



THE WEEK AHEAD

Dec 11 - Dec 17, 2016
Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

Today, Sunday, Dec 11, 2016

~Please join us after the 9:30 and 11 am services in the Social Hall for coffee. Introduce yourself to someone new.
~Join us at 12:00 pm, at the end of the second service, for the Schematic Design presentation by the Di Loreto architects. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Week Ahead: Dec 12-Dec 17, 2016

Office hours: Mon & Wed, 10:30 AM-1:30PM and Tues & Thur, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM.

- **Exercise/Aerobics**, Mon, Wed, Fri, 4:00 PM (SH)
- **UUFC Board of Trustees Meeting**, Mon Dec 12, 7:00 PM (SH/K)
- **Fellowship Care & Support Team**, Tue Dec 13, 9:30 AM (7)
- **Listening Skills Practice**, Tue Dec 13, 6:00 PM (7/8)
- **Building Project Steering Committee**, Tue Dec 13, 6:30 PM (SH/K)
- **Women's Lunch Bunch**, Wed Dec 14, 1:00 PM (North Co-op)

Friendly conversation with women of the Fellowship. Contact: Elizabeth Waldorf (dewaldorf@comcast.net).

- **Weekly Potluck Supper**, Wed Dec 14, 6:00 PM (SH)

Please bring a dish (with a list of ingredients) to share, and your own plate and utensils if possible. All are welcome.

- **UUFC Choir Rehearsal**, Wed Dec 14, 7:00 PM (SFH & 6B)
- **Over 65 Holiday Activities**, Thurs. Dec 15, 3:00 PM (8)

Bake cookies for the Social Concerns table or make colorful mandalas. Contact (Over65.97330@gmail.com)

- **Vespers Service**, Thurs. Dec 15, 7:00 PM (SFH)

A short, quiet, evening Vespers Service of centering, silence, and singing with intern minister Elizabeth Sollie.

- **Insight Meditation**, Fri Dec 16, 10:15 AM (9)

Insight Meditation is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required.

Contact: Mary Leigh Burke (maryleigh.burke@gmail.com).

- **Kirtan Meditation**, Fri Dec 16, 6:30 PM (FH) *A special benefit for Standing Rock, suggested \$20 donation. Kirtan comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice, to calm minds and open hearts.*

- **UUFC Choir Rehearsal**, Sat Dec 17, 10:00 AM (SFH/6B)

Special rehearsal for "The Longest Nights"

- **Buddhist Practices for Anxiety and Fear**, Sat Dec 17, 3:00 PM (7)

Explore the ways Buddhist teachings address fear and practice with them. For more information, contact Mary Leigh Burke (maryleigh.burke@gmail.com).

Plan Ahead

Dec. 18 3:00 PM Wheel of the Year Yule (Winter Solstice) Ceremony – all are invited

Dec. 20 5:00 PM Annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-long for all ages

Dec. 21 noon New task force on Homelessness, 2nd meeting

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve – 2 services, at 5:00 PM (family centered), and 9:00 PM (meditation and music)

Dec. 25 Sunday, Christmas Day – one service only, 11:00 AM, followed by a potluck brunch, for all ages

Dec. 26 – Jan. 2 - UUFC Office Closed

Next Sunday: December 18, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"The Longest Nights"

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

The choir presents a choral work by award-winning composer Timothy Takach. "The Longest Nights" a work in 7 movements, uses winter texts that invite listeners to journey through winter and nestle in for the darkest month.

Spirit of Love, help us keep our hearts open in times of uncertainty so that we may see more clearly the way things are.

Holiday Giving: Addressing Homelessness

Thanks to all who've inquired about joining Jill in making a gift that makes a difference this month. Can we raise \$5000 together? If you already donate to organizations working on homelessness, perhaps you'd like to make those gifts through the Fellowship this month or in January (when our social concerns outreach focuses on homelessness.) Contributions in December will receive a 2016 tax credit from UUFC. Mark your check with "Homelessness" in the memo line. Christmas Eve collections will be included.

Volunteer at Local Homeless Shelters this Season

Both the Men's and the Women's Cold Weather Shelters in Corvallis can use help. Sign-up directly:

Women's winter shelter: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050944afa92fa02-2014>

Men's Winter Shelter: <http://corvallishousingfirst.org/donate/volunteer/>

Winter Care Packages for Elementary School Children

Fellowship member and Garfield School teacher Karrie Woodruff invites your help making Winter Warmth Care Packages for low-income and housing challenged children and families. Each package will contain pajamas, a bedtime book, a stuffed animal, a cozy blanket and a fresh pillow case. A collection box is in the UUFC foyer. The goal is 200 packages. For information and to help, contact Karrie (karriewoodruff@gmail.com or [541-760-3744](tel:541-760-3744)).

New UUFC Justice Outreach Fund

The UUFC maintains a fund – the Charitable and Educational Outreach Fund for Social Justice, referred to as the Justice Outreach Fund – for grants that are focused on high-impact projects aimed at seeding and achieving social, economic, racial, environmental and other kinds of justice. The Grant Committee is pleased to announce the launch of a pilot grant program to make some initial small grants from this fund. The Grant Committee will review completed grant applications received before January 31 for small grants up to \$500. More information and the grant application is available on the UUFC website (http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=4013). In addition to applications for small grants, we are also soliciting input from the broader fellowship community about ideas for funding in the coming year and about the process. Committee members Beth Hoffman, Dina Lindquist, and Chareane Wimbley-Gouveia will be available between the two Sunday services on Jan 8 and Jan 22 to answer questions and get your input about the grant process. Contact us by email at uufcjusticeoutreach@gmail.com.

Connect Up January Activities

Sign up on DECEMBER 18th to participate in or to host an activity in JANUARY! Questions: contact Wendy Sutton (connect@uucorvallis.org). Visit Connect Up on the UUFC website http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=3776. January events will be posted shortly after the sign up.

Needed: Help with young children during 9:30 AM Sunday worship

We're seeing more children, ages 4-5-6, coming to the Fellowship with their parents during Sunday 9:30 AM worship. We need to add a play session for these children, separate from the infant/toddler care already provided at that time. You can still attend 11:00 AM worship while helping with this much-needed service. To volunteer, speak with DLRE Michael Molk or RE Associate Rachel Kohler or email molk@uucorvallis.org.

Coming of Age (COA) for 7th/8th Grade Youth – Register by Dec. 18

Contact DLRE Michael Molk (molk@uucorvallis.org or 541-752-5218 x225) for more information and to sign up.

UUFC Holiday Sing-a-long, Tuesday, December 20 at 5:00 PM.

Join in the Fourth Annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-long. Then, children and youth (and their parents!) are invited to sing in a Children and Youth Choir for Christmas Eve, with rehearsals after the sing-a-long on December 20 and before the service on December 24.

Adult RE Class Proposals Needed by Dec. 15

Do you have an idea for an adult Religious Education or Spiritual Growth class you would like to teach or lead this winter? Please fill out a proposal form. You can find them on the UUFC website under *Religious Exploration*>*Adult RE*>[Adult Religious Exploration Programs Proposal Form](#).

Community Holiday Concerts

Fellowship singers invite you to several concerts this season: Confluence: Willamette Valley LGBT Chorus presents "Jingle My Bells" at the UUFC on Sunday, December 11th at 4:30 PM. Jubilate! The Women's Choir of Corvallis, performs again at the Fellowship December 22, 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Tickets and information available at www.jubilatechoir.org/.