



THE WEEK AHEAD

April 17-24, 2016

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

Today, Sunday, April 17, 2016

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

- **Sign up to be a Religious Exploration guide with the children next year** (information on back page)
- **Readers Theater: “Interview with a Corporate Person/As the World Warms”** 12:30 PM (SFH)
A part new and part old, part fun and part chilling, reader’s theater performance.

The Week Ahead: April 18-23, 2016

- **Escalating Inequality Discussion**, Mon Apr 18, 7:00 PM (7)
Discussion group around the Congregational Study and Action Issue of Escalating Inequality.
- **Living with Chronic Debilitating Disease**, Tues Apr 19, 2:00 PM (7)
Support group meeting for those living with chronic debilitating diseases – all who share this are welcome.
- **UU History Class with David Robinson**, Tues Apr 19, 7:00 PM (7) (First of three Tuesday night sessions).
David is an eminent American scholar of UU History, well-known for his work on the American Transcendentalists. And he is a member of the UUFC! Don’t miss this chance to learn from him, especially if you are new to the Fellowship.
- **Weekly Potluck**, Wed Apr 20, 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.
- **Over 65 Group**, Thur Apr 21, 3:00 PM (SFH)
Presentations and discussions about personal changes and cultural issues related to aging.
- **UUA General Assembly Review**, Thur Apr 21, 7:00 PM (SFH)
Discussion and showing of the video of Lummi Nation Public Witness, during the 2015 General Assembly
- **Kirtan & Meditation Circle**, Fri Apr 22, 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 Apr 23, 9:00 AM (UUFC Grounds)
Join our wonderful grounds crew in creating beauty all around our building
- **Cybelles Shattuck Workshop on Climate Work in Congregations**, Sat 9:30 AM (SH)
How are congregations around the country working on climate justice, and what might we learn or share?

Plan Ahead (see reverse for details)

- **Services Auction** April 30
- **Wheel of the Year: Beltane Ceremony**, May 1
- **Disaster Preparedness Seminar**, May 7
- **UUFC Annual Meeting**, May 15
- **Fellowship Leadership Supper** May 19
 - **Clothing Rumpus** May 22
 - **Choir Concert: Rutter Requiem**, May 22

Next Sunday: April 24, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

“A Good Time to Be Alive” *Jill McAllister*, with *Rev Dr Marilyn Sewell* preaching
As we become more aware of the crisis of climate change, we understand that we are the first generation to have the future of the earth in our hands. To ensure a viable planet for those who will follow, we are called as a religious people to be wise and to be bold. Rev. Sewell is minister emerita of First Unitarian Church in Portland.

*In this Earth Week, we remember the complexity and beauty of life on Earth.
May we learn to walk ever more lightly in the service of others.*

Will you be a Religious Exploration guide with our children next year?

The theme for religious exploration in Fall 2016 will be "Who are UU? Putting our Principles into Practice". We need 7 teams of 4 adults, for a total of 28 guides. As a guide you will:

- receive orientation, training, lesson plans, and support from the director of RE, Michael Molk
- work on teams with experienced guides, develop a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalism
- further your own religious path, make friendships with children, teens, and other adults
- give meaningful service to our Fellowship and experience amazing insights and inspiration!

To learn more, write your name and contact information on the easel in the foyer, next to the age group you'd like to work with. DRE Michael Molk will contact you.

Fellowship Services Auction, Saturday April 30

For the services auction we donate services, events, and items for each other to use and enjoy (dinners for 8, a river raft trip, bread for 4 months, pet-care, yard work, etc, etc...) UUFC member John Bailey puts on his auctioneer hat, and we all bid for the things we are most interested in. Then, we spend a year following up – going to the dinners and trip and sharing the food, etc. To top it all off, the proceeds all go to the Fellowship, as part of our yearly operating budget. Almost too good to be true? Not at all. It's one of our best loved Fellowship events. There are items in all price categories, some for silent bidding. And this year, dress up as your favorite Harry Potter character, if you like! Donation forms available today in the foyer, and sign up to help with the auction if you can/

Wheel of the Year event for Beltane (May Day)

On Sunday, May 1st, you are invited to join in a nature-connected celebration Beltane – a time to honor the beginning of the three months of greatest daylight. This family-friendly event is scheduled to begin at 3 PM. There will be time to arrive and get connected, followed by an hour-long ceremony (roughly in the neighborhood of 4 PM) and finally a potluck following the ceremony. You are welcome to attend any part of it.

Disaster Preparedness Seminar, May 7

Has scary news about "the Big Earthquake" got you feeling fearful and unprepared? Come to the first in a series of UUFC's Natural Disaster Preparedness Seminars, for information, resources, to "just get started" on emergency preparations for our households and vehicles. The first seminar, "Plan, Prepare, Practice," will be on Saturday, May 7, 9 AM- 1:30 PM. Free – no registration needed. Questions? Contact Wolfgang Dengler at (541-745-5729, wolfdengler3(at)gmail.com).

UUFC Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 15 – All Members Needed

Mark your calendar for the UUFC's annual meeting at 12:30 PM, Sunday May 15, where we'll elect new Board and Nominating committee members, and approve a 2016-2017 budget. The meeting agenda will likely include an update on building renovation and expansion plans and consideration of a capital campaign. We may also vote on an offer from the Corvallis Zen Center to purchase the neighboring house on Circle Boulevard from the UUFC. Such a vote will require a quorum of 40% of the congregation's voting membership. Please plan to attend.

Leadership Supper, May 19

The third and final supper meeting of the year for all leaders of committees, task forces, councils and events. We'll review our progress for the year, work on goals for next year, and evaluate our work in relation to our mission.

UUFC Clothing Rumpus, May 22

What's a Clothing Rumpus? It's a fundraising event for the Women's Retreat. A chance to clean out your closet. An opportunity to augment your wardrobe with fabulous, lightly used clothes. It's ecologically sound – reduce, reuse, recycle!

Choir Concert: Rutter's *Requiem*, May 22

The UUFC choir plus instrumentalists present one of the most well-known choral works of the 20th century-- *Requiem* by John Rutter. Composed in 1985, it is a powerful and profound setting of the some of the text from the Requiem Mass (Mass for the Dead), and contains text in both English and Latin. Come Enjoy!