept 5, 3:00 PM (Avery Park Lions Shelter)
A UUFC tradition for 20 years now: the Labor Day potluck and tuna roast! Bring a side dish or dessert to share and choose a volunteer job. For more information, contact Rich Brainerd (541-752-2930).
- **UUFC Women's Retreat**, Sept 16-18 (Silver Falls State Park) There is still room to join in – sign up today! For more information or to register: http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=2237.

Next Sunday: Aug 21, 10:00 AM

“Homelessness in Our Community”

with Chris Quaka

Chris Quaka is the Director of Development at Community Outreach, Inc. in Corvallis. COI provides emergency shelter, behavioral health treatment services, medical and dental clinics, child-care and more for members of the community who are mostly homeless, or have difficulty accessing housing. In Corvallis, access to housing is becoming more and more difficult for a growing number of people.

Spirit of Life, keep us alert to all the ways that we may recognize and strengthen our connectedness.

Summer Open Discussion Today

All are invited to this summer's second open discussion, Sunday, August 14 at 11:15 AM (after the service). Rev. Jill McAllister will host this gathering for conversation on our congregational life, including questions about ministry, religious growth and learning, and how we are living out our values.

Meet Rachel Kohler, New RE Associate at UUFC, Today

Our new Religious Exploration Associate is Rachel Kohler, who has recently moved to Corvallis after working with Americorps in Douglas County for several years. Rachel has lots of experience in theatre, teaching and working with youth. She is beginning her work with Michael Molk, the Director of Religious Exploration, to assist him in curriculum development, volunteer recruitment, and the week-to-week tasks necessary for running our RE program.

Meet Rachel today at a table in the foyer, where she'll be registering children and teens for the September start-up of RE, and looking for some more adults to complete RE teaching teams for the coming year. Our theme for RE this year is "What do UU Believe? and" "What are UU Made of?" We'll be exploring UU Identity, Spiritual Practices, and Having Courage. Please come introduce yourself to Rachel, and welcome her to the Fellowship.

August Youth Raft Trip on the Willamette River

Sunday, August 28th, raft trip on the Willamette for 9th-12th grade youth and their advisors. Call DRE Michael Molk for more information: 541-908-5456.

Congratulations!

~To Stacey Edwards and Becca Gose, who were married on August 12, near McMinnville.

~To Judy Engelking and Dennis Abreu, who were married on August 13 in Portland.

Building an Interfaith Coalition on Climate Change, Wed. 7 PM

All who attended the presentation by Rabbis Arthur Waskow and Phyllis Berman in May (and all others!) are invited to join in this gathering of representatives from different congregations as the next step in building a local interfaith coalition to work on issues related to climate change. Wednesday, August 17, 7pm at the UUFC.

Reading on Racism

Thanks to all who are working to learn more about systemic racism, as a way to give grounding to our justice work. Several discussion groups are now planned, through the Connect Up schedule. You can join any of these groups. The suggested reading includes: The Third Reconstruction by William J. Barber; Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson; Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates; The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander; White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo; The Hidden Wound by Wendell Berry; and the essay "Whose Earth Is It Anyway?" by James H. Cone (which looks at links between racism and environmental degradation). An additional title is America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America by Jim Wallis.

Adult Classes and Learning, Autumn 2016

Hoping to propose a class or program for Adult RE this Fall? We are open, innovative and creative. Deadlines are quarterly, so the deadline to submit proposals for Fall is this **Wednesday, August 17**, just in time for the September newsletter (the newsletter submission deadline is August 24). For more information, contact Ann Mbacke (reassociate@uucorvallis.org). She is still working with the Adult RE committee (remotely), until our new ministerial intern and new RE associate take over this staff work in September.

Last Week for Rummage Sale Donations (Sale on Saturday August 27)

Bring items to rooms 6 B&C. Hats, furniture, musical instruments, jewelry, tools, books, lamps, craft materials, kitchen stuff, stationery, gardening and camping gear, tools, bicycles, art, toys, baby gear, children's clothes, collectibles, and more. *Please, no big exercise machines, older computers/monitors/TVs, paint, poisons, tires, halogen lamps, or broken items – those must be recycled elsewhere. Save adult clothing for the Women's Retreat fundraiser.* Remember that donated items in room 8, 6C, and 6B are for sale—make a note of what you'd like to buy, but don't remove things prematurely! **REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE, TOGETHER!**