# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

## **Weekly Announcements**

Sunday, Jan 5 – Saturday, Jan 11

**Sunday Worship** 

Two Services at 9:30 & 11 AM

"Release and Renewal" Israel Buffardi

At the start of a New Year, we take stock of our intentions and replenish our spirits by joining in a ritual of release and renewal. Together we will identify the things we wish to cast off and set our intentions for what we wish to gather up.

Childcare for infants and toddlers is available at both services RE Sessions for older children and youth are offered at 11 AM. UUFC 2945 NW Circle Blvd Corvallis, OR 97330 www.uucorvallis.org 541-752-5218



The justice/outreach offerings and after-service refreshment donations on January Sundays will support the Corvallis Cold Weather Men's Shelter. Your contributions are appreciated.

#### Other Sunday Events

- $\sim$  Refreshments in the Social Hall after each service. All are invited! Introduce yourself to someone you don't know.
- ~ The monthly Action Lunch after the second service in the Social Hall. Suggested donation of \$5/person. All proceeds benefit the Men's Cold Weather Shelter. During the lunch, we will also hold our first **Town Hall** of the year. The topic is the Building Enhancement Project and our next steps. Please stay for both!

#### The Week Ahead

Monday, Jan 6	Corvallis Climate Alliance	5:30 PM SH/K
	Shawl Ministry	7:00 PM Room 6B
Tuesday, Jan 7	Transgender/Non-Binary Meetup	11:00 AM SH/K
	Secure Housing for All	12:00 noon (LIB)
Wednesday, Jan 8	The Work of Byron Katie	11:00 AM Room 10
	All are welcome to join this facilitated discussion  Women's Lunch Bunch	1:00 PM N. Coop
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	Living with Depression: Yours or Someone Else's	5:00 PM Room 9
	Interfaith Immigrant Support	5:30 PM Room 7
	Weekly Potluck Bring a dish to share.	6:00 PM SH/K
Thursday, Jan 9	Transgender Support Group	7:00 PM Room 7
Friday, Jan 10	Insight Meditation A simple yet profound practice originally taught by the Buddha. No experience needed. Contact Mary Leigh Burke: maryleigh.burke@gmail.com	10:15 AM Room 7
	Special Kirtan: Avasa and Matthew Love	7:00 PM SFH
Saturday, Jan 11	UU Path Class	9:00 AM SH/K
	Men's Monthly Gathering	9:30 AM Room 7
	Celebration of Life for Irving Dayton	2:00 PM SFH/SH/K
	Dance Planet!	7:30 PM SFH

### **Happening Soon**

**This Sunday!, January 5 - Town Hall on the Building Enhancement Project:** After the second service, in conjunction with the Action Lunch. The Building Construction team will present updated information on the project, summarize the feedback collected in December, and give one more opportunity for congregational Q&A as we move forward on plans for construction and financing.

**UU Path: Introduction and Orientation to becoming a member of the Fellowship:** January 11 and 12. All who are interested in becoming members are welcome. Sign up at the welcome desk in the foyer.

**Sunday, Jan. 12** "**UU the Vote**", the UUA's program for congregational involvement in the 2020 election, will be introduced via a webinar, at 1 PM. All are invited and encouraged to find out how we will be part of this effort.

**Sunday, Jan. 26 UUFC Justice Coffeehouse, 4-6 PM**. Come hear Fellowship musicians in support of our justice work. Justice teams will compete to provide the best snacks (!), and will have information about their work. All are welcome!

**Tuesday, Jan. 28 Leadership Supper, 6PM** for all leaders of teams, task forces, councils, committees, events, and all others interested. A light supper is provided. We'll focus on the work of councils – how are we doing and what's needed?

**Saturday**, **Feb. 8 Russian Dinner** prepared and hosted by Ernest Cardona, in support of the justice work of the Fellowship. Offsite, at the Corvallis Elks Club at 5:00 PM. Ticket information will be available soon.

## **Fellowship Connections**

**Circle of Life:** Long-time Fellowship member Marjorie Goss died on Friday, Dec. 27, at Mennonite Village. A time of remembrance will be included in the Jan. 12 Sunday service.

**Living With Depression, Yours or Someone Else's.** All who are interested in this informal meeting for sharing and support are welcome. We'll meet on Wednesday Jan 8 (5-6 PM), Monday Jan. 20 (7 PM), Wednesday Feb. 5 (5-6 PM), and Monday Feb. 17, (7 PM).

**UUFC Website Will Return Soon!** With huge thanks to David Servias and Jamie Petts, a new website will be launched in the coming week. Some of it will still be under construction, but the new site will be easier to update in the long-run.

**Reading Group:** An Indigenous People's History of the USA: Jesse Ford will lead this group as part of the UUA's Common Read for 2019-20. If you'd like to join the group, contact Jesse at jford@ses.sksm.edu.

**Church Calendar:** A reminder that you can still access the church calendar even while the Fellowship website is being rebuilt. The link is here: http://www.congregationbuilder.com/cb/active\_calendar.aspx?uc=uuvaney.

**Thank-You!** To Jema Patterson, Kitzie Stern, David Maxfield and several others who provide space and time for reflection and celebration on New Year's Eve at the Fellowship. To George Beekman for managing Dance Planet! once a month at the Fellowship. To Patti White for facilitating the weekly Wednesday evening mindfulness sessions. To Sandy Piper for facilitating memorial service receptions, whenever needed.

Who Else Needs to Be Thanked? Let's keep saying as many thank-you's as we can. Write a short thank-you note to post on the bulletin board in the foyer. Note papers are available below the board.

### **Upcoming Sundays**

January 12 9:30 & 11 AM Rev. Jill McAllister, with Jean Gilbert preaching January 19 9:30 & 11 AM Rev. Jill McAllister, with YRUU January 26 9:30 & 11 AM Rev. Jill McAllister

#### **Words For Reflection**

We are beginning to understand that the world is always being made and never finished; that activism can be the journey rather than the arrival; that struggle doesn't always have to be confrontational but can take the form of reaching out to find common ground with the many "others" in our society who are also seeking ways out of alienation, isolation, privatization, and dehumanization by corporate globalization.

Grace Lee Boggs (1915-2015) author, activist, feminist, philosopher

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**Office Hours** 

Monday & Wednesday 10 AM – 2 PM Tuesday & Thursday 8 AM – 12 PM

\*The UUFC Office is closed on all federal holidays.

Fellowship Care and Support Team listeners are available on Sundays for anyone looking for support. Ask at the welcome desk in the foyer.

As the new year begins, I invite you to come as often as you can. Come to help build this network of trust, which the world desperately needs. Come to help consider a broad range of topics over the coming months - from "hot-button" religious/political issues, to explorations of next steps in anti-racist, anti-oppression, multicultural living in the context of a climate emergency.

Come to help one another.

Rev. Jill McAllister