

FELLOWSHIP

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"Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing, but of reflection."
-Winston Churchill



UUFC WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 24, 2017

SUNDAY, December 24

11:00 AM Childcare available
ONE Worship Service
NO 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
OUR FIRST STEPS COORDINATOR,
ELONA MEYER
(elonameyer@icloud.com).

BECOME A MEMBER
OF THE UUFC!
Our next MEMBERSHIP CLASS is Jan 27,
2018. Sign up at the welcome table in
the foyer for the next class.

*Let us resolve, in this year with
so many dimensions,
privileges, injustices, betrayals,
failures, and fears, to be
courageous, to love deeply, to
resist.*

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

Dec. 24 ONE morning service, 11:00 AM

"Stories of Christmas" Elizabeth Sollie, Rev. Jill McAllister, and All

One morning service only, at 11 am. (no 9:30 am service). All ages will gather to hear stories of Christmas, new and old. Baby and toddler care will be available.

Christmas Eve Candlelight services, 5:30 PM and 9:00 PM

5:30 PM Family Service of music, carols, stories and sharing for all ages, including dedication of babies and children. Please let Jill know if you have a child you wish to have a child dedicated.

9:00 PM A Meditative Service of readings, silence, and special music from the Choir, including selections from Handel's Messiah. Child dedications are also welcome at this service.

The Christmas Eve Offerings, from all three services, will support our work with refugees and immigrants, here and in Burundi. Here we're helping the Ntakarutimana family with basic expenses, which is much needed. We're making it possible for four Burundian Unitarian refugees in Rwanda to build new lives. This support makes a huge difference -- please contribute generously!

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

December 31 ONE service, 11:00 AM

"Dreams For a New Year" Rev. Jill McAllister

One morning service only, at 11 am. (no 9:30 am service). On the cusp of the turning calendar, we can look both back and ahead, from the present moment. Once again, you're invited to bring poems, prayers, words, or songs to share; things you find helpful in these changing times. A service for all ages. Baby and toddler care will be provided.

HAPPENING SOON

UUFC Office Holiday Closure

A reminder that the UUFC Office will be closed Dec. 25 - Jan. 1. We will still be available via email (office@uucorvallis.org).

Clearing Space for the New Year on Wed, Dec. 27 at 7 PM

A quiet space and time together to share pain and grief, to shed tears and concerns, to renew courage and compassion. All are welcome.

Good News in 2017

For anyone interested in good news from 2017, here's one of the sources of the Sunday "Good Report."

<https://medium.com/future-crunch/99-reasons-2017-was-a-good-year-d119d0c32d19>

Living with Depression - yours or someone else's

Next gatherings: **Monday, January 8, 7 PM and Thursday, January 25, 7 PM.** Depression has no favorite time of year, but winter can be especially challenging for many of us. It's always good to remember we're not alone. All are welcome.

"Braving the Wilderness" Class and Discussion

Using social scientist Brene Brown's latest book, "Braving the Wilderness" we will explore the four practices of true belonging through reading the book, discussion and reflective activities. Each practice challenges how we think about ourselves, show up with one another, and find our way back to courage and connection. Each participant will need to purchase a copy of the book & read the first two chapters before the first meeting. The class will meet 6:30-8:30 pm on Mondays for 6 weeks, Jan 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26 in rms 6 B&C. Contact Susan Sanford - 541-521-7416 (susanwulfe@gmail.com) & Alice Lyman 541-753-8125 (aliceklyman41@gmail.com) to sign up for the class.

Discuss the Sermon: January 14, 12:30

Join us in a new opportunity to discuss your reactions to the Sunday sermon. Facilitated by Shikha Ghosh Gottfried.

Town Hall: Monday, Jan. 15 at 7 PM

The third in our series of Town Hall meetings will focus on the climate justice work of the Fellowship. Led by our bold Climate Justice Team, the Fellowship has taken many steps to respond appropriately and effectively to the realities of climate change. What are our next steps, as a congregation?

FELLOWSHIP CONNECTIONS

CONNECT UP

Sign up on December 31st 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.

Holiday Giving to Make a Difference

Please consider these opportunities for holiday giving:

~The Christmas Eve Offerings will support our work with refugees and immigrants, here and in Burundi.

~We're still helping the Heartland Humane Society with a collection box in the UUFC foyer, for food and other supplies for household pets.

~ Hats and gloves are being collected for distribution at the Men's Shelter. The collection box is in the foyer.

Young Adults

Interested to meet other UUFC young adults? Send a note to office@uucorvallis.org and we'll get you connected with other young adults!

Leadership Supper: Mon, Jan. 29 6PM

The second of three leadership suppers in the 2017-18 church year. All leaders of councils, teams, task forces, committees and events are invited, as well as anyone interested in the work of the Fellowship. We start with a good supper, followed by check-in from each group and updates on Fellowship projects and events.

THE WEEK AHEAD: DEC 25 - DEC 30

FELLOWSHIP CONNECTIONS

Monday, Dec 25	Mid-Valley Healthcare Meeting	7:00 PM SHK
Tuesday, Dec 26	Transgender Support Group Monthly Potluck	6:00 PM Room 6C
Wednesday, Dec 27	Women's Lunch Bunch <i>Friendly conversation with women of the Fellowship.</i> Contact: Elizabeth Waldorf (dewaldorf@comcast.net).	1:00 PM N. Coop
	Weekly Potluck <i>Please bring a dish (with a list of ingredients) to share. All are welcome.</i>	6:00 PM SH/K
Thursday, Dec 28	EDI Task Force Meeting	7:00 PM Room 7
Friday, Dec 29	Insight Meditation <i>This is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required.</i> Contact: Mary Leigh Burke (maryleigh.burke@gmail.com).	10:15 AM Room 7
	New World Kirtan Group	7:00 PM SFH

Building Project Update

The architects are working on our land use application, informed by the results of the completed property survey and geotechnical report. While this is underway we are awaiting the completion of a seismic/structural evaluation of the existing structure; and a task force has begun examining options for replacing flooring in the sanctuary. The Board of Trustees has placed the flooring replacement on a fast track, not dependent upon the new construction. In January a kitchen design team will begin meeting to research and recommend a plan for the new kitchen. Also underway is a task force to deal with the large cedars on the east property line. They will be removed and replaced with more appropriate trees, with a timeline yet to be determined. For more information, see the Building Enhancement Project Blog on the UUFC website.

Year-End Giving

Thanks to all who have pre-paid some or all of their 2018 capital campaign pledges. You can still pre-pay, both regular and capital campaign pledges, through Dec. 31.

If you're interested in making gifts of appreciated assets and/or charitable IRA distributions (for those 70 1/2 or older), especially with the news of changes to the tax code, contact finance council chair Russ Karow: Russell.Karow@oregonstate.edu

Help us, help you! The Fellowship has created a new system for letting us know about life transitions, especially if help is needed. If you have an important transition (e.g. illness, death, birth, engagement, etc.) that you'd like us to know about or to announce, please email: transitions@uucorvallis.org.

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Connect with us online to stay updated and keep in touch.

 UUCF Website
www.uucorvallis.org

 FACEBOOK
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Chalice Lighting Words

Dec 24, 2017

The chalice is the symbol of our heritage of religious freedom. It's flame is the fire of creation, the same fire as the life-giving sun and the stars of every wintry night. It is the light which the moon reflects to us, and the light of all lamps which show us the way. May this chalice be the source for all our candles of Christmas:

Candles of joy despite all sadness
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch
Candles of courage for fears ever present
Candles of peace for chaos-filled days
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens
Candles of love to inspire our living
Candles that will burn all the year long.

(Howard Thurman , adapted)

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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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Ph. 541.752.5218
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Monday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
(Closed Dec. 25 - Jan. 1)

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