

# FELLOWSHIP

WAYSIDE PULPIT

Joy does not simply happen to us.  
We have to choose joy and keep  
choosing it every day.  
-Henri J.M. Nouwen



UUFC WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 6, 2018

SUNDAY, MAY 6

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](mailto:elonameyer@icloud.com)).

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

Help us find and  
carry joy in our  
hearts.

Visit the UUFC website to WATCH  
recordings of previous  
SUNDAY SERVICES!  
[www.uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=239](http://www.uucorvallis.org/?page_id=239)

Worship | 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.*

### Also Today:

~Action Lunch, 12:30 PM in the Social Hall, benefitting the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). \$5/person suggested donation.

~Gun Reform, second meeting, 12:30 PM in Room 9. This is a new group - all are welcome. Bring any information about already existing groups and projects on this issue, so that we can explore collaboration.

~Partner Church Team, 12:30 PM in the Library.

~Healing Justice Workshop, 12:45 PM in the Sanctuary. 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.

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

May 13 **"On The Rising Tide"** Jill McAllister

Let's look together at how movements for change are lifting us all - from #MeToo, to the Poor People's Campaign, student organizing for gun reform, and Black Lives UU. With other UU congregations, we'll take a special collection today for Black Lives UU, aiming for \$10 per person. Please join us!

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE/OUTREACH OFFERING THIS MONTH SUPPORTS THE ACLU

# HAPPENING SOON

## **Leadership Supper: Thursday, May 10 at 6 PM in the Social Hall**

All leaders of teams, councils, committee and task forces, and all others who are interested, are invited to the final leadership supper of the year. Discussion will include council budgeting processes for next year and new members for teams, councils, and task forces. Rice, beans, and tortillas provided. *Please bring toppings and salads to share.*

## **Stewardship Update!**

Pledge packets for those who did not already pledge online have been mailed. If you are turning in a paper pledge card, you can send it or submit it to the Fellowship office or drop it in the wooden pledge box in the foyer by Sunday, May 13 - the conclusion of the pledge drive. To help our Fellowship thrive in the year ahead, we invite you now to recommit yourself - or commit for the first time - to the UUFC by participating in the 2018-2019 pledge drive and continuing capital campaign. Your pledges are the bedrock of our budget – our plan for the coming year. As always, we aim for 100% participation, and we ask all pledgers to consider increasing their pledge this year. If the average pledge increases by 2 to 3 %, we can readily meet our goal of \$400,000, and not only maintain our thriving Fellowship, but significantly expand our social and environmental justice work through community organizing training! **As an extra incentive to encourage timely pledge submissions, anyone who turns in a pledge of any amount and in any format (online or paper pledge) by May 13, 2018 at 12:30pm will be entered into a final raffle for a \$25 cash prize!** If you have questions about the annual pledge drive or want to discuss your pledge with a member of our team, please contact the UUFC office at [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org) or 541-752-5218.

## **UUFC Services Auction - Online This Year!**

The deadline for donations is May 19, the day of the Annual Meeting, when bidding starts, and that lasts only one week. Pick up a paper donation form in the foyer on Sunday or in the Services Auction box there. Donate online by going to the UUFC website, then Get Involved, Programs and Activities, and Services Auction. For more than 35 years the Auction has been a UUFC fund raiser which also provides a fun way to purchase great services, meals, parties, art, gift baskets, get-togethers, and more. Don't miss it! -->

# 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](mailto:carolynzac@comcast.net)) or Diana Vezmar-Bailey (541-740-9006).

## **Corvallis Housing First**

The UUFC is sponsoring a table at the Corvallis Housing First June 8 breakfast fundraiser, 7:15- 8:30 AM at First United Methodist Church Community Center. The breakfast is free and we only have room for 8 people at our table. Come find out what Corvallis Housing First is doing to end homelessness in Corvallis and their future plans. Contact Roz Keeney at [rozkeeney@comcast.net](mailto:rozkeeney@comcast.net) to reserve your seat at the table.

## **Men's Spring Work Party: Sat, May 26**

Help us with maintenance, repairs, and construction projects at the UUFC, both inside and outside.

**Examples of items donated** for the Auction, so far: professional editing, an original painting, a recording session, and custom photography. Delicious food items include butter brickle, a Mediterranean meal, and a Spanish dinner.... and much more!

# THE WEEK AHEAD: MAY 7 - MAY 12

# FELLOWSHIP CONNECTIONS

Monday, May 7	Shawl Ministry	7:00 PM Room 7
Tuesday, May 8	Criminal Justice Action Group	6:45 PM LIB
Wednesday, May 9	Women's Lunch Bunch <i>Friendly conversation with women of the Fellowship. Contact: Elizabeth Waldorf (<a href="mailto:dewaldorf@comcast.net">dewaldorf@comcast.net</a>).</i>	1:00 PM N. Co-op
	Weekly Potluck <i>Please bring a dish (with a list of ingredients) to share. All are welcome.</i>	6:00 PM SH/K
Thursday, May 10	Leadership Supper <i>All leaders of the Fellowship are invited to join us for the last leadership supper of the year.</i>	6:00 PM SH/K
	Transgender Support	7:00 PM Room 7
	Dances of Universal Peace	7:00 PM SFH
Friday, May 11	Insight Meditation <i>This is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required. Contact: Mary Leigh Burke (<a href="mailto:maryleighburke@gmail.com">maryleighburke@gmail.com</a>).</i>	10:15 AM Room 7
	New World Kirtan Band	7:00 PM SFH

## 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 here:** <https://www.uua.org/ga>.

## 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](mailto:reassociate@uucorvallis.org).

## The Fellowship Care & Support Team (FCST) Needs Your Help!

The FCST provides short-term help for our members. This includes transportation, meals, pet walking, yard work, etc. You will have an opportunity this month to sign up to provide these services to UUFC members who are in need of temporary help. Look for sign-up opportunities before or after services on May 13 or 27. Or contact Diana Vezmar-Bailey ([dianavb@inbox.com](mailto:dianavb@inbox.com); 541-740-9006).

## Don't Forget: The 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 a light dinner, review of our work, electing board members and nominating committee members, approving the annual budget, thank yous, other business items as needed, plus dancing, singing and general enjoyment. We hope to take a straw-poll vote on our new by-laws. Please save the date and plan to be there!

# FIND US ONLINE

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

 UUCF Website  
[www.uucorvallis.org](http://www.uucorvallis.org)

 FACEBOOK  
[facebook.com/uucorvallis](https://facebook.com/uucorvallis)

 TWITTER  
[twitter.com/uucorvallis](https://twitter.com/uucorvallis)

## Words for Reflection

May 6, 2018

We gather here to worship:  
to seek the truth, to grow in love, to join in service;  
to celebrate life's beauty and find healing for its pain;  
to honor our kinship with each other and with the earth;  
to create a more compassionate world,  
beginning with ourselves;  
to wonder at the mystery that gave us birth;  
to find courage for the journey's end;  
and to listen for the wisdom that guides us  
in the quietness of this moment.

*Rev. Gary Kowalski*

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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](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org) with the subject line: weekly announcement.

# NEED TO CONTACT US?

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