



THE WEEK AHEAD

February 14-21, 2016

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

Today, Sunday, February 14, 2016

- **Great Decisions Discussion Group Organizational Meeting**, 6:30 PM, UUFC Rm 9
Information session about a discussion group which gathers to read and talk about selected US Foreign Policy topics. Contact Ann Mbacke (reassociate@uucorvallis.org) if you are interested in joining a group which starts February 21.

The Week Ahead: February 15-20, 2016

- **Escalating Inequality Discussion Group**, Mon Feb 15, 7:00 PM, UUFC Rm 7
This group explores the topic of economic inequality and the impact it has on us all through a series of movies, videos, news clips, books and field trips in the community.
- **Shawl Ministry**, Mon Feb 15, 7:00 PM, UUFC Library
This group knits and crochets shawls for UUFC members experiencing great sorrows or joys.
- **Birthday Celebration for Blaise Ntakarutimana**, Tues Feb. 16, 7:00 PM, Social Hall
Come meet Blaise, hear about the situation in his homeland, and help him celebrate his birthday.
- **UUFC Weekly Potluck**, Wed Feb 17, 6:00 PM, UUFC Social Hall
Please bring a dish (with a list of ingredients) to share, and your own plate and utensils if possible. All are welcome.
- **UUFC Choir Rehearsal**, Wed Feb 17, 7:00 PM, UUFC Sanctuary
No experience or audition necessary, all are welcome.
- **Program Council**, Thurs Feb 18, 5:30 PM, UUFC Library
Monthly meeting of the council responsible for connection programs and supporting committees.
- **Leadership Gathering**, Thurs Feb 18, 6:30 PM, UUFC Social Hall
Leaders of Fellowship councils, committees, task forces and events meet for training and mid-year check-in. A make-your-own-burrito supper will be available – please bring burrito toppings and condiments to share.
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri Feb 19, 10:30 AM, UUFC Rm 9
Insight Meditation is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required.
- **Kirtan and Meditation Circle**, Fri Feb 19, 7:00 PM, UUFC Rm 7
Kirtan comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice, to calm minds and open hearts.
- **Technology Class**, Sat Feb 20, 10:00 AM, UUFC Rm 6BC
Orientation to social media (Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr) and the UUFC.

Plan Ahead

- **Services Auction**, Sat April 30
Annual UUFC fundraising event in which participants buy services and spots at events from each other – get your garden weeded, attend a special dinner, learn a new skill, or receive a pie every month all year! Costumes are encouraged; this year's theme is "Harry Potter." Start thinking about your contributions and your outfit!

Next Sunday: February 21, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

“Civil Rights: How Fragile They Can Be”

Russell Yamada

Sunday, February 21, is called the “Day of Remembrance” by Japanese-Americans, for on this day in 1940 Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, ordering the imprisonment of this group of people. In hearing this story, we consider how delicate and easily lost our civil rights can be, and we open up to hearing “other histories” or the true stories of many Americans.

Spirit of Truth, help us remember that as each person has their own story, different cultures hold different pieces of truth. May we honor the stories and truths that live side-by-side.

Online Pledging

During our annual pledge drive next month, we will be expanding the process of online pledging, which we began last year. This year, we aim to have as much online participation as possible – which saves countless reams of paper, hundreds of dollars, and untold numbers of volunteer hours. What's in it for you? *Ease* – and the satisfaction of contributing to the greater good! **We need to know who is willing to pledge electronically.** To let us know you are “in,” go to <http://goo.gl/forms/riENC516Z6> and add your name to the list of online pledgers.

Sign up for Nature Wise – Registration Closes Monday, Feb. 15

Now is the time to sign up for the NatureWise Immersion Program (NWIP) in creating nature-connected rituals and community. The program description and registration form are at the UUFC Website (under Worship/Music at http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=2886). One of the primary intentions for NatureWise is to generate leadership for our Wheel of the Year earth-centered ceremonies. The start date for the NWIP is Friday, February 19th. So that we can give out our scholarships and plan, we will close registration on Monday evening, February 15th. There is still scholarship money available.

UU Pacific Northwest District Meeting: March 5, Seattle

On Saturday, March 5, representatives from congregations in the Pacific Northwest District will gather to – in the words of our familiar hymn – remind ourselves of where we come from, reaffirm what we are, and clarify where we're going. The Rev. Jon Luopa, Senior Minister at University Unitarian, will kick off the day with a keynote on the theme. Rev. Luopa will share his deep understanding of our Unitarian Universalist roots in a way that galvanizes us to action as a district, and in our own congregations. A Friday evening screening of short social justice films, Saturday workshops, and Sunday morning worship will also be offered in addition to the district business meeting. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.pnwd.org/districtassembly.aspx>. If you are interested or planning on attending, contact Jill McAllister (minister@uucorvallis.org) or Kyle Jansson (kjansson1@minetfiber.com).

UU College of Social Justice Class: Solidarity with Original Nations and People

To be held April 25-May 1: A week of connection with the sovereign people of the Lummi Nation, to learn more about history, politics, climate change organizing, and to build relationships and connections. This program is for anyone wishing to better understand the history of US – Original Nations relations, the injustices confronting native people within North America, and the ways Original Nations are organizing, particularly for climate justice. Register now at <http://uucsj.org/lummi>.

Now is a great time to join the choir!

In May, the UUFC Choir will present the Requiem of 20th Century composer John Rutter. This full-bodied choral piece includes solos and instrumental support. If you have been thinking about getting back to singing, or getting started, this is a great time to do so. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 PM. All are welcome. Contact Music Director David Servias for more information (music@uucorvallis.org).

Join the “Over 65” Group for a presentation:

“*Creating a Community That Fosters Healthy Aging*” with Dr. Holly Lenz, Assistant to the Director at OSU's Center for Healthy Aging Research. The presentation will be on Thursday, February 18, 3:00 PM in the UUFC Sanctuary. For more information, contact Carolyn Madsen (carolynzac@comcast.net).

Leadership Needed: Rummage Sale and Holiday Bazaar

Two of our three big annual fund-raisers are in need of leadership – a chairperson, or co-chairs or an organizing team. The logistics for each of these events are well-documented and well-honed. Many volunteers take part in each. Creative forms of leadership are welcome! Are you ready to try something new? Eager to help maintain and improve one of these events? Contact Wendy Sutton for more information (connect@uucorvallis.org).

“Our first task in approaching another people, another culture, another religion, is to take off our shoes, for the place we are approaching is holy. Else we find ourselves treading on others' dreams.”

– Max Warren, adapted