

# Participant's Guide to the UUFC



*Provided by the Church Operations Manager in order for us to Explore, Love, and Act in the most meaningful ways possible.*

2018

Dear UUFC members and friends,

Welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis, a liberal religious congregation that has played an important part in this community for more than 60 years. Our religious tradition is more than 400 years old, dating back to the time of the protestant reformation in Europe. Unitarianism and Universalism were two varieties of liberal Christianity, evolving over centuries, primarily in Europe and North America. By the time the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America merged in 1961 to become the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations of North America, (the UUA) our religious perspectives had expanded to include wisdom and teachings from all world religions, from science and humanism, art and mysticism, and much more. The UU Fellowship of Corvallis is a member congregation of the UUA, and we offer a broad and open approach to religious belief and practice.

The liberal tradition we uphold is best defined as an ongoing movement toward religious freedom, reason in religion, and the embrace of diversity in religious belief and practice. We are a community held together not by beliefs or creeds, but by these shared values of freedom, reason, and tolerance. We are a caring community, helping each other navigate the realities of life. We are a community of seekers; knowing there is always more to learn and understand, we explore many ideas, philosophies, perspectives and modes of worship and spiritual growth. We are a pluralistic congregation, dedicated to inclusivity and justice. Each individual is encouraged to aim toward these values and we are all called to live in right relations. We are a welcoming congregation, honoring the diversity of beliefs, practices and lifestyles among us. We are an active multi-generational congregation, working together in all the ways we can to increase justice and compassion in the world. We bring our whole lives, and together we face the realities of birth and death, sorrow and joy, sickness and health, knowing and not knowing. This is what it means to be religious. This is what it means to be Unitarian Universalists.

Everything we can do to make our congregation, our national and worldwide UU community stronger and more visible is important. We uphold values that can make a difference in the outcomes of world events. Be assured that what you do within our walls and out in the larger community contributes to the greater good when our highest values are reflected in our actions and attitudes.

Every week at the UUFC all are encouraged to make a concerted effort to provide a warm welcome to visitors. In addition to talking with newcomers to become acquainted, we want to make our programs and activities as accessible as possible to those who are unfamiliar with how things work here. If each of us makes a special effort to be inclusive to others, we will create a culture of openness and comfort for newcomers. As a large congregation, we must consciously try to make our inner workings open and visible so that newer people do not feel lost on the edges of our web of activities. As you get acquainted with both new and more established members, please invite them to join you in your volunteer efforts or in participation in various activities, at whatever level would be comfortable for them.

We appreciate everyone's efforts on behalf of the UUFC. It is a privilege to work with such a dedicated staff and volunteers.

With gratitude,

Jill McAllister, Minister, and Jamie Petts, Church Operations Manager

## **What is Unitarian Universalism?**

*Unitarian Universalism's flaming chalice. ---->*

Unitarian Universalism is a liberal religious tradition, with roots in Judaism and Christianity. By liberal, we mean religion that keeps an open mind to questions about purpose and meaning in our lives—questions people have grappled with for thousands of years. We seek answers to these questions in personal experience, conscience, and reason. These, we believe, should be the final authorities for truth, rather than a particular person, book, or institution.

We share common ground with other Unitarian Universalist congregations. Together, we affirm and promote seven principles that guide our exploration of life's great questions:

Principle 1 – The inherent worth and dignity of every person

Principle 2 – Justice, equity and compassion in human relations

Principle 3 – Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations

Principle 4 – A free and responsible search for truth and meaning

Principle 5 – The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large

Principle 6 – The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all

Principle 7 – Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

In our search for truth and meaning in our lives, we draw from many sources of faith and wisdom, including:

- \* Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- \* Words and deeds of prophetic women and men that challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- \* Wisdom from the world's religions that inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- \* Jewish and Christian teachings that call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- \* Humanist teachings that counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- \* Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions that celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

These principles and sources of faith are the backbone of our religious community. We are deeply grateful for the religious pluralism that enriches our faith, and inspires us to deepen and expand our liberal faith.

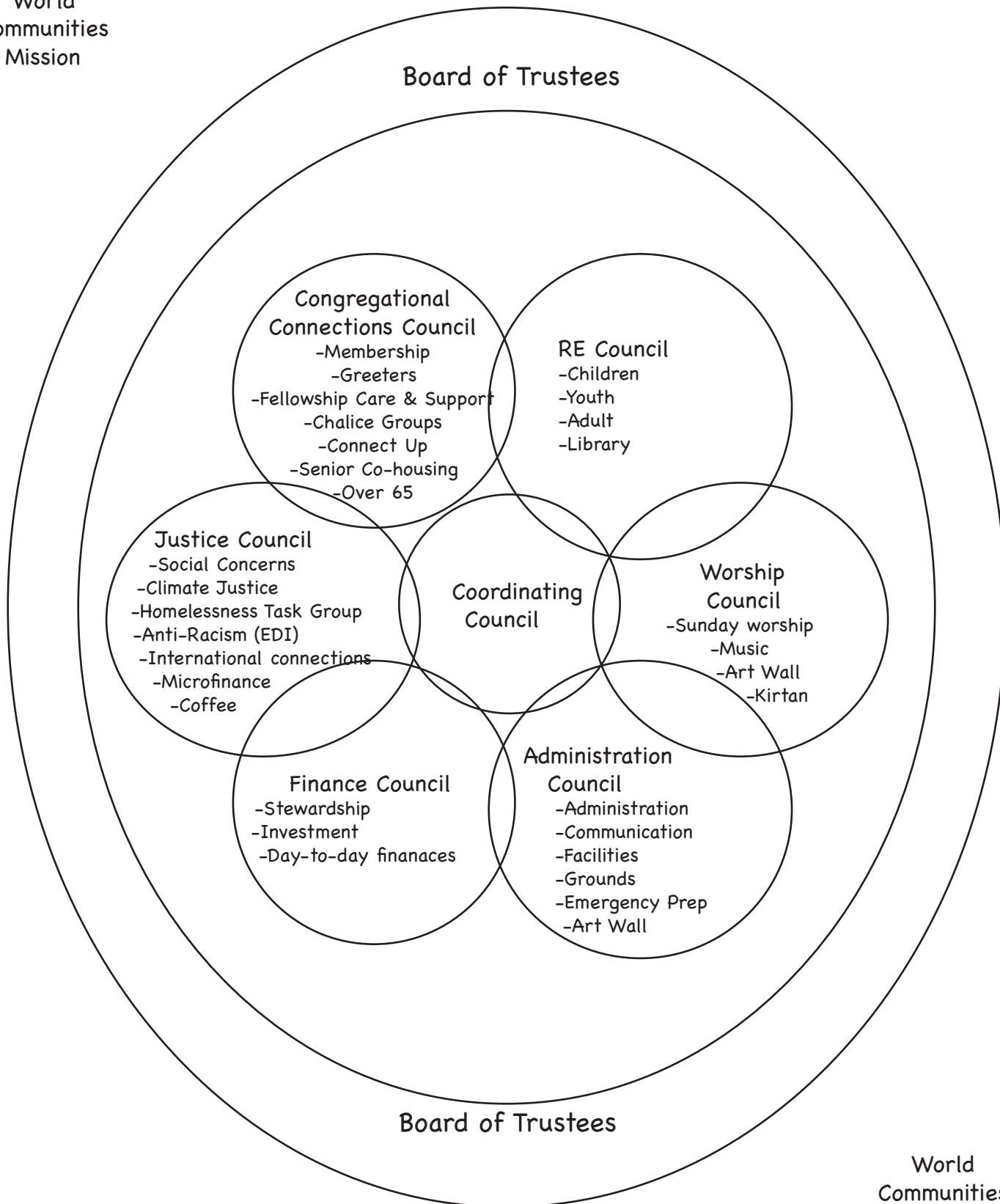
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# UUCF Councils

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## UUFC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The UUFC supports and is supported by the national Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and the UUA's regional organization, the Pacific Western Region. Like other Unitarian Universalist congregations, the UUFC is self-governed by an elected **Board of Trustees**, which meets monthly, usually on the second Monday of the month, to deal with Fellowship business. The Board focuses primarily on policy, planning, and financial matters. Visitors are welcome at Board meetings. If you'd like to bring a topic or issue to the board for discussion, the first step is to contact the trustee who plans the agenda. (Craig Olbrich, [olbrich@peak.org](mailto:olbrich@peak.org)) It is helpful to provide material concerning the issue (if relevant), including proposals or suggested solutions in written form. Information regarding governance-related documents, including things like the Bylaws, Policies (including a document for how to write effective policies), Procedures, etc. can be found in the UUFC "File Cabinet" online: [http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=421](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=421).

### OVERVIEW

In addition to the Board of Trustees, we also have seven Councils. This structure was established in 2017. These Councils oversee the day-to-day work of the Fellowship. (See graphic on next page.)

The purpose of the **Worship Council** is to oversee worship and music, for Sundays and other special services. Worship is what distinguishes us from other non-profits, and is a critical component of holding together everything else we do.

The purpose of the **Admin Council** is to oversee Fellowship facilities, logistics, and communication.

The purpose of the **Religious Exploration (RE) Council** is to oversee the programs, classes, and activities of the Fellowship that help us learn and grow in religious ways of being.

The purpose of the **Congregational Connections Council (CCC)** is to facilitate connections between us.

The purpose of the **Justice Council** is to oversee the justice work that we participate in as a Fellowship.

The purpose of the **Finance Council** is to oversee stewardship, investment, and day-to-day financial operations.

The purpose of the **Coordinating Council** is to coordinate the work done by the other Councils, as well as provide support for all the leaders of Councils.

Within each Council are teams, and/or task forces or groups. Teams and groups or task forces are groups of five or more people meeting for a specific Fellowship purpose, with goals. An example is the Fellowship Care and Support Team. A few standing Committees exist to facilitate the work of the Board. An example is the Investment Committee.

Chalice Groups are small groups designed to enhance and deepen our connections at the Fellowship by sharing what is most important in our lives. These groups give people the opportunity to connect in a small circle where they share honestly and respectfully, experience deep listening and explore the truths of life. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. Connection Circles are similar to Chalice Groups, but are shorter-term commitments and typically have a particular topic or theme focus.

## MISSION STATEMENT

In 2015 we revised our Mission Statement.



*Explore. Love. Act.*  
*We gather as an inclusive religious community  
to search for meaning, build deep connections,  
and inspire action toward a better world for all.*

## COUNCILS

### ***PURPOSE STATEMENT & RESPONSIBILITIES***

Councils oversee the day-to-day work of the Fellowship and provide leadership and support for the teams and task forces in their Council. Each Council is tasked with understanding its part of the mission of the Fellowship, setting goals for its work, being intentional in its work, evaluating its work, identifying gaps, and sharing information. Each Council has a staff liaison.

### ***GOALS, EVALUATION, and ANNUAL REPORT***

As each year draws to a close, Councils will want to evaluate their efforts and the efforts of teams/task groups under their purview during the past year and create goals for the next year. This effort will coincide with the possible changing of leadership, so setting goals will help the next set of leaders be prepared for their terms in that leadership role. Goals should also be considered during the budgeting process.

Your effort in evaluating and setting goals will provide the content for a brief Annual Report for your Council. The report should be no more than a half page, typed, and should include your mission,

highlights of the year and evaluation of the work accomplished, and goals for the following year. Your Council will report highlights of the year in the Annual Report, published annually.

## **FISCAL YEAR and BUDGETING**

The UUFC fiscal year currently runs from July 1 - June 30. The Board of Trustees is ultimately responsible for developing the Fellowship's budget and having it approved by members of the Fellowship at the annual meeting. However, one of the primary goals of the new Council Structure (established in 2017) is to improve the budgeting process by having the Councils oversee and help the teams under their purview develop budgets for each fiscal year.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The UUFC is self-governed by an elected Board of Trustees, which meets monthly to deal with Fellowship business. The Board focuses primarily on policy, planning, and financial matters. The Board has a number of Committees to help facilitate its work. See our current Board members in the Contact List.

*Nominating Committee* Puts forth the slate of candidates for the congregation to vote on for positions on the Board of Trustees. This committee is elected by the Congregation.

*Personnel Committee* Oversees issues that affect paid staff and organize hiring committees when needed. The Board of Trustees selects members.

*Investment Committee* Selects and monitors specific investments for Fellowship funds, including endowments according to guidelines and policies established by the Board of Trustees.

*Stewardship Committee* The committee's mission is to inspire generous, consistent, and sustainable giving to financially support our thriving church community and to enable us to effectively carry out our congregation's mission and purpose. Interested persons should get in touch with the Board of Trustees.

*Committee on Ministry* The Committee on Ministry works to nurture, maintain and strengthen the quality and effectiveness of all ministries of the congregation. Members of the committee are appointed by the Board of Trustees. Contact: Mark Aron.

### **FAQs**

1. Who creates new committees? The Board is tasked with creating new committees.
2. Who creates new groups? Anyone can propose a new group. The criteria for the creation of a new group is: 1. You must describe how the group's work is connected to the UUFC mission. 2. You must have at least five members who are interested in doing the work with you for at least one year. 3. You must set goals for the year. 4. You must get approval of your group from the Council that best fits your work.



## **WORSHIP COUNCIL. Because, at the heart of the Fellowship, is worship.**

Our Worship Council is jointly staffed by our Music Director, David Servias, and our Minister, Rev. Jill McAllister.

### **Sunday mornings**

#### **Welcome**

Sunday mornings are busy at the Fellowship. We hope that you find yourself greeted by one of our volunteer "Greeters," and, if you are new to the Fellowship, take time to stop by the foyer Welcome Desk to get a visitor name tag and fill out a Connection Card. If you're new to the Fellowship, we invite you to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation by contacting First Steps coordinator, Elona Meyer. The First Steps Class takes place on the 4th Sunday of each month, except December. Classes begin at 11:10 AM on the 4th Sunday, September-May. During the summer (June-August), First steps is the 4th Sunday, but the time shifts to 10 AM. You can also register for upcoming Membership Orientation classes at the foyer Welcome Desk.

Members receive a permanent, white name tag and we encourage everyone to wear a name tag, so we can call each other by name.

#### **Worship**

Sunday morning services typically include inspirational readings, sharing of joys and sorrows, silence, a story for children, choir and congregational singing, and a sermon by our minister or a guest. We also have a variety of special services throughout the year. You can view the upcoming Worship schedule here: [http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=237](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=237).

During the school year, there are two services each Sunday, at 9:30 and 11:00 AM. Childcare for infants and toddlers is offered for both services and Religious Exploration (RE) for children and youth is offered during the 11:00 AM service. In the summer, there is just one service at 10:00 AM.

If you are unable to attend, we usually video-record a Sunday worship service each week, and you can find the archive here: [http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=239](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=239). This archive contains video recordings or written text of recent services at the UUFC. Included in the videos are sermons, selected readings, and, where copyright permission has been given, hymns and choir performances. Every effort is made to protect the privacy of those attending services by excluding images of congregants and selected parts of the services. Also included in this archive are monthly readings and meditations provided by our minister.

#### *Other Worship*

Kirtan is a Hindu practice of chanting as a form of meditation. Weekly sessions are offered most Friday evenings at 7:00 PM. Contact: Kitzie Stern.

Other services are held throughout the year, such as Christmas Eve services, occasional evening Vespers

services, and usually a Veteran's Day service of remembrance. Watch the monthly newsletters for specific information.

## **Sound**

During the service, sound is broadcasted in the foyer and social hall. Our sound is hearing aid compatible. Our services utilize a sound system run by "house managers".

## **Music**

The UUFC has a vibrant music program with many opportunities for members and friends to get involved, regardless of skill level. If you love to sing or have instrumental talents to share, please join in!

Sunday services feature a variety of musical styles from many traditions. The many UUFC members who share their talents and professional musicians from the community all contribute to the rich musical offerings on Sunday mornings. Outside of Sunday Services we have concerts, sing-alongs, and Music Sharing Nights. The music we share and participate in together helps us realize the larger mission of the Fellowship to Explore, Love, Act.

The choir rehearses every Wednesday night during the church year (Sept - June) from 7 to 8:30 PM and provides music two Sundays each month. This dedicated group works hard to provide choral music that uplifts and inspires all who hear them on Sunday mornings. The choir also usually presents an afternoon concert or two throughout the year. In addition to making beautiful music, the choir works hard to provide a supportive and welcoming environment that offers love, support, and acceptance to all its members. We frequently gather outside of rehearsals for potlucks, workshops, and other events. All singers who are willing to commit to coming to rehearsals and give their best effort regardless of musical background or skill are welcome and encouraged to participate. Childcare is available.

We also have a Drop In Choir. This choir consists of many of the same people as the UUFC choir, but is open to others who are unable to make the commitment to regular Wednesday night rehearsals. On the second Sunday of each month we meet at 8:45 AM to learn a song or two to sing that day at the services. As the name suggests, you are welcome to "drop-in" to sing with this group any time you like.

If you are interested in getting involved in music at the UUFC, please contact our music director, David Servias. We have a variety of opportunities outside of Sunday services where music can be heard. Music Sharing Nights, where members share their musical talents, are becoming a tradition and are popular events. Examples include singer/songwriters performing their own songs, Vietnamese folk songs, trombone duets, piano solos and African drumming. Some have made their musical debut at Music Sharing Night, performing in public for the very first time. In December we have a Holiday Sing-Along where families and people of all ages from the community are invited to share cookies and hot chocolate and join in singing traditional Christmas Carols. Every year there are a number of concerts of visiting artists as well as concerts offered by our own UUFC choir.

## **Art**

The art exhibition in the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall rotates regularly. The purpose of the Art Exhibition

Committee is art as a source of inspiration with the focus or direction of the exhibitions connected to our principles and values and also to connect to the physical look, aesthetics, care and maintenance of the walls, banners, lighting. For more information or to get involved, contact Niya Standish.

### **Flowers**

Our goal is to have seasonal flowers which add interest and, we hope, inspiration to the Sunday services. Persons interested in helping with this work contact Chere Pereira.

### **Coffee and Conversation**

Following services, all are invited to a Coffee and Conversation time in the Social Hall adjacent to the Sanctuary to meet and greet others. We hope you will join us. To help serve coffee, contact Ginny Gibson. Our Sunday Coffee is from Café Justo (“Just Coffee”), a grower-owned coffee cooperative based in Chiapas, Mexico, and beans can be purchased for home consumption on Sundays in the Social Hall. To help sell coffee, contact Nancy Kyle. Snacks are donated by UUFC members and donations are appreciated. Donations benefit a different non-profit organization each month.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Our Administration Council is staffed by our Church Operations Manager, Jamie Petts.

### **Office**

The office is staffed by the Church Operations Manager, Jamie Petts, and the Office Assistant, Rachel Kohler. Hours vary seasonally, but can always be found on the front page of the UUFC website, and they are also posted on the Fellowship doors.

### **Communication**

We utilize a monthly newsletter, weekly announcements, UU-Announce and UU-Discuss email lists (see page 21 for more details), Sunday Order of Service (OOS) announcements, UUFC website, Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/uucorvallis/>), and Twitter for announcements and opportunities for involvement.

Newsletter deadlines for each month are posted on the office door, and can also be found by scrolling down and opening the PDF document titled “Newsletter Deadlines” found at the bottom of this page: [http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=61](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=61).

Weekly Announcements deadlines are every Wednesday, by noon. If you would like to include an announcement for your group, please email them to [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org) with the subject line: weekly announcement.

The UUFC Website (<http://uucorvallis.org/>) is maintained by our Church Operations Manager. If you have content you’d like added, edits, or suggestions for improvement, please schedule an appointment by emailing [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org).

We have two directories: print and photo. The print directory is updated and printed twice a year. It is also available on the UUFC website (password protected). The photo directory is online through Instant Church Directory. If you haven't signed up or submitted a photo, you can do so here: <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>. Please submit a photo so we can greet each other by name!

## **Facilities**

There are two teams in charge of the Fellowship facilities: The Building Maintenance Team (Contact: Nick Houtman), and the Grounds Team (Contact: Andrea Dailey).

### *Building Maintenance Team*

The Building Maintenance Team is responsible for a broad range of building concerns, maintenance, and upkeep, as well as coordinating the contracting out of work if needed. The Building Maintenance team keeps UUFC facilities in good working order to meet the needs of members, renters and staff; to comply with safety regulations; and to improve environmental performance. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings. If you notice a building concern, please note it on the "Building Log" found on the table in the lobby outside of the office so that a building maintenance team committee member can take care of it as soon as possible.

The Fellowship is cleaned twice a week by an contracted cleaning company.

### *Grounds Team*

This team maintains UUFC grounds, including hardscapes, to ensure safety and serviceability and to enhance aesthetic values. Members regularly mow, weed, rake, prune, irrigate and sweep the grounds. They also host/coordinate the Autumn and Spring work parties. Everyone is welcome to participate.

### *Emergency Response and Disaster Preparedness*

Roz Keeney is the coordinator for Emergency Response and Disaster Preparedness at the Fellowship. She completed a 9-week program presented by Benton County Sheriff's office called "Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)." The CERT program trained her in basic disaster response skills including fire safety, building search and rescue, team organization, disaster medical operations and more. Roz was involved in organizing our previous Disaster Preparedness workshop and is willing to share her information and resources with people to get prepared, both at the Fellowship and at home in our neighborhoods.

There is a First Aid kit located in the closet of the main kitchen.

## **FAQs**

1. How do I get something on a bulletin board? Please bring material to the office to get approval from the Church Operations Manager or Office Assistant.
2. Who does what? The following people are in charge of specific building tasks for the UUFC,

although we rely on many volunteers!

Maintain thermostats: Russ Karow  
Lights and all things electrical: Kathy Johnson  
Heating and ventilation: Pete Sanford  
Entrance doors: Tim Emery  
Fire alarm system: Jamie Petts  
Toilets, faucets, shelves, etc.: Nick Houtman  
Bi-annual clean up days: Nick and Alan Kirk w/men's group  
Painting: Louise Ferrell and others  
Irrigation system control: Andrea Dailey

If you notice a building concern, please note it on the “Building Log” found on the table in the lobby outside of the office so that a building maintenance team committee member can take care of it as soon as possible.

3. How can I rent a Kill-a-watt device? A “Kill-a-watt” is device for measuring home electrical use. It belongs to Charlie Miller, but Elizabeth Waldorf typically has it and loans it out (3840 NW Lincoln Ave).
4. I heard that there is a Building Enhancement Project underway. Where can I find more information? There is! To view the Building Enhancement Project newsletters, visit this webpage where you can download them: [http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=4054](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=4054).
5. What’s going on with the Building Enhancement Project? The Building Design Team has created a BLOG (<https://oursharedfutureuufc.wordpress.com/>) so that you can follow along for the most recent happenings in the building design project.

## **FINANCE COUNCIL**

The Finance Council is chaired by Russ Karow and staffed by our Business Manager, Jean Gilbert.

The Finance Council is one of the newer UUFC Councils. It is comprised of the chairs of the Investment Committee and Stewardship Committees, Business Manager, UUFC Treasurer, and the Council coordinator. The minister and others with interest in UUFC finances sometimes meet with the Council. The Council’s main responsibility is coordination. The Investment and Stewardship Committees have their own activities but these sometimes intersect. The Business Manager manages day-to-day financial operations but these often involve investment decisions. The Treasurer works with the Board on financial policies which in turn intersect with the activities of others dealing with finances. The Finance Council meets to 1) inform each other of current and pending activities, 2) to make recommendations to the Board of Trustees on finance related policies, and 3) where there are possibilities for synergistic action, to coordinate such actions. Meetings are held as needed in the assessment of Council members.

## **FAQs**

1. Who do I talk to if I need to make a pledge or change my pledge? Jean Gilbert, Business Manager ([businessmgr@uucorvallis.org](mailto:businessmgr@uucorvallis.org)).

## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION (RE) [EXPLORE]

Religious Exploration is staffed by our Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration, Michael Molk and our RE Associate, Rachel Kohler.

*What is “LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION”?*

A primary purpose of religion is to nurture all that is right and good in us, to help us to grow into our best selves. From infancy through all stages of life, Unitarian Universalist religious exploration grounds us in our faith, binds us together in community, teaches tolerance and respect, and inspires us to bring more peace, justice, and love into the world.

Based in both the Unitarian story of freedom, reason, and tolerance, and the Universalist story of faith, hope, and love, we teach the inherent worth and dignity of all beings, so we work for justice, equity, and compassion in human relations. We are all moral agents, capable of making a difference in the world, so we teach about challenging structures of oppression and promoting the health and well being of the earth. We take seriously the Golden Rule and the call to let our lives speak louder than our words. We believe faith is a journey. Beliefs can change, values can deepen, and understanding can broaden.

As children and adults develop their own beliefs and learn to meet their own spiritual needs, the UUFC’s Lifespan Religious Exploration programs provide opportunities to explore and reflect within a nurturing community. Learn more about our offerings for children, youth, and adults below. For all ages, we emphasize:

- Ethical growth—internalizing enduring values like justice, equity, and compassion, and gaining tools to act on them in everyday life.
- Social growth—connecting with peers and people of all ages on a deeper level. Finding acceptance among people who see beyond the superficial.
- Spiritual growth—feeling a connection with the sacred within, among, and beyond us.

### *Religious Exploration for Children and Youth*

The primary role of our Children’s RE program is to enhance children’s faith development in an environment that is physically and emotionally safe for children to learn, ask questions and have fun. The Fellowship’s RE for Children is among the largest in the Northwest. Each fall, a theme for Religious Exploration is chosen. Religious Exploration classes for children and youth meet on Sundays during the 11:00 AM service. Children join the beginning of the service, participate in the story for children, and then are escorted to their classrooms (although they are welcome to participate in the service as well).

All children and youth must be pre-registered before attending an RE class. To register, visit this page ([http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=219](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=219)) to download and fill out a form, or pick one up on the desk outside the RE Wing Hallway and return it to the desk or drop it off with RE staff. RE is a great place to volunteer! Every year the program requires the help of 35 volunteer teachers and numerous other volunteers. Whatever your role might be in helping them learn and grow, you will find yourself learning

right along with them.

### *Religious Exploration for Adults*

At the heart of the Unitarian Universalism movement is the individual search for truth and meaning, but you're never too young or too old to explore and learn with others. The UUFC has a variety of adult programs that promote life-long intellectual and spiritual growth -- classes, reading groups, workshops, retreats, lectures, and more. Join with others in an intellectually stimulating and spiritually safe environment. Find current and upcoming offerings at the UUFC website, here:

[http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=223](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=223).

If you have an idea for an Adult RE Class, you can fill out the Adult RE Class Proposal form, found on this page: [http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=223](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=223). Place the form in the Adult RE mailbox outside the office, or email it to Michael Molk, [molk@uucorvallis.org](mailto:molk@uucorvallis.org).

UUs in their 20's and 30's are invited to join our Young Adult group, which meets for regular discussions on a variety of topics and occasionally for other activities. Contact the office if you'd like to be added to their email list.

### *Library*

The Library Team maintains the UUFC library, reviews donations, orders new books, and adds new additions to the library database to keep track of the collection. The Library Team contact is Christine Robins.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS COUNCIL [LOVE]**

The Connections Council is chaired by Rachel Houtman and the Staff Liaison is Operations Manager, Jamie Petts.

### *Membership Team*

The Membership Team greets everyone, newcomers and long time members alike. They bring newcomers into the welcoming arms of the Fellowship where they can be nurtured and contribute. The team is organized into three units: Greeters coordinated by Chris Bentley, Outreach coordinated by Elona Meyer and Marcia Olsen, Membership Classes coordinated by John Bailey and Elona Meyer. Persons interested in this work, including training and/or membership classes please contact Chris.

### *Chalice Groups and Connection Circles*

Chalice groups give people the opportunity to connect in a small circle where they share honestly and respectfully, experience deep listening and explore the truths of life. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. Connection Circles are similar to Chalice Groups, but are shorter-term commitments and typically have a particular topic or theme focus. Contact: Elona Meyer

### *Pastoral Care: The Fellowship Care & Support Team*

This Team offers trained volunteer listening companions, ongoing training each month. Pastoral Care Coordinator (Diana Vezmar-Bailey) is responsible for training and coordinating listeners, crisis response,

integration of pastoral care into many areas of church life, and support of the work of others – for example justice and outreach. The Fellowship Care & Support Team is expanding our services to include short-term help with transportation, yard work, dog walking, etc., for people who are temporarily incapacitated.

#### *Connect-up*

Connect Up facilitates the creation of deeper relationships within the Fellowship. It offers opportunities for us to gather in small group settings to better get to know each other. These events range from potlucks to game nights to walks in nature to arts & crafts. They can be in a home, the UUFC, a park, a path or anywhere else you'd like to gather. Everyone is welcome to participate and everyone is encouraged to host an event – in their home, the UUFC, a park, a path or anywhere else you'd want to gather. Connect up sign ups are the last Sunday of the month. You can view this month's offerings and the host of each event here: [http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=3776](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=3776). Contact: Wendy Sutton

#### *Committee on Ministry*

The Committee on Ministry works to nurture, maintain and strengthen the quality and effectiveness of all ministries of the congregation. It helps educate the congregation about shared ministry, in which the minister and all the members are partners. It supports the minister(s). Members of the committee are appointed by the Board of Trustees. Contact: Mark Aron

#### *Corvallis Transgender Support Group*

This support group meets the second Thursday of each month in Room 10 of the UUFC, 7-10 PM. Transgender people and those close to them meet to discuss whatever issues are current for the participants. Open to the larger community; sponsored by the Living the Welcoming Congregation Team. Contact: Ada-Rhodes Short

#### *Over 65 Group*

This group gathers to meet others 65+ and explore topics of interest. Contacts: Ann Pemberton & Jonathan Lipman

#### *Senior Co-Housing Group*

Corvallis Senior Co-Housing Project is an active community of people over 55 joining to create an intentional community committed to sustainability, mutual support, and shared governance. We intend to live independently, yet cooperatively, for as long as possible, and to flourish as we grow older. Contact: Claudia Weintraub

#### *Shawl Ministry Group*

Healing shawls are made for members who are in physical or emotional need of comfort or have experienced a major joy. The group gathers twice a month to knit and crochet together. All skill levels welcome. Meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7-8:30pm. Contact: Nancy Lindsey

#### *Sunday Coffee Teams*

The UUFC has a dedicated group of people who provide coffee every Sunday morning after both services. These volunteers keep the coffee flowing, refill the sugar bowl and tidy up the kitchen after the



last cup of coffee is served. Contact: Ginny Gibson

#### *Memorial Service Receptions Team*

Memorial Services honor our loved ones and friends who have died. They are an important part of our grieving process. As members of the Fellowship, one of the ways in which we support family members during what can be a difficult time, is to relieve them of any concerns regarding the memorial service reception. Rev. Jill McAllister works with the family in planning the service and we take care of the reception from beginning to end without relying on the family. In doing so, we recognize our fundamental connection to each other. This behind-the-scenes group of volunteers handles set up, refreshments, working in the kitchen, and cleanup for the reception portion of the service. Other volunteers provide two dozen cookies to drop off at the fellowship either ahead of time or at the time of the service. Everyone is welcome to participate and we need a list of people in the Fellowship who we can call on. If you're willing to be added to the list, please contact: Sandy Piper

#### *Holiday Fair*

The Holiday Fair is an opportunity to gather in the spirit of the holidays and to raise funds for UUFC programs. The money raised is part of our annual budget. It takes ~75 people to make this fun event successful. Everyone is welcome to participate. 2017 Contact: Judy Westlake

#### *Rummage Sale*

The Rummage Sale turns our donations into funds for our annual budget. It builds community between the 50 volunteers that staff the event and allows us to be a little gentler on the Earth by reusing/recycling our unwanted items. Everyone is welcome to participate. 2017 Contact: Vacant

#### *Services Auction*

The Services Auction is the social gathering of the year! There are both live and silent auction items that have been donated by UUFC members and friends. The auctioneer keeps the bidding lively and provides an entertaining evening. The event takes many volunteer hours to set up, staff, and clean up after the auction. Everyone is welcome to participate by volunteering and attending. 2017 Contact: Vacant

#### *Labor Day Tuna Roast*

The Labor Day Tuna Roast began in 1997 and has become the celebration that reunites for another church year. This annual event usually has over 200 members and friends in attendance. Everyone is welcome to participate by volunteering and attending. 2017 Contact: Rich Brainerd

#### *Thanksgiving Day Fest-Event*

Turkey roasting is organized, but all the other additions to this shared meal are brought in the same spirit as we imagine the first Thanksgiving meal. Everyone is welcome. 2017 Contact: Rich Brainerd

#### *Men's Monthly Gathering*

We meet to build social connections, trusting friendships, and a sense of community. UU men gather on the second Saturday of the month at 9:30am in room 7. All men are invited to participate. Contact: Alan Kirk

#### *Women's Retreat*

The Women's retreat is in the autumn. An informative, uplifting and nurturing yearly retreat weekend for the women of the Fellowship. All women are invited to both attend the retreat and participate on the planning committee. For more information, go to [http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=2237](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=2237). 2017 Contact: Dianne Roth

#### *Men's Retreat*

The Men's Retreat is in the fall. The retreat is a time for UU men to get to know one another better, get away from daily routines, and reflect on deeper questions in life. All men are welcome to attend. For more information, go to [http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=2660](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=2660). 2017 Contact: Lloyd Wagenschutz

## **JUSTICE COUNCIL [ACT]**

The Fellowship has a vibrant Justice Council, with numerous Teams doing great work! We invite you to join in. The Council Co-Chairs are Larry Roper & Ann Pemberton and the Staff Liaison is Ministerial Intern, Elizabeth Sollie. For the most up-to-date list of Teams, please visit the Justice Council webpage ([http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=4754](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=4754)).

#### *Social Concerns Team*

The team involves the congregation in social action causes by raising awareness and funds (approximately \$29,000 last year) for different local and international charities each month. Activities include action lunches and bake sales. Action lunches are the first Sunday of the month during the school year after second service. A small donation of \$5/person gets you a delicious soup lunch, and all of the proceeds are donated to that month's non-profit. The weekly bakes sales that are held each Sunday before and after services also benefit that month's non-profit. Contact: Sylvia Yamada

#### *Climate Justice Task Force*

The Climate Justice Task Force (formerly Climate Justice Committee) addresses the climate crisis as an urgent and immediate threat to our community and our world. This year the CJTF will continue providing information for the congregation on two ongoing topics: (1) what a carbon tax for Oregon could mean and (2) how UUs in the Pacific Northwest can show support for indigenous peoples confronting the fossil fuel industries. Meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to participate. Contact: Susan Christie

#### *Environmental Action Task Force*

This year's goals are first, work to reduce our individual carbon footprints with kill-a-watt meters; second, educate UUFC on the benefits of carbon taxes; third, do a waste audit and improve UUFC's waste sorting and handling; and fourth, reduce our ruminant consumption. Everyone is welcome to participate. Contacts: Jack Elder & Elizabeth Waldorf

#### *Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Task Force (EDI)*

EDI will explore issues and responses to racism, oppression, and exclusion by: 1. Developing UUFC programs to build awareness of institutional racism, shared language and communication skills in the context of this work and our faith 2. Building community-wide coalitions 3. Mapping the issues, responses and resources around racism and multiculturalism in our communities. Contact: Lee Holt.

### *Homelessness and Access to Housing Task Force*

This team encourages and facilitates congregational involvement in local issues around homelessness and access to housing, plus awareness of the impact of these issues within the congregation. For 2017-18 a big project is helping to manage the Corvallis Men's Winter Shelter. Contact: Roz Keeney

### *Immigration and Refugee Team*

This team encourages and facilitates congregational involvement in local/regional issues around immigration, plus awareness of the impact of these issues within the congregation. This team monitors UUFC support of and relations with Unitarian and other refugees. Contact: Melinda Sayavedra

### *Partner Church Team*

This team maintains connections with our Partner Church, the Unitarian Church in Körispatak, Transylvania, Romania. They coordinate financial support for scholarships and church maintenance, and educate our congregation on our partner church's culture, history, community, and our common religious roots. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings. Contact: Patricia Parcells

### *Micro-Credit Team*

The committee is dedicated to making loans to women in developing countries. The loans help women establish small businesses or improve existing businesses. We have made over 222 loans in the past six years. Fund raising for this work is done by holding bake sales, plant/pot sales and hosting a music event. Everyone is welcome to participate. Contact: Sandy Houtman

### *Fair trade Coffee Sales*

We support small farmers and their communities in the Mexican state of Chiapas by selling their coffee. The growers own a roasting facility on the US border and, by participating in this value added step, they are able to have health care and a retirement program, enabling them to remain in their communities. Contact: Nancy Kyle

### *Adopt-A-Highway Team*

Four times a year this group gathers for the highway clean up of ~2.5 miles along Philomath Boulevard (highway 34/20) between 53rd in Corvallis and the outskirts of Philomath. Everyone is welcome to participate. Contact: vacant

### *UU Voices for Justice: A Statewide Advocacy Network*

UUFC Contacts:

-Move to Amend, Rachel Ozretich

-Mid-Valley Health Care Advocates, Roberta Hall

Mid-Valley Health Care advocates is a non-profit non-partisan group of community members who advocate for universal health care. Volunteers give talks to interested groups, plan educational events, communicate with legislators, and more. General meeting is every 4th Monday at 7pm in the Social Hall. Fresh ideas and new volunteers are always welcome.

## **COORDINATING COUNCIL**

The Coordinating Council oversees the coordination of all the work done by the Fellowship's Councils,

and provides support for all the leaders of Councils. Meetings are held a few times a year. Contacts: Rev. Jill McAllister ([minister@uucorvallis.org](mailto:minister@uucorvallis.org)) or Jamie Petts ([office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org)).

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### **Office information and Wi-Fi**

The office is staffed by the Church Operations Manager, Jamie Petts and the Office Assistant, Rachel Kohler. Hours vary seasonally, but can always be found on the front page of the UUFC website. The Wi-Fi network and password are posted on the front door of the office.

### **Technology Questions (Sound, Room 7 Smart TV, projector)**

If you need to use the sound system, please contact the office and they will help you set up an appointment with one of the House Managers. Room 7 has a Smart TV. If you would like to show a DVD, Room 7 is an excellent choice. Contact Jamie Petts or Rachel Kohler in the office ([office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org)) and they can show you how to operate it. The projector is reserved for official UUFC events. Please contact the office to arrange using it.

### **Volunteering and Getting Involved**

Looking for ways to volunteer at the Fellowship? There are so many ways to get involved. It takes all of us working together to keep the Fellowship operating smoothly. We invite you to connect with contacts listed in the Councils above to see if there are ways for you to get involved. Here are a few suggestions of the myriad ways to get involved:

- Worship together on Sundays
- Raise your voice as part of our wonderful choir
- Become part of a volunteer teaching team for children or youth programs
- Break bread together at an Action Lunch or a Fellowship potluck
- Give of your time, talents, and financial resources to support the Fellowship

- Join a Chalice Group or Connection Circle and get to know a small group of members and friends in a more intimate setting
- Take an Adult Religious Exploration class
- Participate in a fun Connect UP activity
- Like leadership roles? – Serve on a committee, a Council, or the Board of Trustees
- Become a member of a Team or Task Force
- Participate in other Fellowship events during the week – this guide, the Weekly Announcements, and the UUFC Newsletter have information on various Fellowship activities. Check them out!

### **Room Reservations by UUFC Members for UUFC events & functions**

UUFC rooms and equipment are heavily used, both for UUFC events and, when available, as rentals. For activities that are directly related to "Fellowship work or projects," for which we have active teams or committees or mandates, the building use can be free, subject to availability, and considered part of that work. For everything else, building use is a rental. To better serve you, we ask for your cooperation in using the reservation system outlined below. If your event is not directly related to the work of the Fellowship, it is considered a rental. The rental process is different (please see the following section, titled "Rentals"). **Please note that the UUFC does not take room reservation requests by phone.** Thank you!

1. First, check availability. This helps reduce staff time and costs. To do so, visit the BIG MONTHLY CALENDAR: [http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=211](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=211). To see details of any event, click on the event. Note that the calendar will not show setup and cleanup times, so reservation requests should include at least a half hour before and after events in requesting rooms, or more if your setup is more complicated. Rentals for non-UUFC events are noted by the color green in the time slot.
2. Fill out a UUFC Facility Reservation Request/Event Notice. We have three options for filling out this form, listed below:

Three options for obtaining and filling out reservation forms are below:

1 – [Facility Reservation/Event Notice \(PDF\)](#) – Use this form to reserve rooms and equipment – print, complete the form, and drop it off at the UUFC office.

2 – [Facility Reservation/Event Notice \(MS WORD\)](#) – Alternatively, use this MS Word fill-in version of the form. Download it, add your information, save it, and email it directly to the Church Operations Manager at [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org).

3 – Get a paper copy of the Facility Reservation/Event Notice form at the UUFC; they are located on the tall table in the lobby just outside the UUFC main office. Pick one up, check the calendar notebook located in the wire mesh holder on the Office door for room availability, fill out the form, and leave in the Church Operations Manager's mailbox.

Note: If you have made reservations, but don't see your event listed, please let the Office know at [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org) or (541) 752-5218.

Room and equipment abbreviations are here – [Calendar Room Abbreviations](#).

Please note that on Sundays, rooms in the RE wing are not available until a half hour after services.

## **Rentals**

Weddings, dinners, concerts, or any activity, event, benefit, gathering, party, etc. that is not directly related to "Fellowship work or projects," for which we have active teams or committees or mandates, is a rental. Building use is not related to whether or not Fellowship members or staff are involved, but whether or not the work undertaken or represented is part of our current goals related to mission. Our rental rates are very competitive (see current rates below), and we offer additional discounts to the listed prices to UUFC members, as well as registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. The Rental Process is outlined below.

### *Rental Process*

To request space, follow the process below. **Please note that the UUFC does not take rental requests by phone.** Thank you!

Step 1 – Check out our facility descriptions below to see if they might fit your needs.

Step 2 – Check the [UUFC Calendar](#) for space availability and alternative dates.

Step 3 – Review our rental rates and policies, and download and complete required agreement forms:

[UUFC Rental Rates](#)

[UUFC Renter Insurance Requirements](#)

[UUFC Renter Hold Harmless Agreement](#)

Step 4 – Finally, download and complete a [UUFC Facility Rental Reservation Request](#) (or send this information in an email to [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org)). If you need more information or have questions, please call 541-752-5218 or email [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org). We welcome your inquiries!

Staff will return a draft rental agreement to the email address provided. A \$60 refundable deposit will then be collected to reserve your space.

### *Facility Descriptions: UUFC Rooms and Facilities You Can Rent*

The most frequently rented spaces are our Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall, our Social Hall, and Kitchen. Our grounds and classrooms are also available and described below. Restrooms are available in several locations. Our rates are competitive and ample off-street parking is available.

[Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall](#) – With high ceilings and expansive views of our beautiful grounds, the sanctuary seats 300, although it is typically set up for about 200. The beauty of this room makes it a frequent choice for weddings; its wonderful acoustics makes it well-suited for concerts and lectures.

Social Hall – This room has an assembly capacity of 99 and a seated capacity of 75. Its patio doors provide access to a 400 square deck and a cobblestone courtyard bordered by three grand old oaks. Eight eight-foot tables and about 100 metal folding chairs are closeted in the social Hall and are available to renters. Often rented with the Social Hall is our Kitchen, which has two stoves, ample work space, and dividers which open or close it to the activities in the Social Hall. These spaces are perfect for meetings, all-day conferences, parties, and dinners.

(limited availability) Classroom 4 (Dr Seuss) – Childcare-oriented

(limited availability) Classroom 5 (Beatrix Potter) – Childcare-oriented

Classroom 6 A, B and C (together as the PT Barnum 3-Ring Circus or separately) – Children-oriented (during the week, rental of 6A and 6B is conditional due to their use for a preschool on weekdays)

Classroom 7 (Ralph Waldo Emerson) – 25-30 capacity with couches, easy chairs, and folding chairs

Classroom 8 (Susan B. Anthony) – 10-15 capacity with folding chairs and tables

Classroom 9 (Clara Barton) – 2nd floor room, 20-25 capacity with couches, easy chairs, and folding chairs

Classroom 10 (Christopher Reeves) – 2nd floor room, 15-20 capacity with couches, table chairs, and folding chairs

Upstairs Mezzanine – used in conjunction with Rooms 9, 10, or both.

### **Locking and Unlocking the Fellowship Doors**

To enter the Fellowship outside of normal office hours, you or the primary contact for your event will need a key. To check out a key, please see the process in the next section, below.

Once you have entered the Fellowship, you will need to unlock the exterior doors if you are expecting others. To do so:

-First, locate the hex key hanging from the door trim.

-Next, press and hold the push bar in.

-Lastly, insert the hex key into the small hole in the bar, and twist it one quarter-turn to the right so that you hear a click. When you release the bar it should remain pushed in, indicating it is unlocked.

If you are the last one to leave the Fellowship, please ensure that both sets of double doors (parking lot doors and Circle Blvd doors) are locked. To lock the doors, press the bar of the door in, and use the hex lock to twist the other direction, to the left. The bar should release, allowing the door to latch and lock.

### **Keys**

To check out an Entrance key to the Fellowship, you will need to come to the office and fill out a Key Receipt Form, which makes note of the purpose of the key, conditions for holding a key, and a

refundable key deposit (\$10 for members; \$20 for non-members/renters).

## **UU-Announce and UU-Discuss Group Email Lists**

### UUFC Group Email Distribution List Sign-up Instructions

#### *UU-Announce*

UU-Announce is the best way to get timely information from the Fellowship. To subscribe to our UUFC Email Distribution list called UU-Announce, which is a moderated group for UUFC events only, simply send an email to [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org) and ask to be added to our UU-Announce group email list. Once you are subscribed, you can send an announcement to this list by emailing [announce@uucorvallis.org](mailto:announce@uucorvallis.org). Be sure to include your contact information and how the event is related to the Fellowship in the body of the email so that it doesn't get returned to you.

#### *UU-Discuss*

To subscribe to our UUFC Email Distribution list called UU-Discuss, which is for personal information, community events, and other activities not directly related to the work of the Fellowship, simply send an email to [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org) and ask to be added to our UU-Discuss group email list. Once you are subscribed, you can send an announcement to this list by emailing [discuss@uucorvallis.org](mailto:discuss@uucorvallis.org). This list is not moderated.

## **Newsletter**

The UUFC Newsletter is a monthly publication. A downloadable PDF is posted on the UUFC website ([http://uucorvallis.org/?page\\_id=61](http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=61)) and the link is emailed out via our UU-Announce group email list (see the section above). Print copies are available at the Welcome Desk in the Foyer. To reduce our printing and mailing costs, as well as staff and volunteer hours, we are no longer mailing paper newsletters unless by special request ([office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org) or 541-752-5218).

## **Documentation of Team/Task Force/Group Formation**

Anyone can propose a new Team/Task Force/Group. The criteria for the creation of a new group is: 1. You must describe how the group's work is connected to the UUFC mission. 2. You must have at least five members who are interested in doing the work with you for at least one year. 3. You must set goals for the year. 4. You must get approval of your group from the Council that best fits your work.

## **Childcare**

Infant and Toddler Care is provided every Sunday, during both services. We also strive to have childcare available whenever it is needed; however, some advance notice is required to ensure we have someone on-site. If there is an activity or event you would like to attend, but need childcare, please get in touch with the contact person for that event as soon as possible and they will contact our childcare coordinator, Barb Holmes.



## **Questions?**

Things at the Fellowship are ever-evolving and constantly changing. If you have a question or concern that is not addressed here or needs updating, please contact our Church Operations Manager, Jamie Petts.

“Change is inevitable. Change is constant.” -Benjamin Disraeli

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