



# THE WEEK AHEAD Dec 18 - Dec 24, 2016

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

## **Today, Sunday, Dec 18, 2016**

~Join us after 9:30 and 11 am services in the Social Hall for coffee and refreshments. Introduce yourself to someone.  
~3:00 pm Wheel of the Year Yule (Winter Solstice) Ceremony – all are invited to join us.

## **The Week Ahead: Dec 19-Dec 24, 2016**

**Office hours:** Mon & Wed, 10:30 AM-1:30PM and Tues & Thur, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM.

- **NO Exercise/Aerobics** for the next two weeks. We will resume January 9.
- **Potluck for Families and Kids**, Mon Dec 19, 5:45 PM (SH/K)
- **Shawl Ministry**, Mon Dec 19, 7:00 PM (LIB)
- **Brown Bag Sermon and Discussion**, Tue Dec 20, 12:00 PM (SFH)

Elizabeth Sollie will deliver a half hour service with homily and then open the floor for discussion (Talk Back)—an old UU tradition. Bring your “brown bag” lunch and join us for a little mid-week spiritual boost.

- **UUFC Justice Council**, Tue Dec 20, 5:00 PM (LIB)
- **Annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-long for all ages**, Tue Dec 20, 5:00 PM
- **Addictions Support Group**, Tue Dec 20, 6:30 PM (7)

This group is open to anyone who has a family member or loved one who is living with an addiction. Contact: Marcia Chapman ([datawriter3@comcast.net](mailto:datawriter3@comcast.net)).

- **New Task Force on Homelessness**, Wed Dec 21, 12:00 PM (8)
- **Women’s Lunch Bunch**, Wed Dec 21, 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 Dec 21, 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.

- **UUFC Choir Rehearsal**, Wed Dec 21, 7:00 PM (SFH & 6B)
- **Capoeira Angola**, Thurs. Dec 22, 3:00 PM (6ABC)

This is an African Brazilian art form. The practice builds physical balance, strength, and endurance.

- **Insight Meditation**, Fri Dec 23, 10:15 AM (9)

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 Dec 23, 7:00 PM (SFH)

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

- **Christmas Eve Services**, Sat Dec 24, 5:00 and 9:00 PM (SFH)

Family Centered (5:00 PM) and Meditation and Music (9:00 PM)

## **Plan Ahead**

**Dec. 25 Sunday, Christmas Day** One service only, 11:00 AM, followed by a potluck brunch, for all ages.

**Dec. 25 and Jan. 1** No Religious Exploration (RE) sessions. All youth, children, infants and toddlers are invited to attend the services on those two Sundays. RE will resume on January 8.

**Dec. 26 – Jan. 2** UUFC Office closed.

**Dec. 28** Winter Vespers Service with Elizabeth Sollie, 7:00 PM. A quiet service of readings, music and silence.

**Jan. 1, Sunday, New Year’s Day** One service only, 11:00 AM. Simple Dance Meditation for all who are interested, at 10 AM. Free-form dancing for all following the regular coffee hour, after the service.

## **Next Sunday: December 25, one service only, at 11:00 AM**

Christmas Sunday

with Rev. Jill McAllister

One short service only, followed by potluck brunch. Please bring food to share, especially breads, fruit, cheese and other finger foods. All ages are welcome -- no childcare or RE classes will be provided.

*During long nights of all kinds, let us listen to our hearts and let them guide us home.*

## **Coming of Age (COA) for 7th/8th Grade Youth – Today is the last day to Register!**

Contact DLRE Michael Molk ([molk@uucorvallis.org](mailto:molk@uucorvallis.org) or 541-752-5218 x225) for more information and to sign up.

## **Connect Up January Activities**

Sign up today, DECEMBER 18th to participate in or to host an activity in JANUARY! 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). January events will be posted shortly after the sign up.

## **Reminder: No RE or Childcare on Sundays, Dec 25 or Jan 1.**

Both Sundays, one service only. All ages are welcome. Join us after the service on Dec. 25, Christmas Day, for a potluck brunch. Please bring food to share.

## **Brown Bag Sermon and Discussion, Tuesday, Dec. 20, noon**

Join Ministerial Intern, Elizabeth Sollie on December 20th at noon in the Sanctuary for the first Brown Bag Lunch Sermon and discussion. Elizabeth will deliver a half hour service with homily and then open the floor for discussion (Talk Back)—an old UU tradition. Bring your “brown bag” lunch and join us for a mid-week spiritual boost.

## **UUFC Holiday Sing-a-long, Tuesday, December 20 at 5:00 PM.**

Join in the Fourth Annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-long. Then, children and youth (and their parents!) are invited to sing in a Children and Youth Choir for Christmas Eve, with rehearsals after the sing-a-long on December 20 and before the service on December 24.

## **Child Dedications: Christmas Eve**

Fellowship members who wish to have their children dedicated at either of the Christmas Eve services (the early service at 5:00 PM or the late service at 9:00 PM) should contact Jill McAllister ([minister@uucorvallis.org](mailto:minister@uucorvallis.org)), by Thursday, Dec. 22. Child Dedication is a Unitarian Universalist tradition of naming, blessing and welcome for babies and children.

## **Holiday Giving: Addressing Homelessness**

Thanks to all who've inquired about joining Jill in making a gift that makes a difference this month. So far we have already raised or committed more than \$2500? Fantastic! Can we raise \$5000 together? If you already donate to organizations working on homelessness, perhaps you'd like to make those gifts through the Fellowship this month or in January (when our social concerns outreach focuses on homelessness.) Contributions in December will receive a 2016 tax credit from UUFC. Mark your check with “Homelessness” in the memo line. Christmas Eve collections will be included.

## **Volunteer at Local Homeless Shelters this Season**

Both the Men's and the Women's Cold Weather Shelters in Corvallis can use help. Sign-up directly:

Women's winter shelter: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050944afa92fa02-2014>

Men's Winter Shelter: <http://corvallisousingfirst.org/donate/volunteer/>

## **New UUFC Justice Outreach Fund**

The UUFC maintains a fund – the Charitable and Educational Outreach Fund for Social Justice, referred to as the Justice Outreach Fund – for grants to projects aimed at seeding and achieving social, economic, racial, environmental and other kinds of justice. The Grant Committee is pleased to announce the launch of a pilot grant program to make some initial small grants from this fund. The Grant Committee will review completed grant applications received before January 31 for small grants up to \$500. More information and the grant application is available on the UUFC website ([http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=4013](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=4013)). Committee members Beth Hoffman, Dina Lindquist, and Chareane Wimbley-Gouveia will be available between the two Sunday services on Jan 8 and Jan 22 to answer questions and get your input about the grant process. Contact us at [uufcjusticeoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:uufcjusticeoutreach@gmail.com).

## **Adult Religious Growth and Learning – Winter Term 2017**

The schedule of new classes, events, and discussions is available from the Adult RE table in the foyer, and will be posted on the UUFC website this week.

**New to the Fellowship? Welcome!** For more information, contact the First Steps coordinator, Elona Meyer ([elonameyer@msn.com](mailto:elonameyer@msn.com)). Each quarter, we also offer two classes as part of the formal membership exploration process – UU Path and Membership. Register at the Welcome Table on Sundays.