



# THE WEEK AHEAD

Aug 7-Aug 13, 2016  
Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

## Today, Sunday, Aug 7, 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.

## The Week Ahead: Aug 8-Aug 13, 2016

- **August office hours – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM**
- **Connect Up – Walk in Bald Hill Park**, Mon Aug 8, 9:00-11:00 AM (Off-site)  
*To sign up, please contact Patti White (plwhite88@icloud.com).*
- **Memorial Service for Bill Ferrell**, Mon Aug 8, 1:30 PM (SFH)
- **Weekly Potluck**, Wed Aug 10, 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.*
- **Connect Up – Lawn Games for all ages**, Wed Aug 10, 6:30 PM (UUFC Lawn)
- **Laughter Yoga Labyrinth**, Wed Aug 10, 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).*
- **Chalice Circle EM**, Thur Aug 11, 2:00 PM (9)
- **Walking Meditation**, Fri Aug 12, 7:00 AM (Off-site)  
*Join Rev. Jill McAllister for an early morning walking meditation with chanting. Let Jill know if you are planning to come (minister@uucorvallis.org). Meet at the Oak Creek parking lot, McDonald Forest.*
- **Connect Up – Intro to Zumba**, Fri Aug 12, 8:00 AM (SH)  
*To sign up, please contact Monica Olvera (sraolvera@gmail.com).*
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri Aug 12, 10:30 AM (9)  
*Insight Meditation is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required.*
- **Men's Monthly Gathering**, Sat Aug 13, 9:30-11:00 AM (7)  
*An opportunity to get to know other men in the Fellowship. For information, contact Alan Kirk (alankirk@gmail.com)*

## 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, ranging from furniture to kitchen things to baby gear to jewelry 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)  
*This year's retreat will focus on looking inward: exploring who we are and what we bring to the work of the UUFC and our world. For more information or to register: [http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=2237](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=2237).*
- **UUFC Men's Retreat**, Oct 21-23 (Columbia River Gorge)  
*Annual retreat at the Menucha Conference Center overlooking the beautiful Columbia River Gorge. Contact Lloyd Wagenschutz for information and registration (541-753-9071 or lpwz124@comcast.net).*

## **Next Sunday: Aug 14, 10:00 AM**

**"We Are Not Alone"**

*with Rev. Jill McAllister*

A recent meeting of the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists was a chance for U-Us from around the world to share perspectives – on immigration and racism, climate change and Brexit, liberal religion and terrorism, secularism and fundamentalism, guns and Trump, ministry in this complicated world, and more. We are not alone in our struggles or our hopes, and that is important to know.

*Let us begin again, today, to try to let all that we do be done in love.*

## **Summer Open Discussion August 14**

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.

## **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.

## **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 in 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.

## **New RE Associate at UUFC**

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.

## **Adult Classes and Learning, Autumn 2016**

Planning is underway for adult religious growth and learning for the coming church year. All ideas and proposals for classes, study groups, RE events, etc. should be submitted to the Adult RE committee for coordination, by **Wednesday August 17**. The schedule of classes and programs for Autumn 2016 will be posted in the September newsletter (the newsletter submission deadline is August 24). Ann Mbacke 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.

## **Climate Change Primer Update Available**

UUFC and Climate Justice Committee member Charlie Miller has updated his booklet "A Climate Change Primer: The Basic Science." Copies are available for all who are interested, on the table near in the foyer near the entrance to the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall.

## **Still Accepting Rummage Sale Donations (Sale on Saturday August 27)**

Items for the annual rummage sale (our celebration of recycling, reusing and reducing!) may be brought to room 6B for donation throughout the summer, and in August the sale will offer a chance to live our values as we re-use things donated by others and support the UUFC financially with the proceeds of the sale. You can start now to sort out and bring your clean, usable donations of 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. *(Sorry, we do not sell big exercise machines, old software, 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.)*

Please remember that donated items in room 8, 6C, and 6B are for sale in August – make a note of what you'd like to buy, but don't remove things prematurely!