

May 2015 Worship Services

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Sunday, May 3

9:30 and 11:00 AM: “The Mind, the Flower, and the Diamond Thunderbolt”
with Rev. Jill McAllister

We’ll conclude our year-long consideration of the world’s great religious traditions with a look at several aspects of Buddhism. This morning, we’ll look at the several main “schools” of Buddhist thought and practice, and what Buddhism looks like in America, in Corvallis, and within the UUFC.

Sunday, May 10

9:30 and 11:00 AM: “Buddhism and Science” *with Dee Denver*

OSU professor Dee Denver is an integrative biologist researching the evolution of DNA in many forms of life. He is also a practicing Buddhist, who thinks and writes about the intersections between these two vocations, and is currently working on a book titled *The Dharma in DNA: a Buddhist View of Systems in Nature*.

7:00 PM: Monthly Kirtan Service *with the New World Kirtan Band*

Sunday, May 17

9:30 and 11:00 AM: “The Three Jewels” *with Rev. Jill McAllister and Guest Rev. Sandor Kovacs*

Buddhism has always recognized the essential role of the religious community for practitioners. As we prepare for our annual Congregational Meeting, let’s reflect on the importance of this religious community in our lives. And welcome a companion in our global UU community, Rev. Sandor Kovacs from Koloszvar, Transylvania.

Sunday, May 24

9:30 and 11:00 AM: “Where Does the Flame Go?” *with Rev. Jill McAllister*

We celebrate the circle of life, and honor the lives and the memory of those who have died in the past year. Join us in this celebration of life and death, in gratitude.

7:00 PM: Monthly Vespers Service *with Rev. Jill McAllister*

Sunday, May 31

9:30 and 11:00 AM: Coming of Age (Intergenerational Service)

The curriculum for our 7th and 8th grade youth this year has been the ‘rite of passage’ program, Coming of Age (COA). The youth will present their credos, and share with us what they believe, their values and hopes, and what Unitarian Universalism means to them.

7:00 PM: *Missa Gaia* by Paul Winter and Jim Scott

An Earth Mass performed by the UUFC Choir and special guest musicians.

I've probably said this before, but that is true of many things! I want to say it again, because what happens at the Fellowship, especially on Sunday mornings, is important, and there are many people who are looking for it. The first time I attended a Sunday service at a Unitarian Universalist congregation, I was looking for something. New to town, newly married, still new to adulthood, I was looking for a place, and a way, to be religious – not that I could have described that need fully. Even as an adolescent and young adult I already knew at some level that I did not believe many of the doctrines and teachings of my childhood church. Still, I looked forward to Sundays as a time and space to step outside of the weekly routine to consider and reflect on the “big” questions of life – honesty, integrity, good and bad, achievement and loss, life and death. Walking into this UU Fellowship, I found an entire community of people asking these questions out loud, every week. They recognized me as a fellow seeker, and they welcomed me and my partner heartily.

So now, every Sunday I remind myself that all who come through our doors are fellow seekers, looking for a place and a community where they can be religious in the ways that are important and meaningful to them. They may seek a new perspective on life and death, or information on the breadth and depth of religious belief and practice, or companions who, like them, have more questions than answers about religion and spirituality. They may want a place where their children can develop religious sensibilities freely, or companions in the struggle for justice and compassion, or friends to help them make sense of loss, or tragedy. They may be looking for a place to step out of the weekly routine, to consider and reflect on the big questions of life.

When you enter this gathering on Sunday mornings, do you realize that everyone around you is also a seeker, also asking the questions, also in need of strength and courage for the journey of life? And do you realize that what we find here, what any of us find that we may or may not be specifically looking for, we find because it is present among us and between us? Within this community there are

33rd Annual UUFC Services Auction Saturday, May 9, 6:00 PM

This event combines supporting the UUFC; a chance to fill your social calendar with meals, lessons, and outings; a silent auction; and the energy of a live auction. Dinners, river trips, yard work, wine tasting, knitting lessons, rowing lessons, spiritual direction, and much, much more ... the offerings are amazing! What can you offer? What would you like to buy? Everyone can offer something, and there's something for everyone to bid on. Plus, the company, refreshments, and entertainment are worth coming for on their own.

Come at 6:00 PM to share hors d'oeuvres and desserts and browse the silent auction, then stay to bid on live auction items and share an evening of fun and camaraderie. This year's theme is “Dr. Seuss,” so wear your zany clothes!

questions for some of your answers, and answers for some of your questions, there is comfort for sadness and grief, there is challenge and nurture to keep growing, there is joy and wonder to share. I know, because I have found those things here.

Everyone who comes, comes as a seeker. Between us, there exists much, if not all, of what we seek. Folks don't come because they have nothing better to do, or didn't know how to find a hiking trail, or wondered if there might be coffee after the service. We come in search of a path for life. To find what we seek, we have to share with each other what we have already found and what we are still looking for. We have to go beyond daily trivia, and we have to listen to one another.

What were you looking for when you first came? What are you looking for when you come now?

See you Sunday -- *Jill*

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

If at some point in your life you should come across anything better than justice, honesty, self-control, courage—than a mind satisfied that it has succeeded in enabling you to act rationally, and satisfied to accept what's beyond its control—if you find anything better than that, embrace it without reservation—it must be an extraordinary thing indeed—and enjoy it to the full.

Marcus Aurelius, Roman Emperor and Stoic philosopher

Worship & Care

Beltane (May Day) Gathering

Saturday, May 2nd at 7:00 PM, UUFC Sanctuary

Come dance the May Pole as we celebrate the beginning of the three months with the greatest daylight as well as the sacred union of the masculine and the feminine. Bring flowers for the event. Finger food is appreciated for sharing afterwards.

This is one of the eight earth-centered celebrations that make up the Wheel of the Year. We honor the annual cycle of light and dark and show gratitude for the abundance from our father Sun and mother Earth.

Pastoral/Spiritual Care for Times Such as These

Recently, seventeen members of the Fellowship attended weekly training sessions in preparation for providing pastoral/spiritual care for our Fellowship community. Listening skills were the main focus of the training, using Macy & Johnstone's *Active Hope* as a resource. In order to be fully present to another, skills in self-awareness and appropriate boundaries were addressed. On-going training will be provided as we launch this new program. The training was facilitated by Leslie Chartier, Jill McAllister and Diana Vezmar-Bailey, with Anna Coffman providing valuable resources on grief, death and dying.

Since this program expands the work done by the Caring Connection, that committee will no longer exist as a separate entity. Nancy Lindsey (the4Lgroup@comcast.net, 541-740-2515) will continue to be the contact person for those in need of pastoral care (i.e., casseroles, shawls, memorial receptions). If you would like a listening companion, contact Diana (dianavb@inbox.com, 541-740-9006).

Religious Exploration

May Topics for Children 1st-6th grades:

May 3: The Story of Buddha

May 10: What Did Buddha Teach?

May 17: Children's Chapel, with Zen Teacher Abby Terris

May 24: Buddhist Symbols & Celebrations

May 31: Right Action & Right Concentration

Children's Chapel May 17th, 11:00 AM

Children are invited and encouraged to attend our third Sunday of the month 'Children's Chapel'. This month our special guest will be local Zen Buddhist Teacher Abby

Missa Gaia

7pm Sunday May 31 UUFC

The UUFC presents a mass in celebration of Mother Earth: Paul Winter's *Missa Gaia*

Directed by David Servias with the UUFC Choir, Bob Brunvig (percussion), Zeek Malloy (saxophone), Michael Molk (oboe), Coony Zook (cello), and Lauren Servias (piano)

Featuring the recorded voices of Alaskan tundra wolf, common loon, humpback whale, harp seals, & canyon wren.

Terris, who will share a variety of activities, discussion, and meditations appropriate for children. Hope to see you there!

Adult Religious Exploration

Our theme for the upcoming RE year is Peace, Justice and the Interdependent Web of Life. We are excited to collaborate with our Climate Action Committee and Social Justice Council as well as other committees to offer programming that encourages a responsive commitment to being the way we want to see the world.

We are planning for summer and fall terms now and want to remind you that we have established deadlines to support better planning and programs to meet the greater needs of our religious community. The terms are:

- **Summer term:** July-August. Requests are due June 1.
- **Fall term:** mid-September to December 24. Requests are due by August 10.
- **Winter term:** January-March. Requests are due by December 1.
- **Spring term:** April-June. Requests are due March 1.

Adult RE is planning a Programs Provider Roundtable tentatively scheduled for September 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm. We want to include as many of you who have been instructors or facilitators in Adult programs in this brainstorming discussion as we consider the instructional needs and direction of Adult RE programs. We also welcome those that are new. For more information, to submit a program request, or to get involved with the Programs Provider Roundtable, contact Ann Mbacke (reassociate@uucorvallis.org, 541-752-5218 ext. 226).

Adult RE Committee

The Adult Programs Religious Exploration Committee meets monthly and makes on-going plans for each quarter. We welcome new members to the committee with a specific interest in helping shape programs that explore who we are as Unitarian Universalists, bringing meaning to ourselves while bettering the world. For more information, contact Ann (reassociate@uucorvallis.org, 541-752-5218 ext. 226).

Introduction to La Flauta Mágica

Bilingual Pre-school

La Flauta Mágica (The Magic Flute) Bilingual Pre-school has operated as a renter in the UUFC since 2008. We offer a Spanish-English curriculum based on literature, music, and art activities, to suit the skills and developmental stages of three to five-year-olds. We also offer an after-hours bilingual kindergarten program for six-year-olds. Many of our “alumni” transition very successfully into the bilingual programs offered at two Corvallis public schools. Our aim is to provide a warm, open and educationally stimulating atmosphere in which children are well cared for, supported, and safe.

At La Flauta Mágica we believe in:

- offering a positive, nurturing experience for children in a home-like setting;
- encouraging learning through play;
- guiding children's behavior in positive ways;
- respecting children's ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds and fostering their understanding of and appreciation for differences.

Patricia Corzantes is the director and head teacher of La Flauta Mágica. She has over 26 years of experience. Other staff members are also bilingual and trained in early childhood education. Contact Patricia at 541-602-4140 if you'd like to know more about La Flauta Mágica. (The UUFC is proud to be a partner in this important work.)

Program Council

Partner Church Hosts Balázs Scholar

Partner Church Committee will be hosting Balázs Scholar Sandor Kovacs on the weekend of May 15-17, and would like to invite all interested members of the congregation to meet him at a Potluck Supper on Saturday, May 16, at 6 p.m. in the room 6ABC of the south wing. Dinner will be followed by informal remarks by Rev. Kovacs and an opportunity for questions.

Landscape Work Party Kudos

Topnotch work on the Fellowship grounds the morning of April 11 greatly improved their safety and appearance. Stumps were dug out, holes in the lawn filled, shrubs pruned, sod lifted, weeds dug, flowerbeds improved, and load upon load of debris hauled to recycling.

Huge thanks to the crew who powered so cheerfully and ably through mud and rain: John Bailey, Richmond Brainerd, Louise Ferrell, Steve Ferrell, Bobbi Hall, Nick Houtman, Nancy Leman, Polly Kaye, Daryl Ann Peterson, Roberta Smith, Dorothy Sowell, Diana Thompson, and Lloyd Wagenschutz

Corvallis Transgender Support Group

This support group meets the second Thursday of each month (the next meeting is May 14) in Room 10 of the UUFC, 7:00-10:00 PM. Transgender people and those close to them meet to discuss whatever issues are current for the participants. Open to the larger community; sponsored by the Living the Welcoming Congregation Committee. For more information, contact Patricia Parcels (541-738-2610, patriciaparcels@aol.com).

Welcoming New Members to UUFC

Once again we will introduce and welcome new members to UUFC at the 11:00 AM service on May 17. Three times each year we welcome those who have chosen, like so many others before them, to align themselves with the history and the mission of this movement and this congregation and become official members. Membership carries the privileges of having a vote in congregational decisions, being eligible to serve on certain committees and the Board, and receiving the quarterly magazine of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Membership carries the responsibilities of presence and participation in the Fellowship, of helping accomplish our mission and goals, of taking your religious and spiritual life seriously (this is not a spectator sport!) and of committing to support the Fellowship with a financial pledge, to the best of your ability. Please come to meet our newest members!

Thank you Sunday Greeters!

This month the membership committee will thank our huge team of Sunday morning greeters for another great year. Sunday greeters are the face of the Fellowship for many newcomers, and what a welcoming face they present. Thank you, greeters, from all of us.

Fill the baskets for the **South Corvallis Food Bank!** For May: tuna and other canned meats or high protein foods. Questions? Contact Martha Clemons (541-757-9627).

UUFC Women's Retreat

Early Bird Registration is OPEN: May 3rd- June 7th

There will be a Women's Retreat table in the Fellowship foyer starting Sunday, May 3rd! Look for us each Sunday through June 7 to sign up online or on paper. We will share the offerings planned for the UUFC Women's retreat, which will be at the beautiful Silver Falls Conference Center, October 16-18, 2015. The 2015 Retreat Planning Committee includes Dianne Roth, Janelle Walters, Karen Stephenson, Saloma Stopher, Traci Merritt, and Valerie Hervey.

Special Free Event for All

"Bring Forth Your Best Self: Laugh-in-Labyrinth Workshop" - May 31, 12:30 PM. Led by Traci Merritt, Laughter Yoga Leader. All are invited, regardless of gender identity. Come laugh and walk a labyrinth outside on the Fellowship lawn (or indoors if raining). Experience the joy of contagious, feel-good laughter yoga with one another...

UUFC Men's Spring Work Party

Saturday, May 16, 8:30 AM-2:00 PM

UU Men – Come work side-by-side on building and maintenance projects to benefit our UUFC community! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. We'll have crew leaders to direct you. Come at 8:30 AM for coffee, tea, etc. From 9:00-11:30 AM we'll work on projects. From 11:30 AM-12:30 PM we'll break for lunch, and from 12:30-2:00 PM we'll finish our work projects.

All UU men are welcome; no special experience is necessary. If you have specific skills and tools, though, we would welcome them. All work projects will be supervised. Projects will include painting, roof cleaning, and interior cleaning. Plan to wear work clothes and bring gloves.

Please register for this event, so we can plan the food for the day. There is no charge. (Donations will be accepted to offset the cost of food.) To register: visit the sign up table on Sunday, or contact Jim Good (jwg4@yahoo.com, 541-754-9398).

Environmental Book Circle

The Environmental Book Circle will begin a new book Sunday May 10, 3:00-5:00 PM. We have selected [Change the Story, Change the Future](#) by David Korten, author of [The Great Turning](#). This new book with only 159 pages is subtitled "A Living Economy for a Living Earth". We invite you to join us at 3840 NW Lincoln Ave. in Corvallis. Snacks are provided. For more information, contact Elizabeth Waldorf (dewaldorf@comcast.net).

Governance

Future Structures Discussions

The UUFC Future Structures Task Force report is now being reviewed by the UUFC Board. The Board will propose the next steps for considering the future of our facilities at the congregation's annual meeting on May 17.

The board will look at the report, along with comments from the "World Café" in March, special blog discussions, and table-top comments in making its decision. The ten-page report includes a summary of a 2008 UUFC master plan; updated information related to that plan, including cost estimates; future trends, and scenarios.

"There is no easy and clear choice, but we have alternatives and the energy to act, and we have been blessed by the vision and resources of our Corvallis UU ancestors," the report concludes. "Continued solicitation of input from the congregation is recommended (and ongoing) at this point." The final report from the Task Force is available online at <http://uucorvallis.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Future-Structures-Task-Force-Report.pdf>

Thank you to the Future Structures Task Force: John Bailey (chair), Chris Bentley, Carl English-Young, Kelley Kendall, Beth Runciman, Jim Spain, and Diana Vezmar-Bailey.

Thanks also to Virginia and Dan Shapiro for facilitating the World Café; to Uta Hussong-Christian, Monica Jacobson-Tennessee, Roberta Smith, and Jamie Simmons for moderating the blog comments; to Linda Hardison and Kathy Kopczynski for creating the paper comment sheets; and to Kyle Jansson and the Board of Trustees.

Future Structures Discussion by the Numbers:

Comments submitted during the World Café: 232

Comments submitted on the table-top discussion sheets: 78

Comments submitted via the blog: 40

Comments emailed directly to the Board Secretary: 5

Pages of the Future Structures Task Force Report: 10

Total words submitted in congregational comments: 9301

People who facilitated, collected, moderated, and analyzed input: 17

"The Enneagram in Relationships: Nine Points of View"

A workshop with Dale Rhodes, offered Wednesday, May 13, 9:30 AM-5:30 PM at the UUFC. \$150 fee (\$100 for UUFC members).

Learn about your enneagram type and how it affects your relationships and work. For more information, visit

<http://www.lindaacarroll.com/events.html>

Proposed bylaw change

The agenda at our congregational meeting will include an amendment to Article 4 (membership) of our bylaws. The last time the bylaws, which are the legal document that defines governance of our congregation, were amended was 2005. During the past couple of years, there has been considerable discussion about what it means to be a UUFC member. The proposed bylaw amendment seeks to capture agreements from the discussions. It will update inclusivity language, welcoming all people to be members; clarify the recorded minimum annual contribution or pledge required to be a voting member; and add, in addition to rights, some responsibilities and limitations of being a member. The complete text of the proposed Article 4 appears on page 8.

At least 40 percent of the congregation must attend a meeting where bylaws are amended, and two-thirds of those must vote in favor of the amendment if it is to be adopted. The final proposed bylaw text will also be posted on the UUFC website and the foyer bulletin board. Please plan to attend the May 17 congregational meeting so that you can cast your vote.

Voting at the Annual Meeting

A list of UUFC members who are eligible to vote has been posted in the UUFC Social Hall. If you expect to vote on May 17 please verify that your name is on it. Questions? Contact Board Secretary Monica Jacobson-Tennessen (monica.djt@gmail.com).

Members will need to sign in on May 17 so that the Board Secretary can determine how many are in attendance and whether quorum has been met. Please look for the sign-in sheets to check in before the Annual Meeting begins!

Delegates to General Assembly

The UUA's General Assembly will be June 25-28 in Portland. It's the denomination's annual gathering, and this year it's a chance to be part of a rare opportunity in which UUs from across the country gather in Oregon.

The UUA conducts its business during this annual meeting. While everyone is encouraged to attend the General Assembly, the UUFC Board can only appoint a few to officially represent the congregation during the business sessions. If you are interested in being an official delegate, please send UUFC president Kyle Jansson an email at kjansson1@minetfiber.com by May 9 with your interest in being a delegate from UUFC. Information for delegates,

including two webinars to review the agenda, is available at <http://www.uua.org/ga/congregations/delegates>.

Stewardship & Budget

Thank you to the 250 couples, families, or individuals who collectively and generously pledged **\$372,700** to support the life of the UUFC and all that we do together for the coming fiscal year (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016). Isn't it fabulous that we can all offer what we can and all be a part of something so much greater than ourselves!?

If you pledged but do not see your name on the list posted on the bulletin board in the Social Hall, please contact us immediately. If you have not yet pledged, please consider doing your part to support the financial well-being and mission of the UUFC. You can still turn in your pledge card at the fellowship OR pledge online using the link from the home page at <http://www.uucorvallis.org>.

Your UUFC Stewardship Committee: Gerri Buckles, Uta Hussong-Christian, Monica Jacobson-Tennessen, Kathy Kopczynski, Virginia Shapiro (chair) (541-223-8859, stewardship@uucorvallis.org), and Anna Sontag.

UUFC 2015-16 Budget

The UUFC Budget Committee has prepared the Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget to present at the congregational meeting on May 17. This budget satisfies most of the budget requests. With this budget we will be able to accomplish our major priorities, which include:

- Expanding adult Religious Exploration offerings, including speakers and new materials, and providing staff support for Adult RE.
- Consolidating some of our fundraisers, to let committees focus on more important work.
- Providing pay raises for staff.
- Creating a part-time business manager position to coordinate the increasingly complex operational challenges.
- Adding funds to a building reserve.

This is the budget we will vote on, on May 17. You can be part of this work – all members are encouraged to attend and participate.

Got fruit? **Jammin' for the Hungry** needs donations of last year's berries or other frozen fruit! Contact Sara Power (saragpower@gmail.com, 541-231-6772).

Justice

Which Do You Choose?

Our planet has 5,500,000,000 years of sunlight left or 40 years of coal. Corvallis is one of 52 communities in the United States in a two-year competition to reduce residential and municipal energy use. The community that wins will receive a \$5 million prize.

A major player on our team is Seeds for the Sol; a local non-profit started by Julie Williams, a Corvallis native and teacher in our community for almost 30 years. Seeds for the Sol provides zero interest loans to homeowners who find the down payment a barrier to installing solar energy on their roofs. Our installers use Oregon made parts and the installers are all local area businesses.

Our model also provides people who share a concern for climate change with a forum for action that will have a direct impact on CO2 emissions in their own community.

Possible ways to participate:

- **Be a Sun Buddy:** People who are willing to provide a **zero interest loan** that will be paid back within two years.
- **Be a Sun Supporter: Donors** who build the fund with no expectation for return besides collateral benefits.
- **Be a Sun Harvester: Homeowners** who can't quite afford the down payment but wish to put solar on their home.
- **Be a Pass-Through-Partner: Prepay your taxes** by buying the Sun Harvesters tax credits at a 10% gain!

Come hear a SHORT talk by Seeds for the Sol by its founder, Julie Williams at the May Action Lunch on Sunday May 4th at 12:15 PM in the Social Hall - Find out how you can be part of the solution!

Report: How We Are Caring for the Earth

By Jean Townes and Susan Christie

During Climate Justice Month, CJC members asked everyone to fill out a survey to gather information on how learning about the climate crisis has led us to make changes in our daily lives. Collectively we are doing a lot! There were too many items on the list to report on all of them here, but copies of the complete tabulated results are on the table outside the sanctuary doors.

About 150 of us filled out the survey. To summarize:

- More than 70% of us are not buying bottled water, are turning the heat down at night, are consciously trying to buy less “stuff,” and are eating local foods as much as possible.
- More than 50% of us don't water our lawns during the summer, frequently eat vegetarian, walk when feasible, often buy used instead of new, and purchase Blue Sky energy.
- More than 25% of us are reducing the number of our airplane flights, have attended forums on climate change topics, have had an Energy Trust home audit, often do not use a power dryer to dry our clothes, and have replaced more than 25% of our light bulbs with LEDs.
- Almost 25% of us use bikes and buses for some transportation, have submitted comments to a regulatory hearing, or participate in a climate change organization.
- More than 10% of us have solar panels on our roofs or have written a letter to the editor about a climate related issue.

If you haven't filled out a survey form yet and want to, or if you just want to see what you can do to help, there are blank copies on the table outside the sanctuary doors. Thanks for all you do!

Waste Prevention Team

The Waste Prevention Team, a Corvallis Sustainability group the EAC is part of, recently called together faith group representatives to discuss what faith-groups can do to decrease landfill waste. The UUFC has added compostable foods and paper (napkins, towels, plate liners, etc. now go to the Organic Waste Bin) and stretchable plastic sacks (called “film”) to our recycling practices. We're always looking for more options. A list of recycling practices is posted on the shelf behind sliding doors in the kitchen. Do we have any Master Recyclers who'd like to reach out to several faith communities who haven't joined the team yet? Contact Bobbi Hall (rlhall@peak.org).

Microcredit Committee

The Microcredit Committee will be offering a variety of hand made pots with houseplants and summer annuals for sale on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10 in the Social Hall. If you need a gift for a Mom or you know of someone who would like a little cheer, come see what we have on Mother's Day and help support our Microcredit Committee in making loans to women in over 40 countries!

The RE Summer Program needs volunteers to share with the children for one hour on one Sunday morning this summer on the theme “Peace, Justice, and the Interdependent Web.” Contact Michael Molk (molk@uucorvallis.org).

Annual Meeting Content

Proposed Changes to Bylaws

In addition to the changes described on page 6, which affect Article 4, Sections 1.1 through 4.2, the Board is also proposing an additional item, Section 4.3, for discussion.

For those of you who read the *UU World*, you know that congregations all over the continent are dealing with issues of congregation safety. The Board discussed this item at length and we know it doesn't feel good to think that we might need to remove someone from membership. However, Oregon law requires that membership organizations without an exclusionary clause in their bylaws follow minimum requirements for this process. In the interest of transparency, these minimum requirements are what is proposed to be included in our bylaws as Article 4, Section 4.3. Section 4.3 will be a separate item with its own discussion and vote.

Proposed Article 4: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. General

1.1 The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis, Incorporated, welcomes people of all ages and socio-economic status, sexual orientations, gender identities/expressions, races/ethnicities, and abilities.

Section 2. Requirements

2.1 Requirements for membership are that the individual has:

- (a) attained 18 years of age or older;
- (b) been a member of a Unitarian, Universalist, or Unitarian Universalist congregation; or completed an orientation to Unitarian Universalism;
- (c) affirmed the UUFC Statement of Purpose and signed the membership book;
- (d) made a recorded, minimum annual contribution during the previous 12 months.

2.2 The minimum annual contribution to qualify as a member shall be set by the Board of Trustees. The Board shall have a policy for exceptions to the minimum contribution amount.

Section 3 Rights, Responsibilities and Limitations

3.1 A member has the right to speak and vote at any Fellowship meeting that takes place more than 30 days after the person has met the requirements for membership.

3.2 A member has the responsibility to support and carry out the Statement of Purpose, pledge and make an annual financial contribution, and participate in congregational life.

3.3 Unless authorized by the Board, a member may not speak or make contracts on behalf of the Fellowship.

Section 4 Change of Membership Status

4.1 A member may withdraw from membership by written notice to the Board Secretary.

4.2 Any member not making a minimum annual contribution of record during the previous 13 months or who has died shall be removed from membership.

4.3 The Board shall have the power to cancel the membership of any person whose conduct the Board deems to be detrimental to the congregation. Such person shall be given at least 15 days advance notice of the proposed action, the reason(s) for it and an opportunity for a Board hearing prior to a vote by the Board to cancel membership. A motion for cancelation of membership shall require an affirmative vote of three fourths (3/4ths) of the members of the Board to pass.

Slate of Nominees for 2015

- President..... Kyle Jansson
- Vice President..... Linda Hardison
- Treasurer..... Leslie Chartier
- Past President..... Carl English Young
- Trustee (3 year term)..... John Bailey
- Trustee (3 year term)..... Kelley Kendall
- Trustee (1 year term)..... Joan Rose
- Trustee (1 year term)..... Claudia Weintraub
- Trustee (1 year term)..... Peter Sanford
- Investment Committee..... Claudia Keith
- Investment Committee..... John Bailey
- Program Council Chair..... Wendy Sutton
- Nominating Committee Nancy Kyle
- Nominating Committee Russ Anderson
- Nominating Committee Gerri Buckles
- Nominating Committee Jim Good

Submitted by the Nominating Committee for 2015 on April 16, 2015: Wendy Sutton (chair), Sheryl Stuart, Nancy Kyle, Russ Anderson and Board of Trustees representative, Marcia Shaw

Donate your items for the **Services Auction**, and sign up to help, at <http://goo.gl/forms/7kQ7loDCKz>

Everyone can offer something, and there's something for everyone to bid on. Come enjoy the auction: May 9, 6:00 PM!

UUFC Calendar

(Sunday Services Front Page: Hours are PM unless noted)

May 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					Art Display: Rhoda Fleischman 10:30 AM Insight Meditation 3:00 COA Send Off 3:00 COA Parent Meeting 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics 5:30 Membership Committee Meeting	Art Display: Rhoda Fleischman 9:00 AM Leading from Spiritual Depth 7:00 Wheel of the Year Worship: Beltane
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