

FELLOWSHIP

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"Pride makes us artificial. Humility makes us real.

-Thomas Merton



UUFC WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 3, 2017

SUNDAY, December 3

9:30 AM Childcare available
Worship Service

11:00 AM Childcare available
Worship Service
RE Classes

Join us after the services in the Social Hall for coffee and conversation. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know.

The Fellowship Care and Support team listeners are available for anyone looking for support. Ask at the greeter desk.

NEW TO THE FELLOWSHIP? CONTACT OUR FIRST STEPS COORDINATOR, ELONA MEYER (elonameyer@icloud.com).

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE UUFC!

Our next MEMBERSHIP CLASS is Jan 27, 2018. Sign up at the welcome table in the foyer for the next class.

That which is in us and all around us, remove from me any spirit of complacency that might prevent me from seeing the truth of myself. Strengthen me as I commit myself to humility and refuse to settle for my own comforting achievements.

Visit the UUFC website to WATCH recordings of previous SUNDAY SERVICES!

www.uucorvallis.org/?page_id=239

Worship | Two worship services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

Dec. 3 **"Finding Strength in Humility"** Rev. Jill McAllister

A year ago we wondered what it would be like to live with humility. Perhaps we know more now. Reflections on a challenging year, from a well-known story of waiting.

Also today:

~Parent Orientations for OWL (see more information on pg. 2)
~Partner Church Team Meeting, 12:30 PM (LIB)

Help us, help you! The Fellowship has created a new system for letting us know about life transitions. If you have an important transition (e.g. illness, death, birth, engagement, etc.) that you'd like us to know about or to announce, please email: transitions@uucorvallis.org so that we can follow up with you about next steps.

Next Week | Two worship services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

Dec. 10 **"Winter Dark Earth"** Rev. Jill McAllister

Here, where we live, it's the darkest time of the year. The season of short days, bare trees, cold fog, and wet earth. Human cultures tend to bear this season by focusing on lights and the return of the sun, but it's good to remember the gifts of darkness and winter as well. We need the gifts of winter, of earth and of darkness, as much as we need other seasons.

Upcoming Worship | Two worship services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

Dec. 17 Two different services:

9:30 AM **"Hannukah: Not a Jewish Christmas"**

Rev. Jill McAllister

It's a story of rebellion against repression, of a military victory, of a miracle (or two), worth pondering for these times.

11 AM **Holiday Pageant with Mummers Play**

Religious Exploration Classes

Don't miss this re-enactment of an old English tradition (brilliantly updated by Rachel Kohler), presented by our RE classes and helpers. A service for all ages.

HAPPENING SOON

Parent Orientations for OWL, today, Sunday, Dec. 3

Parent Orientations for Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education classes are happening at the Fellowship today:

~K-1st Grade OWL - 12:30-2 upstairs in the RE wing of the Fellowship.
For 7th/8th/9th Grade OWL - 12:30-3:30 in room 7.
For 10th/11th/12th OWL - 9 - 11 AM in room 7.

Childcare for young children will be provided during the orientations. Older youth are welcome to bring quiet activities and food to occupy themselves with during the orientations. A light finger-food buffet will be provided. These orientations provide parents with the opportunity to learn about the OWL curriculum, meet the teachers, get the schedule of sessions, ask questions, and register their children and/or youth. Parents are required to attend an orientation prior to registering their children and youth.

There is no cost for OWL, for members of the Fellowship. Non-members are also welcome to participate for a small fee. Full scholarships are available based on need, such as public assistance, WIC, Oregon Trail SNAP or TANF.

OWL sessions will begin in January of 2018.
For more information, contact Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration Michael Molk at molk@uucorvallis.org.

Oregon Clean Energy Policy Presentation Wed. Dec. 6, 7 PM

Sponsored by League of Women Voters, Corvallis Library

Second Volunteer Week at the Men's Shelter Dec. 10-16

Many thanks to all who volunteered for shifts at the men's homelessness shelter. We've signed up for a second week, Dec. 10-16, with Elizabeth SOLLIE as the team leader. Please join in and sign up for another shift.

6th annual UUFC Christmas Carol Sing-Along!

When: **Sunday, December 17, 4:00 - 6:00 PM**

Where: Around the piano in the Sanctuary; followed by refreshments in the Social Hall. If you love all the traditional American Christmas songs, it's a wonderful way to share holiday music with your family. Come celebrate the season with song!

Living with Depression - yours or someone else's

First gathering Monday, December 18, 7 PM. All are welcome.

Celebrate Solstice /Yule at UUFC

Friday evening, December 22. An earth-centered, seasonal celebration for all ages.

FELLOWSHIP CONNECTIONS

Holiday Giving to Make a Difference

There are many opportunities for alternative giving at the Fellowship in December. Here are a few to consider:

~The Christmas Offerings will support our work with refugees and immigrants, here and in Burundi.

~The Prison Ministry Team will sponsor an "Angel Tree" to support an incarcerated person. The tree will be set up during the Holiday Fair and will have decorations that describe a small gift to return to the cashier's table.

~We're helping the Heartland Humane Society with a collection box in the UUFC foyer, for food and other supplies for household pets.

~Contribute to Winter Warmth Care Packages for children and families at Garfield School, where 75% of families receive free or reduced lunch, the local measure of low income.

Dedication of Children on Christmas Eve

Fellowship members who wish to have their children dedicated at either of the Christmas Eve services (the early service at 5:30 PM or the late service at 9:00 PM) should contact Jill McAllister (minister@uucorvallis.org). Child Dedication is a Unitarian Universalist tradition of naming, blessing and welcome for babies and children.

THE WEEK AHEAD: DEC 4 - DEC 9

FELLOWSHIP CONNECTIONS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	Exercise/Aerobics	4:00 PM SH
Monday, Dec 4	Immigration Team Shawl Ministry	2:30 PM Room 9 7:00 PM Room 7
Tuesday, Dec 5	Homeless & Housing Team Justice Council Meeting Life Raft Corvallis <i>Parents, family members and friends dealing with a loved one's drug addiction are welcome to come share a confidential discussion. Questions, call Marcia Chapman (541-757-3809).</i>	12:00 PM LIB 6:00 PM LIB 6:30 PM Room 9
Wednesday, Dec 6	Women's Lunch Bunch <i>Friendly conversation with women of the Fellowship. Contact: Elizabeth Waldorf (dewaldorf@comcast.net).</i> Weekly Potluck	1:00 PM N. Coop 6:00 PM SH/K
Thursday, Dec 7	Adult RE Team Climate Justice Dinner Senior Co-housing Potluck	3:00 PM Room 7 4:00 PM Room 6ABC 6:00 PM SH/K
Friday, Dec 8	Insight Meditation <i>This is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required. Contact: Mary Leigh Burke (maryleigh.burke@gmail.com).</i> Kirtan Meditation Group	10:15 AM Room 7 7:00 PM Room 7

Make new connections in December

Living in right relations begins with getting to know each other. We get better at all kinds of relationships when we practice. The Fellowship includes hundreds and hundreds of people, and we have things in common. But we're different too, of course. Is there someone you've been hoping to get to know better at the Fellowship? Give an invitation, for coffee or tea, or a walk, or simply a 30 minute conversation at a place of mutual convenience. "The most radical thing we can do is introduce people to each other." When we get to know each other, so much is possible between us!

UUFC Building Project Blog

This blog will allow you to follow the progress of building and site changes at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis. Thus far, the soils engineering report and the boundary and topographic survey have been completed. A seismic evaluation of our existing building will be undertaken within the next few weeks, and a report produced. Our architects, Di Loreto Architects, are in the process of developing schematic designs, which will be presented to the entire congregation at a future date, to be determined. You can follow along here: <https://oursharedfutureuufc.wordpress.com/>.

UUFC Holiday Office Hours

We will be closed Monday, Dec. 25 through Monday, Jan. 1. We'll still be available by e-mail.

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Chalice Lighting Words

Dec 3, 2017

In this time when days are short,
this time of long nights and the cold air,
may our hearts be warmed by the light of faith.
We have faced, each one, our own long nights;
we have been discouraged and lonely, chilled to the bone.
We have been afraid.
Yet, with this light, we trust that we too will find the light we
need, and turn again to life, with courage and with hope.

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WANT TO INCLUDE AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS?

If you would like to include an announcement for your group, please email them by Wednesday to office@uucorvallis.org with the subject line: weekly announcement.

NEED TO CONTACT US?

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