

FELLOWSHIP

WAYSIDE PULPIT
Feeling gratitude and not expressing
it is like wrapping a present and not
giving it.
-William Arthur Ward



UUFC WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 16, 2018

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:30 AM Worship Service
Childcare available

11 AM Worship Service
Childcare available
RE Classes

Join us after the services in the Social Hall for coffee and conversation. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know.

The Fellowship Care and Support Team listeners are available for anyone looking for support. Ask at the greeter desk.

NEW TO THE FELLOWSHIP?
CONTACT FIRST STEPS COORDINATOR,
ELONA MEYER
(elonameyer@icloud.com).

BECOME A MEMBER
OF THE UUFC!
Sign up at the welcome table in the
foyer for the next class in February.

*Help us open ourselves in
these complicated times. Let
us turn toward each other,
with open hearts and
gratitude for the blessings of
community.*

Visit the UUFC website to WATCH
recordings of previous
SUNDAY SERVICES!

www.uucorvallis.org/?page_id=239

Worship | Two worship services at 9:30 & 11 AM

December 16 **"Reasons for the Season"**

Rev. Jill McAllister

Why do we celebrate Christmas? For it's religious meanings? For the aesthetics? Because the stories have universal messages? Or perhaps because we simply need a mid-winter festival? There are many reasons, and many ways to celebrate and observe this old and complicated holiday. What are yours?

Also today:

~Confluence, The Mid-Willamette Valley LGBT Chorus, presents their winter concert here at the Fellowship at 4:30 PM. Several UUFC members are part of the chorus - come enjoy the music.

~Sign up to attend the Russian Dinner on Jan. 5. More information on page 2.

Plan Ahead:

The UUFC Office will be closed for the holidays from December 24 through January 1.

Normal office hours will resume January 2.

If you need assistance during that time, you may still email: office@uucorvallis.org.

There will be only ONE Worship Service on Sunday, December 30, at 11:00 AM.

Upcoming Weeks | Worship services at 9:30 & 11 AM

Sunday Service Worship Leaders

December 23 Rev. Jill McAllister

December 30 Rev. Jill McAllister and Rabbi Phillip Bressler (ONE Service only, at 11 AM)

HAPPENING SOON

Christmas Eve Services December 24

~5:30 PM – Family Service of music, carols, stories and sharing for all ages, including dedication of babies and children. Please let Jill know if you wish to have a child dedicated.

~9:00 PM – A Meditative Service of readings, silence, and special music from the Choir. Child dedications are also welcome at this service.

Spiritual Practices Toolkit

January 6 through February 24, 2019 - 1 to 3 PM

Many of us may yearn for a regular spiritual practice, but we may not know how or where to begin. Each session will provide time to delve into one practice, with guest presenters. Practices will include ritual, prayer, meditation, tai chi, qigong, singing, and dancing. Participants will be encouraged to share what they know in a collaborative environment. For more information or to sign up, contact RE Director Michael Molk (molk@uucorvallis.org).

New Year's Eve at the Fellowship

The New World Kirtan Band and Dances of Universal Peace will co-host a special event on Dec. 31 with kirtan beginning at 7 PM, dancing beginning at 8:30 PM, and a potluck social around 10 PM. All are welcome to join in.

Russian Dinner: Fundraiser for the Fellowship

There are still plenty of seats available for the Russian dinner fundraiser on January 5 at 3 PM. The menu will be something like this:

Borscht, beef and vegan; Russian potato salad;
Marinated vegetables; Spicy red pepper dip;
Mushroom and walnut/hazelnut spread; Crusty
bread; Sour cream and vegan version; Butter;
Coffee, tea

If you would like to join us and support UUFC, the donation is \$20 per person payable at the door. A reservation is required so there will be enough food. Please email Ernest Cardona at cardonalaw3@gmail.com or leave a message at 541-753-0423 with your name and the number of guests in your party.

FELLOWSHIP CONNECTIONS

Ear Plugs Needed?

Testing of sound levels in the sanctuary is still underway, as well as testing of ways to decrease the decibel level. This includes covering windows during the service, temporarily. Thanks for your patience as we work to settle these issues related to the new floor. If the sound is too loud for you, there are ear plugs available at the door to the foyer.

Death With Dinner

After the Nov. 25 Sunday service, in which we considered ways to become more conversant about and more supportive around grief, dying and death, at least twelve families or individuals indicated interest in hosting a "Death with Dinner" gathering, sometime in the new year. Thanks for your interest, everyone! Plans will be announced soon, and general sign-ups will begin.

January Social Concerns: Help Needed

January's Fundraiser will support the Men's Cold Weather Shelter. We have been raising funds and awareness for the Shelter since 2009, and recently has taken on an important leadership role. In January we will collect funds to operate this shelter through our action lunch on Sun., Jan. 6, bake sales (January 13, 20 and 27) and Sunday collections. Not everyone is able to volunteer at the shelter at night, but many can contribute to the action lunch and bake sales. Contact Sylvia Yamada to help: yamadas@science.oregonstate.edu.

THE WEEK AHEAD: DEC 17 - DEC 22

FELLOWSHIP CONNECTIONS

Monday, Dec 17	Shawl Ministry	7:00 PM Room 7
	Living with Depression: Yours or Someone Else's	7:00 PM Room 10
Wed., Dec 19	Coffee Hour <i>Join us in the Library for informal conversation. Brown bag lunches welcome.</i>	11:30-12:30 LIB
	Women's Lunch Bunch <i>Friendly conversation with women of the Fellowship. Contact: Elizabeth Waldorf (dewaldorf@comcast.net).</i>	1:00 PM N. Co-op
	Weekly Potluck <i>Bring a dish to share. (Note the location change this week)</i>	6:00 PM SH/K
Friday, Dec 21	Insight Meditation <i>This is a simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience is required. Contact: Mary Leigh Burke (maryleigh.burke@gmail.com).</i>	10:15 AM Room 7
	Kirtan Meditation Group	7:00 PM Room 7

The front sidewalk on Circle Blvd is closed while being moved. It's a big muddy mess, but it will look better soon. If you park on Circle, walk on the street to the Firwood sidewalk and entrance.

In addition to the RE clothing collection for the Men's Shelter (collection box under the table by the name-tags), a collection box is in the foyer for one more Sunday (December 16) for the **Garfield School Winter Warmth packages** for children - collecting PJs, socks, blankets, etc. All donations will be picked up on December 18, to be made into packages for the children.

From the Shawl Ministry:

Do you need a little extra care during the holiday season? We knit shawls and scarves to give to anyone who needs a little TLC - you or someone you know. Contact Nancy Lindsey: 541-470-2510, nancyelindsey@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour: Weekly Gathering for Making Connections at the Fellowship

Join us on Wednesdays from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM in the Fellowship library for Coffee Hour. We'll provide coffee and tea. There will be a person from the Fellowship Care and Support Team there each week, as well as a UUFC staff member. This is an informal gathering to chat and connect. Feel free to bring your lunch if you're on lunch break. *Note, we will gather on Dec. 18, but not on Dec. 26.

RE Clothing Drive for the Men's Shelter

Battling the Horcux of social injustice! If you have the ability to bring any of the following items, please consider doing so: heavy socks, underwear (not white, please), thermal underwear, long sleeve tee shirts, sweat pants, waterproof gloves and hats, rain jackets, boots, shoes, and heavy-duty shoelaces. There is a drop box under the table next to the name tags in the foyer.

Life Transitions - Let Us Know

If you have an important event or transition in your life (e.g. illness, hospitalization, death, birth, engagement, moving, etc) to share or announce, please e-mail transitions@uucorvallis.org, so that we can follow-up with you about next steps. This e-mail address is monitored by ministers and pastoral care staff. Please do use it, to help us help each other.

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Words for Reflection

Dec 16, 2018

We gather in hope and expectation,
in this world of possibilities.
We gather in sorrow, in this world too full of tragedy.
We gather carrying burdens as well as joys,
memories of sadness and pain as well as memories of love.
Together again, we come seeking wisdom and inspiration,
we come seeking to help one another
to know more of what is true.
May our time together be for love, for peace, and for joy.

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WANT TO INCLUDE AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS?

If you would like to include an announcement for your group, please email them by NOON Wednesday to office@uucorvallis.org with the subject line: weekly announcement.

NEED TO CONTACT US?

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