

Saturday, November 1, 7:00 PM

Wheel of the Year Samhain/All Hallows Celebration

At this time when the veil is thin between worlds, we will draw upon the gifts of our ancestors to inspire us in these challenging times. Please bring photos of ancestors for the altar and finger food to share after the event. Festive clothing encouraged. Samhain, in the Northern Hemisphere, marks the final harvest for the growing cycle. Samhain also marks the beginning of the three darkest months of the year (solar winter).

Please bring photos of ancestors for the altar and finger food to share after the event. Festive clothing encouraged.

Sunday, November 2—Daylight Savings Time Ends. Set Your Clocks Back An Hour .

9:30 and 11:00 AM

“The Importance and Imperative of Difference” Rev. Jill McAllister

Hinduism is no one thing. Like many long traditions, it encompasses an immeasurable variety of philosophies, doctrines, rituals, perspectives, and practices. It is in itself a multi-faith, multi-cultural tradition, which can provide much encouragement and insight for us as we undertake to build our skills at living in right relations in a multi-cultural world.

7:00 PM

Kirtan Service

An Evening of Music, Myth, Mantra, Movement, and Meditation in the Hindu tradition *with Rhythmantra*

Sunday, November 9, 9:30 and 11:00 AM “No Matter How Loud I Shout “ *Living the Welcoming Congregation Committee*

This reader's theater performance is offered in support of the new Jackson Street Youth Homeless Shelter in Albany. It features creative works written by local homeless youth. (A third performance will be held at 7:00 PM.) The LWC committee exists to help maintain the commitment of the UUFC to being an official UUA Welcoming Congregation, through education and advocacy for LGBTQ persons and issues.

Sunday, November 16, 9:30 and 11:00 AM “Ancient Wisdom for Times Such As These” *Rev. Jill McAllister*

Hinduism is one of the oldest traditions recorded in writing, and it is also very much a living and evolving tradition. Modern masters of Hindu philosophy and spirituality are available and accessible today, and are applying ancient wisdom to modern lives. What can we learn from them?

Sunday, November 23

9:30 and 11:00 AM

“What Are You Thankful For ?”

Rev. Jill McAllister

Fall turns to Winter as we stop again to consider the blessings in our lives. Not as simple and straight-forward as it might seem, not merely acknowledging the happy and good things, but the opening of our whole selves to see our taken-for-granted habits of entitlement and our assumptions about fairness. The practice of gratitude is always a challenge. Like growing old, it is “not for sissies.” **We will welcome new UUFC members this morning.**

7:00 PM

Vespers Service

Gratitude, in Meditation, Music and Movement.

Sunday, November 30, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

“Ganeesha, Kali, and the Gang”

Rev. Jill McAllister

To an age-old question: “How many Hindu gods are there?” the traditional answer is “330 million..” The Hindu tradition is an excellent place to start to explore the human need to name our experiences of reality, sometimes leading to images of goddesses and gods. Whether we think we “believe” in god/gods/goddesses or not, the fact is we each have our own collection. What does this mean for how we live today?

Religious Exploration for Children and Youth is offered at 11:00 AM on Sunday

Childcare for Infants and Toddlers if offered at both services.

Children and Youth are welcome at all services.

Between Us . . .



We begin a consideration of Hinduism this month, as a source of wisdom for our religious and spiritual lives. Like all classic religious traditions, Hinduism encompasses a vast array of different beliefs, practices, languages, and ideas. In fact, several strands of Hindu tradition emphasize the necessity of honoring differences, arising from thousands of years of

observation that *people are different*. There are different temperaments, different learning styles and abilities, different stages and stations in life, different experiences, different needs, different gifts, etc. While there is certainly a unity which encompasses all our diversity (we are all human, after all), Hindu traditions do a good job of acknowledging and working with the differences.

This in itself is an important subject. The history of human politics over eons can be understood as a process of separating and segregating people according to real and perceived differences, and according to who has the power to enforce the separations. Even in our so-called democratic and egalitarian society, we all know that these kinds of separations still exist. Most of us have experienced them directly (any experience of being not included, or discriminated against), and most of us can admit that we ourselves at the very least make judgments about other people based on real or perceived differences. Those judgments often allow us to participate in continued forms of social segregation and discrimination. No matter how much we aim to be people of love and justice, so often our deeply embedded perspectives on differences keep us mired in politics of oppression.

The ability to truly see, understand and work effectively with differences requires more than mere goodwill and good intentions. True multi-cultural awareness and effectiveness is the result of skills, not just intentions. These are skills all can learn and practice. Within the American UU movement, there have been efforts to teach and learn these skills for several decades, beginning with anti-

racism training in the 1990's. Currently there are several programs available to help individuals and congregation undertake training in multi-cultural awareness and effectiveness, for the good of all.

I know that there are many folks within the Fellowship who have training and experience in multi-culturalism. If you are one of those, I invite you to let me know. I hope to have a gathering of all of us who are interested in this work, to discuss what tools and processes we might offer here at the Fellowship. I am dedicated to increasing our multi-cultural awareness and effectiveness overall—for the sake of our internal and external relations, our justice and outreach work, and our individual religious and spiritual lives. I hope that most, if not all, members and friends of the UUFC will make a commitment to participate in some form of multi-cultural training and learning over this church year.

Meanwhile, there is much other great work at the Fellowship. The Board is refining their goals for the year; committees are evaluating their work according to the new mission statement; we are reviewing all the administrative tasks which keep the Fellowship running, to determine whether or not we are adequately staffed; attendance at Sunday and other worship services remains strong; and more. It is a great time to be part of the UUFC. Keep coming!
See you Sunday - *Jill*

Sign up to be a Sunday Chalice Lighter

Individuals of all ages, and/or families, are invited to take a turn lighting the chalice for Sunday morning worship! To schedule a Sunday morning, sign up on the clipboard outside Jill's office. Jill will contact you to confirm, and to provide the words you'll say.

Living with Loss

A meeting for any and all who are working through illness, grief, loss of loved ones, and life transitions; facilitated by Jill McAllister. Two opportunities each month:

Thursday, November 13, Noon (can bring your lunch)

Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 PM.

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

Mindfulness is simple: *Bring your attention into the present moment.*

Mindfulness is profound: *The present moment is where our lives unfold, where our tendencies reside and where choice is possible.*

Mindfulness is portable: *It moves into our lives and into the world. It can inform our interactions at home and at school, in the grocery store and on the soccer field.*

Mindfulness is kind: *It asks that we develop compassions for ourselves and others as we move through life doing the best we can.*

From the Director of Music: David Servias

Got rhythm? A new musical tradition appears to be emerging at the UUFC: egg shakers! What are they? Home-made percussion instruments made by filling plastic Easter eggs with popcorn (or rice after we ran out of popcorn). People of all ages can enjoy adding to the music, especially on the more lively congregational hymns. They are a wonderful way to start a conversation with someone you don't know. You will probably see them appear on Sunday mornings from time to time. Don't forget to return them at the end of the service.

We had some incredible guests musicians last month. One of the highlights in October was having when the drop-in choir had the thrilling, once-in-a-lifetime experience of singing back-up on a couple of songs with John McCutcheon. We had about four minutes to rehearse, but we all quickly adapted and it was a memorable experience. Jessica Lambert also performed the beautiful Kol Nidre by Max Bruch.

I hope you won't mind if I brag, but choir has been sounding fantastic. They consistently make excellent music are becoming known as a welcoming and inclusive choir to new members. Someone mentioned to me that this was the kindest choir they had have sung with. We work hard at this and it takes effort from each one of us. If you are interested in joining, please talk to me or anyone in choir. As always we'll have the "drop-in choir" on the second Sunday of each month. Show up at 8:45 and learn a song to sing that morning at the service. We often have first-timers come to drop-in choir, and you are always welcome.

Worship for "The Great Turning"

In her book *Active Hope*, and in much of her work around that topic, Joanna Macy defines and describes an empowerment process to help us keep moving forward, away from "business as usual" (the economic/political status quo) and also away from despair for the world. For her, the third way, "The Great Turning", is accomplished by "The Work That Reconnects." This work can be visualized as a circle, or an ongoing spiral, which moves between four main points: *Coming From Gratitude*, *Honoring our Pain for the World*, *Seeing With New Eyes*, and *Going Forth*. Perhaps it is not surprising that Macy has outlined a process almost identical to the movements of our Sunday worship. Here at the Fellowship, each Sunday service follows a similar pattern, like movements in a dance. We call them The Gathering of the Community, Affirming our Connections, Searching for Wisdom and Inspiration, and Returning to the World. Good worship has always been work that reconnects—it can connect us to our truest selves, to others, and to the Life of which we are a part. This is the religious undertaking, and for us, worship is at the heart of it. This is why worship is very different from a lecture, or a concert, or a dramatic presentation. Worship works—it reconnects us—when we invest ourselves in the movements, when we let ourselves and help ourselves to be moved. Next time you take part in Sunday worship, visualize these movements for yourself, and let them help you become more comfortable in The Great Turning: The Gathering of the Community (Coming From Gratitude), Affirming our Connections (Honoring our Pain for the World), Searching for Wisdom and Inspiration (Seeing with New Eyes) and Returning to the World (Going Forth.)

UUFC Community Thanksgiving Dinner

It's time to make plans and T-Day is only a month away. The UUFC always has its own large festive communal dinner on Thanksgiving Day. We cook four turkeys, mashed potatoes, gravy; also a vegan and gluten free tofu turkey and gravy. You bring a potluck dish such as salad, bread, **DESSERT!**, stuffing, sweet potatoes, vegetable side (or main) dish or anything that is important or nostalgic from your past. You also volunteer for one of the small tasks that make this happen. Suggested donation is \$5.00 per person to cover costs, but no one turned away if you are on financial hard times. We typically have 100 people, so come to be sociable. Sign up after services in November. Call Rich Brainerd (541-740-2961) if you have questions or want to be a big-time volunteer.

Pastoral Care at the Fellowship

The Caring Connection is always at work at the UUFC. It includes three sub-committees whose work is very important in the life of the congregation. One group facilitates reception after memorial services at the Fellowship. Judy Westlake and Rich Brainerd are in charge of this activity: they have hosted receptions for five services since July. A second group, led by Debbie Hammerquist and her team of volunteer cooks, have delivered 37 meals to congregants in need. (More casserole-makers are really needed, so please consider helping out.) Third, the shawl ministry has provided six shawls, four baby blankets, and one scarf. Be sure to let us know if you know of someone for whom a shawl would be appreciated. As always, Jill and our lay ministers are available for pastoral care—to talk, walk, or visit with members and friends in need. Chair, Nancy Lindsey 541-740-2515

Children's Religious Exploration

Calendar for children in 1 st through 6 th grades	
November 2 nd	Hindu gods and goddesses
November 9 th	Ganesh, Hindu god of good fortune
November 16 th	Lakshmi, Hindu goddess of prosperity
November 23 rd	Rama, Hindu god of good versus evil
November 30 th	Celebrating Diwali, Festival of Lights

Youth Religious Exploration

Holiday Food Drive Sunday, November 23rd

Benton County Fairgrounds 53rd St.

7th/8th – 10:00 AM to 12 Noon

9th-12th – 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Coming Of Age Parent Orientation

Sunday, November 16th, 12:30 PM in room 6. This is an opportunity for parents of 7th/8th grade youth to learn about the Coming of Age program, hear from the advisors, and get your questions answered. Childcare available—contact Michael by

Teen Childcare Training – November 2nd

12:30-1:30 PM room 7—This is a training offered to teens ages 14-19 years old, who'd like to provide childcare for RE, for Fellowship events, and for our congregants.

Adult Religious Exploration

World Religions Class: Hinduism:

There will be a slight change in our schedule this month:

The *World Religions Discussion Group* will meet on the second Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00 PM with Patti White.

The *World Religions Overview Class* will meet the third Thursday, November 18 at 7:00 PM with Rev. McAllister: Tuesday, November 11th, 7:00.

If you need childcare for either please let Patti know by the preceding Friday.

There will be two opportunities to experience worship using the themes from Hinduism:

- Sunday, November 2, 7:00 PM
Kirtan with Rythmantra
- Sunday, November 23, 7:00 PM
- UUFC Vespers Service

Chalice Lighting: Individuals of all ages, and/or families, are invited to take a turn **lighting the chalice** for Sunday morning worship! To schedule a Sunday morning, sign up on the clipboard outside Jill's office.

Adult RE program submissions are on a term basis. We're now accepting program requests for the winter term starting in January of 2015. **The deadline for applying** is Sunday, November 30th. Please remember when submitting requests that it may take two to three weeks for review of intended RE programs. Program requests should be submitted to Ann Mbacke at reassociate@uucorvallis.org.

Over 65 Group: Meets once per month, next meeting is Thursday, November 20th, at 3:00 PM

Contact Nancy Kyle at n.kyle12@gmail.com

Financial Mini Workshop Sunday, November 23rd, 12:30 PM –2:30 PM, in the UUFC Library. See details on page 7 under **Stewardship News**.

Plan Ahead

• Walk With The Seasons

Tuesdays: January 6th and 13th 4:00 to 6:00 PM or 7:00 to 9:00 PM

• Becoming Your Own Best Friend Refresher

Saturday, January 31st, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

• Compassionate Listening

Mondays—January 19th through February 9th, 7:00 to 9:00 PM (More information will be provided on these programs in upcoming newsletters.)

Lifespan Religious Exploration for All Ages

Parent Discussions TED Talks: Come join in on our parent-focused discussion, as we venture into topics of interest to parents with children of all ages:

- November 12th, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Childishness is a Great Source Of Creativity
- November 19th, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Parenting Taboo's: Things that Happen that Never Get Talked About

After watching the talk discussion will follow. (light refreshments and childcare available).

RE Councils Forming: Interested in children's and/or youth's religious exploration? We're looking for a few adults to serve on our newly-forming **Children's and Youth's RE Steering Committees**. These committees will review, propose, and support our programs for children and youth. To volunteer, contact DLRE Michael Molk at 541-908-5456 molk@uucorvallis.org.

Adult Programs RE Steering Committee is looking for volunteers to serve, please contact Ann Mbacke for more details at reassociate@uucorvallis.org or 541-740-7471. This committee serves to support Adult Religious Education programs: reviewing incoming proposals, and suggesting programs that benefit the Fellowship.

UUFC Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, December 6, 2014, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

A Fellowship holiday tradition: local artists and vendors, hand-tied holiday greens, homemade baked goods and specialty foods, recycled-gifts at beautiful prices, raffle items, on-site café to share coffee/tea or lunch with friends, and more. Bring your friends!



The Holiday Bazaar Committee needs YOU!

WRITE! Mark your calendar now for Saturday, December 6th and start your holiday list.

GIVE! Gather your donations for the recycled gifts area and bring to UUFC. A recycled gift is: that gift still in the box or gently used that your mother, Aunt Elaine, ex-boyfriend gave you that is just not your style, you never wore or used, you don't want it around anymore! Email Katie Lantz-Phillips katielphillips@gmail.com for more information or questions.

Volunteer! Sign up this month for a shift on the day of the event.

Spread the word! Watch Facebook and craigslist for information and photos about the local artists selling at the Bazaar. Post a flyer at your work and email it to all your friends.

BAKE! Fill a tin and bring it in. Of your favorite holiday goodies, that is. Gluten-free options will be appreciated. Invite a few friends and have a baking party for the Bazaar.

COOK! We are looking for specialty items for the "Café All Day" for shoppers who want gluten-free or vegetarian goodies. Contact Jeannie Ramsey for these guidelines. **Join a Pasties work party:** Come help us make traditional and not-so-traditional Cornish Pasties for the Café and to sell. **Work party dates are: Wed., Nov. 5, 7 PM, Thur., Nov. 6, 10 AM; Wed. Nov. 12, 1-4 PM & 7-9 PM; Thur., Nov. 20, 9:30 AM; and Tues., Dec. 2, 9:30 AM-3 PM.**

ATTEND! Come to the Fellowship on Saturday, December 6, 2014 between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Enjoy coffee, scones, or lunch in the café, buy a raffle ticket or ten, pick out hand-crafted items from artists or from the recycled gifts area for the loved ones on your list, and a fresh swag of holiday greenery to hang on your door.

Still have questions? Email uuholiday.elves@gmail.com

TELL all your friends!



Communication at the UUFC: eNews

What is the eNews?

The eNews is a weekly email that contains upcoming services and events. The upcoming services are listed with full descriptions, as they are on the website. Several sections of the eNews provide dates and times for events happening this week and next week, and list a few “plan ahead” items further in the future.

Which events go in the eNews?

Currently, the eNews is focused on what we’re calling “point of entry” events - classes, potlucks, choir rehearsal, speakers, and a handful of meetings that provide opportunities for newer UUFC members and friends to make connections or for members and friends of longer standing to connect in new ways. To keep the eNews short enough to be readable, it does not include regular committee meetings (these are available in the church calendar, which is both on the website and printed in the newsletter). Also not included are events that take place at the Fellowship, but are not UUFC events put on by Fellowship committees or staff.

How does the eNews get put together?

The content for the eNews comes from the newsletter, the church calendar, and the celebrants leading worship services in the week covered by the eNews. Additional content comes from About UUFC messages or direct requests to committee chairs, staff, and event organizers as needed.

How do I get the eNews?

Sign up using the online form at bit.ly/UUeNews and the weekly eNews will arrive in your email every Friday morning! If you’re having trouble getting signed up, email news@uucorvallis.org.

Clothing Exchange

Sunday, November 9 after both services. bring your gently used clothes that no longer fit, or aren't your color before the service, then afterwards come and shop for bargains! Give what you feel is appropriate. Proceeds support the Women's Retreat.

Volunteers are needed to sort clothes starting at 8:30 and cleanup at 12:45. Contact Nancy Kyle 541 602-1930 n.kyl312@gmail.com

Is Softball in the UUFC's Future? Join other UUFC members and friends who enjoy softball for a gathering at 12:45 PM, Sunday, November 16 to talk about possibilities for next year. We'll talk about how we might play and have fun next year. All skill levels are welcome.

For more information, call Kyle Jansson at 503-838-2313 or email him at kjansson1@minetfiber.com.

Fall Clean-up Set for November 22 The UUFC Building Maintenance Committee has scheduled the annual fall clean-up for Saturday, Nov. 22, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We'll have coffee and snacks for early birds. Among the projects we have scheduled are cleaning moss and leaves off the roof, washing windows, cleaning heaters and replacing weather stripping on doors. Weather permitting, there may also be some minor outdoor painting to do. And as always, there will be leaves to rake and other outdoor fun. RSVP to Nick Houtman, nickhoutman8@aol.com.

Women's Lunch Bunch The weekly women's lunch is moving to the North Coop. We meet at 1:00 PM every Wednesday except holidays. All UUFC women are warmly invited to join us at our new location. Elizabeth Waldorf

Weekly Potlucks The weekly potlucks continue through Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00 PM.

Update on New Fellowship Database Our current database has more than 3000 entries, so we decided not to convert it wholesale. We have worked with the needs of Religious Exploration first, then our financial contributors, and then the directory. We will review and convert the rest after those are well established.

We will be asking you later this year to verify the information we have entered, because mistakes are always made in a conversion of this size. Please be gentle with us when you review your data. And if anyone is conversant with writing web services, please contact me—It would help with cross-validating the two databases. (*Kathy Koczynski* KathyKZ@comcast.net for the Database Committee)

UUFC Annual Meeting in May The UUFC annual congregational meeting takes place the third Sunday of May. That means the next one will be May 17. Put it into your calendar now so you will remember to attend. Participating in the Annual Meeting is one of the privileges and responsibilities of membership.

Stewardship News

Funding Our Mission--Your Input Will Help Us Build On Last Year's Success!

Thanks to the generosity and commitment of all who participated in our pledge drive last spring, we met our goal of raising 20% more in pledges than the previous year, and the highest pledge amount ever for UUFC. This has allowed us to move forward with funding our mission in many ways: to fairly compensate our staff and support their continuing education to enhance their service to the UUFC; to fund our programs and building maintenance without tapping our reserves; and to develop a much more effective way to communicate with our members. Thank you all!

Looking ahead to next year's pledge drive, we would like your input about several possibilities for our pledging process. Toward this end, we will be sending out a brief and easy electronic survey in early November. Please take the time to fill this out when it arrives in your in-box. If you do not receive electronic communications, please call us and we will be happy to provide you with a written survey.

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

Discover Your Financial Archetype

You may know what type of personality you are, but do you know your money archetype? Do loved ones drive you crazy because they just don't know the value of money/saving/spending /enjoying life? We all learned conscious and unconscious attitudes about money growing up, but actually talking about money as adults is one of the last taboos.

Join members of the Stewardship committee for a short workshop that will reveal your Financial Archetypes. No one archetype is "best"—they all have gifts and challenges. Whether you're a Saver or a Caretaker, being aware of what motivates you will help you find balance in your financial life. And you may find clarity about the dominant archetype of your friends and family.

Sunday, November 23, we are offering a 75-minute workshop in the library after each service. The first will be at 11:00 AM and the second will be 12:30 PM. Please contact Kathy Kopczynski (KathyKZ@comcast.net/541-231-3639) to sign up, so we have enough materials prepared. Childcare available only during the 11:00 workshop. This is part of a financial literacy program *Money and Spirit*.

Board, Investment Committee Takes Steps to Enact Climate Change Resolution

After several months of considering options, the Investment Committee recently recommended to the UUFC Board a change in investments. The congregation voted at the annual meeting in May 2014 to divest itself of investments in fossil fuels.

The Investment Committee (whose members are elected by the congregation) recommended that some of the investments be moved to the UUA's Common Endowment Fund. The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation. In order to maintain a diversity of investments, committee members are researching other possibilities that will enable the UUFC to continue its investment returns.

In other action, the Board:

- Approved revisions to Policy 8.2 about Individual Privacy and Data Security that had been recommended by the Communication Committee.
- Continued its discussions about its goals for the coming year.

Pledge Statements

By Sunday, November 2, we expect to have paper output of your pledge/contribution data available from both systems databases. Please review it and help us find our errors.

It is our hope that we will be able to send your quarterly statements by email when we master the new system. Do we have your correct email address for that? Please check your statements. Thank you. Louise Ferrell and Marilyn Walker, receipts bookkeeping

Building skills for intercultural communication and community is the key to living into the power and potential of our faith. We cannot benefit from the fullness of each person's humanity, from the light of spirit that sparks in each of us uniquely, unless we can see and appreciate the differences among us. Those differences allow us to deepen in our knowledge of the holy as we bow to the mystery in each other. Many of those differences derive from what we have come to understand as culture. Our skill at honoring, celebrating, and working with the complexities of difference is the key to our ability to connect and see and know each other. It is the key to any efforts at knowing what shape justice should take and what peace really looks like.

(From "Who Are Our Neighbors?" A UU Ministers Association Training Program)

UU Service Committee Holiday Cards

The cards will be in and ready for sale after services from November 9th through December. There are now mixed packs with three each of four designs, as well as two packs with new designs. Each card pack is only \$10 - what a deal!

Know that when you share the spirit of the holiday season with UUSC cards that the proceeds helps the UUSC protect basic human rights and advance social justice in the United States and around the world. And that's truly a special deal!

Consider sending UU Service Committee cards as a way to let special people in your life know what you believe and stand for in a gently loving way. Thanking all in advance for their support of the UUSC, *Patricia Smith*.

Action Lunch and Social Concerns Beneficiary for November, the South Corvallis Food Bank

The Action Lunch on Sunday, November 2 will benefit the South Corvallis Food Bank. The UUFC has a long connection to the food bank and has been wonderfully supportive over the years. The food bank, in its thirteenth year, is now serving over 300 families each month representing over 1,000 individuals, 42% of which are children. The food bank relies on donations (of food and money) and volunteers to: purchase food, receive deliveries, stock shelves, bring produce from the SAGE garden, serve clients in four- three-hour shifts a week, clean and organize produce, clean and stock freezers, serve on our board, pay the bills, train volunteers, etc.

Please plan to attend the [action lunch on Sunday, November 2](#) and give generously in the offering baskets during the month of November. South Corvallis Food Bank is a 501(c)(3) organization so every dollar donated is tax deductible and you can rest assured that every dollar donated will be spent on food for our clients. If you can provide a soup, a vegetable platter, baked good or a fruit platter, or can help with set-up or clean-up, please contact Sylvia at yamadas@science.oregonstate.edu.

Contact Martha Clemons; clemm12@comcast.net our visit their website: www.southcorvallisfoodbank.org

Food Baskets for the Elderly at our Partner Church

Scholarships for Unitarian youth to attend high school and university open opportunities for youth in Kōris-patak. What about the elderly in this village of subsistence farmers?

In 2010, after spending part of a year getting to know her new congregation, Rev. Katlin Szasz-Csereny made a request to the Corvallis Partner Church Committee for funds to begin a program to support the elderly on "Senior Sunday."

Rev. Kati wrote us a description of that first "Senior Sunday," which she has continued every fall since then. It has been an ecumenical program with the minister from the Reformed church in the village.

"The Reformed minister said a prayer and I preached to and greeted approximately 40 aged men and women. Following that, children and teachers played recorder music and recited poetry. A senior group photo was taken in front of the church and the celebration continued in the nearby Civic Center with sweet bread, brandy, soft drinks, and mineral water. There were dances and recitations by the children. After the reception the church president and I personally delivered grocery bags to 23 senior Unitarians ages 60–90. Packages contained 13 kinds of edibles: oil, sugar, rice, dry pasta, pate, butter, wafers, candy, lemons, and chocolate.

"People were very touched and expressed gratitude for the nice celebration, and I thank you for assisting with money. I assure you that it served a good purpose and brought a lot of joy. God bless you, and may He grant that we can fulfill such noble deeds for a long time."

This year the Partner Church Committee sent \$200 as we have the last five years. We look forward to photos and details about Senior Sunday 2014 and will post them on our bulletin board as soon as they arrive. Maybe the church service will be in the historic Unitarian church, which they have recently finished restoring. There is a new minister in the Reformed church. Kati did not know if they would participate, but she is eager to continue Senior Sundays to help the elderly prepare for winter. Janet Throop and Beverly McFarland



Remember to Fill the Baskets for the South Corvallis Food Bank

Personal care items: shampoo, soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, etc.

Contact Martha Clemons
at 541-757-9627.

UUs in the News: Connections Deep and Wide

By Susan Christie, Chair, Climate Justice Committee

Some events of recent weeks have made me even more proud to be a UU than I was already. Our beloved community at UUFC, in itself, seems like a miracle in my life, but our Fellowship, here in our corner of Oregon, is not all there is. Unitarian Universalism is a small denomination, and we need each other, to be strong in our faith as we face the challenges of this century, which seem to come from all directions at once. But there is great hope in our united power and love.

Commit2Respond

About three weeks ago, some of us active in climate justice work received an impassioned letter from UUA President Peter Morales announcing the formation of Commit2Respond, a UU response to the climate crisis. We will surely hear more about Commit2Respond over the next few months. You can read President Morales' letter at this link: <http://www.commit2respond.org/>

UUs Ruffle ALEC's Feathers!

With attention to another aspect of UUA activism on the climate crisis, President Morales sent an email a few days ago. Here is an excerpt: "Last Friday, October 17, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) sent out an email asking their supporter for funds to fight the "smear campaign" waged against them by the Unitarian Universalist Church. ALEC claims that we UUs wish to "silence competing ideas and speech" because we have shone a light on their secretive activities to undercut voter registration, pass anti-immigrant legislation, harm the environment, and block movements for fair wages. We couldn't be prouder."

UUs at Work for Social Justice

The UU Facebook groups and the UUA Yahoo email lists have been telling story after story the past few weeks about how UU congregations are responding to the social injustices of our time.

UUs around the country are "Standing on the Side of Love" as they conduct vigils in response to the shooting of an unarmed black teenager In Ferguson, Missouri.

UUs from Standing on the Side of Love and the UU College of Social Justice are speaking out against cruel and excessive deportations and advocating for immigration reform.

Oregon Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice Meeting

On Saturday, November 8, 2014, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM UUs from around the state will gather in Corvallis to decide statewide advocacy priorities for 2015 and create a plan for working together on those justice issues. We will report in on UU justice activities around the state, connect congregations and UUs, and commit to making our UU values known in the public square. We will gain tools to help us advocate and educate, celebrate our recent successes, reflect on what we have learned, and share news about UUVfJ's organizational progress.

Beverages and light snacks provided. Bring lunch or purchase (\$5 - reserve by November 5 by emailing Oregonuuvoices@yahoo.com) on-site.

The turning toward marriage equality for same sex couples is joyful and heartwarming, and UU ministers are performing ceremony after ceremony, almost non-stop, when bans in their states are declared unconstitutional.

It's wonderful to read about how UUs are making a difference in the face of injustice. We are all connected. And here at UUFC, we are finding many ways to add our voices to those of UUs everywhere. These challenging times call us to be bold, and I don't doubt that we will!

Environmental Action Council Events

Potluck: On Friday, November 7th we will have our annual potluck to which everyone is invited. It will begin at 5:30PM at the home of Bobbi and Don Alan Hall at 620 NW Witham Drive in Corvallis. If possible, bring a dish to share, your plate, napkin and utensils. We have two goals: to select our annual goals and to have fun.

Book Circle: On Sunday, November 9th and 23rd our Environmental Book Circle will meet from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at 3840 NW Lincoln Avenue in Corvallis. We continue to discuss Active Hope, the timely book by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone. You are invited to join us.

EAC Monthly Meeting: If you have concerns or an interest in the environment, you are invited to our monthly meeting the third Sunday of each month at 12:30PM in the library. If you contact Elizabeth Waldorf, I'll send you a copy of the agenda. Snacks are provided.

Seeds for the SOL

Giving Power to the people and MAKING SOLAR ENERGY AVAILABLE TO ALL!

A new way to use the power of money to meet the challenge of climate change, by recycling financial reserves endlessly, like the Sun. A presentation with founder Julie Williams on Sunday November 23rd will take place in the Fellowship Hall after the second service (sponsored by the Climate Justice Committee and the Environmental Action Council of the UUFC, Contact Martha Clemons clemm12@comcast.net).

From the Wider Community

WANTED:

Operations Administrator at Beit Am Jewish Community, for details please go to <http://corvallis.craigslist.org/ofc/4671532439.html> for the listing. For questions, contact Maya Abels at personnel@beitam.org

The deadline is Wednesday, November 5.

Election Promises

I hear the polls are going to be open on Tuesday. All day.

Good. I certainly intend to go to them.

I certainly invite you to go to them and vote too.

But today I say the polls are not just open on Tuesday.

I say they are open every day. Every hour. Even here.

Even now.

Right now I am going to vote for the robin's egg sky, the vanilla clouds, the purple shadow spreading under the gingko tree.

I am going to vote for tulips and redbuds.

I am going to vote for love that does not have to run in someone else's circles in order to be love.

I am going to vote the homeless into homes.

I'm going to vote the uneducated into classrooms that teach them in the ways they learn best, not the way that would be most convenient.

I'm going to vote the sick into healing, I'm going to vote the lost into belonging.

I'm going to vote, right now, for the right to dream of a world where the word politics doesn't stop me in my tracks, and the word honor still has a few good meanings left.

I'm going to vote right now for the power of free people to actually be free, no matter who they are, no matter who has abandoned them, no matter who hates them.

I am actually going to vote for love, I'm going to vote for truthfulness as the norm, not the exception.

I'm going to vote for a world that doesn't vote for killing, for control and swagger.

I'm going to vote for you. I'm going to vote for me.

Right now. Right here. Silently. But for real.

The Rev. Mark Belletini, Columbus, OH

Mission Statement Gives New Perspective on Organization

Our new Fellowship Mission Statement emerged so beautifully between us last year; we knew at a deep level what was most important and most commonly held between us. Now those three main ideas—Explore, Love, Act—are giving rise to new ways of seeing our organizational structure. (That means it's a really good mission statement!) Looking at how we communicate and how we coordinate programs and events, a three-council structure is emerging.

We already have an RE Council, which is coordinating the three levels of RE programming, for children, youth and adults. That's the "Explore" part of the mission. We also have a Program Council, which coordinates much of the rest of the program of the Fellowship: this council is discussing how to focus more on the "Love" part of the mission by fostering the deeper connections most of us want in the Fellowship. And, discussions are ongoing about the creation of some form of coordinating council for all of our justice and outreach work, to help us know what our priority actions are and to help us be as effective as possible in that work. That council would address the "Act" part of the mission. If you are interested in this evolving process, and specifically in being part of any of these councils, please talk to Board President Kyle Jansson or minister Jill McAllister.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

For the sun and the dawn which we did not create

For the moon and the evening which we did not make

For the food we plant but cannot grow

For friends and loved ones we have not earned and cannot buy

For this gathered company which welcomes us as we are, from wherever we come

For this free church that helps keep us human and encourage us in our quests for beauty, truth and love

For all things which come to us from sources beyond ourselves

Gifts of life and love and friendship – we lift our hearts in thanks this day.

The Rev. Richard Fewkes

SUNDAY#	MONDAY#	TUESDAY#	WEDNESDAY#	THURSDAY#	FRIDAY#	SATURDAY#
30#	#	#	#	#	#	1#
#	#	#	#	#	#	7:00 Wheel of the Year Worship: Samhain#
2#	3#	4#	5#	6#	7#	8#
Noon Action Lunch# 12:30 Partner Church Meeting# 12:30 Childcare Training for Teens# 12:30 Kirtan with <i>Rythman- tra</i>	11:00 AM Over 65 Shared Housing Study Group# 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics# 7:00 Shawl Ministry# #	7:00 Community Choir Rehearsals# 7:00 Stewardship Com- mittee#	10:00 AM Cornish Pasties Work Party# 1:00 Women's Lunch Bunch# 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics# 6:00 Weekly Potlucks# 7:00 Cornish Pasties Work Party# 7:00 UUFC Choir Rehearsals#	7:00 Program Council#	10:30 AM Insight Medita- tion# 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics# 5:30 EAC Potluck#	9:30 AM Men's Monthly Gathering
9#	10#	11#	12#	13#	14#	15#
8:45 AM Drop-in Choir# 10:30 AM Clothing Ex- change# 3:00 Environmental Read- ing Circle# 7:00 LWC Reader's Theatre	4:00 Exercise/Aerobics# 7:00 UUFC Board Meeting	UUFC OFFICES CLOSED# For Veteran's Day# 7:00 Community Choir Rehearsals# 7:00 Stewardship Com- mittee# 7:00 World Religions Dis- cussions#	1:00 Women's Lunch Bunch# 1:00 Cornish Pasties Work Party# 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics# 6:00 Weekly Potlucks# 7:00 Cornish Pasties Work Party# 7:00 UUFC Choir Rehearsals#	Noon Living with Loss# 7:00 Dances of Universal Peace	9:45 AM The Circle that Reconnects# 10:30 AM Insight Medita- tion# 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics#	#
16#	17#	18#	19#	20#	21#	22#
12:30 EAC Meeting# 12:45 PM Softball Team Discussion# 12:45 PM 7 th /8 th COA Par- ent Orientation9	4:00 Exercise/Aerobics# 6:00 Dining for Women# 7:00 Shawl Ministry# 7:00 Worship Committee#	7:00 Community Choir Rehearsals# 7:00 Stewardship Com- mittee# 7:00 World Religions Class#	1:00 Women's Lunch Bunch# 2:00 Caring Connection Planning for the End of Life# 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics# 6:00 Weekly Potlucks# 7:00 Cornish Pasties Work Party# 7:00 UUFC Choir Rehearsals# 7:00 Living with Loss News- letter Deadline # (for December 2014 Covers December 2014)#	9:00 AM Cornish Pasties Work Party# 3:00 Over 65 Group#	10:30 AM Insight Medita- tion# 4:00 Exercise/Aerobics#	9:00 AM Landscape, Grounds, and Building Committee Cleanup and Work Party#
23#	24#	25#	26#	27#	28#	29#
8:30 AM Food Drive# 9:30 AM First Steps# 11:00 AM Financial Work- shop# 12:30 Financial Workshop# 12:45 PM <i>Seeds for the Sol</i> # 3:00 Environmental Read- ing Circle# 7:00 Monthly Vespers#	4:00 Exercise/Aerobics# 6:30 Veterans for Peace# 7:00 MVHCA Meeting#	1:00 Newsletter Folding # 7:00 Community Choir Rehearsals# 7:00 Communication/ Publicity Committee#	1:00 Women's Lunch Bunch# 7:00 UUFC Choir Rehearsals#	UUFC OFFICES CLOSED# For Thanksgiving# 4:30 Thanksgiving Fest Event#	UUFC OFFICES CLOSED# For Thanksgiving# 9:45 AM The Circle that Reconnects# 10:30 AM Insight Medita- tion	#



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