



# THE WEEK AHEAD

Aug 21-Aug 27, 2016  
Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

## Today, Sunday, Aug 21, 2016

*~Please join us after the service in the Social Hall for coffee. Introduce yourself to someone if you can.*

*~Come meet our new RE Associate, Rachel Kohler after worship. She'll be at a table in the foyer with information about RE for the coming church year.*

## The Week Ahead: Aug 22-Aug 27, 2016

- **August office hours – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM**
- **Set-up for Rummage Sale** all week. Come join us!
- **UUFC Board of Trustees Meeting**, Mon Aug 22, 7:00 PM (7)
- **Addictions Support Group**, Tue Aug 23, 6:30pm (7)  
*This group is open to anyone who has a family member or loved one who is living with an addiction. Contact Ann Mbacke for more information (reassociate@uucorvallis.org).*
- **Women's Lunch Bunch**, Wed Aug 24, 1:00 – 2:00 PM (North Coop)  
*Weekly lunch with women of the Fellowship. Contact: Elizabeth Waldorf (dewaldorf@comcast.net)*
- **Chalice Circle (EM)**, Thur Aug 25, 2:00 PM (9)
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri Aug 26, 10:30 AM (9)  
*Insight Meditation is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required.*
- **Rummage Sale**, Sat Aug 27, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (UUFC)  
*Annual fundraiser and recycling event: purchase donated items, ranging from furniture to kitchen things to baby gear to jewelry and more.*

## Plan Ahead

- **UUFC Board of Trustees Meeting**, Mon Aug 22, 7:00 PM (SH)  
*Monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees (please note this is a deviation from the normal schedule).*
- **UUFC Camping Trip**, Sept 2-4 (Cascadia State Park)  
*Join other UUFC members & friends for an all-ages camping trip! Space is limited to 25 people on the group site. Contact Roberta Smith with questions or to register (robertasmith2@peak.org).*
- **Labor Day Tuna Roast**, Sept 5, 3:00 PM (Avery Park Lions Shelter)  
*A UUFC tradition for 20 years now: the Labor Day potluck and tuna roast! Bring a side dish or dessert to share and choose a volunteer job. For more information, contact Rich Brainerd (541-752-2930).*
- **UUFC Women's Retreat**, Sept 16-18 (Silver Falls State Park)  
*We still have room for a few more women! Register now! This year's retreat will focus on looking inward: exploring who we are and what we bring to the work of the UUFC and our world. For more information or to register: [http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=2237](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=2237).*
- **UUFC Men's Retreat**, Oct 21-23 (Columbia River Gorge)  
*Annual retreat at the Menucha Conference Center overlooking the beautiful Columbia River Gorge. Contact Lloyd Wagenschutz for information and registration (541-753-9071 or [lpwz124@comcast.net](mailto:lpwz124@comcast.net))*

## Next Sunday: Aug 28, 10:00 AM

**“Climate Change: Bearing Witness, Taking Action, Nurturing Hope”** with Richard Gammon  
Dr. Richard Gammon, a member of University Unitarian Church in Seattle is a retired professor of chemistry, oceanography and atmospheric sciences at the University of Washington, and has worked on global teams to monitor and assess climate change. In retirement, he works very actively to help improve public understanding of climate change, for effective response.

*May we remember that Love has no hands but our hands, no face but our face.  
We are called to serve others, with love.*

## **Drop-In Choir, Today**

All who like to sing are invited to join the drop-in choir for the service this morning, Sunday, August 21. We gather at 9:15 AM in the Sanctuary to learn and practice the music.

## **Congratulations!**

To Blaise Ntakarutimana, who received notification from the US Department of Homeland Security that he has been granted asylum! Now the work begins to bring his family here – a completely different process, through the US Immigration Department. Thanks to everyone who has helped support Blaise so far – there is more to do and so much joy to share.

## **Meet Rachel Kohler, New RE Associate at UUFC, Today**

Our new Religious Exploration Associate is Rachel Kohler, who has recently moved to Corvallis after working with Americorps in Douglas County for several years. Rachel has lots of experience in theatre, teaching and working with youth. She is beginning her work with Michael Molk, the Director of Religious Exploration, to assist him in curriculum development, volunteer recruitment, and the week-to-week tasks necessary for running our RE program.

Meet Rachel today at a table in the foyer, where she'll be registering children and teens for the September start-up of RE, and looking for some more adults to complete RE teaching teams for the coming year. Our theme for RE this year is "What do UU Believe? and" "What are UU Made of?" We'll be exploring UU Identity, Spiritual Practices, and Having Courage. Please come introduce yourself to Rachel, and welcome her to the Fellowship.

## **August Youth Raft Trip on the Willamette River**

Sunday, August 28th, raft trip on the Willamette for 9th-12th grade youth and their advisors. Call DRE Michael Molk for more information: 541-908-5456.

## **Reading on Racism**

Thanks to all who are working to learn more about systemic racism, as a way to give grounding to our justice work. Several discussion groups are now planned, through the Connect Up schedule. You can join any of these groups. The suggested reading includes: [The Third Reconstruction](#) by William J. Barber; [Just Mercy](#) by Bryan Stevenson; [Between the World and Me](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates; [The New Jim Crow](#) by Michelle Alexander; [White Fragility](#) by Robin DiAngelo; [The Hidden Wound](#) by Wendell Berry; and the essay "Whose Earth Is It Anyway?" by James H. Cone (which looks at links between racism and environmental degradation). An additional title is [America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America](#) by Jim Wallis.

## **Study and Conversations on Racism**

Beginning in September and October, the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force will facilitate several ways to join in conversations about racism, including book discussions and chalice-group-style conversations. Wouldn't it be amazing if all or most of the Fellowship took part in some aspect of this work? All are invited, all are needed. See the September UUFC newsletter for details.

## **Rummage Sale, Saturday August 27**

The Rummage Sale will be held this Saturday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. It's an extravaganza of Reduce, Re-use, Recycle. Instead of buying new, come peruse the sale to find what you need. Bring friends and neighbors.

## **Annual Labor Day Tuna Roast and All Fellowship Picnic**

Sept 5, 3:00 PM at the Avery Park Lions Shelter. A UUFC tradition for 20 years now: the Labor Day potluck and tuna roast! Bring a side dish or dessert to share and choose a volunteer job. For more information, contact Rich Brainerd (541-752-2930).

## **Save the Date: September 25**

After the Sunday service, for congregation-wide input on next steps in our building renovation project.