

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

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## Weekly Announcements

Sunday, July 5 – Saturday, July 11, 2020

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

### Sunday, July 5: Revs. Israel Buffardi and Jill McAllister, with Jacob King

Our preacher today is Jacob King, who heard a call to ministry while serving in the National Guard at the Mexican border. What he experienced there led him to think deeply about the ethical life. He is now a student at Starr King school for the Ministry, and a YRUU Advisor at the Fellowship.

*A Time for All Ages lesson or story will be sent out on Saturday evening. These posts are truly for ALL ages. During the summer, there will only be one RE activity each week, sent on Saturday evening.*

### Farewell for Rev. Israel Buffardi, Sunday July 12

We bid Israel, and Abigail and Nicola, farewell as they prepare to move to Lancaster, Pennsylvania where Israel will become the minister of the UU congregation of Lancaster. It's sad that we can't have a big party to wish them well on their way, but we can do the next-best thing, a pandemic-style farewell, a "Drive-by Good-bye," in the parking lot of the Fellowship on Sunday, July 12, beginning at 11:30 am. Those who are able and willing to come out are invited to drive through the parking lot, where Israel will be present, to stay in your cars and share brief good-byes. Please sign-up using this link, [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V2g6mm4oa-YKCW\\_qM2rwsG15WCsWlZm/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V2g6mm4oa-YKCW_qM2rwsG15WCsWlZm/view?usp=sharing) to arrive in one of the 15 minute time-slots, to help make traffic manageable!

Not everyone can or should come out for this! There are several other ways to send your good wishes to Israel. You can send a card or letter to him at the Fellowship. And, you can record a short (1 minute or less) video good-bye, to be part of a Tribute Video we'll give him, by clicking on this link. <https://www.tribute.co/rev-israel-buffardi/> Instructions on how to record yourself on your phone or computer are on the page.

### Between Us .....reflections from Jill

I've heard recently from someone that the Fellowship has become too political. I've also heard that we don't do enough, politically. I've heard, pretty often, that we are not spiritual enough, and I've heard from plenty of people who just aren't into all of this spirituality – they'd rather talk politics. For some people, the Fellowship is all about "community." Others keep waiting to be invited in – they're not feeling that community very much. I've heard elders wonder where all the young people are – we need them to start changing things -- and I've heard young people wonder how to get the Fellowship to change. Everybody has an opinion! I know, plenty of people will say "that's what makes us UU's." I think that's an old story now, a story that does not serve the needs of the world. Yes, we have plenty of opinions, and we are willing to let each other have opinions. But that's not our work, or our mission. Our work, as a religious community, is to help each other outgrow narrowmindedness, encourage each other to love more, work with each other to help achieve more justice and equity. Our work is to practice kindness and compassion, to help heal so much pain, to find ways to

### Upcoming Sundays

July 12: Rev. Israel Buffardi will preach his final service as the Assistant Minister for Religious Exploration at the Fellowship. A few days later he and his family will move to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he'll begin his position Senior Minister of the UU Church of Lancaster.

July 19: Rev. Jill McAllister will consider some complexities of ancestry, especially her own immigrant ancestors to the United States.

### Weekly Sunday Offering

Our offerings in July will support the **Albany/ Corvallis branch of the NAACP**, especially for their work with the Oregon Cares Fund for Black Relief and Resiliency. To make a donation to the weekly offering, go the [UUFC web page](#) and click on the "SUNDAY DONATIONS" button.

center ourselves and to be both humble and courageous at the same time. Our work this summer, for most of us, is to begin to understand what marginalization means, and what it looks like, especially by listening to the voices of those who experience being marginalized – disregarded, dismissed, judged, discriminated against and harmed. All of us have had some or all of these experiences at one time or another in our lives, but some people experience all of them most of the time. Why is that? (And that’s not an academic or theoretical question.) Though everyone dies in the end, people are dying who should not be dying now. This has always been true in our country. We are all connected to that reality. Let’s begin, on this fourth of July weekend, (forgo the fireworks - what are we celebrating?) to read and to hear other stories about who we really are. Let’s be seekers of truth this summer.

## **Fellowship Connections -----**

Summer Sunday Soapbox Series: Do you have an issue you care deeply about, which you’d like to share with others at the Fellowship? In this updated version of “Soapbox Sunday”, we’ll have a series of speakers, depending upon who would like to speak. Each speaker will have 10-15 minutes, plus some time for Q&A. This series will most likely be live, via Zoom, on Sunday mornings in July or August. Please let Rev. Jill McAllister know if you’d like to be a speaker, by July 12. [minister@uucorvallis.org](mailto:minister@uucorvallis.org).

### **News, Notes and Thank-Yous**

~Ted Lane was hospitalized for several days for evaluation – he doesn’t have COVID (!), and he has housing and support services beginning this weekend.

~Thanks to Andrea Dailey and all the volunteers who continue to keep the Fellowship grounds looking great!

~Thanks to Louise Ferrell who is keeping the Fellowship indoor plants watered.

### **UUFC Women’s Retreat August 8, 2020 - Registration Open Now – right here**

[Register Now](#) for the **2020 Women’s Retreat: “Expanding Our Creative Potentials to Give.”**

When: August 8, 2020 Where: Online (Zoom) Suggested donation \$10 - \$20; no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Plan to join the all new online retreat format! Our speakers include: Amita Lhamo – psychotherapist and hospice chaplain, Kate Gallagher – OSU Contemplative Studies program coordinator, and Mary Brutsaert – grief and trauma therapist. Other highlights include: 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.

### **UUtheVote: Building our Local and National Network – Please Join Us!**

What will you tell your children and grandchildren about your participation in this momentous 2020 election? Wouldn’t you like to tell them how hard you fought for the future of democracy and our planet at the ballot box by helping get out the vote? That you fought for human rights at the ballot box? What will your legacy be? Our UUtheVote Team members will have some great stories to tell about how we joined together to vote our values in this election. How each of us helped make a difference in this turning point facing humanity. To join contact the membership chair: [PeterFStoel@gmail.com](mailto:PeterFStoel@gmail.com)

**Help is Available:** The ministers, members of the Fellowship Care and Support Team, and several counselors and psychologists are available 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).

## **Fellowship Weekly Calendar, and Plan Ahead-----**

### **Weekly Practices and Connections**

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

~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 on Tuesday evenings.

~Share the **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.

~ Chalice circles, book groups, discussion groups, RE groups and more are available. Contact [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org) for info.

## Plan Ahead

Saturday, July 11: Orientation and planning retreat for the Board of Directors, online.

Sunday, July 12: Farewell to Rev. Israel Buffardi and his family, as they move to Pennsylvania to begin his new ministry. Drive-by the Fellowship parking lot, beginning at 11:30 am.

Saturday, August 8: Women's Retreat, online

Anti-racism events – see below under Black Lives Matter

## Black Lives Matter

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

**Contemplate the 13<sup>th</sup> on the 13<sup>th</sup>:** Want a fuller understanding of the effects of systemic racism on our criminal justice system? View the Ava DuVernay's compelling documentary, *The 13<sup>th</sup>*. Or read Michele Alexander's *The New Jim Crow*. Then join us at **6 PM, Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>** to discuss your perspectives and questions from your reading/viewing experience 13<sup>th</sup> with this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85600546784?pwd=eVhHbXk3VldFVnlpWTN6bmRhdmFoZz09>

**Book Discussion: Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity, & Power**

Revs. Jill McAllister and Israel Buffardi will be hosting a discussion group, of readings from the 2017 Skinner House book, *Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry*. This book was the UUA common read in 2017-2018. A joint project of the Committee for Antiracism, Anti-oppression, and Multiculturalism of the UUMA and Skinner House Books, *Centering* is the first book to center the stories, analysis, and insight of Unitarian Universalists of color offering their religious leadership. The discussion continues on Monday evenings at **7:00PM**, through July.

Discussions will focus on a few essays per session. A PDF of the first couple essays will be provided, but participants will need to purchase the book to continue. Centering can be purchased through the [UUA Bookstore via this link](#).

Please **RSVP** to Israel Buffardi, [assistantminister@uucorvallis.org](mailto:assistantminister@uucorvallis.org) to attend, or to request financial assistance with the cost of the book.

## From the Immigrant and Refugee Support Team:

### South Corvallis Food Bank needs volunteers

Volunteers 12 and up are welcome. Two types of volunteer shifts, one packing boxes Mon 10am-noon and Thurs 2-4pm and one distributing food to clients Mon/Wed 12:30-3:30, Thurs 4:30-7:30, and Sat 9:30am-12:30pm. The packing shifts are just 5-10 volunteers who can maintain social distancing easily. The distribution shifts will involve taking food out to clients' cars and loading it in for them, so while we are maintaining social distancing, there is interaction with the public. We are asking all volunteers to wear facemasks. If you have a personal mask, please wear it to your volunteer shift. We have bandanas available for use at the food bank if you don't have one.

A brief training is required at the beginning of each shift. Since there is training involved, we are seeking volunteers who intend to volunteer multiple times over the next few months.

Sign up for July shifts at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544adad2ca5fd0-july5>

If you sign up for a shift and then find you won't be able to make it, just let Sheila know at [sheila@southcorvallisfoodbank.org](mailto:sheila@southcorvallisfoodbank.org) or by phone or text, 541-760-9382.

## Pandemic Response

### COVID-19 cases continue to increase

Cases of COVID-19 continue to increase in Benton County this week. In many states across the country, the virus is surging. It is clear that this is no time to loosen restrictions. Please continue to use as much precaution as possible.

**Wearing a mask is now required in all indoor public spaces in Benton county, and the entire state of Oregon.** It is one of the most effective preventative measures. Do you need a mask? If so, we can help. Let us know: [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org).

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

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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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