

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

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## Weekly Announcements

Sunday, June 14 – Saturday, June 20

Sunday Worship and all other events at the Fellowship continue to be on-line. We offer a video-recorded worship service, sent out each Saturday on UU-Announce.

### Sunday June 14: “We Are The World: YRUU Bridging Service ” YRUU members and advisors

Our high school youth group, the Young Religious Unitarian Universalists, present this annual worship service to honor and celebrate graduating seniors. This is a hard year for graduates, with so much of the world in flux. Our YRUU members continue to hold a safe and sacred place for each other, and to bring their gifts to the

world. Graduating seniors include Dylan Burmood, Natalie Walter and Forrest Irvine.

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

## Weekly Sunday Offerings

The offering for the month of June will support **We Care**, a local interfaith network, providing emergency aid for families and individuals, especially for costs related to housing and basic needs. The need is growing and so is the response by We Care.

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

## Fellowship Connections

### RE Town Hall: Visions for Intergenerational Community, Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> 12:30 PM via Zoom

The Religious Exploration Council has created a strategic plan for the future of our Lifespan Religious Exploration Program, a vision that is calling our congregation to commit to building a culture of intentional intergenerational community. Join our first Town Hall by Zoom, to learn more about this vision, and about the long-term commitment it asks us to undertake. Join by clicking this link: <https://zoom.us/j/97722871582?pwd=UzQ0cUF5RTdJZTR4NzBkl2JCRnU3Zz09>

### Board of Directors Discussing Protocols for Possible Summer Gatherings

At their meeting next week, the Fellowship Board of Directors will receive recommendations and discuss possibilities, guidelines and protocols for Fellowship gatherings and building use over the summer. Thanks to all who have given input for this process and to the task force of Scott Bruslind, Steve Strauss, Mary Anne Sellers, Steve Ferrell, Kedo Baye and Jill McAllister.

### Magic Flute Pre-School to Re-Open at the Fellowship July 1

With special dispensation from the state, and because child care is badly needed, the Magic Flute preschool will re-open July 1, using two rooms in our classroom wing on weekdays. The protocols for COVID-safe operations will be very strict. Only adults working in the preschool will be allowed to enter the rooms being used. Parents will drop their children off outside.

### UUtheVote: Please Join Us! The Coming Election is Monumental

UUtheVote is a nation-wide UU network aiming to turn out voters across the country in November. The importance of the work at this critical time in our country is almost too big to describe! UUtheVote provides an accessible, effective pathway for participation. More than 70 Fellowship members and friends are already members of the UUtheVote network. Our aim is to swell our UUFC ranks to at least 100 by July 4<sup>th</sup>, and 200 by early Fall. Join us! And help recruit others as part of this membership drive. (You could win one of the prizes!) To join contact Peter Stoel at [PeterFStoel@gmail.com](mailto:PeterFStoel@gmail.com).

## Calling Fellowship Households – Checking In With Each Other

Fellowship volunteers once again making phone calls to as many Fellowship households as possible, in the month of June. Our aim is to check in, to say hello, to find out if anyone needs help and support, especially for staying connected to the Fellowship. More callers are needed; if you'd like to help, please let Jill McAllister know. If you'd rather not get a call -- that's fine. Please let Jill McAllister know that too! [minister@uucorvallis.org](mailto:minister@uucorvallis.org).

## UUFC Women's Retreat August 8, 2020

Greetings Women of the UUFC! SAVE the DATE August 8, 2020 8:30AM – 8:30PM for the 2020 UUFC Women's Retreat "Expanding Our Creative Potentials to Give." Plan to join the all new online retreat format! Highlights include: 3 great presenters, social time during coffee hour and happy hour and follow-up creative pod activity sessions. Watch the UU-Announce listserve for more details, registration information, and a call for Creative Pod group facilitators.

*The 2020 UUFC-WR Team: Eileen Maxfield, Joyce Federiuk, Barb Lachenbruch, Bonnie Morihara, Emily Rosen and Julie Halter.*

## First Steps Class for all who are interested in becoming members of the Fellowship

We'll resume, in a new format, our welcome and orientation classes for all who are interested in what Fellowship membership means and what it requires. The next First Steps class will be on Sunday, June 28. Watch here and in UUAnnounce for details.

## News and Notes

~Sending good wishes to Rollie Davison, recovering from surgery in Portland.

~Congratulations to Gisele Akimana, who recently passed her exam to become a Certified Nurse's Aid. Gisele and Blaise and their children Shanti and Josh live in Portland. We miss them, and send lots of good wishes!

~Ted Lane is looking for a room to rent, or a small apartment. Contact him at [contacttedlane@gmail.com](mailto:contacttedlane@gmail.com), if you know of something available.

~Other Graduates? Do you know of people graduating, in your family, or in the Fellowship? If so, let the office know, so that we can send congratulations.

~It was a pleasure to greet our Transylvanian partner church minister, Rev. Katalin Szas Cserey, to the weekly Wednesday coffee hour (by Zoom), and to hear how things are in Romania. Kati hopes to join us again.

## Fellowship Weekly Practices and Connections

~Join the **Daily Practice** with an e-mail from Jill, sent out each weekday morning on UU-Announce.

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

~Join the **Wednesday virtual coffee hour** with sharing of sorrows and joys, 11:30 AM. Join in by Zoom, for greeting and centering together. The zoom link is sent out via UU-Announce.

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

~**Wednesdays, Evening Mindfulness Practice** is live on Zoom from 7:00PM – 7:30PM. 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.

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

## Black Lives Matter

### Becoming More Anti-Racist: Next Steps

More than 50 people showed up (via Zoom) last Sunday to talk about and share experiences in becoming more anti-racist. We're going to continue the conversation and introduce some tools for doing the work. All are welcome join in on Wednesday evening, June 17, 7 pm. Join on Zoom with this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88021013861>

### Your Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Team invites you to:

**Drive or stroll by UUFC** and note the new BLM signs Michael Hughes has installed for us. A much-needed statement. The name of every Black life lost we could find is now included. Thank you, Michael!!

**Say Their Names:** Listen to Rev Otis Moss III as he calls upon us to stand witness for Black lives lost. Light a chalice, and using the list provided. Then "Say Their Names" aloud, taking a moment to reflect on each person, the anguish of each family, and the loss to the community. Our goal: NOT ONE MORE life to be taken.

Link to Rev Otis Moss III <https://youtu.be/l6985UG0Z3k>

**Join NAACP** if you hadn't already--This is proving to be a dynamic year. The Bias Response project has been approved and funded. Strong voices from the Black community are heard at every meeting.

Support Black leadership in Corvallis; come join us as we deepen our knowledge regarding the effects of racism where we live. Visit the NAACP, Corvallis website for more information.

## Where We Are This Week: .....reflections from Jill

This week we are still the Fellowship! We have changed in remarkable, unimaginable ways, but we have changed, and we are still the Fellowship. We still “gather” “as an inclusive religious community to search for meaning, build deep connections, and inspire action toward a better world for all.” Our mission has not changed, and it is more needed and more relevant than ever. We are certainly searching for meaning; hopefully we are not just searching for easy or comfortable answers, but are more willing than ever to learn something everyday. We are building deeper connections – learning to appreciate our connections and maintain them in ways we never could have imagined. (And new connections continue to be made.) And if we thought inspiration for action toward a better world for all would come as a lovely invitation, like for a party, or someday when we were finally ready for it, well, we were wrong about that; but inspiration has definitely come – it is knocking on every one of our doors. Every now and then, through these weeks, I have wondered, anxiously, if the Fellowship would fade away. If people would not stay connected, would stop caring, would give up. And every single time that anxiety has been quelled by seeing the continued connections, constant caring, and courageous action of members of the Fellowship. The world needs everything we can give it, from the steady center of our religious and spiritual lives, and therefore we need each other. We are still here, with and for each other, for the world.

**Help is 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).

## Pandemic Response

### Oregon Pauses Openings Amid Rise in COVID-19 Cases

On June 12, the Governor called for a one-week pause in county-by-county openings in Oregon, as COVID 19 cases are increasing.

**The Fellowship Building Remains Closed** [UUA Guidelines on Gathering In Person as COVID-19 Subsides](#)

**Do you need a mask?** If so, please let us know: [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org).

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**Explore. Love. Act.** We gather as an inclusive religious community to search for meaning, build deep connections, and inspire action toward a better world for all.

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### Office Hours: Currently Closed

Phone and e-mail are checked regularly