



THE WEEK AHEAD

March 20-27, 2016

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

The UUFC Annual Pledge Drive is happening now! One week left to pledge!

Stewardship materials are available online every day (http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=3043) or by calling the office during business hours (541-752-5218), and pledges are welcome every day. Have YOU pledged yet?

Today, Sunday, March 20, 2016

- Join us after services in the Social Hall for coffee. Introduce yourself to someone if you can.

The Week Ahead: March 21-27, 2016 (Office Hours this week: Mon 10-noon, 10-1 Tues-Fri.)

- **Escalating Inequality Discussion**, Mon Mar 21, 7:00 PM
Discussion group around the Congregational Study and Action Issue of Escalating Inequality.
- **UU Identity Class: Our Theological Roots**, Tues Mar 22, 7:00 PM (7)
Join Rev. Jill McAllister for a class series focused on theologies in UUism.
- **Weekly Potluck**, Wed Mar 23, 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.
- **Oregon Energy 2016 Talk**, Thurs Mar 24, 7:00 PM (SFH)
Talk by Theresa Gibney, entitled "Advances in Oregon's Energy/Climate Change Laws during the 2016 Legislature."
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri Mar 25, 10:30 AM (9)
Insight Meditation is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required.
- **Kirtan & Meditation Circle**, Fri Mar 25, 7:00 PM (7)
Kirtan comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice, to calm minds and open hearts.
- **Grounds Work Party**, Sat Mar 26, 9:00 AM (UUFC Grounds)
Join the groundskeeping work party, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM – rain or shine. Work for a few minutes or as long as the whole shift. For more info, please contact Andrea Dailey, 541-368-5212 or andreaгдаiley@gmail.com
- **Celebration of Life for Ruth Anderson**, Sat Mar 26, 4:00 PM (Starker Arts Park)

Plan Ahead

- **UU Identity Class: Our Theological Roots**, March 29
Join Rev. Jill McAllister for a class series focused on theologies in UUism.
- **Resilience Retreat with Linda Carroll and Jill McAllister**, April 8-9
"Resiliency: The Practice, Art and Skills of Turning PTSD into PTG (Post Traumatic Growth)."
- **UU Path Class**, April 9, 9:00 AM (SH)
Second segment in the 3-step process toward membership in UUFC.
- **UU Identity Class: American UU History**, April 12, 19, 26
Join UUFC member, and eminent UU historian David Robinson for three classes focused on American UU history.

Next Sunday: March 27, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

"Resurrection, Again: Reflections on Easter"

Rev. Jill McAllister

Theologian Parker Palmer, reflecting on a book by Julia Esquivel, wrote that he'd been taught that death is the great threat and resurrection the great hope. Her title, "Threatened with Resurrection," made him realize that sometimes figurative forms of death feel comforting – while resurrection, or the hope of new life, feels threatening. An idea worth exploring on this Easter Sunday. **Please bring a flower or two to share in the the annual traditional Czech Unitarian Flower Ceremony.**

*Justice is what love looks like in public;
may we let this love move us to build a better world for all.*

Have You Made Your Pledge Yet?

Now is the time for each member and friend of UUFC to complete your pledge of financial support for the Fellowship for 2016-17. You know that the UUFC is a source for inspiration and right living in your life and in the community and county. You know that doing the right thing is more important now than ever. And you know that the UUFC depends upon pledges not only to move our mission forward, but also to keep our lights on. The life and work of the congregation can't stay bright without you ~ so please make your pledge now. See www.uucorvallis.org

Services Auction Sign-Ups Starting Today

Are you thinking about a donation for the Services Auction yet, or willing to help out with this event? You can do both today (Sunday, 3/20). Look for the table in the Social Hall!

Family-friendly Wheel of the Year Event for the Spring Equinox (Ostara)

All are invited to join in a nature-connected celebration honoring the Spring Equinox (Ostara) -- the time when daytime and nighttime are equal as we move toward increasing daylight—today at the Fellowship from 3:00-7:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share at the potluck, if you can, with ingredients listed for those who may have food sensitivities. The pre-ceremony starts at 3:00 PM, the ritual and ceremony will begin around 4:00, and the potluck will follow the hour-long ceremony. We'll invite the qualities which create balance and peace, so that the growing "plants" within us can be welcomed and thrive as they come forth into the world. For more information, contact Cliff Pereira (541- 760-4541).

Presentation: How Oregon's Energy Choices impact Climate Change

Thursday, March 24th at 7:00 PM: Theresa Gibney presents "Advances in Oregon's Energy/Climate Change Laws during the 2016 Legislature." A mechanical engineer, now on the Citizen's Utility Board, Theresa gained experience by working for several years with state agencies focusing on energy. An opportunity to better understand our energy choices and their impact on climate change. The Environmental Action Council invites you to attend. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Waldorf (dewaldorf@comcast.net).

UUFC Groundskeeping Work Party

All who like working outdoors are cordially invited to join groundskeeping work parties at UUFC, which this year will be on second Fridays, from 9:00-11:00 AM, beginning April 8; and on fourth Saturdays, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, beginning March 26 – rain or shine. Work for a few minutes or as long as the whole shift; you'll be warmly welcomed no matter how long you can be with us that day. For more info, contact Andrea Dailey, (541-368-5212, andregdailey@gmail.com).

UU Path Class

The Spring "UU Path Class" is April 9th, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM in the UUFC Social Hall. This is the second segment in the 3-step process toward membership in UUFC. Those interested in Unitarian Universalism and the UUFC should plan to attend; you will learn about the history of our movement and this congregation, the wide range of things we do, and easy ways to get involved. Facilitated by Rev. Jill McAllister and staff, light brunch included. Please sign up at the Welcome Table so we are prepared. Contact John Bailey (bailey61@comcast.net) with questions.

Next steps in our UUFC building revision process

Working from the assumption we made last year, that we should stay at this location, a Building Design Team has been at work and soon there will be opportunity for you to give input on some concrete options for building improvements. Mark your calendar: April 10th at 12:30 PM OR April 13th at 7:00 PM (after the potluck). Come to either of these meetings to look at possible options on a layout of our property and you'll get to vote on your **general** preferences. We don't have specifics yet but we do have choices between a <10% option and some >10% options. (If we expand our square footage more than 10% city permits become involved). We know you have an opinion, come tell us what it is!

Can't come to either meeting? Contact any of the people below for a form to respond on: Marcia Shaw (541-908-1583), Chris Bentley (541-602-0966), Peter Sanford (541-231-1019), Kelley Kendall (541-829-9251), Carl English-Young (541-602-3146) or call the UUFC Office (541-752-5218) during office hours, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Monday-Friday. Deadline for input is Wednesday, April 20, at 5:00 PM.