



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sept 4-Sept 10, 2016
Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

Today, Sunday, Sept 4, 2016

~Please join us after the service in the Social Hall for coffee. Introduce yourself to someone if you can.

~Registration for Religious Exploration 2016-17 for children and youth is underway. Meet RE Associate Rachel Kohler at the table in the foyer for information and registration forms.

The Week Ahead: Sept 5-Sept 10, 2016

- **Office hours – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM**
- **Annual Labor Day Tuna Roast**, Mon Sept 5, Lions Shelter at Avery Park 3:00 PM gathering, 5:30 pm serving
A UUFC tradition for 20 years: the Labor Day potluck and tuna roast! Bring a side dish or dessert to share and choose a volunteer job. For more information, contact Rich Brainerd (541-752-2930).
- **Addictions Support Group**, Tues Sept 6, 6:30 PM (7)
Support group open to anyone who has a family member or loved one who is living with addiction. This group is being led by Marcia Chapman (datawriter3@comcast.net).
- **Blood Drive**, Wed Sept 7, 10:00 AM (SFH/SH/K)
For more information, contact Wendy Sutton (suttonw@science.oregonstate.edu).
- **Women's Lunch Bunch**, Wed Sept 7, 1:00 – 2:00 PM (North Coop)
Weekly lunch with women of the Fellowship. Contact: Elizabeth Waldorf (dewaldorf@comcast.net).
- **Weekly Potluck**, Wed Sept 7, 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.
- **Choir Rehearsal Begins**, Wed Sept 7, 7:00 PM (SFH & 6B)
For more information, contact David Servias (music@uucorvallis.org).
- **Exercise/Aerobics**, Thur Sept 8, 8:00 AM (SH)
For more information contact Nichele Deutsch at 541-753-4664 or nandad@peak.org.
- **Chalice Circle (EM)**, Thur Sept 8, 2:00 PM (9)
For more information, contact Elona Meyer (541-754-1207).
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri Sept 9, 10:30 AM (9)
Insight Meditation is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required. Contact Mary Leigh Burke (650-996-1354) for more information.
- **Men's Monthly Gathering**, Sat Sept 10, 9:30 AM (7)
An opportunity to get to know other men in the Fellowship. For information, contact Alan Kirk (alankirk@gmail.com).

Plan Ahead

- **Chalice Circles Introduction**, Sept 11, 12:30 PM (7) Introduction for all who would like to know more. Rev. Jill McAllister and Marcia Olsen will describe the process and answer your questions.
- **Walking Meditation with Chanting**, Saturday, Sept. 24 7 am, Chip Ross Park
- **All-Fellowship Building Design Workshop, with Architect**, Sept 25, 1:30-3:00 PM (SFH)
Everyone is invited for a structured process that will help us clarify our needs and communicate to an architect the goals and requirements of our Building Enhancement Project.
- **UUFC Men's Retreat**, Oct 21-23 (Columbia River Gorge)
Annual retreat at the Menucha Conference Center overlooking the beautiful Columbia River Gorge. Contact Lloyd Wagenschutz for information and registration (541-753-9071 or lpwz124@comcast.net).

Next Sunday: Sept 11, 9:30 and 11:00 AM Two Services

Ingathering Sunday, with Joining of the Waters Rev. Jill McAllister and everyone

We begin the new church year together, with a service for all ages, and introducing our new ministerial intern Elizabeth Sollie. Bring a SMALL amount of water from or representing a place that is important to you. Baby and toddler care provided.

May we live our lives in ways that bring more peace into the world.

Religious Exploration Registration for Children and Youth, Open Now

Meet Rachel Kohler, our new RE Associate, today at a table in the foyer today. She'll be registering children and teens for the September 18 start-up of RE. Our theme for RE this year is "What do UU Believe? and" "What are UU Made of?" We'll be exploring UU Identity, Spiritual Practices, and Having Courage.

Annual Labor Day Tuna Roast and All Fellowship Picnic, Tomorrow

Sept 5, 3:00 PM gathering and preparation, 5:30 pm serving. (Avery Park Lions Shelter) A UUFC tradition for 20 years: the Labor Day potluck and tuna roast! Suggested donation of \$5 per adult and whatever you think is appropriate for your kids covers the cost of the incredibly good grilled tuna, corn, potatoes, lemonade, and cake. No one is excluded for lack of funds. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please volunteer to help with set-up, cooking or clean up. For more information, contact Rich Brainerd (541-752-2930).

Adult Religious Learning and Growth, Fall Term

The schedule and descriptions of adult RE sessions for the Fall has now been published in the September UUFC newsletter, so check it out. Many great choices are planned, including classes and groups on aging, racism, compassionate listening, UU identity, and more.

Study and Conversations on Racism

Beginning in September and October, the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force will facilitate several conversations about racism, including book discussions and chalice groups. Wouldn't it be amazing if all or most of the Fellowship took part in some aspect of this work? All are invited, all are needed. There will be two book study groups: one reading "Waking Up White" (Tuesdays, Sept. 20-Oct. 18, 6:30-8:30 PM) and another reading "The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics and the Rise of a New Justice Movement" (Tuesdays, Oct. 22-Nov. 22, 7-9 PM). There will also be a 10-session chalice-circle group "The Psychology of Embracing Diversity" beginning in October.

Chalice Circles: Introduction and Orientation for Newcomers

Join us for an introduction on September 11, after the 11 AM Sunday service. Chalice Circles are part of small-group ministry, which recognizes that in a faith community we each minister to each other.

Save the Date: Sept 25 for a Building Design Workshop, with Architect,

After the Sunday service, join us for congregation-wide input on the next steps in our building renovation project with the architectural firm chosen by the Building Design Team and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Art Exhibit in the Sanctuary

The current Art Exhibition committee is in transition and seeks input and involvement from the congregation on the future of exhibitions. Many thanks to Sue Noel for her dedicated leadership of the committee. Sue is stepping down to pursue new endeavors. She had been involved with the committee since 1989 and served in a leadership role since 2007. Please join us for a meeting on Sunday, September 11 at 12:30 PM (following the 11:00 AM service) in the sanctuary to talk about the future of our gallery and to learn about opportunities for involvement. The agenda will include discussion on history of the gallery, how the gallery connects to our current mission, future exhibits, guidelines and selection of exhibitors, scheduling and procedures for hanging of the shows. The future of the gallery depends on involvement from the community. Please contact Niya Standish (niyabeth@gmail.com) for additional information.

More good news for Blaise Ntakarutimana and his family

Hopefully you heard that Blaise Ntakarutimana recently received notification from the US Department of Homeland Security that he has been granted asylum! Now the work begins to bring his family here – a completely different process, through the US Immigration Department. With help from many of us here and from some UU's in Massachusetts, Blaise's wife and children have just been able to leave Burundi and get to a much safer place, where with our continued support they will settle temporarily as the immigration process proceeds.