



THE WEEK AHEAD

March 27-April 3, 2016

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

The UUFC Annual Pledge Drive is wrapping up now!

Stewardship materials are available online every day (http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=3043) or by calling the office during business hours (541-752-5218), and pledges are welcome every day. Have YOU pledged yet?

Today, Sunday, March 27, 2016

- Join us after services in the Social Hall for coffee. Introduce yourself to someone if you can.

The Week Ahead: March 28-April 2, 2016

- **UU Identity Class: Our Theological Roots**, Tues Mar 29, 7:00 PM (7)
Join Rev. Jill McAllister for a class series focused on theologies in UUism.
- **Weekly Potluck**, Wed Mar 30, 6:00 PM (SH)
Please bring a dish (with a list of ingredients) to share, and your own plate and utensils if possible. All are welcome.
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri Apr 1, 10:30 AM (9)
Insight Meditation is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required.
- **Kirtan & Meditation Circle**, Fri Apr 1, 7:00 PM (7)
Kirtan comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice, to calm minds and open hearts.

Plan Ahead

- **Resilience Retreat with Linda Carroll and Jill McAllister**, Fri. April 8 6:30-9:00 PM, & Sat. April 9, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. *“Resiliency: The Practice, Art and Skills of Turning PTSD into PTG (Post Traumatic Growth).”*
- **UU Path Class**, April 9, 9:00 AM (SH)
Second segment in the 3-step process toward membership in UUFC.
- **Balázs Scholar Dinner and Presentation**, April 9, 6:00 PM (SH)
“Life in a small Unitarian village in Transylvania” presented by Rev László Major, visiting Starr King Balázs Scholar. All are welcome.
- **UU Identity Class: American UU History**, April 12, 19, 26
Join UUFC member and eminent UU historian David Robinson for three classes focused on American UU history.
- **Services Auction**, Sat April 30
Annual UUFC fundraising event in which participants buy services and spots at events from each other. This year’s theme is “Harry Potter.”

Next Sunday: April 3, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

“The Things We Carry”

Rev. Jill McAllister

On every journey, including the journey of life, we carry things with us. Sometimes we have what we need, and sometimes we don't. Sometimes we worry too much about what to bring. Other times we are weighed down carrying too much. Is it ok to just leave some of our baggage on the side of the road, and keep going?

Spirit of Re-beginnings, help us to start anew.

Give us the courage we need to face the transitions and new starts of our lives.

Services Auction Sign-Ups Starting Today

Are you planning to donate a service or event to the 2016 Services Auction? Can you volunteer to help? There will be a sign-up table at the back of the Social Hall on Sunday, March 27th. Stop by to sign up. If you have any questions, please email uufcservicesauction@gmail.com. The Services Auction takes place on Saturday, April 30, at the Fellowship.

UU Path Class

The Spring "UU Path Class" is April 9th, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM in the UUFC Social Hall. This is the second segment in the 3-step process toward membership in UUFC. Those interested in Unitarian Universalism and the UUFC should plan to attend; you will learn about the history of our movement and this congregation, the wide range of things we do, and easy ways to get involved. Facilitated by Rev. Jill McAllister and staff, light brunch included. Please sign up at the Welcome Table so we are prepared. Contact John Bailey (bailey61@comcast.net) with questions.

Dinner and Presentation with Balázs Scholar

Rev. László Major, this year's Francis Balázs Scholar at Starr King Theological School, will visit the UUFC April 9 and 10. On Saturday, April 9, all are invited to join in a potluck dinner with Rev. László at 6:00 PM. After dinner, at 7:00 PM, Rev. László will share a presentation titled "Life in a small Unitarian village in Transylvania."

Next steps in our UUFC building revision process

Working from the assumption we made last year, that we should stay at this location, a Building Design Team has been at work and soon there will be opportunity for you to give input on some specific options for building improvements. Mark your calendar: Sunday April 10th at 12:30 PM OR Wednesday April 13th at 7:00 PM (after the potluck). Come to either of these meetings to look at possible options on a layout of our property and you'll get to vote on your **general** preferences. We don't have specifics yet but we do have choices between a less than 10% option and some greater than 10% options. (If we expand our square footage more than 10% city permits become involved). We know you have an opinion, come tell us what it is! Can't come to either meeting? Contact any of the people below for a form to respond on: Marcia Shaw (541-908-1583), Chris Bentley (541-602-0966), Peter Sanford (541-231-1019), Kelley Kendall (541-829-9251), Carl English-Young (541-602-3146) or call the UUFC Office (541-752-5218) during office hours, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Monday-Friday. Deadline for input is Wednesday, April 20, at 5:00 PM.

Refugee Support Fund

Many have asked how to best support Blaise Ntakarutima, a Unitarian refugee from Burundi who has come to stay with us here. Thank-you for asking! At the moment, his needs for housing, food and transportation are mostly covered, though if you'd like to be part of that network please do let Jill McAllister know. He is very happy to continue making friends and acquaintances, and learning his way around Corvallis and Philomath. Eventually he will need our help to find work (8-9 months from now, hopefully), and the means to set up his own housing, transportation, etc. For now, we are establishing a UUFC Refugee Support Fund to begin to build what will be needed over the next 2-3 years. Contributions to the fund are already coming from several other congregations around the country. UUFC members and friends are welcome to contribute as well, with thanks! Checks can be made out to UUFC with "Refugee Support" in the memo line.

Multi-Cultural Skills Training, for Anti-Racism Work Saturday April 16

The Rev. Lois Van Leer, UU minister from Seattle and a friend of the Fellowship, will join Jill McAllister in leading this workshop on multi-cultural skills needed for effective anti-racism work, based on the work of Milton Bennett and colleagues. We've offered this workshop twice already at the UUFC, and more than 40 people have participated. The April workshop will be located at the First Congregational Church, UCC, on West Hills Road, from 9:00 AM-3:30 PM, Saturday April 16. It is open to people from other congregations and organizations. The workshop provides a very useful format for starting to do anti-racism work, if you are looking for a good way to start.

In the name of sages and great religious leaders, who sacrificed their lives to hasten the coming of the age of mutual respect –

Let us renew our resolution – sincerely to be real brothers and sisters regardless of any kind of bar which estranges us from each other.

- Norbert Čapek