



THE WEEK AHEAD

May 14 – 20, 2017

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

Today, Sunday, May 14, 2017

- ~Microcredit Fundraiser today in the Social Hall. Your purchase helps women in Mexico and Central America to succeed in establishing small businesses.
- ~2017-18 budget presentation at 12:30 in the Library. All are welcome!
- ~Art Exhibition Meeting today at 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall.
- ~For more information about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, contact First Steps coordinator, Elona Meyer (elonameyer@msn.com).
- ~Join us after the services in the Social Hall for coffee and conversation. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know.
- ~Fellowship Care and Support Team listeners are available for anyone looking for support. Ask at the greeter desk.

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Office hours: Monday and Wednesday 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM; Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

- **Exercise/Aerobics**, Mon and Wed, 4:00 PM (SH)
- **Potluck for Families & Kids**, Mon May 15, 5:45 PM (SH/K)
- **Shawl Ministry**, Mon May 15, 7:00 PM (7)
- **Fellowship Care and Support Team**, Tue May 16, 9:30 AM (7)
- **Life Raft Corvallis**, Tue May 16, 6:30 PM (7)

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).

- **Women's Lunch Bunch**, Wed May 17, 1:00 PM (North Co-op)

Friendly conversation with women of the Fellowship. Contact: Elizabeth Waldorf (dewaldorf@comcast.net).

- **Weekly Potluck Supper**, Wed May 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.

- **We Care**, Thur May 18, 11:00 AM (SH/K)
- **Capoeira Angola**, Thur May 11, 6:00 PM (SH)
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri May 19, 10:15 AM (7)

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).

- **Kirtan Meditation**, Fri May 19, 7:00 PM (7)

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

- **UUFC Choir Showcase & Dessert**, Sat May 20, 7:00 PM (SH/SFH/K)

Plan Ahead

- ~May 21 UUFC Annual Meeting. Join us for a light lunch after the second service.
- ~May 21 Singer/Songwriter Peter Mayer returns to UUFC for a concert. 4 PM. Tickets available in the church office.
- ~May 22 UUFC Dine-in Fundraiser at Delicias Valley Café, 5-9pm. Come enjoy a delicious dinner and Delicias will donate 20% of food proceeds to the Fellowship if you mention our name. Register here <https://www.groupraise.com/events/30986>

Next Sunday: May 21, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"The Church of What We Know"

Peter Mayer and Rev. Jill McAllister

Jill welcomes singer/songwriter, and now preacher, Peter Mayer, back to Corvallis, and to our pulpit this morning. Of his passion for the facts of evolution and biological interdependence ("what we know"), he says: "This is our sacred story. To know it is to feel at home in the world—to feel connected to everything around us (the word religion after all means "to reconnect"), to find happiness and meaning in our lives. I believe it has the power, like any great sacred story, to comfort and inspire us, to give us strength in living, to help us love one another and grow our circle of compassion and empathy, and to act with wisdom." *Our annual meeting follows the second service; all voting members are needed and welcome.*

Don't miss Peter Mayer in concert, beginning at 4 pm. Bring friends!

May you be happy and filled with loving kindness.

Microcredit Fundraiser today, Sunday, May 14, in the Social Hall

We'll have a variety of hand made ceramic bowls, pie plates, planters with succulents and small vases with flower arrangements for your shopping pleasure! Help us continue our mission to help women in Mexico and Central America to succeed in establishing small businesses. These loans often make the difference between going to school or not for the children of these families. Sometimes it means a roof over their heads or food in their stomachs. This is something we CAN do!

Reflect on your Brave Year: Join a 3-session Connection Circle

We've set up a short series of meetings called Connection Circles, to reflect on this brave year, and on the state of our lives in general. These circles will be small groups of 7- 10 people each. We'll create as many circles as needed. Each circle will meet for three sessions, and each session will have an easy outline to follow. All circles will follow the same outline, so that we're all engaged in the same conversation. Choose noon on Wednesdays, May 24, 31 and June 7, or Thursday evenings May 25, June 1 and 8 at 7 PM. Like all small group ministries, these groups are designed to help people move beyond shallow discussion and opinions into the sharing of what is most important in our lives. In doing so, we become so much better acquainted with each other, and begin to see and understand both our deep similarities and our real differences. **Sign-up for these short-term connection circles today in the foyer, or e-mail the office (Office@uucorvallis.org).**

The UUFC Annual Meeting is next Sunday, May 21 at 12:45 PM in the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall

In this meeting, the congregation conducts the business of the Fellowship that enables us to keep functionin for another year. Voting members, please sign the roster in the Social Hall before 12:35 PM. The agenda includes a vote on our plan of action for the Building Enhancement Project. A summary of the six key priorities in that plan is available today, being handed out by members of the Board of Trustees.

Help Support the Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center For more information on local efforts to save the CMLC from losing their building, please contact Karen Stephenson cedaropionions@gmail.com.

May 21 at 4:00 PM Peter Mayer returns to the UUFC for a concert

Singer/Songwriter Peter Mayer will give a concert on Sunday, May 21 at 4 PM. "Peter Mayer writes songs for a small planet – songs about interconnectedness and the human journey; about the beauty and mystery of the world." Tickets are available in the UUFC office. \$15 before the show, \$18 at the door. Invite your friends!

UUFC Choir Showcase & Dessert, Saturday, May 20, 7:00 PM

Join us as the Choir presents favorite pieces from "A Brave Year," and stay for dessert and conviviality.

Save the Date: May 22 UUFC Dine-In Fundraiser at Delicias Valley Café, 5-9 PM

On Monday, May 22, come enjoy a delicious dinner and Delicias Valley Café will donate 20% of food proceeds to the Fellowship if you mention our name. Register here <https://www.groupraise.com/events/30986> or through Connect-up in the Foyer today, Sunday, April 30.

Over 65 Group Schedule Change

Thursday, May 18. Over 65 Group will NOT meet this month. Ann Pemberton (annpmbtrn16@gmail.com)

Justice Theater at the Fellowship: The Rise and Fall of Julius Caesar : Friday, June 2

Join a dynamic group of community actors on Friday, June 2 for a one-night only justice theatre event with interactive Shakespeare, live music by Daniel Landberg, and roundtable discussion. Pay what you want or what you can, with all donation proceeds going to the ACLU. Seating is limited, so reserve your seat today at bit.ly/MakeRomeGreat! Doors open at 7:00PM and the show starts at 7:30PM. General admission seating. (Directed by Brooke Bishop, adapted by Rachel Kohler from William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar)

Tuesday, May 23 6 PM Leadership Supper

All council, committee, task group and other leaders – come join us! End-of-year updates, plus supper!

New to the Fellowship? Welcome!

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