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UUFC NEWSLETTER

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Between Us.

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These words from a long-standing, much-adapted UU reading, speak to the highest aims of our religious lives and community. Each year we renew our efforts to live toward these aims. Every spring, I ask the question of myself, and of you, “How have you grown in this year?” What have you learned, or realized? What has become clear to you? I hope some of you will share your answers with me.

Soon we’ll be moving into the summer season at the Fellowship. I want to take a moment to look back on this year together, and to say thank you to all of you, for engaging and investing your time and energy in this congregation and in your religious lives. I especially want to thank

Craig Olbrich and Marcia Shaw for being willing to take on the leadership of the Board in a year full of changes; both of them helped guide those changes with skill and grace, and the members of the Board were equal to the task. Many thanks to you all!

In the summer season things slow down a bit, which is good, because we all need rest from time to time. Sunday services continue through the summer, with one service only, at 10 AM, beginning on June 10, our traditional YRUU Sunday. Elizabeth Sollie will preach the last sermon of her internship with us on June 17. My goodness, I will really miss her! She has added greatly to the breadth and depth of our ministry in these two years. Thanks to all of you who have taken part in that ministry with her and for her. Remember: we’ll ordain her on Sunday, July 1, and all are invited!

This summer we’ll get started on building renovations! The sanctuary carpeting will be removed and replaced with marmoleum, which will be much better for air quality. Several areas will get painted, and upgrades for seismic stability will begin. Plus, our application to the City of Corvallis for a building addition has finally been submitted. Things are moving along! Thanks so much to the building design team and everyone who has taken part in this process so far.

Looking Ahead: Next year, our theme and focus will be “Deepening.” It will build on our considerations of courage and faithfulness by helping us become more skillful, more able and more committed to spiritual and religious practices in our lives and work. If you’re interested, I invite you to join with others for a free-ranging discussion of what deepening can mean in all areas of Fellowship life next year. What might it look like in membership, or investments, care and support or adult RE? Join us: **Wednesday evening, June 13, 7 PM.**



See you Sunday --- Jill

Governance

Board News

The 2018 Annual Meeting & Dinner Recap

By the time you read this newsletter column, the 2018 Annual Meeting may just be a fading memory. But we presume it is a happy, joyful fading memory! It was an beautiful, celebratory gathering that brought out and highlighted the best our Fellowship has to offer, and what we've accomplished together this year. While nosing on tasty appetizers and enjoying a beverage, we elected new Board members, approved replacing the sanctuary flooring and moving ahead with seismic upgrades to the existing building, approved the budget for 2018-19, and enjoyed a most delightful and creative "State of the Fellowship" report brought to us by staff members Jill, Jamie, Jean, Elizabeth, Michael and Rachel. We ended the meeting portion of the evening with a slideshow recap of the past year. From there it was on to a Southwest-inspired meal prepared by Ernest Cardona and helpers, topped off by one (or more) delectable selections from the Cupcake Dessert Bar. It may well have been the best UUFC Annual Meeting ever! We're sorry if you missed it.

(We heard things like: "I can't remember the last time I had so much fun at an annual meeting" and "It was brilliant.")

Bylaws Revision

The Board has a bit more work to do on the new Bylaws draft over the summer so expect to see announcements in Fall about a special congregational meeting to vote on those. Your comments about the draft are still welcome so please feel free to contact Craig Olbrich at your convenience.

Building Enhancement Project

We now enter the "Kingdom of Public Process"

Our land use application to the City of Corvallis has been submitted at last. It's called a "Conditional Development with Major Lot Development Option". This multi-page packet,

accompanied by a significant fee, includes forms, narratives, drawings, maps, and plans. Now the city has 30 days to conduct a completeness review; and within that time they will send us a letter detailing any additional information needed. After we provide the requested items, the city will begin a thorough staff process, including review by planning, public works, and fire marshal.

A detailed staff report will be written, and a hearing before the Planning Commission will be scheduled. Notice of the hearing will be sent to all property owners within a 500-foot radius of our site. We'll make sure to let everyone at UUFC know the date and time of our public hearing.

* A former Mayor of Corvallis, Charlie Tomlinson, welcoming attendees to a regional planning meeting, opened the gathering with "Welcome to the Kingdom of Public Process!" A comment humorous and too true!

Other Services



"Turning the Heart"

UUFC Choir, David and Lauren Servias, and Rev. Jill McAllister

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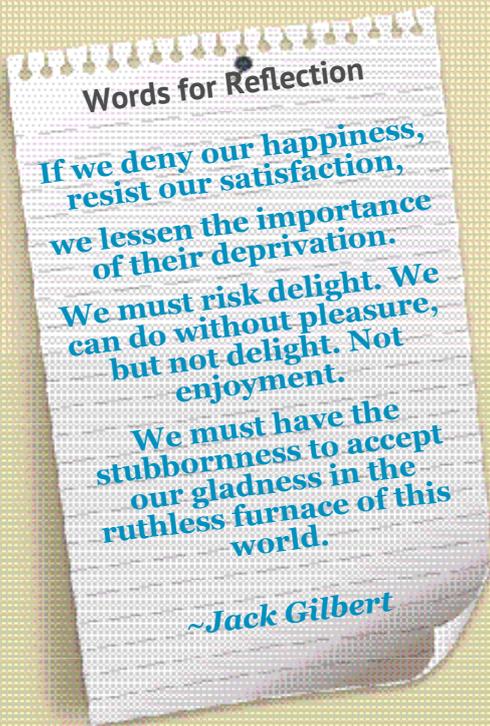
The choir presents "Mass in G" by Franz Schubert, for the culmination of our year of considering faithfulness. The mass is the central ritual in Catholic Christianity, and an example of nurturing faithfulness on a daily basis. The music, written in 1815, is simply sublime.

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"Building a Multi-Generational Community"

YRUU and Friends: ONE SERVICE ONLY, at 10 AM.

Join the members of our high-school class, the YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists), as they reflect on their year of learning and growth, and conduct bridging ceremonies for those coming into middle and high-school. Please join us!



June Events at the UUFC

- 3 Gun Safety Action Group, 12:30 PM, Room 8
- 5 Justice Council meeting, 6:00 PM, LIB.
- 8 New World Kirtan Band, 7 PM in the Sanctuary
- 9 Men's Monthly Gathering, 9:30 AM, Room 7
- 11 UUFC Board of Trustees, 7 PM
- 13 Open Discussion on next year's theme: Deepening, 7 PM in the Social Hall
- 14 Transgender Support, 7 PM, in Room 7
- 17 Building Design Team Q&A, 11:15 AM, LIB. Since things are ramping up, these sessions will continue all summer, 3rd Sunday of each month.

Justice

Have you heard about the Poor People's Campaign (PPC)? Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. first proposed the idea of moving from civil rights to human rights in 1967. The first gathering of over fifty multiracial organizations was in March of 1968 - just one month before his death. Now 50 years later Rev. Dr. William Barber II and others have rekindled this campaign with the Declaration of Fundamental Rights and Poor People's Moral Agenda.

Here are the 5 issues the campaign is addressing:

- 1-Systemic Racism
- 2-Poverty and Inequality
- 3-Ecological Devastation
- 4-War Economy and Militarism
- 5-National Morality

Other Fellowship News

Congratulations to Monica Jacobson Tennesen

(now The Reverend Monica Jacobson Tennesen.) In the past few weeks she graduated from Meadville Lombard Theological School, with a Master's of Divinity degree; she was ordained by the UUFC and UU congregation of Salem; and she has been called to be the next minister of the UU congregation of Kingston, Massachusetts, beginning in August.

Sign Up For the Women's Retreat

Members of the retreat planning group are available on Sundays in the foyer to tell you about the retreat and help you sign up. The focus of the retreat will be on mindfulness. Scholarships and subsidies are available.

Dates: October 12 - 14

Location: HJ. Andrews Experimental Forest Research Station on the Mackenzie River Highway

UUFC Delegates for GA, going to Kansas City June 20-24

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. This year, Jill McAllister and Gisele Akimana are our delegates. Anyone may attend but UUFC must certify to send voting delegates (who must be UUFC members) so please let Jill or Jamie know if you would like to attend ASAP.

Register here: <https://www.uua.org/ga>.

Also attending from the UUFC this year are Kari Gottfried, as co-dean of the youth caucus, and Elizabeth Sollie.

~Save the Date: Ordination of Elizabeth Sollie!

Join in as we, the members of the UU Fellowship of Corvallis, ordain Elizabeth Sollie to the UU ministry, on Sunday, July 1, during our 10 AM Sunday service.

Elizabeth has served as our ministerial intern for two years, during which she has learned a lot, taught us a lot, and greatly enhanced our shared ministry. A potluck celebration / reception will follow the ordination. Watch for details in the weekly announcements this month.

THANK YOU to volunteers at Spring Work Party

Tasks included cleaning Sanctuary chairs, lubing RE door hinges, cleaning mobiles, repairing parking sign, cleaning roof and gutters, moss spraying, solar panel cleaning, door frame repair, pressure wash the patio and painting parking lot stripes & front porch steps; some very evident and some not so. Great to have Mother Nature cooperate. Russ Anderson, Gary Barnes, Scott and Kelton Bruslind, Jerry Buthmann, Andrea Dailey, Jan De Jong, Tim Dehne, Mike DeLollis, Wolfgang Dengler, Jack Elder, James Emanuel, Steve Ferrell, Jed Irvine, Alan Kirk, Joe Martinez, Randy Peckham, David Maxfield, Peter Sanford, Dylan Schwartz, and Lloyd Wagenschutz participated.



"So Long and Thanks for All the Fish"

Elizabeth Sollie, Intern Minister: ONE SERVICE ONLY, at 10 AM

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Elizabeth's sermon probably will not reference Douglas Adam's book by the same title...This will be her farewell sermon and the last day of her internship. We'll still get another chance to say good-bye and celebrate her time with us, however, when we ordain her on Sunday, July 1, at the 10 AM service.

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"The Spiritual Consequences of Capital Punishment"

Rev. Jill McAllister, with guest speaker Frank Thompson: ONE SERVICE ONLY, at 10 AM.

When Frank Thompson retired from a career as a prison warden (in Arkansas, Colorado and Oregon) he became an active member of Oregonians Against the Death Penalty. From his lived experience, he has deep insight into the prison-industrial complex and its intersections with racism, poverty, and white supremacy. Jill will welcome Frank to the Fellowship this morning.

Council

The PPC is challenging all of us with 40 Days of Moral Action and weekly themes to consider and get involved with. This week's challenge :

LINKING SYSTEMIC RACISM AND POVERTY: Voting Rights, Immigration, Xenophobia, Islamophobia, and the Mistreatment of Indigenous Communities.

How can I get involved, you might ask?

Attend the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Task force meeting in Room 7, May 24, at 7 PM.

Attend the Immigrant Refugee Support Team meeting in the UUFC Library June 25 at 2:45 PM.

Interested in learning more ? There's lots of history, data and strategies at <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>

Seismic Upgrades to RE Wing!

During the month of August, while Magic Flute Preschool is not in session, we will begin work on the Seismic Upgrades needed in the RE Wing. To help reduce costs, the UUFC will be looking for volunteers to help get the materials the first week of August, as well as helping tear out drywall and install plywood. We will also be looking for volunteers again the last week of August to help paint walls and apply trim. If you have these skills and are willing to help, please contact Peter Sanford, as he is coordinating this part of the Building Enhancement Project. (541) 224-4901.

Social Concerns

Summer Fundraising to benefit School Children

During the summer months our Social Concerns collections, plus donations from Sunday refreshments will raise funds to help all children in our community have the resources and supplies to be successful in school this fall.

The funds raised through the bake sales and donations in June and July will help Vina Moses purchase school supplies and clothing. In August and September, we will help the McKinney Homeless Education Program pay for other school expenses. During the last few summers our fellowship raised around \$1,500 for each charity.

These funds helped Vina Moses outfit 30 children, and McKinney cover the cost of laundry soap, transportation and sports fees.

The Social Concerns Team will set up the bake sale, but we ask that members of the congregation volunteer to clean up after **3** the social hour. Please check the sign-up sheet on the bake sale table and pick one Sunday that you can help. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Children's Chalice Theatre Summer Camp

RE Associate Rachel Kohler will lead children in a variety of theatre-related activities and games, focusing on collective storytelling and teamwork. Children will learn the basics of blocking and respectful rehearsal etiquette while working together to act out stories taken from our living traditions of wisdom that reinforce UU principles. The week will culminate on Friday with a performance for parents, relatives, and friends, and children will get to take home the puppets and/or costume elements they've constructed over the course of the week.

Camp sessions will take place Monday through Friday of the week of June 18th in the mornings from 9 AM - 12 PM. A snack will be provided. Cost to offset materials and snacks will be \$100 for UUFC members and \$150 for non-members. Scholarships are available for families on SNAP, TANF, or WIC.

Questions may be directed to reassociate@uucorvallis.org.

Connections Council

Fellowship Care and Support Team: Thank-you to Diana Vezmar Bailey, Welcome David Maxfield

For three years the Rev. Diana Vezmar Bailey has skillfully and carefully led the Fellowship Care and Support team in meeting pastoral and emergency care needs within the Fellowship. The team is nearly 20 strong; they provide listening, visiting, emergency aid and other forms of pastoral care for the Fellowship, and engage in on-going training as well. Diana will finish her work with this group at the end of June, and team member David Maxfield will take up the leadership role. Many thanks to you both!

UUFC Family Field Day and Picnic – Sunday, June 24, at 11:30 AM

Perhaps the first-ever UUFC Field Day, directly following the service on June 24. Running guru Jim Whiting promises lots of fun and exciting races for everyone, with a potluck picnic for all.

CONNECT UP helps us gather in a variety of interest-based small groups to better get to know one another. **SIGN UP** on Sunday, June 24, to participate in or to host an activity in July! June activities included Mexican Train dominoes, charity poker & potluck, a movie & discussion, sing along & potluck, crafting & connecting, and Book Club. What are your interests? Questions: contact Wendy Sutton connect@uucorvallis.org. For current events, visit Connect Up on the UUFC website: http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=3776

Other



New World Kirtan Band

7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

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Services

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Ordination of Elizabeth Sollie to the UU Ministry

10:00 AM at the UUFC. Please join us!

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Services Auction

The Online Services Auction is over. Thanks for all the donations and bids! Here are a few items still available - let Judy Westlake know if you'd like to purchase any. Donors will be notified next Monday about who bought their items.

Still available:

- 8 tickets at the Luau prepared by Ernest Cardona on July 14: \$25 a spot
- 1 ticket at the Story Lovers' Supper, Elona Meyer & Susan Straight on Oct. 5: \$10
- 2 tickets on Last Train from Paris Mystery Dinner, 2/2/19, John Bailey & gang: \$60/each
- 2 tickets to tour Airlie Winery on July 28, Nick & Sandy Houtman: \$15/each
- 3 tickets to tour Willamette Valley Vineyard on July 14, Russ & Marla Karow: \$10/each
- 1 ticket to tour Willamette Valley Vineyard on Aug. 12, Russ & Marla Karow: \$10
- 2 tickets to meet Lynn Scott for conversational French: \$50/each
- 1 ticket to Custom Photo Project by Richard Behan: \$50
- 6 tickets to game night at the Lloyd & Janet Wagenschutz home: \$10/each
- 2 tickets to join bike ride with Matt Mathews and Jerry Rooney: \$5/each
- 6 tickets for Life Review with Wolfgang: \$15/each
- 2 tickets to learn Beginning Excel with Louise Ferrell: \$10/each
- 2 tickets to record a song at Susanna Priest's: \$35/each
- 1 ring with turquoise chips from Heather Lynn Hanson: \$45

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