

FELLOWSHIP

WAYSIDE PULPIT

The earth laughs in flowers.
-John Lennon



UUFC WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 29, 2018

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

9:30 AM Childcare available
Worship Service

11:00 AM Childcare available
Worship Service
RE Classes

Join us after the services in the Social Hall for coffee and conversation. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know.

The Fellowship Care and Support Team listeners are available for anyone looking for support. Ask at the greeter desk.

NEW TO THE FELLOWSHIP? CONTACT
FIRST STEPS COORDINATOR,
ELONA MEYER
(elonameyer@icloud.com).

BECOME A MEMBER
OF THE UUFC!
Sign up at the welcome table in the
foyer for the next class.

*May we be open to the
glories of the stars, the
splendor of the flowers,
and the mystery of life.*

Visit the UUFC website to WATCH
recordings of previous
SUNDAY SERVICES!
www.uucorvallis.org/?page_id=239

Worship | Two worship services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

April 29 **"Are You a Religious Naturalist and Don't Know It?"**
Elizabeth Sollie, Ministerial Intern

Many Unitarian Universalists are Religious Naturalists, but not many of us are familiar with that term. Join us to explore what this theology offers us in the times we are living in.

Also Today:

~Have you made your pledge yet? More than 148 pledges have already been turned in. Thank you all! Our goal is at least 300 pledges. Help with pledging, either on-line or on paper, is available today if you need it.

~CONNECT UP: Sign up today, April 29, to participate in or to host an activity in May! Questions? Contact Wendy Sutton: connect@uucorvallis.org. Visit Connect Up on the UUFC website http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=3776. May events will be posted shortly after the Sign Up.

~Final day to sign up for **Spring Connecting Circle**, "Brave Transitions," on Tuesdays, May 1, 8, & 15; 12:30 PM at UUFC (RSVP by Sunday, April 29) RSVP to elonameyer@icloud.com.

Next Week | Two worship services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

May 6 **"Kiss the Joy As It Flies"** Jill McAllister

We can get so overwhelmed and tired, so sad and angry and fearful, that it's easy to miss the presence of joy in our lives. Can faithful living help? *New members will be welcomed today.*

HAPPENING SOON

Stewardship Canvas Is Halfway Over!

The canvas, or pledge drive, is the time of year when all members and friends make a commitment of financial support for the Fellowship. We ask you to pledge online this year to help us save trees! We are halfway through our pledge drive, and halfway to our goal. As a continued incentive, **everyone who submits a pledge (online or on paper) in any amount by Sunday, May 13, will now be put in a drawing for a \$25 cash prize!** Please, consider and make your pledge this week. The programs and operations of the Fellowship depend on pledges of financial support from *all of us*.

UUFC Services Auction - Online This Year!

This year we are going to offer our annual Services Auction in a new format, online! It is one of the big fundraisers for the church, and also offers church members the chance to purchase a large variety of wonderful services, items and events, all donated by other members of the church. To donate, fill out this form, online: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSePSQckKpmoc-ITm-hOrL0tnSMbo_54PbDTBclsrdGWVQBRa1mQ/viewform?usp=sharing or submit a donation form in person at church on Sundays to Judy or place it in the Services Auction mailbox outside the church office before May 16. This form provides details of your contribution. You can offer something small, like a pie, a homemade gift, or a piece of jewelry. You can offer something big, like a mystery dinner, or a series of dance lessons. Please also include a picture, if you have one available, or you can email it to judywestlake@comcast.net and add a jpg version of your photo or clip art. Bidding will start SATURDAY, May 19, the day of the Annual Meeting, at the online site <https://www.32auctions.com/uuuc>. Bidding ends the following Sunday morning. Get your creative juices flowing, and start making great donations now!

UUFC Delegates for GA in Kansas City are Needed

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. Anyone may attend but UUFC must certify to send voting delegates, so please let Jill or Jamie know if you plan to attend.

Register by April 30 for lower rates: <https://www.uua.org/ga>.

FELLOWSHIP CONNECTIONS

Honoring Our Elders! The 80-and-Older Brunch

All 80+ year-olds, and partners, please join us for a brunch in the Fellowship in Social Hall on Wednesday, May 16, from 10:00-11:30 AM to celebrate life, friends, birthdays, and more. Transportation: Can you provide a ride? Do you need a ride? Let us know! RSVP to Carolyn Madsen (carolynzac@comcast.net) or Diana Vezmar-Bailey (541-740-9006).

Leadership Supper

The final Leadership Supper of the church year is Thursday, May 10, 6 PM, in the Social Hall. All leaders of the Fellowship please join us!

EDI Task Force: Healing Justice Workshop created by World Trust Educational Services, May 6, 1-3:30pm (following the action lunch). The video explores the causes and consequences of the current American justice system and its effect on marginalized communities. After viewing, we'll journal and discuss to explore trauma, justice, and healing. To sign up contact Lee Holt leeholt46@gmail.com.

New Justice Group on Gun Reform

Nearly 20 people gathered for the first meeting of this group in early April. The second gathering will be Sunday, May 6, 12:30 in Room 9. All are welcome. Bring any information of already existing groups and projects on this issue, so that we can explore collaboration.

THE WEEK AHEAD: APRIL 30 - MAY 5

FELLOWSHIP CONNECTIONS

Tuesday, May 1	Justice Council Meeting Life Raft Corvallis	6:00 PM LIB 6:30 PM Room 7
Wednesday, May 2	Women's Lunch Bunch <i>Friendly conversation with women of the Fellowship. Contact: Elizabeth Waldorf (dewaldorf@comcast.net).</i> Weekly Potluck <i>Please bring a dish (with a list of ingredients) to share. All are welcome.</i>	1:00 PM N. Co-op 6:00 PM SH/K
Thursday, May 3	Climate Justice Task Force	7:00 PM LIB
Friday, May 4	Insight Meditation <i>This is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required. Contact: Mary Leigh Burke (maryleigh_burke@gmail.com).</i> Kirtan Meditation	10:15 AM Room 7 7:00 PM Room 7

Annual Meeting is Saturday, May 19, 5:30 PM

All UUFC members and friends are invited, needed, and welcome. We'll gather this year on a **Saturday** evening (not Sunday after services) for a celebratory annual meeting, including dinner, review of our work, electing board members and nominating committee members, approving the annual budget, thank you's, other business items as needed, plus dancing, singing and general enjoyment. Please save the date and plan to be there!

Ernest Cardona will cook a delicious meal for this year's Annual Meeting. He needs volunteers on Friday and Saturday to help prepare and serve the meal. If you are interested and available, please contact him at 541-753-0423.

Fundraiser for the Valve Turners

The Direct Action Fund leaders report that the fundraiser in Corvallis (Sat, April 14) raised more money than any other fundraiser-- by at least \$3000! An outpouring of volunteers worked to organize the fundraiser and even more helped that night. Adding the funds collected when all five Valve Turners were in Corvallis (at UUFC) to be interviewed by Kathleen Dean Moore makes a grand total of \$12,800!

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, Monday through Friday, June 18-22, 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? Contact Rachel Kohler at reassociate@uucorvallis.org.

Environmental Reading Group

The group is beginning a new book, "The Everglades, River of Grass" by Marjory Stoneman Douglas on Sun, May 13 at 2PM at 3840 NW Lincoln Ave. Join us to learn about Marjory, and her success protecting the Everglades. Elizabeth Waldorf, dewaldorf28@gmail.com.

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Words for Reflection

April 29, 2018

We who have lost our sense and our senses – our touch, our smell, our vision of who we are; we who frantically force and press all things, without rest for body or spirit, hurting our earth and injuring ourselves: we call a halt.

We want to rest. We need to rest and allow the earth to rest. We need to reflect and to rediscover the mystery that lives in us, that is the ground of every unique expression of life, the source of the fascination that calls all things to communion.

We declare a Sabbath, a space of quiet: for simple being and letting be; for recovering the great, forgotten truths; for learning how to live again.

UN Environmental Sabbath Program

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WANT TO INCLUDE AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS?

If you would like to include an announcement for your group, please email them by NOON Wednesday to office@uucorvallis.org with the subject line: weekly announcement.

NEED TO CONTACT US?

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