



THE WEEK AHEAD

December 13-20, 2015

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

Today, Sunday, December 13, 2015

- **Immigration Justice Trip Reporting**, 1:00 PM, UUFC Sanctuary
Come hear about Nancy Kyle and Roberta Smith's experiences touring the border in Arizona and Mexico. Third session: "Act according to our principles."
- **Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long**, 4:30 PM, UUFC Sanctuary
A wonderful way to share holiday music with your family. All ages welcome.

The Week Ahead: December 14-20, 2015

- **Community Choir concert**, Tuesday, Dec 15, 7:30 PM, UUFC Sanctuary
Christmas and Chanukah songs, free and suitable for all ages.
- **UUFC Weekly Potluck**, Wednesday, Dec 16, 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.
- **Insight Meditation**, Friday, Dec 18, 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 18, 7:00 PM, UUFC Rm 7
Kirtan comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice, to calm minds and open hearts.
- **Yule Planning Workshop**, Saturday, Dec 19, 12:30 PM, UUFC Social Hall
NatureWise-style planning workshop for the Yule worship; contact Cliff Pereira for information or to sign up (peartree15@comcast.net; 541-760-4541).

Plan Ahead

- **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.
- **Celebration of Life for Maryanne Dengler**, Sunday, December 27, 3:00 PM, UUFC Sanctuary
Sharing of stories and memories of Maryanne Dengler. Reception to follow.

Next Sunday: December 20, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

"Room at the Inn?"

Rev. Jill McAllister

A traditional Mexican telling of the story of Christmas focuses on how hard it was for Joseph and Mary to find welcome in their time of need. This story has been repeated over and over throughout history, and is overwhelmingly present in the world today. Using the songs of "Los Posadas" we'll consider the plight of people looking for welcome around the world, including in our own towns.

*In this season of darkness, waiting for the light we know will return,
may we turn our despair and cynicism to hope and faith.*

Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long: TODAY, 4:30 PM

The annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long this year is happening today at 4:30 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!

Over 65 Gathering: December meeting (mostly socializing)

The Over 65 group will meet this Thursday, Dec. 17, at 3:00 PM in the Social Hall. Time to visit, nibble, play games and also learn a bit about the latest developments from our offshoots: "*Senior Hub*"—designed to facilitate connections with service providers and each other, and the "*Senior Housing*" group's next step—with an invitation to participate! Please bring your favorite holiday cookies (*yum!*) or finger food to share. *Punch* will be provided. Some of you may want to engage in a game so bring along your deck of cards, board game, dominos, etc., and invite someone to play. Tables will be set up, one with a puzzle. The idea is to enjoy each other's company with time to get better acquainted. We will meet in the Social Hall; if we need room for games, the Sanctuary will be open.

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.

Children and Youth Choir on Christmas Eve: Come sing with us!

All interested children and youth are invited to sing in a Children/Youth Choir at the 5:00 PM service on Christmas Eve. Previous choir experience is not required. For more information, contact Music Director David Servias (music@uucorvallis.org). Rehearsals will be Sunday, Dec. 20th, directly after the second service, 12:30-1:00 PM; Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, 6:15 to 6:45; and Thursday, Dec. 24th, 4:00-4:30.

Cooking for Stone Soup: Helpers Needed December 27

UUFC members and friends will have an opportunity to make and serve meals at Stone Soup on the weekend after Christmas. Sign-ups are full for the Saturday morning shift. We're still looking for of ten or so people to help make and serve dinner on Sunday Dec. 27 (arrive at 3:00 PM, serve 5:30 PM, then clean up). Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer.

Living with Depression – yours or someone else's?

Join Linda Carroll, Jill McAllister and Diana Vezmar-Bailey for discussion, sharing and support. Mondays, 7:00-8:30 PM in room 6C: December 14, 21, 28, January 4, 11 [not 18], 25, February 1 and 8. Come once or twice or as many times as your calendar and energy allow! For more information, contact Diana Vezmar-Bailey (541-740-9006 dianavb@inbox.com). This series is sponsored by the Pastoral Care program of the Fellowship.

Boxing Day Service Project

After our one service on Sunday, Dec. 27, at 9:30 AM, bring a dish for a potluck brunch and stay to help with our service project of assembling toiletry kits for Community Outreach to distribute to homeless members of our community. *Donations are needed:* please bring washcloths, travel size shampoo and toothpaste, new toothbrushes, shaving razors, small bars of soap, other small personal care items, and quart-sized ziplock bags to the collection boxes in the UUFC foyer.

Holiday Concerts at UUFC

The UUFC is the venue for some of your favorite winter holiday concerts. The Community Choir invites all for a concert on Dec. 15 at 7:30 PM. Jubilate! performs on Dec. 20 at 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM.

Unitarians in Burundi – an update

The Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana, of the Unitarian Church of Burundi is now safely in a different country. Our UU siblings of the Unitarian Church in Bujumbura, Burundi, still need our support. An international UU working group is coordinating this ongoing work. Check our UUFC web site for updates.