



THE WEEK AHEAD

July 10-July 16, 2016
Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

Today, Sunday, July 10, 2016

Please join us after the service in the Social Hall for coffee. Introduce yourself to someone if you can.

- **Rummage Sale Collections** Room 8 is now available for items for the August rummage sale

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- **July office hours – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM**
- **Walk with the Seasons: Summer**, Mon July 11, 4:00 PM (9)
Quarterly class on being in nature in an intentional way. Two sessions; concludes on July 18. Sign up with Anna Coffman (978-760-0910, annabiz1@gmail.com).
- **Weekly Potluck**, Wed July 13, 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.
- **Laughter Yoga Labyrinth**, Wed July 13, 7:00 PM (SFH)
Laughter Yoga Labyrinths are meditations that focus on peace and growing our inner joy. For more information, contact facilitator Tracy Merritt (tmcmeritt@comcast.net).
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri July 15, 10:15 AM (9)
Insight Meditation is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required.
- **UU Path Class**, Sat July 16, 9:00 AM (SH)
Second in the 3-part Path to Membership classes for newcomers. Registration is required. Sign up at the Welcome Table. Brunch provided.
- **UUFC Summer Picnic and Concert**, Sat July 16, 2:00 PM (Off-site)
Join in for outdoor play time, a potluck picnic and a concert by The Flow. See http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=3508 for details or to RSVP.

Plan Ahead

- **Open Discussion with Jill McAllister**, Sun July 31, 11:15 AM (SFH)
One of our summer open discussions about the life of the Fellowship. This time our topic is “How do we make decisions here, and can we improve?”
- **Rummage Sale**, Sat August 27 (UUFC)
Annual fundraiser and recycling event: purchase donated items, ranging from furniture to kitchen things to baby gear to jewelry and more.
- **UUFC Camping Trip**, Sept 2-4 (Cascadia State Park)
Join other UUFC members & friends for an all-ages camping trip! Space is limited to 25 people on the group site. Contact Roberta Smith with questions or to register (robertasmith2@peak.org).
- **Labor Day Tuna Roast**, Sept 5, 3:00 PM (Avery Park Lions Shelter)
A UUFC tradition for 20 years now: the Labor Day potluck and tuna roast! Bring a side dish or dessert to share and choose a volunteer job. For more information, contact Rich Brainerd (541-752-2930).

Next Sunday: July 17, 10:00 AM

Kirtan Service with the New World Kirtan Band

Kirtan comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice, to calm your mind and open your heart. Usually offered in the evening, once again this Sunday we'll share a morning Kirtan worship.

Spirit of Love, in times of change help us to be brave enough to reach for each other.

Standing Up For Racial Justice SURJ

UUFC members who are part of this local organization invite all others to join in a vigil at the Corvallis (Benton County) Courthouse, Tuesday July 12 at 5:15 PM, to peacefully protest police violence. All mature teens and adults are welcome; bring signs, banners, and musical instruments. Now is the time for white people to actively work against the structures that perpetuate racism and white supremacy in our nation. There are no bystanders when police shootings are funded with our tax dollars and occur with our silent consent, and when police union contracts keep police officers who kill from being held accountable. We also denounce the shootings of police officers in Dallas. Like Black Lives Matter, SURJ supports non-violent action. Let us not allow the people who conducted this shooting to discredit the need for police reform and an end to systemic racism. If you have a Facebook account, RSVP to <https://www.facebook.com/events/245792402472324/>

Summer Reading

This summer, all are encouraged to read at least one book about racism as a step in working toward racial justice. Some titles as a starting place: Just Mercy, by Bryan Stevenson; Between the World and Me, by Ta-Nehisi Coates; The New Jim Crow, by Michelle Alexander; White Fragility, by Robin DiAngelo; The Hidden Wound, by Wendell Berry; and the essay “Whose Earth Is It Anyway?” by James H. Cone. You may wish to choose a book in coordination with others and form a reading group to wrestle with the ideas.

UUFC Summer Picnic

Come join the UUFC summer picnic potluck out on a beautiful “farm” near Philomath. Everyone is welcome – but please RSVP! There will be a potluck dinner and then two glorious hours of music provided by “The Flow” (which includes UUFC member Jed Irvine among its musicians). There are trails through the woods for walking, a pond for swimming, and 35 acres for exploring. For details, directions, and to RVSP, see http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=3508

Rummage Sale Storage Available Now (Sale on Saturday August 27)

Items for the annual rummage sale may be brought to room 8 for donation throughout the summer, and in August the sale will offer a chance to live our values as we re-use things donated by others and support the UUFC financially with the proceeds of the sale. You can start now to sort out and bring your clean, usable donations of hats, furniture, musical instruments, jewelry, tools, books, lamps, craft materials, kitchen stuff, stationery, gardening and camping gear, tools, bicycles, art, toys, baby gear, children’s clothes, collectibles, and more. *(Sorry, we do not sell big exercise machines, old software, older computers/monitors/TVs, paint, poisons, tires, halogen lamps, or broken items – those must be recycled elsewhere. Save adult clothing for the Women’s Retreat fundraiser.)*

Please remember that donated items in room 8 are for sale in August – make a note of what you’d like to buy, but don’t remove things prematurely!

Celebrations of Life – Bill Ferrell and Floyd McFarland

Two long-time members of the Fellowship have died recently – Bill Ferrell on June 19 and Floyd McFarland on June 29. All are invited to share in the celebrations of their lives (memorial services). For Bill: Monday, August 8 at 1:30 PM. For Floyd: Monday August 15 at 2:00 PM. Sandy Piper will coordinate the receptions for both services – please let her know if you can help provide refreshments for either or both (skaypiper@comcast.net).

Staff and Administrative Changes at UUFC

New staffing begins this month at the Fellowship. Jean Gilbert finishes as the interim office administrator, and will now be able to focus solely on her new responsibilities as UUFC Business Manager. Her summer schedule will be variable; her office hours will be announced at the beginning of the regular church year in September. All questions about budgets and finance at the Fellowship should now be directed to Jean, at businessmgr@uucorvallis.org.

Church Operations Manager Jamie Petts will be in the church office starting July 12, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 AM until 1:00 PM. Jamie can be reached at office@uucorvallis.org.

Climate Change Primer Update Available

UUFC and Climate Justice Committee member Charlie Miller has updated his booklet “A Climate Change Primer: The Basic Science.” Copies are available for all who are interested, on the table near in the foyer near the entrance to the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall.