

# FELLOWSHIP

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"Self examination is the key to insight, which is the key to wisdom.

-M. Scott Peck



UUFC WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 26, 2017

SUNDAY, November 26

9:30 AM Childcare available  
Worship Service

11:00 AM Childcare available  
Worship Service  
RE Classes  
First Steps Class (LIB)

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? JOIN OUR  
FIRST STEPS COORDINATOR,  
ELONA MEYER, TODAY at 11 AM  
([elonameyer@icloud.com](mailto: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.

*Spirit of life, help us to find  
peace within ourselves, so that  
we may help bring peace to  
others.*

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

Nov. 26 **"The Examined Life"** Rev. Jill McAllister

James Luther Adams wrote that an unexamined life is not worth living. We spend plenty of time examining our lives, it seems, but what is it we are looking for and looking at? Are we trying to justify our opinions and preferences? Look for comfort we feel entitled to? What about faithfulness?

Sign up today, Sunday Nov. 26 to participate or host a Connect UP activity in December. Questions? Contact Wendy Sutton at [connect@uucorvallis.org](mailto:connect@uucorvallis.org). Visit Connect UP on the UUFC website: [http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=3776](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=3776).

Help us, help you! The Fellowship has created a new system for letting us know about life transitions. 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](mailto:transitions@uucorvallis.org) so that we can follow up with you about next steps.

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

Dec. 3 **"Finding Strength in Humility"** Rev. Jill McAllister

A year ago we wondered what it would be like to live with humility. Perhaps we know more now. Reflections on a challenging year, from a well-known story of waiting.

Upcoming Worship | Two worship services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

Dec. 10 **"Winter Dark Earth"** Rev. Jill McAllister

Here, where we live, it's the darkest time of the year. The season of short days, bare trees, cold fog, and wet earth. Human cultures tend to bear this season by focusing on lights and the return of the sun, but it's good to remember the gifts of darkness and winter as well. We need the gifts of winter, of earth and of darkness, as much as we need other seasons.

# HAPPENING SOON

## **Second Volunteer Week at the Men's Shelter Dec. 10-16**

Many thanks to all who volunteered for shifts at the men's homelessness shelter. We've signed up for a second week, Dec. 10-16, with Elizabeth Sollie as the team leader. Please join in and sign up for another shift.

## **6th annual UUFC Christmas Carol Sing-Along!**

When: **Sunday, December 17, 4:00 - 6:00 PM**

Where: Around the piano in the Sanctuary; followed by refreshments in the Social Hall. If you love all the traditional American Christmas songs, it's a wonderful way to share holiday music with your family. Come celebrate the season with song!

## **Living with Depression - yours or someone else's**

First gathering Monday, December 18, 7 PM. All are welcome.

## **Celebrate Solstice /Yule at UUFC**

Friday evening, December 22. An earth-centered, seasonal celebration for all ages.

## **Health Care for All: Learn about Measure 101**

When: Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018, 7 PM.

Where: Corvallis-Benton County Library, 645 NW Monroe, Corvallis

What: Focus of information will be on how Measure 101 affects the lives of many of our friends and families.

Measure 101 asks voters to support the health care plan developed by advocates, businesses, hospitals, AARP and health care experts, and approved by the 2017 state legislature. The plan guarantees that 95% of Oregonians, including ALL kids in the state, maintain access to health care and reduces premiums for those who buy their own insurance. Measure 101 is an assessment on insurance companies, hospital and other health care providers. The January 3rd forum is sponsored by Mid-Valley Health Care Advocates and co-sponsored by Interfaith Health Care Network, League of Women Voters -Corvallis and many other social justice organizations. See MVHCA monthly newsletter and [MVHCA.org](http://MVHCA.org) website for updates. on the forum, Measure 101 Impact.

# FELLOWSHIP CONNECTIONS

## **HOLIDAY FAIR - All Are Invited**

Saturday, Dec. 2, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Arts and crafts by Fellowship members and friends, a silent auction, re-cycled gifts, lunch provided by El Sol, homemade baked goods and holiday goodies, music, and friends. A great way to start the holiday season. Join us!

## **Holiday Giving to Make a Difference**

There are many opportunities for "alternative giving" at the Fellowship this month. Here are a few for to consider:

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

~The Prison Ministry Team will sponsor an "Angel Tree" to support an incarcerated person. The tree will be set up during the Holiday Fair and will have decorations that describe a small gift to return to the cashier's table.

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

~Contribute to Winter Warmth Care Packages for children and families at Garfield School, where 75% of families receive free or reduced lunch, the local measure of low income.

Honor those you like and love with any of these gifts, which keep giving.

# THE WEEK AHEAD: NOV 27 - Dec 2

Monday and Wednesday only! Exercise/Aerobics 4:00 PM SH

## Monday, Nov 27

7:00 PM | Social Hall | Mid-Valley Healthcare Meeting

## Tuesday, Nov 28

6:00 PM | Room 6C | Transgender Support Group Monthly Potluck

## Wednesday, Nov 29

1:00 PM | N. Coop | Women's Lunch Bunch

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

6:00 PM | SH/K | Weekly Potluck  
*Please bring a dish (with a list of ingredients) to share, and your own plate and utensils if possible. All are welcome.*

## Thursday, Nov 30

7:00 PM | Room 7 | Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Meeting

## Friday, Dec 1

10:15 AM | Room 7 | Insight Meditation  
*This is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required. Contact: Mary Leigh Burke (maryleigh.burke@gmail.com).*

7:00 PM | Room 7 | Kirtan Meditation

## Saturday, Dec 2

9 AM - 3 PM | UUFC | Holiday Fair  
*Join us for the annual Holiday Fair. UUFC artists will have great gifts to purchase, recycled gifts will be for sale, youth-made gifts, silent auction, live music, delicious food from El Sol, and more! You won't want to miss it.*

# FELLOWSHIP CONNECTIONS

## TRANSITIONS

Condolences to Janelyse Witt, whose husband, Patrick Robertson, passed away on November 17. A memorial service will be held at the Fellowship on Saturday, December 9, at 2 PM.

## UUFC Building Project Blog is live!

This blog will allow you to follow the progress of building and site changes at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis. Thus far, the soils engineering report and the boundary and topographic survey have been completed. A seismic evaluation of our existing building will be undertaken within the next few weeks, and a report produced. Our architects, Di Loreto Architects, are in the process of developing schematic designs, which will be presented to the entire congregation at a future date, to be determined. You can follow along here: <https://oursharedfutureuufc.wordpress.com/>.

## Make a new connection this month

Living in right relations begins with getting to know each other. We get better at all kinds of relationships when we practice. The Fellowship includes hundreds and hundreds of people, and we have things in common. But we're different too, of course. Is there someone you've been hoping to get to know better at the Fellowship? Give an invitation, for coffee or tea, or a walk, or simply a 30 minute conversation at a place of mutual convenience. "The most radical thing we can do is introduce people to each other." When we get to know each other, so much is possible between us!

# 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  
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## Words for Reflection

Nov 26, 2017

Faith is not fundamentally about one's beliefs but about one's commitments. Find out what someone values the most and you will have found the object of her faith whether she considers herself religious or not. Is it success? Is it the adrenaline rush of crisis? Is it comfort? Is it religion? "The issue is not between theism and atheism as concepts of ultimate reality," Beach writes, "but between authentic and perverted faith or, in traditional terms, between true and idolatrous faith." When our commitments claim more loyalty than they truly deserve, when we sacrifice great things in life to small things, we are living out a perverted faith. Authentic faith, on the other hand, grows out of critical awareness of how our commitments are ultimately related: It is rooted in a person's awareness that she is not God, that her perception is always limited, that her commitments will always need correction and redirection. Adams loved to say, "An unexamined faith is not worth having, for it can be true only by accident." Authentic faith is an examined, self-critical faith.

*from the writings of James Luther Adams*

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

# NEED TO CONTACT US?

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