

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

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## Weekly Announcements

Sunday, Apr 26 – Saturday, May 2

**Sunday Worship and all other events at the Fellowship remain CANCELLED. We're offering a video-recorded service, sent out each weekend on UU-Announce.**

This week: "What Does Home Mean Now?"  
Revs. Jill McAllister & Israel Buffardi

A house is not necessarily a home. "Home" is about belonging, and safety. We're spending lots of time in our houses right now, but are we at home? Can we find new ways to be at home in a changing world, on a changing Earth? Yes, if we understand the best homes for our hearts and minds.

*A Time for All Ages story and craft will also be sent out on Sunday, and another one mid-week.*

## Weekly Sunday Offerings

The offering this week will support the Heartland Humane society. While their primary sources of funding have decreased drastically, the animals in their care still need food, shelter and care.

Thanks for your support last week to offset the 2019 carbon usage of the Fellowship (that's us). In March and April, we raised \$2026, so we have offset nearly 34 tons of carbon emissions, which covers our emissions for 2019! Fantastic! By offset, we mean we'll contribute the

cost of each ton (\$60) to a local organization which helps put solar collectors on as many houses and buildings as possible in Corvallis. Your contributions are very much appreciated!

\*To make a donation to the weekly offering, go the [UUFC web page](#) and click on the "SUNDAY DONATIONS" button.

**Stewardship: The UUFC Annual Pledge Drive is almost over.** 168 pledges are in – we need at least 130 more. All of us are needed!

**Please pledge online TODAY, or as soon as you are able,** so we can begin to prepare our budget and next steps for 2021-22. Follow-up calls begin next week.

If you haven't received an email from the Fellowship address [stewardship@uucorvallis.org](mailto:stewardship@uucorvallis.org) with pledge materials and links to complete your pledge online, then please check your spam folder or "promotions" tab in gmail, or contact Business Manager, Jean Gilbert, [businessmgr@uucorvallis.org](mailto:businessmgr@uucorvallis.org). Finance Council members and others are also available to talk you through online pledging as needed.

**Thank you to all who have made a pledge!  
We are in this together, with and for each other, for the world.**

## Fellowship Connections

**Annual UUFC Services Auction Online, beginning on May 2:** Thanks to those who have already donated items! What can you offer this year? A long list of creative ideas is available on the announcement sent by Judy Westlake on April 23, and also on the UUFC website. The simplest way to donate is by using [this link](#) to an online Google Form. If you're donating different services or items, you will need to fill out a separate form for each one.

**Please** donate early and by the deadline of midnight, Friday, May 1. Donations arriving after the deadline will still be entered into the auction but may not be viewed by all members. Be sure to follow appropriate safety guidelines as you choose what to donate and how to deliver your donations. **Bidding will take place online May 2 – May 10.** Help is needed: I need help with recording donations and entering donors and bidders. Please contact me if you would like to help at 541-740-9457 or [judywestlake@comcast.net](mailto:judywestlake@comcast.net).

**UUFC Annual Meeting, Sunday May 17:** The annual meeting will take place on the regularly scheduled date, online. It will include the usual financial reports and updates on the health of the Fellowship, especially related to the global pandemic. We'll hear an update on the building expansion/renovation project, the Religious Exploration re-visioning project, a road-map for the coming year, and feedback and suggestions for the good of the Fellowship. We'll vote on new members of the Board of Directors. The slate of directors is included below. Please plan to be part of the annual meeting this year! **Slate for UUFC Board of Directors, June 2020:** President – Steve Strauss, Secretary - Anna Sontag, Treasurer – Herky Gottfried, Directors: Scott Bruslind, Ann Mbacke, Darius Adams, Kedo Baye, Sheryl Stuart.

**No Leadership Supper: Leadership Report Instead** Since we couldn't gather for the final leadership supper of the year, a leadership update is being prepared instead. It will be e-mailed next week to all leaders of teams, task forces, councils events, committees, and anyone else who is interested. In response we hope leaders will send in short reports on their activities in this church year, and ideas for the next church year.

**Wednesday, April 29 at 11:30 am: "Virtual Coffee Hour, with Sharing of Sorrows and Joys"** Join in by Zoom, for greeting and centering together, with sharing of struggles and silver linings. The zoom link will be sent out via UU-Announce.

#### **There Are Still Many Ways to Stay Connected to Fellowship Life:**

~The **Daily Practice** e-mail from Jill, sent out each weekday morning. Also, during the month of April, we are sharing a daily poem in honor of National Poetry Month. These poems are posted on the Fellowship website. Click on the new **"Poetry Month"** tab on the front page of the Fellowship, or continue to click on **"Get Involved"** to access the poems.

~Join Israel Buffardi **weekdays** on UUFC Facebook live for the noon-time meditation / blessings.

~Join the **Wednesday** virtual coffee hour, 11:30 AM.

~Share the **mid-week and Sunday** Time for All Ages stories and crafts.

~**Tuesday, 7:00 PM. "Turning toward Our Hearts"**, A time of music, poetry, and sharing with each other what is in our hearts. Led by Susan Sanford, Anna Coffman and Cliff Pereira on Zoom. Click on the link below to join.

<https://zoom.us/j/173333179?pwd=TGJWUDhVa3ZlZTBiYTZBbWhZME1hQT09>

~**Wednesdays, Evening Mindfulness Practice** is live on Zoom from 7:00PM – 7:30PM in April. You may join on your computer or by phone call. Join about 5 minutes before to make sure your system is connected. Watch UU-Announce for the Zoom link. If you are new to Zoom email Patti ahead of time and she may be able to help you. Patricia White: [minerva5cl@gmail.com](mailto:minerva5cl@gmail.com).

~**Friday Kirtan** 7-8:30pm. The Zoom link for each week will be announced on UU-Announce.

**Help is still available:** The ministers, members of the Fellowship Care and Support Team, and several counselors and psychologists are available to talk if you need us. Food and grocery delivery is available. Technical support for making phone and computer connections is available. Contact Jill or Israel, even if you're not sure what you need and you just want to talk: [minister@uucorvallis.org](mailto:minister@uucorvallis.org), [assistantminister@uucorvallis.org](mailto:assistantminister@uucorvallis.org).

**UUFC Emergency Aid Fund:** Thank you so much to all who have made donations to this fund recently! The Emergency Aid Fund allows us to give financial aid, up to \$500 per family, especially now for those who might experience loss of income due shutdowns. Requests should be addressed to Jill McA, [minister@uucorvallis.org](mailto:minister@uucorvallis.org). For all those who want to contribute to this fund to help provide aid during this time (thank you!) checks can be made to UUFC with Emergency Aid Fund noted.

## **Opportunities to Help**

**Take action with #UUtheVote:** Write your Representatives and Senators to safeguard free and fair elections in the stimulus bill, including expanded vote by mail. <https://www.uua.org/justice/vote2020/congregational-organizing/tell-congress-prepare-elections-covid-19-crisis>

**Corvallis 509J School District Family Support Program Update:** "This week was a difficult week in many ways. The most difficult was that we received news that a parent of a high school student died. It was not confirmed that she died of the COVID-19 virus, however, the family had shared that she was experiencing symptoms that are associated with the virus. Our crisis team has responded and is supporting the family and the two high schools. As for our work here at the Welcome Center, requests for food bags and financial help have increased and we are still able to serve all thanks to you and all of the generous donations we continue to receive. Our needs: beans, rice, proteins like tuna, chili, canned chicken, cereal, canned veggies, shampoo.

Join the #NoBodyIsDisposable campaign (<https://nobodyisdisposable.org/>), organizing to ensure people with disabilities, fat people, the elderly, people with HIV/AIDS and other illnesses are not targeted by discriminatory triage policies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Perspectives on the Pandemic

The center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that Americans wear masks outside the home primarily to protect the community, not themselves. A simple cotton mask might not stop much from coming in, but it can stop up to 99% of particles from exiting into the air. Countries that have universally committed to wearing masks have seen clear drops in infection numbers. In the United States, wearing masks for the public good could effectively halt the virus: Models suggest that if just 80% of the population protects those around them, the rate at which the coronavirus spreads could plummet to a stop. Do you need a mask? Let us know: [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org).

**The Oregon Health Authority** has a comprehensive webpage outlining our local situation and efforts. You can sign up for a daily email from the by visiting this page: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

“We miss the in person, flesh and blood and breath of one another... and it isn’t going to go away any time soon. No vaccine, no reopening. What was to be a short inconvenience may be a way of life for a lot longer than any of us expected. And we are over it... In spite of our desire, this pandemic is a marathon, not a sprint. Slow and steady like the tortoise, will get us through. Slow and steady. And please, dear God, do not let us “return” to the old normal. Let us have learned and relearned our humanness, our need for connectedness and relationship over the cultural demand for productivity. May the “only measure of your words and your deeds,” as Fred Small wrote,” be the love you leave behind when you’re done...”

*The Rev. Lois Van Leer – UU Church of Eugene*

### Stewardship: Caring for Our Congregation

As of Friday, April 24, we have 168 pledges, and approximately \$326,000 pledged, toward our goal of 300 pledges and \$420,000, holding the budget steady from last year. We’re doing great! And, we need everyone! **Please do your part, by joining in. Make your pledge today.**

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