



THE WEEK AHEAD

March 5 – 11, 2017

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

Today, Sunday, March 5, 2017

- ~Join us in the Social Hall after each service for coffee and conversation. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know.
- ~Fellowship Care and Support Team listeners are available for anyone looking for support. Ask at the greeter desk.
- ~Action Lunch today, after the second service, to benefit UUSC. \$5/person suggested donation.
- ~Planned Giving and Philanthropy Workshop today at 12:30 in the Sanctuary.
- ~Microcredit Committee Meeting at 12:30 in Michael's Molk's office (Rm 1). All are welcome!
- ~Becoming UU Climate Stewards, 12:45 in Room 10, upstairs.
- ~Partner Church Committee Meeting at 12:45 in the Library.
- ~The Climate Justice Committee invites all who are interested to sign letters of support to the Oregon state legislature on two bills aimed to cap and price carbon pollution in our state.

The Week Ahead: Feb 27-March 4, 2017

Office hours: Monday and Wednesday 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM; Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

- **Exercise/Aerobics**, Mon, Wed, Fri, 4:00 PM (SH)
- **Shawl Ministry**, Mon March 6, 7:00 PM (LIB)
- **Life Raft**, Tue March 7, 6:30 PM (7)

Parents, family members and friends dealing with a loved one's drug addiction are welcome to come share a confidential discussion. Questions, call Marcia Chapman (541-757-3809).

- **Women's Lunch Bunch**, Wed Mar 8, 1:00 PM (North Co-op)

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

- **Weekly Potluck Supper**, Wed Mar 8, 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.

Come meet and help welcome some new Burundian refugees who will be staying temporarily with Blaise.

- **UUFC Justice Council Meeting**, Wed Mar 8, 6:00 PM (LIB)

- **Centering Prayer**, Wed Mar 8, 7:00 PM (7)

Class begins with a brief reading, then silence, journaling, and an opportunity to share the experience with others. Come to as many classes as your calendar and interest allow. Diana Vezmar-Bailey (dianavb@inbox.com).

- **Adult RE Steering Committee**, Thur Mar 9, 3:45 PM (7)
- **Senior Housing Potluck**, Thur Mar 9, 6:00 PM (SH/K)
- **Dances of Universal Peace**, Thur Mar 9, 7:00 PM (SFH)
- **Climate Justice Committee**, Thur Mar 9, 7:00 PM (LIB)
- **Fellowship Care and Support Team**, Thur Mar 9, 7:00 PM (7)
- **Corvallis Transgender Support**, Thur Mar 9, 7:00 PM (9)
- **Young Adult Group**, Thur Mar 9, 7:15 PM (10)
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri Mar 10, 10:15 AM (7)

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).

- **New World Kirtan Band**, Fri Mar 10, 7:00 PM (SFH)

Kirtan comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice, to calm minds and open hearts.

Plan Ahead

Today thru March 18 **Cottage Meetings** for "Our Shared Future." Be sure to sign up and attend one!

March 19 One service, at 11:00 AM for **Pledge Sunday** for "Our Shared Future." Pledge cards turned in together, followed by celebration.

April 28-30 **ReVive Retreat for Social Justice Activists** at the Shalom Prayer Center in Mt. Angel, Oregon.

Next Sunday: March 12, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"It Makes a Difference"

Nick Houtman, Lloyd Wagenschutz, Rachel Brinker, Mina Carson

Several Fellowship members will share insights on their religious and spiritual lives. Knowing that we are free to be ethical and spiritual on our own, to join or not to join, what difference does it make to be part of a congregation, of this congregation? To be committed to something bigger than yourself, in the world the way it is now?

In the midst of high winds of anxiety and fear, may we be rooted in our values and our commitments.

New to the Fellowship? Welcome!

For more information about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, contact First Steps coordinator, Elona Meyer (elonameyer@msn.com). Register for upcoming Membership Orientation classes at the foyer Welcome Desk.

Planned Giving and Philanthropy Workshop today, March 5, 12:30 – 1:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Discover how to support the Fellowship through gifts in wills and estates. All are welcome! Are you pondering how to balance operation fund, capital campaign, and longer-term commitments to the UUFC with other life priorities such as daily living, college funds and retirement? If you'd like some basic information on financial planning and philanthropy, join Jeff Susor (our campaign consultant), UUFC Treasurer Joan Rose, UUFC Stewardship Coordinator Virginia Shapiro, and UUFC Financial Council Coordinator Russ Karow, in this sixty-minute workshop. We'll talk about the general whys, whats, and hows of thinking about philanthropy and, if there is interest, make plans for more detailed workshops at later dates.

Action Lunch today, March 5, supports the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), 12:30

UUSC advances human rights through grassroots collaboration around the world. For more than 75 years, the UUSC has fostered social justice and worked toward a world free from oppression. UUSC's innovative approaches and measurable impacts have earned it the highest possible ratings by Charity Navigator (4/4). We will support the work UUSC is doing in helping the most vulnerable women, men and children in the world: refugees fleeing horrific violence in their homeland. (<http://www.uusc.org/>).

Microcredit Committee Meeting today, March 5 at 12:30 in Michael Molk's (DRE) Office, Rm 1.

Those who want lunch can bring Action Lunch to the meeting if you wish. Discussion will be on our May fundraiser and loan updates. All are welcome!

“Our Shared Future”: UUFC Stewardship and Capital Campaign: Just Two Weeks to Go!

As always, we aim for 100% participation by UUFC members and friends.

~Sign up for a Cottage Meeting if you haven't attended on yet. These small group gatherings are to share how this fellowship is important to us and to get our questions answered about the UUFC, our building's needs and dreams, and this year's capital campaign. Sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0945acac2ca5ff2-uufc>.

~Pick up your meditations booklet and follow along on Facebook as the readings are posted daily.

~Join us at our one service, at 11:00 AM, on **Pledge Sunday, March 19, to turn in pledge cards** and to celebrate afterwards with lunch and an announcement of preliminary campaign results.

Becoming UU Climate Stewards Class meets today, March 5, in Room 10 (*note the location change)

Welcome new Burundians at the weekly potluck supper, Wednesday, March 8, 6 PM

All are always invited to the weekly potluck supper. This week, help welcome some newcomers from Burundi.

Centering Prayer

The second of seven week class meets on Wednesday, March 8, 7:00 - 8:30 PM in Room 7. This practice is based on an ancient form of meditation in the Christian tradition. We will begin with a brief reading followed by 20 minutes of silence, journaling, and an opportunity to share the experience with others in the class. Come to as many classes as your calendar and interest allow. You may bring your own journal, although paper and pens will be provided. Diana Vezmar-Bailey will facilitate. Questions? Contact Diana at [541-740-9006](tel:541-740-9006) or dianavb@inbox.com.

ReVive Retreat for Social Justice Activists: April 28-30, 2017, Shalom Center, Mt. Angel, OR

An opportunity for UUFC social justice advocates/activists to gather for respite, renewal, and connection through facilitated activities, reflection, and silence. Registration is now open! Contact a planning committee member for more information and a registration form (Susan Christie, Martha Clemons, Anna Coffman, Jesse Ford, Claudia Keith, Kelley Kendall (Chair), and Diana Vezmar-Bailey).

Adult Religious Exploration – Winter Term 2017

The schedule of classes, events, and discussions is available in the foyer on Sundays, and on the UUFC web site at http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=223.

What to do when your minister is out of town?

Jill will be gone this week, tending to family needs in the Netherlands. For pastoral care, you can always contact Diana Vezmar Bailey (dianavb@inbox.com) and Elizabeth Sollie (intern@uucorvallis.org). For all other needs, Jamie Petts (office@uucorvallis.org) or Carl English-Young (cey544@yahoo.com).