



THE WEEK AHEAD

November 29-December 6, 2015

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

Today, Sunday, November 29, 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!
- **December Connect Up Sign-Ups**, 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM, Foyer
Sign up to join in a variety of gatherings and small-group events, hosted by UUFC members and friends
- **Hanging of the Greens**, 12:30 PM, UUFC Sanctuary and Social Hall
Stay after the second service today to join in decorating our Sanctuary and Social Hall for the winter holidays.
- **Vegetarian Potluck**, 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.

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- **UUFC Weekly Potluck**, Wednesday, Dec 2, 6:00 PM, UUFC Social Hall
Please bring a dish (with a list of ingredients) to share, and your own plate and utensils if possible. All welcome.
- **Immigration Justice Trip Reporting**, Thursday, Dec 3, 7:00 PM, UUFC Rm 6
*Come hear about Nancy Kyle and Roberta Smith's experiences touring the border in Arizona and Mexico.
Second session: "Love the people we met."*
- **Swag Making**, Friday, Dec 4, 9:00 AM, UUFC Social Hall
Come make swags for the Holiday Bazaar - no experience necessary. Bring gloves and clippers.
- **Insight Meditation**, Friday, Dec 4, 10:30 AM, UUFC Rm 9
Insight Meditation is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required.
- **Kirtan**, Friday, Dec 4, 7:00 PM, UUFC Rm 7
Kirtan comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice, to calm minds and open hearts.
- **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!

Plan Ahead

- **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.
- **Wheel of the Year Yule Worship**, Monday, December 21, 7:00 PM, UUFC Sanctuary
Join us to celebrate the longest night of the year and welcome the returning light and new beginnings. Bring your family, something from nature that expresses what this time of year means to you, and finger foods to share after.
- **Christmas Eve Services**, Thursday, December 24, 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM, UUFC Sanctuary
The early service of music, carols, stories and sharing for all ages, includes a choir of Fellowship children and youth. The late service of meditations, readings, and silence includes the adult choir. Child Dedication ceremonies included at both services. Bring goodies to share after each service.

Next Sunday: December 6, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

"Expectations"

Rev. Jill McAllister

The story of Christmas includes Mary, the mother of Jesus, pondering many things in her heart, as she awaits the birth of her first baby. Christmas is still a time of great expectations – for peace, and joy and hope, at the very least. How are we managing with our own expectations?

We ask, Spirit of Life, that our yearnings for peace and justice be made real through our actions and words and lives. Help us learn to make it so.

Unitarians in Burundi – an update

The Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana, of the Unitarian Church of Burundi, was released from police custody and is now safely in a different country. However, our UU siblings of the Unitarian Church in Bujumbura, Burundi, still need our support. The International Council of Unitarians and Universalists has formed a working group to focus on this support in partnership with Burundi Unitarians, the Unitarian Universalist Association, the Canadian Unitarian Council and others. Check our UUFC web site for updates.

Solstice and Christmas Decorating: Today!

After the second service today, join in on a Hanging of the Greens Party! We'll enjoy each other's company, and decorate the Sanctuary and Social Hall in advance of the Holiday Bazaar, which will be held this Saturday.

Bakers and Food Artisans Needed for Holiday Bazaar

Bring some of your specialties to sell at the 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. 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).

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).

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: NEXT SUNDAY, 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.

Stone Soup Crews, December 26 and 27

UUFC members and friends will have an opportunity to make and serve meals at Stone Soup on the weekend after Christmas. Crews of ten or so people will be needed for each day, to make and serve breakfast on Saturday (arrive 8:00 AM, serve 10:00 AM, then clean up) and to make and serve dinner on Sunday (arrive 3:00 PM, serve 5:30 PM, then clean up.) Sign-up sheets will be available beginning Sunday, December 6.