



THE WEEK AHEAD

July 24-July 30, 2016
Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

Today, Sunday, July 24, 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.

The Week Ahead: July 25-July 30, 2016

- **July office hours – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM**
- **Weekly Potluck**, Wed July 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.
- **Laughter Yoga Labyrinth**, Wed July 27, 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).
- **Capoeira Angola**, Thur July 28, 6:00 PM (SH)
This is an African Brazilian art form. The practice builds physical balance, strength, and endurance. For more information, contact Ann Mbacke (reassociate@uucorvallis.org).
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri July 29, 10:30 AM (9)
Insight Meditation is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required.

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?”
- **Connect Up Sign-ups**, Sun July 31, 11:15 AM (Foyer)
Sign up to participate in or to host an activity in August. Questions? Contact Wendy Sutton (connect@uucorvallis.org)
- **Rummage Sale**, Sat August 27, 9:00 AM (UUFC)
Annual fundraiser and recycling event! Live your values by purchasing recycled items; proceeds support the UUFC.
- **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).
- **UUFC Women’s Retreat**, Sept 16-18 (Silver Falls State Park)
This year’s retreat will focus on looking inward: exploring who we are and what we bring to the work of the UUFC and our world. For more information or to register: http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=2237
- **UUFC Men’s Retreat**, Oct 21-23 (Columbia River Gorge)
Annual retreat at the Menucha Conference Center overlooking the beautiful Columbia River Gorge. Contact Lloyd Wagenschutz for information and registration (541-753-9071 or lpwz124@comcast.net).

Next Sunday: July 31, 10:00 AM

“My Small Efforts for Peace”

with Rev. Jill McAllister

For many years I have taught World Religions at universities, at retreats, and in congregations. It began as an interest, and has developed into a commitment, a small effort on my part to keep sowing seeds of peace and justice.

The truth we each know is not the only one.

May we listen deeply to each other in our ongoing search for the whole Truth.

Summer Reading on Racism

This summer, all are encouraged to read at least one book about racism as a step in working toward racial justice. Some important and helpful books include: The Third Reconstruction, by William J. Barber; 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 (which looks at links between racism and environmental degradation). You may wish to choose a book in coordination with others and form a reading group to wrestle with the ideas.

“How can I love my neighbor if I don’t know my neighbor? If the only time pulpits ring with ‘racial injustice’ and ‘racism’ is after a national travesty, that plays a role in why we keep having these travesties.”

–Derwin Gray, pastor of Transformation Church, a multiethnic evangelical megachurch near Charlotte, N.C.

Connect Up for August (July 31)

Sign up on July 31st to participate in or to host an activity in August! Activities can be anything from potlucks and game nights to outdoor painting sessions and fly-fishing trips. For more information, contact Wendy Sutton (connect@uucorvallis.org).

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

Items for the annual rummage sale (our celebration of recycling, reusing and reducing!) 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!

New Staff at UUFC

Jean Gilbert has now switched to focusing 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 is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 AM until 1:00 PM. Jamie can be reached at office@uucorvallis.org. Jamie will aim to grow this position into something much more like an Executive Director, responsible for helping all the functions of various departments work together. In the meantime, she is working on meeting everyone and learning about the UUFC. A brief note from her:

Hello all! After my first weeks in the office I am pleased to say I am settling in and starting to learn the summer rhythm of the church. Thank you to everyone who continues to stop by and make me feel welcome! Please feel free to pop in and introduce yourself when I am in the office. I look forward to meeting you all, learning from you, becoming a part of the UUFC community, and helping the Fellowship continue to flourish.

*All the best,
Jamie*

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.