



# THE WEEK AHEAD

May 8-15, 2016

Upcoming Services & Events at the UU Fellowship of Corvallis

## **Today, Sunday, May 8, 2016**

- **Microcredit Plant & Pot Sale**, 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM (SH)  
*The Microcredit committee offers Sandy Houtman's beautiful pottery, some with plants and some ready for plantings of your own for sale as a fundraiser for future KIVA loans by the committee.*
- **Information Session Regarding Proposed House Sale**, 12:30 PM  
*A chance to learn and ask questions about the proposed sale of our rental house & the proposed FY2017 UUFC budget.*

## **The Week Ahead: May 9-15, 2016**

- **UUFC Board of Trustees**, Mon May 9, 7:00 PM (SH)  
*Monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees.*
- **UU Identity Class: American UU History with David Robinson**, Tues May 10, 7:00 PM  
*Third of three sessions, focusing on the Humanist movement of the early twentieth century.*
- **Weekly Potluck**, Wed May 11, 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.*
- **Capoeira Angola**, Thurs May 12, 5:00 PM (SH)  
*A movement practice to build physical balance, strength and endurance.*
- **Dances of Universal Peace**, Thurs May 12, 7:00 PM (SH)  
*A community spiritual practice. For more information, visit: <http://www.dancesofuniversalpeace.org/>.*
- **Insight Meditation**, Fri May 13, 10:30 AM (9)  
*Insight Meditation is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required.*
- **Kirtan with Live Band**, Fri May 13, 7:00 PM (7)  
*Kirtan comes from ancient Hindu traditions of chanting as devotional practice, to calm minds and open hearts.*
- **Addictions Ministry Workshop**, Sat May 14, 10:00 AM (SFH)  
*Barbara Stoeften will lead this workshop. All living with addiction, their own or someone else's, are encouraged to attend. See reverse for more information.*

## **Plan Ahead**

- **UUFC Annual Meeting**, May 15, 12:30 PM  
*Annual congregational business meeting, requiring a superquorum of voting members. Plan to attend!*
- **UUFC Leadership Supper**, May 19, 6:00 PM  
*Review and goal-setting meeting. All leaders of committees, task forces, councils and events are encouraged to attend.*
- **Annual Clothing "Rumpus" Exchange**, May 22, 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM  
*Clothing exchange and fundraiser for the UUFC Women's Retreat – bring your donations on Saturday, shop on Sunday! Men's, women's and children's clothes included.*
- **UUFC Choir Concert: John Rutter's Requiem**, May 22, 3:00 PM  
*The UUFC choir and special guest musicians perform this great 20th century work. Come enjoy!*

## **Next Sunday: May 15, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

*"A New Democracy"*

*Rev. Jill McAllister*

The annual meeting of the members of the Fellowship is essential to our democratic structures and process. But the habits of our democracy are tired, and may not be adequate for our lives in these times, much less for our Fellowship. Starting with two important practices – helping and sharing – a needed new democracy, which reflects our religious values, may begin to emerge between us.

*"It is important that awake people be awake," wrote poet William Stafford.  
Let us awaken ourselves and each other,  
and may we have the strength to remain alert to the truth of the world.*

## **Information Session about Proposed House Sale: TODAY, 12:30 PM**

This is one more chance to ask questions and find out more about the offer the UUFC Board has received to purchase the neighboring house we own, at 2395 NW Circle Blvd, which we have maintained for several years as a rental property. A task force of the Board of Trustees is negotiating with the prospective buyer, the Corvallis Zen Circle. We see many great possibilities in this project, including opportunities to work closely and collaboratively with the Zen Circle. UUFC bylaws require that any sale of property requires congregation approval, so this will be on the agenda for our annual meeting on Sunday May 15. At least 40% of the members must be present at the meeting. An informational meeting about the proposed house sale and the proposed FY2017 UUFC budget will take place TODAY at 12:30 PM. Or you can ask Board members for information.

## **Pottery & Plant Sale to Support Microcredit Committee's Work: TODAY**

Sunday, May 8th, before, between and after services, the Microcredit committee will again offer Sandy Houtman's beautiful pottery, some with plants and some ready for plantings of your own – either way, perfect for Mother's Day! This year, we will also have a limited selection of vases and bowls along with pots/plants. Each time we make a loan through KIVA, a small amount goes to the organization to support its work, so to maintain or grow our loaning capability, we need to raise additional funds; while we welcome donations any time, this is our only fundraiser.

## **Addictions Ministry Workshop, Saturday May 14, 10:00 AM**

Barbara Stofen will be leading this workshop. She will discuss her personal story of what it is like to have a family member living with addiction and how she and her family have coped with this deeply impactful experience. Those living with addiction, their own or someone else's, are encouraged to attend. The Fellowship is considering offering an addictions support group for family members experiencing addiction/recovery.

## **UUFC Annual Meeting, Sunday May 15, 12:30 PM**

Mark your calendar and plan to attend 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 also likely include an update on building expansion planning, including 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.

## **UUFC Leadership Supper, Thursday May 19, 6:00 PM**

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. All leaders of committees, task forces, councils and events are encouraged to attend. Back by popular demand – the burrito bar supper. Beans and rice provided. Bring salsa, veggies, and all other toppings you like, to share.

## **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! Bring your clothes to the Fellowship on the afternoon of Saturday, May 21, or Sunday morning, and then come shop after both services – men's, women's and children's clothing included.

## **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!

## **Summer Services – interested to help plan and present one?**

Jill McAllister is looking for a small group interested in working together to plan and present one summer service on a mutually agreeable topic. Let her know if you'd like to be part of such a group ([minister@uucorvallis.org](mailto:minister@uucorvallis.org)).

“Blessed be you, mighty matter, irresistible march of evolution, reality ever newborn; you who, by constantly shattering our mental categories, force us to go ever further and further in our pursuit of the truth.”

– Pierre Teilhard de Chardin