



# THE WEEK AHEAD

April 24-May 1, 2016  
Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

## Today, Sunday, April 24, 2016

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

- **Civil Disobedience Training with the Climate Justice Committee**, 1:00 PM (6ABC)  
*Training will include: personal grounding, possible legal consequences, Know Your Rights, action roles and tactics, action practice and planning for the Break Free From Fossil Fuels events in Anacortes Washington, May 13-15.*

## The Week Ahead: April 25-30, 2016

- **UU History Class with David Robinson**, Tues Apr 26, 7:00 PM (7)  
*David is an eminent American scholar of UU History, well-known for his work on the American Transcendentalists, and a member of the UUFC! Don't miss this chance to learn from him, especially if you are new to the Fellowship. (Second of three sessions)*
- **Weekly Potluck**, Wed Apr 27, 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.*
- **Capoeira Angola**, Thurs Apr 28, 5:00 PM (SH)  
*A movement practice to build physical balance, strength and endurance.*
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri Apr 29, 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 29, 7:00 PM (7)  
*Kirtan comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice, to calm minds and open hearts.*
- **Services Auction**, Sat Apr 30, 6:00 PM (SFH)  
*Annual UUFC fundraiser: bid on services, dinners, silent auction items and more! See reverse for more details.*

## Plan Ahead

- **Disaster Preparedness Seminar**, May 7, 9:00 AM  
*First in a series of Natural Disaster Preparedness Seminars, for information, resources, and support needed to get started on emergency preparations for our households and vehicles.*
- **UU Identity Class: American UU History with David Robinson**, May 10, 7:00 PM  
*Third of three sessions, focusing on the Humanist movement of the early twentieth century.*
- **UUFC Annual Meeting**, May 15, 12:30 PM  
*We'll elect new Board and Nominating committee members and approve a 2016-2017 budget; the meeting may also include an update on building expansion planning and a possible capital campaign, and a vote on an offer from the Corvallis Zen Center to purchase the neighboring house we own on Circle Boulevard, which will require a quorum of 40% of the congregation's voting membership. Please plan to attend.*
- **UUFC Leadership Supper**, May 19, 6:00 PM  
*We'll review our progress for the year, work on goals for next year, and evaluate our work in relation to our mission. All leaders of committees, task forces, councils and events are encouraged to attend.*

**Next Sunday: May 1, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

*"The Cost of A Thing"*

*David Robinson preaching*

"The cost of a thing," Henry David Thoreau wrote in 1854, "is the amount of what I will call life which is required to be exchanged for it ..." Thoreau's concerns about materialism and consumerism still ring true. UUFC member David Robinson is the director of the Center for the Humanities at OSU, and an eminent scholar and historian of UU History and American Transcendentalism.

*Spirit of Life, help us to be bold in changing our ways in order to build a better world for all.*

## **Be a Religious Exploration guide with our children next year!**

The theme for religious exploration in Fall 2016 will be “Who are UU? Putting our Principles into Practice.” Guides will receive orientation, training, lesson plans, and support from the Director of RE for Children and Youth, Michael Molk; work on teams with experienced guides; develop a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalism; further their own religious paths while making friendships with children, teens, and other adults; give meaningful service to our Fellowship; and experience amazing insights and inspiration! To learn more, write your name and contact information on the easel in the foyer, next to the age group you’d like to work with. Michael Molk will contact you.

## **Civil Disobedience Training for Climate Justice – TODAY 1:30 -5:30 PM, Rm 6ABC**

This training will include: personal grounding, possible legal consequences, Know Your Rights, action roles and tactics, action practice and planning for the Break Free From Fossil Fuels events in Anacortes, WA, May 13-15. RSVP: Jean Townes, townesj@peak.org

## **UUFC Services Auction, Saturday April 30** 5:30 Potluck, 6:00 Auction begins

For the services auction we donate services, events, and items for each other to use and enjoy (dinners for eight, a river raft trip, bread for four months, pet care, yard work, and so on). UUFC member John Bailey puts on his auctioneer hat, and we all bid for the things we are most interested in. Then, we spend a year going to the dinners and on trips and sharing the food, etc. To top it all off, the proceeds all go to the Fellowship, as part of our yearly operating budget. Almost too good to be true? Not at all. It’s one of our best loved Fellowship events. There are items in all price categories and silent auction items. This year, dress up as your favorite Harry Potter character if you like! Sign up to help with the auction if you can, and bring a plate of cold finger foods to share before the auction starts (food may be dropped off beginning at 4:00 PM on Saturday).

## **Wheel of the Year event for Beltane (May Day)**

On Sunday, May 1st, you are invited to join in a nature-connected celebration of Beltane – a time to honor the beginning of the three months of greatest daylight. This family-friendly event is scheduled to begin at 3:00 PM. There will be time to arrive and get connected, followed by an hour-long ceremony (beginning roughly at 4:00 PM) and finally a potluck following the ceremony. You are welcome to attend any part of it.

## **UUFC Disaster Preparedness Seminar, Saturday May 7**

Has all the scary news about “the Big Earthquake” got you feeling fearful and unprepared? Come to the first in a series of Natural Disaster Preparedness Seminars for information, resources, and support needed to get started on emergency preparations for our households and vehicles on May 7, 9:00 AM-1:30 PM. Questions? Contact Wolfgang Dengler (541-745-5729, wolfdengler3@gmail.com).

## **UUFC Annual Meeting, Sunday May 15**

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the UUFC’s annual meeting at 12:30 PM, Sunday May 15, where we’ll elect new Board and Nominating committee members and approve a 2016-2017 budget. The meeting agenda will also likely include an update on building expansion planning, including consideration of a capital campaign. We may also vote on an offer from the Corvallis Zen Center to purchase the neighboring house on Circle Boulevard from the UUFC. Such a vote will require a quorum of 40% of the congregation’s voting membership. Please plan to attend.

## **UUFC Leadership Supper, May 19**

The third and final supper meeting of the year for all leaders of committees, task forces, councils and events. We’ll review our progress for the year, work on goals for next year, and evaluate our work in relation to our mission. All leaders of committees, task forces, councils and events are encouraged to attend. Back by popular demand – the burrito bar supper. Beans and rice provided. Bring salsa, veggies, and all other toppings you like, to share.

## **UUFC Clothing Rumpus, May 22**

What’s a Clothing Rumpus? It’s a fundraising event for the Women’s Retreat. A chance to clean out your closet. An opportunity to augment your wardrobe with fabulous, lightly used clothes. It’s ecologically sound – reduce, reuse, recycle! Bring your clothes to the Fellowship on the afternoon of Saturday, May 21, or Sunday morning, and then come shop after both services – men’s, women’s and children’s clothing included.