



# THE WEEK AHEAD

May 1-8, 2016

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

## Today, Sunday, May 1, 2016

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

- **Information Session Regarding Proposed House Sale**, 1:00 PM  
*A chance to learn and ask questions about the proposed sale of our rental house & the proposed FY2017 UUFC budget.*
- **Wheel of the Year Beltane Celebration**, 3:00 PM  
*A family-friendly event including an hour-long ceremony around 4:00 PM and a potluck following the ceremony.*

## The Week Ahead: May 2-7, 2016

- **Information Session Regarding Proposed House Sale**, Mon May 2, 7:00 PM  
*A chance to learn and ask questions about the proposed sale of our rental house & the proposed FY2017 UUFC budget.*
- **Escalating Inequality Discussion**, Mon May 2, 7:00 PM (7)  
*This group explores the topic of economic inequality and the impact it has on us all, through a variety of approaches.*
- **Weekly Potluck**, Wed May 4, 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 May 5, 5:00 PM (SH)  
*A movement practice to build physical balance, strength and endurance.*
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri May 6, 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 May 6, 7:00 PM (7)  
*Kirtan comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice, to calm minds and open hearts.*
- **Disaster Preparedness Seminar**, Sat May 7, 9:00 AM (SFH)  
*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.*

## Plan Ahead

- **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.*
- **Addictions Ministry Workshop**, May 14, 10:00 AM (SFH)  
*Those living with addiction, their own or someone else's, are encouraged to attend.*
- **UUFC Annual Meeting**, May 15, 12:30 PM  
*Annual congregational business meeting, requiring a superquorum of voting members. Plan to attend!*
- **UUFC Leadership Supper**, May 19, 6:00 PM  
*Review and goal-setting meeting. All leaders of committees, task forces, councils and events are encouraged to attend.*

## **Next Sunday: May 8 (Two Different Services)**

**9:30 AM** "First There Must Be Seeing" Rev. Jill McAllister

An abbreviated worship service, and introduction to the presentation of Walidah Imarisha at 11:00 AM, which will be in the format of a presentation. Both the worship service and the presentation will serve to open up some new understandings for our anti-racism/anti-oppression work. Please come for both!

**11:00 AM** Presentation: "The Black History of Oregon" Walidah Imarisha

Walidah Imarisha is an educator, writer, organizer, and spoken word artist whose work explores topics of race, power, justice, and mass incarceration. Author of several books, and documentary film director, for six years she has led one of Oregon Humanities' most popular Conversation Project discussions, "Why Aren't There More Black People in Oregon? A Hidden History."

*Every choice leads to a new path, and every choice has a cost; may we be mindful of the price we pay and the choices we make as we move through life.*

## **Information Session about Proposed House Sale: TODAY, 1:00 PM & Monday May 2, 7:00 PM**

The UUFC Board has received an offer to purchase the neighboring house we own, at 2395 Circle Blvd., which we have maintained for several years as a rental property. A task force of the Board of Trustees is negotiating with the prospective buyer, the Corvallis Zen Circle, for we see many great possibilities in this project, including opportunities to work closely and collaboratively with the Zen Circle. UUFC bylaws require that any sale of property requires congregation approval, so this will be on the agenda for our annual meeting on Sunday May 15. At least 40% of the members must be present at the meeting. Informational meetings about the proposed house sale and the proposed FY2017 UUFC budget will take place on Sunday May 1 at 1:00 PM, Monday May 2 at 7:00 PM, and Sunday May 8 at 12:30 PM. Or you can ask Board members for information.

## **Wheel of the Year event for Beltane (May Day) TODAY, 3:00 PM**

This afternoon, 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 will include time to arrive and get connected, an hour-long ceremony around 4:00 PM and a potluck following the ceremony. You are welcome to attend any part of it.

## **Escalating Inequality Discussion Group, Monday May 2, 7:00 PM**

The focus of this group is to explore the topic of economic inequality, and the impact it has on us all, through a series of movies, videos, news clips, books and field trips in the community. Escalating Inequality is a congregational study and action issue for member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

## **Compassionate Communication Practice Group, Tuesday, May 3, 6:00 PM**

This drop-in group is open to anyone who has participated in a Compassionate Listening course at UUFC, or who has studied Andrea Cohen's book *Practicing the Art of Compassionate Listening*. For more information, contact Anna Coffman ([annabiz1@gmail.com](mailto:annabiz1@gmail.com)).

## **UUFC Disaster Preparedness Seminar, Saturday 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 on May 7, 9:00 AM-1:30 PM. Questions? Contact Wolfgang Dengler (541-745-5729, [wolfdengler3@gmail.com](mailto:wolfdengler3@gmail.com)).

## **Pottery & Plant Sale to Support Microcredit Committee's Work, Sunday May 8**

Sunday, May 8th, before, between and after services, the Microcredit committee will again offer Sandy Houtman's beautiful pottery, some with plants and some ready for plantings of your own – either way, perfect for Mother's Day! This year, we will also have a limited selection of vases and bowls along with pots/plants. Each time we make a loan through KIVA, a small amount goes to the organization to support its work, so to maintain or grow our loaning capability, we need to raise additional funds; while we welcome donations any time, this is our only fundraiser.

## **Addictions Ministry Workshop, Saturday May 14, 10:00 AM**

Barbara Stoen will be leading this workshop. She will discuss her personal story of what it is like to have a family member living with addiction and how she and her family have coped with this deeply impactful experience. Those living with addiction, their own or someone else's, are encouraged to attend. The Fellowship is considering offering an addictions support group for family members experiencing addiction/recovery.

## **UUFC Annual Meeting, Sunday May 15, 12:30 PM**

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, Thursday May 19, 6:00 PM**

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.