



THE WEEK AHEAD

December 6-13, 2015

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

Today, Sunday, December 6, 2015

- **Parent Orientation for K/1st Grade OWL**, 12:30 PM, UUFC Rm 7
Required before Kindergarten and 1st graders may participate in the Our Whole Lives program. See reverse for details.

The Week Ahead: December 7-13, 2015

- **UUFC Weekly Potluck**, Wednesday, Dec 9, 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 11, 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 11, 7:00 PM, UUFC Rm 7
Kirtan comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice, to calm minds and open hearts.
- **Immigration Justice Trip Reporting**, Sunday, Dec 13, 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**, Sunday, Dec 13, 4:30 PM, UUFC Sanctuary
A wonderful way to share holiday music with your family. All ages welcome, snacks provided.

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 13, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

"Hope in Hard Times"

Rev. Jill McAllister

It is a season of hope – but how realistic is that? Are we being overly sentimental, especially in these times? I think not, because I think hope is an action, an undertaking, not just wishful thinking, and there is more room, and more need for hope now, than at any time in my life.

Beyond our expectations of fulfillment or disappointment lies the reality of our lives. May we be open to what comes, both the anticipated and the unexpected.

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. 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: TODAY, December 6.*

Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long: December 13

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.

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 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 on 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: 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 at 8:00 AM, serve 10:00 AM, then clean up) and to make and serve dinner on Sunday (arrive at 3:00 PM, serve 5:30 PM, then clean up). Sign-up sheets are available beginning today, Sunday Dec. 6.

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.

UUFC Climate Justice Committee Information

The Climate Justice Committee manages a Google Group (email list) that provides information on climate change and opportunities for education and engagement. To subscribe, contact Susan Christie, chair of the Climate Justice Committee (crypto716@gmail.com). Everyone is welcome to attend the committee's meetings, the first Thursday of every month, at the Fellowship.

Holiday Concerts at UUFC

The UUFC is the venue for some of your favorite winter holiday concerts. Confluence performs this afternoon, Dec. 6, at 4:30 PM. 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.