

# FELLOWSHIP

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"You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream"  
-C.S. Lewis



UUFC WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 31, 2017

SUNDAY, December 31

11:00 AM Childcare available  
ONE Worship Service  
NO 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](mailto: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.

*Let us resolve, in this year  
with so many dimensions,  
privileges, injustices,  
betrayals, failures, and  
fears, to be courageous, to love  
deeply, to resist.*

Visit the UUFC website to WATCH  
recordings of previous  
SUNDAY SERVICES!  
[www.uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=239](http://www.uucorvallis.org/?page_id=239)

Worship | ONE worship service at 11:00 AM

Dec. 31 ONE morning service, 11:00 AM

**"Dreams For a New Year"** Rev. Jill McAllister

One morning service only, at 11 am. (no 9:30 am service). On the cusp of the turning calendar, we can look both back and ahead, from the present moment. Once again, you're invited to bring poems, prayers, words, or songs to share; things you find helpful in these changing times. A service for all ages. Baby and toddler care will be provided.

**CONNECT UP sign ups are today**

Sign up today, December 31, 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.

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

Jan. 7 **"Three Commitments, for Life"** Rev. Jill McAllister

Why bother with New Year's resolutions when you can work to improve your approach to life in general? Buddhist teacher Pema Chodron offers so much wisdom; today we'll consider her lessons on three commitments worthy of faithfulness.

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

Jan. 14 **"Turning Points"** Rev. Jill McAllister

There's an old Chinese proverb that says "May you live in interesting times". I'd say that we have received that gift big time (!) and that choices for how to live, now, abound. Once again, there is wisdom and inspiration to be found in the life and work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

# HAPPENING SOON

## Good News in 2017

For anyone interested in good news from 2017, here's one of the sources of the Sunday "Good Report."

<https://medium.com/future-crunch/99-reasons-2017-was-a-good-year-d119d0c32d19>

## Living with Depression - yours or someone else's

Next gatherings: **Monday, January 8, 7 PM and Thursday, January 25, 7 PM.** Depression has no favorite time of year, but winter can be especially challenging for many of us. It's always good to remember we're not alone. All are welcome.

## "Braving the Wilderness" Class and Discussion

Using social scientist Brene Brown's latest book, "Braving the Wilderness" we will explore the four practices of true belonging through reading the book, discussion and reflective activities. Each practice challenges how we think about ourselves, show up with one another, and find our way back to courage and connection. Each participant will need to purchase a copy of the book & read the first two chapters before the first meeting. The class will meet 6:30-8:30 pm on Mondays for 6 weeks, Jan 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26 in rms 6 B&C. Contact Susan Sanford - 541-521-7416 ([susanwulfe@gmail.com](mailto:susanwulfe@gmail.com)) & Alice Lyman 541-753-8125 ([aliceklyman41@gmail.com](mailto:aliceklyman41@gmail.com)) to sign up for the class.

## Discuss the Sermon: Jan. 14 at 12:30 PM

Join us in a new opportunity to discuss your reactions to the Sunday sermon. Facilitated by Shikha Ghosh Gottfried.

## Town Hall: Monday, Jan. 15 at 7 PM

The third in our series of Town Hall meetings will focus on the climate justice work of the Fellowship. Led by our bold Climate Justice Team, the Fellowship has taken many steps to respond appropriately and effectively to the realities of climate change. What are our next steps, as a congregation?

## Six Sources of UUism, Jan. 21 at 12:30 PM

Join the next discussion of our six sources (of wisdom and inspiration) on January 21st at 12:30 in the Gallery (back of the Fellowship Hall). Guided lively discussions have already taken place about the first two Sources. Don't miss out on the next one! The topic is wisdom from the world's religions. No previous experience or sign-up needed. Refreshments provided!

# FELLOWSHIP CONNECTIONS

## Young Adults

Interested to meet other UUFC young adults? Send a note to [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org) and we'll get you connected with other young adults!

## UU Path Class, Sat, Jan 27 9 AM

All newcomers who are interested in becoming members of the Fellowship are welcome at this first of two orientation sessions. Sign up at the Greeter / Welcome table in the foyer.

## Leadership Supper: Mon, Jan 29 6PM

The second of three leadership suppers in the 2017-18 church year. All leaders of councils, teams, task forces, committees and events are invited, as well as anyone interested in the work of the Fellowship. We start with a good supper, followed by check-in from each group and updates on Fellowship projects and events.

## Holiday Giving - Thanks!

Thanks to each and all who made contributions for the outreach projects we undertook this season. The Angel Tree raised more than \$750. Items for the the Garfield School project overflowed the boxes, as did items for Heartland Humane Society. The Refugee Fund was replenished with more than \$1000, and a few more gifts are still coming in. These are gifts which truly do make a difference.

## Childcare givers, once-a-month

Blaise and Gisele can use the help of a few childcare givers to be with Shanti and Josh, (3 and 1). Let Jill know if you're available.

# THE WEEK AHEAD:

## Jan 1 - Jan 6

# FELLOWSHIP CONNECTIONS

Monday, Jan 1	Shawl Ministry	7:00 PM Room 7
Tuesday, Jan 2	Social Action: Homelessness and Access to Housing	12:00 PM LIB
	Justice Council Meeting	6:00 PM LIB
Wednesday, Jan 3	Women's Lunch Bunch <i>Friendly conversation with women of the Fellowship.</i> Contact: Elizabeth Waldorf ( <a href="mailto:dewaldorf@comcast.net">dewaldorf@comcast.net</a> ).	1:00 PM N. Coop
	Weekly Potluck <i>Please bring a dish (with a list of ingredients) to share. All are welcome.</i>	6:00 PM SH/K
Thursday, Jan 4	Climate Justice Task Force	7:00 PM LIB
Friday, Jan 5	Insight Meditation <i>This is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required. Contact: Mary Leigh Burke (<a href="mailto:maryleigh.burke@gmail.com">maryleigh.burke@gmail.com</a>).</i>	10:15 AM Room 7
	Kirtan Meditation Group	7:00 PM SFH
Saturday, Jan 6	Russian Dinner Fundraiser	3:00 PM SH/K

## Year-End Giving

Thanks to all who have pre-paid some or all of their 2018 capital campaign pledges. Payment of our capital campaign pledges is well on track! You can still pre-pay, both regular and capital campaign pledges, **through today, Dec. 31.**

If you're interested in making gifts of appreciated assets and/or charitable IRA distributions (for those 70 1/2 or older), especially with the news of changes to the tax code, contact finance council chair Russ Karow: [Russell.Karow@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Russell.Karow@oregonstate.edu)

## Building Project Update

The architects are working on our land use application, informed by the results of the completed property survey and geotechnical report. While this is underway we are awaiting the completion of a seismic/structural evaluation of the existing structure; and a task force has begun examining options for replacing flooring in the sanctuary. The Board of Trustees has placed the flooring replacement on a fast track, not dependent upon the new construction. In January a kitchen design team will begin meeting to research and recommend a plan for the new kitchen. Also underway is a task force to deal with the large cedars on the east property line. They will be removed and replaced with more appropriate trees, with a timeline yet to be determined. For more information, see the Building Enhancement Project Blog on the UUFC website.

Help us, help you! The Fellowship has created a new system for communicating about life transitions or emergencies, especially if help is needed. 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](mailto:transitions@uucorvallis.org).

# FIND US ONLINE

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## Words for Reflection

Dec 31, 2017

Hope locates itself in the premises that we don't know what will happen and that in the spaciousness of uncertainty is room to act. When you recognize uncertainty, you recognize that you may be able to influence the outcomes - you alone or you in concert with a few dozen or several million others. Hope is an embrace of the unknown and the unknowable, an alternative to the certainty of both optimists and pessimists. Optimists think it will all be fine without our involvement; pessimists take the opposite position; both excuse themselves from acting. It's the belief that what we do matters even though how and when it may matter, who and what it may impact, are not things we can know beforehand. We may not, in fact, know them afterward either, but they matter all the same, and history is full of people whose influence was most powerful after they were gone.

*-Rebecca Solnit, Hope in the Dark*

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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 noon Wednesday to [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org) with the subject line: weekly announcement.

# NEED TO CONTACT US?

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