



THE WEEK AHEAD

February 21-28, 2016

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

Today, Sunday, February 21, 2016

- **Great Decisions Discussion Group**, 2:00 PM, UUFC Library
Discussion group which gathers to read and talk about selected US Foreign Policy topics. Contact Ann Mbacke (reassociate@uucorvallis.org) to join.
- **Vegetarian Potluck**, 5:30 PM, UUFC Social Hall
Bring a vegetarian or vegan dish to share with list of ingredients, and your own plate and utensils.
- **Great Decisions Discussion Group**, 6:30 PM, UUFC Rm 9
Discussion group which gathers to read and talk about selected US Foreign Policy topics.

The Week Ahead: February 22-27, 2016

- **UUFC Weekly Potluck**, Wed Feb 24, 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 are welcome.
- **UUFC Choir Rehearsal**, Wed Feb 24, 7:00 PM, UUFC Sanctuary
No experience or audition necessary, all are welcome.
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri Feb 26, 10:30 AM, UUFC Rm 9
Insight Meditation is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required.
- **Kirtan and Meditation Circle**, Fri Feb 26, 7:00 PM, UUFC Rm 7
Kirtan comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice, to calm minds and open hearts.

Plan Ahead

- **PNWD Meeting**, March 5, Seattle, WA
Annual business meeting of the Pacific Northwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. See reverse for details. If you are interested in attending, contact Rev. Jill McAllister (minister@uucorvallis.org) or UUFC President Kyle Jansson (kjansson1@minetfiber.com).
- **Services Auction**, Sat April 30
Annual UUFC fundraising event in which participants buy services and spots at events from each other – get your garden weeded, attend a special dinner, learn a new skill, or receive a pie every month all year! Costumes are encouraged; this year's theme is "Harry Potter." Start thinking about your contributions and your outfit!

Next Sunday: February 28, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

"Take Absurd Care"

Rev. Jill McAllister

A favorite reading in our hymnal Singing the Living Tradition includes the words: "we must hold the whole world in our hands." What a huge responsibility! Yet remembering all that is in our care, perhaps "the whole world" is exactly right. A consideration of shared-caretaking, as we begin our annual stewardship drive.

*Freedom and righteousness can so easily be fragile or turned in on themselves.
May we be mindful of this as we make the choices that shape our world.*

Online Pledging

During our annual pledge drive next month, we will be expanding the process of online pledging, which we began last year. This year, we aim to have as much online participation as possible – which saves countless reams of paper, hundreds of dollars, and untold numbers of volunteer hours. What's in it for you? *Ease* – and the satisfaction of contributing to the greater good! **We need to know who is willing to pledge electronically.** To let us know you are “in,” go to <http://goo.gl/forms/riENC516Z6> and add your name to the list of online pledgers.

You must respond by **Monday, February 22**, to opt in for online pledging this year.

UU Pacific Northwest District Meeting: March 5, Seattle

On Saturday, March 5, representatives from congregations in the Pacific Northwest District will gather to – in the words of our familiar hymn – remind ourselves of where we come from, reaffirm what we are, and clarify where we're going. The Rev. Jon Luopa, Senior Minister at University Unitarian, will kick off the day with a keynote on the theme. Rev. Luopa will share his deep understanding of our Unitarian Universalist roots in a way that galvanizes us to action as a district, and in our own congregations. A Friday evening screening of short social justice films, Saturday workshops, and Sunday morning worship will also be offered in addition to the district business meeting. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.pnwd.org/districtassembly.aspx> If you are interested or planning on attending, contact Jill McAllister (minister@uucorvallis.org) or Kyle Jansson (kjansson1@minetfiber.com).

UU College of Social Justice Class: Solidarity with Original Nations and People

To be held April 25-May 1: A week of connection with the sovereign people of the Lummi Nation, to learn more about history, politics, climate change organizing, and to build relationships and connections. This program is for anyone wishing to better understand the history of US – Original Nations relations, the injustices confronting native people within North America, and the ways Original Nations are organizing, particularly for climate justice. Register now at <http://uucsj.org/lummi>.

Leadership Needed: Rummage Sale and Holiday Bazaar

Two of our three big annual fund-raisers are in need of leadership – a chairperson, or co-chairs or an organizing team. The logistics for each of these events are well-documented and well-honed. Many volunteers take part in each. Creative forms of leadership are welcome! Are you ready to try something new? Eager to help maintain and improve one of these events? Contact Wendy Sutton for more information (connect@uucorvallis.org).

UUFC Composting and recycling

For a year we've worked at putting all food waste plus white napkins and paper towels into the organic waste bins. We have a volunteer who will check plastic “film” (bread and vegetable sacks etc.) and take appropriate ones to be recycled, so feel free to put these into a small plastic tub in the kitchen that is marked for it. Around town, some restaurants and non-profits have arrangements with Republic Services to compost certain types of paper plates and cups, but the UUFC does NOT have that arrangement so we cannot put paper cups and plates into our compost bin. We have an excellent system to sanitize glassware and china so we need to use only these washable items. Our goal is to have almost NO land-fill trash, as it takes space and contributes methane. Republic can capture some of the methane, but not all. Thanks for your participation toward making UUFC as close to zero waste as possible!

UU Coloring Pages

Coloring pages for grown-ups are widely used right now in meditative, centering art-making. There are even some Unitarian Universalist pages available at the UUA website for free downloading and printing, as well as guided doodling pages: <http://www.uua.org/worship/words/image/doodles-and-zentangles>

Japanese American Internment Camps

As part of opening to “other histories” – the truth that is often left out of the dominant culture's telling of history – this month you are invited to learn about the internment camps in which Japanese Americans were imprisoned from 1942-1945, and the discrimination they faced afterwards. A brief history lesson, with links to additional resources like actor George Takei telling his family's story, is available here: <http://www.upworthy.com/a-mini-history-lesson-about-the-concentration-camps-on-american-soil>