



THE WEEK AHEAD

November 22-29, 2015

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

Today, Sunday, November 22, 2015

- **Holiday Bazaar Volunteer Sign-ups**, 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM, UUFC Social Hall
Sign up for to volunteer at the Holiday Bazaar on December 5. Enjoy the festive atmosphere and help the UUFC!

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- **Thanksgiving Day Soccer Game**, Thursday, Nov 26, 1:00 PM, Garfield Elementary School
An intergenerational pick-up soccer game, to be played rain or shine. All are welcome.
- **FestEvent Thanksgiving Gathering**, Thursday, Nov 26, UUFC 4:30 PM Social Hour, 5:30 PM Dinner
Gather for our annual congregational shared meal. All are welcome. RSVP to Rich Brainerd (541-740-2961) by the evening of Wednesday, November 25.
- **Insight Meditation**, Friday, Nov 27, 10:30 AM, UUFC Rm 9
Insight Meditation is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required.
- **Hanging of the Greens**, Sunday, Nov 29, 12:30 PM, UUFC Sanctuary and Social Hall
Stay after the second service next Sunday to join in decorating our Sanctuary and Social Hall for the winter holidays.
- **Vegetarian Potluck**, Sunday, Nov 29, 5:30 PM, UUFC Social Hall
Bring a vegetarian or vegan dish large enough to share, with a list of all ingredients. Bring your own utensils. For more information, please call Bob Scott (541-753-1941) in the evening.

Plan Ahead

- **Holiday Bazaar**, Saturday, December 5, UUFC
The annual UUFC Saturday event, with opportunities to purchase local art and handcrafts, baked goods and jams, lunch, environmentally-sound "recycled" gifts, and more. Save the date, and watch for volunteer sign-ups!
- **Holiday Sing-a-Long**, Sunday, December 13, 4:30 PM, UUFC Sanctuary
A wonderful way to share holiday music with your family. All ages welcome, snacks provided. Celebrate the season with song!
- **Wheel of the Year Yule Worship**, Monday, December 21, 7:00 PM, UUFC Sanctuary
Join us to celebrate the longest night of the year. Together we will welcome the returning light and new beginnings. Bring your family and something from nature that expresses what this time of year means to you. Please also bring finger foods to share after the event.
- **Christmas Eve: Family Service**, Thursday, December 24, 5:00 PM, UUFC Sanctuary
A service of music, carols, stories and sharing for all ages, including a choir of Fellowship children and youth. Bring treats to share afterwards.
- **Christmas Eve: Meditative Service**, Thursday, December 24, 9:00 PM, UUFC Sanctuary
A night-time service of readings, carols, candles, and silence, with music from the adult choir. Bring treats to share afterwards.

Next Sunday: November 29, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

"Between Justice and Peace"

Rev. Jill McAllister

We started with a premise in September, that justice and peace depend upon each other and create each other, to some extent. How do we navigate the relationships between justice and peace, between peace and justice? What skills and insights are needed?

Let us awaken, today and every day, to the many ways we mask the deeper truths of our lives: what is wrong, and what is good. Truth is not too heavy a burden for us to bear. Let us take it up.

Burundi Appeal

Our UU siblings of the Unitarian Church in Bujumbura, Burundi, are in the midst of crisis, under attack from their government for reasons of religious identity. Their church has been attacked and robbed. Church members have been jailed, threatened, and forced to flee for safety. The minister, the Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana, has been taken into police custody at gunpoint, interrogated severely regarding the activities of his church, and threatened with physical harm and death. Ways to help and updates are listed on our website: http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=3004

Thanksgiving Day Soccer Game

There will again be an intergenerational soccer game on Thanksgiving day. The informal match will be at 1:00 PM at Garfield Elementary, 1205 NW Garfield Ave, on the field behind the school. This is a very fun event with all ability levels and ages welcome. Come on out and get a little exercise and team spirit before the feast. Bring your friends and neighbors – we'll play rain or shine! For more information, contact John Myers (John.myers@oregonstate.edu).

Christmas Decorating: Next Sunday

After the second service on Sunday, November 29, join in on a Hanging of the Greens Party! We'll play holiday music, enjoy each other's company, and decorate the Sanctuary and Social Hall in advance of the Holiday Bazaar, which will be held the following Saturday on December 3.

Greens Needed!

Greens needed for swag making. Drop off greens on the deck on Thursday, December 3. Thank you! For more information, contact Nancy Kyle (n.kyle12@gmail.com).

Bakers and Food Artisans Needed for Holiday Bazaar

Do you like to bake or create gift-food items for the holidays? Please consider donating some of your specialties to this year's Holiday Bazaar, on Saturday, December 5. Smaller items (such as mini-loaves of bread), or smaller packages (such as a dozen cookies) sell especially well. If the item can sail beautifully through freezing and thawing, that's a plus, too. And of course, gluten-free and vegan goods are very popular (please be sure to label them!). Spiced nuts, candy, homemade crackers, and soup mixes also are a hit. Bring your contributions to church on Friday, December 4, from 5 to 7 PM. Or, call Andrea Dailey *before* Friday for pickup *on* Friday before 4:30 PM. Questions? Call Andrea or email her (541-368-5212, 2daileys@gmail.com).

Swag Making

Swag Making for the Holiday Bazaar will happen from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, December 4, in the Social Hall. No experience necessary, bring gloves and clippers and join in creating beautiful swags for sale at the Bazaar. For more information, contact Nancy Kyle (n.kyle12@gmail.com).

Our Whole Lives (OWL) Parent Orientations

OWL, the sexuality education class developed by Unitarian Universalist and United Church of Christ-Congregationalist educators, will be offered at all levels for children and youth this winter. A parent orientation is required before children and youth may be enrolled in the class. We are pleased to announce that this year, OWL classes will be open to children from our area even if their parents are not affiliated with the UUFC. Please invite those you know who might be interested. Contact DRE Michael Molk to arrange for childcare during orientation or for more information (molk@uucorvallis.org, 541-752-5218 x225). *Orientation for parents of K/1st graders: **DECEMBER 6.***

Holiday Sing-a-Long

The annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long this year is happening on Sunday, December 13, from 4:30-6:00 PM. Gather around the piano in the Sanctuary to sing old favorites and discover verses you haven't sung before! Lyrics will be projected to help you join in. Bring snacks to share in the Social Hall. It's a wonderful way to share holiday music with your family; all ages are welcome. Celebrate the season with song!

Child Dedication: Christmas Eve

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