

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

## Weekly Announcements

Sunday, August 30 – Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020

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

### Sunday, August 30:

#### “Learning, and Changing”

**Rev. Jill McAllister, Wendy Sutton, Jed Irvine**

You’ve probably heard yourself say it in the past few months – “I’m learning a lot, about myself...” Certainly we are all learning, and usually learning means changing. This is part of the religious life -- to learn, to change, to grow more and more into right relations with ourselves, others and Life. Fellowship members Wendy Sutton and Jed Irvine share some of what they’ve learned.

## Fellowship Connections

### Online Rummage Sale is Ending Soon: Sunday, August 30 at 5:00 p.m. Bid Now!

The UUFC Reduce-Reuse-Recycle Extravaganza—our annual Rummage Sale—online this year for safety. The R3 Extravaganza will take place over a full week. The format will be an online auction, which is even more fun!

**Making a Bid / Looking at the Catalog:** Bid on items beginning at 9:00 AM, August 24 through 5:00 PM, August 30 at [charityauction.bid/Rummage2020](https://charityauction.bid/Rummage2020)

Click on Catalog (or on the 3 lines that open the Menu)

### The Annual Tuna Roast Picnic is cancelled this year, but you can still order Grilled Tuna.

The Tuna Roast is a long tradition at the Fellowship. We've been gathering at Avery Park on Labor Day to celebrate the beginning of the new church year since 1997. Rich Brainerd started the tradition as a birthday party for Fellowship folks who were turning 50 that year. That makes them 72 and 73 this year! Obviously, we cannot gather this year. However, to keep the tradition going, creatively, we're taking orders for the signature marinated, grilled, fresh tuna. It will be sold by the pound, at \$10 per pound. One pound of cooked tuna can be at least 2 or 3 servings. You can also freeze it to eat later. The order form is [here](#) – just click on it:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfftVeiasurYEeydLNplBAvISQ6kUjLnaCrVzQTueonPTK1mA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfftVeiasurYEeydLNplBAvISQ6kUjLnaCrVzQTueonPTK1mA/viewform?usp=sf_link).

**Orders must be received by Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 5 pm.** You can pick up your grilled tuna on Sunday, Sept. 6, during the Drive-By Blessings Day, in the Fellowship parking lot, between 11:30AM and 1:30PM. Or, if you can't come out for that, let us know, and we'll arrange a delivery. (Volunteer deliverers needed -- let Jill know if you're able and willing to do that.)

### Blessings for a New Church Year: A Drive-By Event, Sunday Sept. 6, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Join in to help usher in the new church year on Sunday, Sept. 6, with a Drive-by Blessings Day from 11:30am – 1:30 pm. UUFC staff members will hand out blessings, chalices will be available to take home if you need one, you can pick up PRE-ORDERED grilled tuna, and wave to other Fellowship members and friends. Please sign up at the link below, so that we can manage the traffic flow. We hope to see you there! (And if you can't come out – that's fine! We'll send blessings to all.) Sign-up to join the Drive By: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080845ACA723A7FF2-driveby>

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*A Time for All Ages lesson or story will be sent out on Saturday evening. These posts are truly for ALL ages.*

## August Sunday Offerings

August 30 is our final Sunday to support the Corvallis Schools Family Support program, which includes the McKinney Homeless Education Fund, to support Corvallis students who are struggling to be able to keep learning, now with even greater needs due to the pandemic. To make a donation to the weekly offering, go the [UUFC web page](#) and click on the "SUNDAY DONATIONS" button.

## Upcoming Sunday Services

**September 6** – Blessings Day: A Sunday Drive-By (Sign-up here using the link on page 2).

**September 13** – Homecoming Sunday: A live Zoom service

**RE News for Fall:** The UUFC Religious Exploration program is excited to partner with four other UU congregations across the country to provide a robust online RE experience for the 2020-2021 church year. The coalition is called "AFIRE: Alliance for Inspiring Religious Exploration." There will be online programs available for every age, from preschool activities to Coming of Age to parent groups to a substantial adult RE program called UUniversity. Online "open house" sessions will be held in early September, so stay tuned for details!

**A New Weekly Connection Space, Heart to Heart – Fridays, 4 PM, via zoom.** Fellowship member and Care and Support Team leader David Maxfield hosts a new weekly connection time for members and friends. "**Heart to Heart: UUFC conversations about what is moving inside us,**" will be an open, facilitated conversation about whatever needs to be talked about. If more than 6 people attend, break-out rooms will be used to allow smaller groups for more conversation. Each session will begin with a chalice lighting and brief check-in, and end with closing words. A zoom invitation will be sent via UU-Announce.

**New Communication Platforms for the Fellowship** Thank you to all who made suggestions about finding new and better ways to facilitate both discussions and connections during pandemic Fellowship life. Most likely, the current UU-Discuss listserv will be re-named and aimed more closely at sharing of community resources and needs (not necessarily Fellowship programs or events.) A new platform or platforms will be created to host important Fellowship conversations and discussions – this might use Slack or Canvas or some form of online bulletin board; all of these platforms make discussion threads easier to follow and summarize. Users of these platforms will agree to basic participation guidelines. As we launch these new platforms an open meeting will likely be held, to find out what conversations are most important between us now, and to talk about how to facilitate those conversations effectively. **If interested, you're welcome to join this discussion on Monday, August 31 at 7:00 PM. Let Jill or Jamie know if you'd like to join.**

### **From the Fellowship Music Department – A hymn project for the new church year**

Have you ever wondered where your favorite UU hymn comes from? Who wrote it? What was the inspiration behind the words and music? This Fall we'll create short videos featuring the origins and contexts of some favorite UU hymns. If you have suggestions or ideas for this, I would love to hear them. Please send an email to [dauidservias@gmail.com](mailto:dauidservias@gmail.com).

**UUFC Produce Sharing** When: Every Wednesday and every Saturday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Where: Outside the Firwood entrance of UUFC. Guidelines: Please bring your own reusable bags for pickup. There will also be a few clean paper bags. Please wear mask and distance if others are there. Happy sharing and eating. Email me with questions. Catherine Whiting ([catherinewhiting@gmail.com](mailto:catherinewhiting@gmail.com)).

**Thank-you, Thank-You! A huge thank-you to Andrea Dailey** for her dedication and hard work for all the years she has coordinated the work of keeping the Fellowship grounds tended and cared for. Andrea is retiring from the role. Please send her a thank-you if you can. And, **a big thank-you to Michael Hughes** who has agreed to take on this work, as coordinator of the Grounds Team. If you'd like to join in, this is a fine time to do so! Gardeners, mowers, weeders, landscapers, anyone who enjoys working outside and working with others – let Michael know.

## **Fellowship Weekly Calendar – including Zoom meetings**

As we work toward even more online gathering opportunities, we have reinstated the use of the Fellowship calendar so you can see when online gatherings (usually via Zoom) are happening: <https://uucorvallis.org/calendar/>

### **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.

~**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.

~**Friday "Heart to Heart" 4 PM** An open forum for Fellowship members and friends. The zoom link will be sent on UU-Announce.

~**Men's Weekly Gathering** – Sundays at noon. Zoom link sent by UUAnnounce.

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

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

## Plan Ahead

~Sunday, September 6 – Blessings for A New Year – a drive-by event. Plus, grilled tuna! Order your [tuna here](#).

~Sunday, September 13 – Homecoming Sunday, with a live Zoom Sunday service for all

~Sunday, September 20 – New RE year begins, with offerings for all ages.

~Sunday, October 4, 3-4:30: SAVE THE DATE for the UUFC Justice Council's virtual Social Justice Summit. Our theme for our time together is: Reconnecting for Justice Work in a Time of Disconnection. We will follow up with more details.

## Fellowship Zoom Account for Small Group meetings

To request use of the Fellowship Zoom account, check the church calendar first (<https://uucorvallis.org/calendar/>) to assure availability, then send an email to Jamie at [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org) with the name of the event, date, and time. If it's reoccurring, please indicate that.

If you're using a personal Zoom account for a Fellowship meeting and would like the meeting to show up on the UUFC calendar so others can potentially join, please send the same information as above (name of the event, date, and time) to Jamie, note that it's a personal account, and she'll add it to the calendar.

**Help is Available:** The minister, 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 McAllister even if you're not sure what you need and you just want to talk: [minister@uucorvallis.org](mailto:minister@uucorvallis.org).

## UU the Vote

**UU the Vote Invites You To Help With Letter Writing:** This is a most significant election year. Our values need all the support we can give. These UUFC Justice teams and task forces join us in inviting you to participate in our Zoom letter-writing meetings or simply write letters on your own!

- Health Care for All Team
- Immigrant and Refugee Support Team
- Secure Housing and Food for All Task Force
- Climate Action Team
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Task Force

Join our letter-writers for Vote Forward Letter-Writing sessions and see what you think. We are hosting recurring meetings on: **Tuesdays at Ten.** Join Zoom meeting at every Tuesday at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88456571013?pwd=VHQ2cnVLU1M5Yk9yLzVzdXZtU1QvQT09>. Password: 519590

and **Thursdays at Three.** Join Zoom meeting every Thursday at this link:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87673598582?pwd=YzM2S2I2b3pFWFJDMUkzUIEYenVGQT09>

Password: 076638. We hope to "see" you there! Questions? Karen Josephson ([kjosephson67@gmail.com](mailto:kjosephson67@gmail.com)) & Claire Montgomery ([clairemtg@comcast.net](mailto:clairemtg@comcast.net)).

## Black Lives Matter

**Resources available on the UUFC Website.** Information on the Black Lives Matter movement, and anti-racism in general, has been posted on the Fellowship website and continues to be updated. New resources were added again this week!

<https://uucorvallis.org/black-lives-matter-movement/>

## Worship Archives

Sunday services are archived on the Fellowship web site, at [uucorvallis.org](http://uucorvallis.org). The monthly Art Wall offering is now also available there too. If you'd like to share artwork in a Sunday Service, please contact Niya Standish at [niyabeth@gmail.com](mailto:niyabeth@gmail.com). If you'd like to share bouquets, please contact Chere Pereira at [cherep@comcast.net](mailto:cherep@comcast.net).

## Pandemic Response

**Wearing a mask is required in all indoor public spaces in Benton county,** and the entire state of Oregon. Also, as of July 15, masks are also required in all outdoor spaces where social distancing of 6 feet or more is not possible, and children

over the age of 5 are required to as well. Wearing a mask 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 Corvallis Sewing Brigade** hub is located at the Circle Blvd entrance to the UUFC. For updates about the brigade, please check [CorvallisSewingBrigade.org](http://CorvallisSewingBrigade.org) or the Corvallis Sewing Brigade Facebook page.

**The Fellowship Building Remains Closed: *UUA Guidelines on Gathering In Person***

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

What is there to say that can take away the pain of yet another shooting of a black man? That can calm our fears as world views clash, lethally, in Kenosha Wisconsin, in Iowa, California, Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, and more? I don't have an answer. I am letting myself feel the pain and the fear and the anger. The work of creating a new world, of justice and peace, a world which can last for generations – is still before us, every day. I keep these words in my mind:

There are those who are trying to set fire to the world. We are in danger.  
There is time only to work slowly. There is no time not to love. (*Deena Metzger*)

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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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