



THE WEEK AHEAD

February 7-13, 2016

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

Today, Sunday, February 7, 2016

- **Action Lunch**, 12:30 PM, UUFC Social Hall
Purchase lunch in support of and hear a presentation about the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's Refugee Crisis Fund, which is working to serve Syrian refugees.
- **Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education**
K/1st: 12:30-1:30 PM, room 6BC; 5th/6th: 12:30-2:00 PM, room 10; 9th-12th: 1:00-3:00 PM, room 7.

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- **UUFC Board Meeting**, Mon Feb 8, 7:00 PM, UUFC Social hall
Monthly meeting of the UUFC Board of Trustees.
- **Living with Depression**, Mon Feb 8, 7:00 PM, UUFC Rm 6C
A continuing series of discussions, sharing, and support for those who are living with depression.
- **UUFC Weekly Potluck**, Wed Feb 10, 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 10, 7:00 PM, UUFC Sanctuary
No experience or audition necessary, all are welcome.
- **Climate Justice Committee**, Thurs Feb 11, 5:00 PM,
The UUFC Climate Justice Committee welcomes anyone who is concerned about the climate crisis to attend.
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri Feb 12, 10:30 AM, UUFC Rm 9
Insight Meditation is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required.
- **Kirtan with Live Band**, Fri Feb 12, 7:00 PM, UUFC Sanctuary
Kirtan comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice, to calm minds and open hearts.

Plan Ahead

- **Leadership Gathering**, Thurs February 18
Leaders of Fellowship councils, committees, task forces and events meet for training and mid-year check-in.
- **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 14, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

"Other Histories" *Rev. Jill McAllister with Richard Mayuk*

Richard Mayuk is the coordinator of Native Services at Oregon State Hospital, and an elder of the Ktunaxa Nation located in British Columbia, Canada. For work, he has traveled back and forth between Canada and the USA for many years, and he understands what it means to navigate cross-cultural living, at many levels.

*In a world of change and challenge,
may we each find a steady center from which to live.*

Greet our New Members Today

The UUFC has ten new members: Kim Henry and Julie Graves, Bill and Twila Ingram, Larry Roper and Dina Lindquist, Elizabeth and Jacinda Holland, Dana Morris, Ruth Arent Anderson. Several are being introduced at the second service today: Please take a few minutes to greet them and introduce yourself.

Action Lunch Today: UUSC Refugee Crisis Fund

February's Action Lunch proceeds will go to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's Refugee Crisis Fund. UUSC works directly with partners in host and transit countries to provide: a) effective protection for refugees and access to legal avenues for relief; b) capacity building for overburdened nongovernmental organizations on the ground working with vulnerable groups such as women, children, and stateless refugees; and c) advocacy for medium-to long-term relief needs such as education access, asylum policy and procedure, and positive public reception to resettlement. In the United States, UUSC is working to ensure that the U.S. government lives up to its international obligations to protect those most vulnerable in situations of conflict.

Meet Burundian Unitarian Blaise Ntakarutimana

Blaise has arrived in Corvallis and looks forward to becoming involved in the UUFC. Please introduce yourself!

“White Out? The Future of Racial Diversity in Oregon” – TODAY, 2:00 PM

Corvallis Public Library, February 7, 2:00-3:30 PM. Willamette University professor Emily Drew will lead participants in a conversation about the challenges to creating racially diverse, inclusive communities despite the accomplishments since the civil rights era. What does the racial integration of place require of us, and how might we prepare to create and embrace this opportunity? RSVP for this FREE event to Faith Reidenbach (fer@caleyreidenbach.com).

Climate Justice Committee Collecting Signatures Today

Join us today and next Sunday as the Climate Justice committee will be asking for UU signatures to support SB1574 the Healthy Climate Bill (Cap & Invest). This is the only price on carbon bill active in the current State of Oregon Legislation Feb 2016 session.

Foreign Policy Discussion (Great Decisions)

Are you interested in joining a group of community individuals who gather to read and talk about selected US Foreign Policy topics? Contact Ann Mbacke (reassociate@uucorvallis.org) if you are interested in joining a group which starts February 21. There is an organizational meeting next week, February 14, 6:30 PM. A workbook and shared video are the only costs. Detailed information can be found at http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/.

Mowers Needed

We need a few more people to serve on the crew that mows the Fellowship Grounds, both for the riding mower and for the walk-behind mower (which has a power assist). Each worker does a "shift" about once a month, and the job usually takes a couple of hours. Seasoned crew members are happy to show a newcomer the ropes. Please contact Andrea Dailey of the Grounds Committee (andregdailey@gmail.com) with questions or to volunteer. Thanks!

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).

“This is what we do with our faith: Live in this world knowing that we will lose each other, loving despite the hard bargain it demands of us, doing what we can so that truth may be safely lived, measuring our faith by the difference we have made, building up faith communities to continue after we are gone.”

– Judith Meyer