

Explore. Love. Act.

We gather as an inclusive religious community to search for meaning, build deep connections, and inspire action toward a better world for all.

ORDER OF SERVICE
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY
(COMING FROM GRATITUDE)

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

WELCOME Jill McAllister

INTROIT *“Here Together”* *David Glasgow*
We are here, here together in this holy moment, and we’re grateful for the winding road that brought us to this place.” (repeat)

OPENING WORDS Beth Runciman

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE 11 a.m. Paula Winningham

SHARED SINGING

WISDOM FROM THE WORLD’S TRADITIONS

TIME FOR ALL AGES

SHARED SINGING 11 a.m. Children / youth go to RE sessions

AFFIRMING OUR CONNECTIONS
(HONORING THE PAIN OF THE WORLD)

SHARING OF SORROWS AND JOYS

SHARED SINGING *“Nada te turbe, nada te espante quien a Dios tiene, nada le falta. Nada te turbe, nada te espante Sólo Dios basta.”*

SPOKEN MEDITATION AND SHARING OF SILENCE

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

SEARCHING FOR WISDOM AND INSPIRATION
(SEEING WITH NEW EYES)

READING

SERMON “Circles”

THE OFFERING

If you are visiting today, we do not expect you to contribute. If, however, you feel moved to help support our shared work, we welcome your contribution.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

“Swimming to the Other Side” #

GIVING THANKS FOR ALL THAT SUSTAINS US

From the countless gifts we each have been given, gifts of life and love and sustenance, we bring these small portions, to share in the works of love which none of us can accomplish alone.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD
(GOING FORTH)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING SONG *“Here Together”* *David Glasgow*
We have spent time together, and these holy moments give us strength to go down the winding road until we meet again. (repeat)
And my prayer for you is a peace that’s true (pause)
until we meet again.

CLOSING WORDS

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

Everything the Power of the World does is done in a circle. The sky is round, and I have heard that the earth is round like a ball, and so are all the stars. The wind, in its greatest power, whirls. Birds make their nests in circles, for theirs is the same religion as ours. The sun comes forth and goes down again in a circle. The moon does the same, and both are round. Even the seasons form a great circle in their changing, and always come back again to where they were. The life of a man is a circle from childhood to childhood, and so it is in everything where power moves.

Black Elk – Oglala Sioux

This month’s Social Concerns Collection, Action Lunch, and after-service bake sales support WE CARE, a local agency that helps people with one-time emergencies by paying for essential living expenses, including rent, utilities and medical bills.

House Manager: *Chris Daley*
Flowers: *Roberta Smith*
Spring Banner: *Pat Pennock*

We are a UUA Green Sanctuary congregation and an endorser of the Earth Charter.
We welcome and celebrate the presence and participation of transgender, gay, lesbian, heterosexual and bisexual people.
We are an official Welcoming Congregation of the UUA.



Please turn your hearing aid switch to the “T” setting to receive an enhanced signal from our hearing aid loop system.

We respectfully request that you not wear scented products to church in consideration of those with allergies

MEETINGS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Today, April 12, 2015

~ Please join us after services in the Social Hall for refreshments and conversation. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know.
~ Copies of the guide to Climate Justice Month are available today.
~ 12:30 p.m. UU Path Class, 3rd in series – *what UUFC membership means. Church Library*
~ 12:30 p.m. Budget Hearing *second round of discussion about proposals for next year's budget, including program and staff increases. All are welcome.*
~ 7 p.m. Monthly Kirtan Service, with *New World Kirtan Band*

This week at the UUFC

Mon. Apr. 13 7 p.m. Board of Trustees

~7 p.m. Compassionate Listening, with Anna Coffman

Tues. Apr. 14 4-6 p.m. , 7-9 p.m. Walk with the Seasons :Spring
7 p.m. World Religions Discussion
with Patti White: Indigenous Traditions

Wed, Apr. 15 6 pm Potluck Supper, Social Hall

~7 pm UUFC Choir *New singers always welcome*

Thurs. Apr. 16 Noon – Living With Loss *a meeting for any and all who are dealing with loss, grief, illness, transition, etc.*

~ 6:30 pm Qigong and Health

~7 p.m. Pre- Congregational Meeting Forum *presentation of items to be considered in the Annual Meeting on May 17, for information and discussion.*

Fri. Apr.17 10:30 am Insight Meditation, Room 9

A practice taught by the Buddha - no experience needed.

~ 7 p.m. Kirtan Chanting and Meditation Circle, Rm 7

Sat. Apr. 18 9:30 – 3 p.m. “Working WITH Our Differences” *Workshop with lunch. See insert for more info.*

Next Sunday, April 19, 2015

~9:30 & 11 a.m. “Earth Day” Jill McAllister and all, with special guest Gregg Kleiner

~12:30 Pre- Congregational Meeting Forum *presentation items to be considered in the Annual Meeting on May 17, for information and discussion.*

~ 7 p.m. Environmental Action Council presents a talk on Biochar, with speaker John Miedema.

Plan Ahead

May 9 Services Auction – save the date! *What will you offer this year? What would you like to bid on?*

May 17 UUFC Annual Meeting

NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS: Welcome! Please stop at the Greeter Desk in the foyer to sign a Connection Card and obtain information. *If you are interested in joining the UUFC at this time, please stop at the Greeter Desk, or contact the minister, Jill McAllister, at minister@uucorvallis.org*

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION (RE) For Children and Youth:

Childcare is available for babies and toddlers during the 9:30 and 11:00 AM worship services. Religious Exploration classes are offered for all children pre-school through high school during the Sunday 11:00 AM worship services, finishing at 12:15 p.m. *Newcomers, please register your children at the RE registration table in the foyer.*

PASTORAL CARE: The Caring Connection is our shared ministry of congregational care and concern. If you or someone you know needs help in time of illness, crisis, or transition, please contact our minister, or Nancy Lindsey, Caring Connection Chair.

UUFC depends on the contributions of its members and friends for support—thank you for your help! Those wishing to make a donation may do so during the offering, or leave it in the donation box on the wall by the bulletin board in the foyer.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

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Minister: **Jill K. McAllister**

Director of Life Span Religious Exploration:

Michael Molk

Religious Exploration Associate: **Ann Mbacke**

Office Administrator: **Yaney LA MacIver**

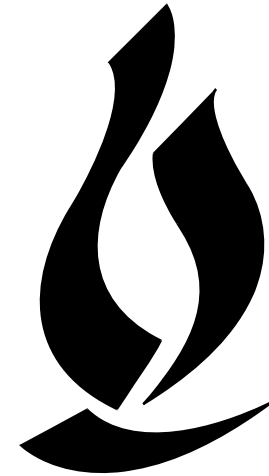
Music Director: **David Servias**

Pianist: **Lauren Servias**

Board of Trustees President: **Kyle Jansson**

Childcare Coordinator: **Barb Holmes**

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis



*April 11, 2015
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.*

“Circles”

*The Rev. Jill K. McAllister, with special guests
Emma’s Revolution*

*The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis is a member
congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association.*

**Working WITH Our Differences: Skills for
this Multi-Cultural World**

Saturday – April 18th, 9:30 am -3:00pm

It isn't enough to merely wish that we could "all get along." Good intentions, and being nice, do not go far enough toward understanding the differences that truly trip us up. People are different, that is a fact! We can learn to work with these differences, across language barriers, across ethnic and cultural barriers, across barriers made by our own world-views. In fact, we must learn to see our own biases, and recognize and work with differences if we are to truly promote and realize peace in the world. And all of us can learn these skills!

Join Jill McAllister and Ann Mbacke for an introduction to multi-cultural competency. We'll learn about a developmental model of competency which can be a great foundation for further work in the coming years. This work supports all of our mission – explore, love and act.

For more information, contact Jill. Sign-up today or call the church office to say you are coming, by Thursday, April 16. A light lunch will be served. Childcare can be arranged if you need it; let us know by Tuesday, April 14.

Summer RE Sessions – Choose One Sunday

We're looking for folks to share with the children for one hour, one Sunday morning this summer. Our theme for the children will be Peace, Justice and the Interdependent Web of Life. Do you have an interest, passion, or knowledge you'd like to share with a group of 5-to-10-year-olds? It could be an appreciation of nature, a form of creative self-expression, a story you want to share, a game to play, an art project, an area of science or geography you're knowledgeable about, or raising awareness about an issue. If so, sign up on the blue easel in the foyer. You'll get support and assistance from the lead teacher, a teen aid, and RE staff. It's fun, it's easy, and it's rewarding!

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SWIMMING TO THE OTHER SIDE

Pat Humphries (Emma's Revolution)

REFRAIN:

We are living 'neath the great big dipper, we are washed by the very same rain
We are swimming in this stream together, some in power and some in pain
We can worship this ground we walk on, cherishing the beings that we live beside
Loving spirits will live forever,
We're all swimming to the other side.

I am alone and I am searching, hungering for answers in my time
I am balanced at the brink of wisdom, I'm impatient to receive a sign
I'll move forward with my senses open, imperfection it be my crime
In humility I will listen,
We're all swimming to the other side.

REFRAIN

On this journey through thoughts and feelings, finding intuition – my head, my heart
I am gathering the tools together, I'm preparing to do my part
All of those who have come before me, band together and be my guide
Loving lessons that I will follow,
We're all swimming to the other side.

REFRAIN

When we get there we'll discover all the gifts we've been given to share
Have been with us since life's beginning and we never noticed they were there.
We can balance at the brink of wisdom never recognizing that we've arrived
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