

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

## Weekly Announcements

Sunday, Sept. 13 – Saturday, Sept. 19, 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, September 13, 10 AM “Fire, Water, Truth and Falsehood” A live Zoom service Rev. Jill McAllister

The Sunday after Labor Day is usually our Homecoming at the end of summer. This year we can't gather in person but we can still start the church year together, on Zoom. The link to the service is below. *Please have a cup or glass of drinkable water with you at the service*, and your own chalice to light if you have one.

Join the Sunday Service at 10 AM at this link:  
<https://zoom.us/j/98743541733?pwd=RUhaUEZLeERxVHFwQ25wY3VzUnBtQT09>

## Fellowship Connections

**RE News for Fall:** Our cooperative Religious Exploration program – AFIRE - begins next week, September 20. It includes online programs and materials for every age, from preschool activities to Coming of Age to parent groups to a substantial adult RE program called UU University. Register your family, your children / youth, or yourself at this link: <https://afire.online/registration/> Contact Rachel Kohler with questions: [reassociate@uucorvallis.org](mailto:reassociate@uucorvallis.org)

**New Communication Platform 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. A new, user-friendly platform has been selected, called Mighty Networks, that will help make discussion threads easier to follow and summarize (This year's RE programs will also be using Mighty Networks). Users of this new platform will agree to basic participation guidelines. Several training and orientation sessions will be scheduled soon – details are coming.

**Town Hall on Discussing Hard Issues: September 21 at 7 PM:** As we launch these new communication platforms, it is now time for a Town Hall to talk about how to have good and effective Fellowship conversations about controversial issues. Dueling opinions is not enough, and does not help strengthen our common aims. We'll talk about what covenant means and what it looks like when we disagree. Please join us for this Zoom meeting.

## Wildfire Response

Looking for ways to support and/or give donations? The donation drop-off location is NOW OPEN at the Corvallis Benton Library drive through underground parking structure at: 645 NW Monroe Avenue, Corvallis, OR 97330. For hours operation and list of donation item requests, please visit: <http://ow.ly/50HM50Bmszz>  
There is also now a recovery website for individuals affected by wildfires and evacuations, and for those who would like to make a donation or volunteer. Please visit: <https://bentoncountywildfirerresponse.recovers.org/>

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*A Time for All Ages lesson or story will be sent out with the recording of the Service, after Sunday morning. These posts are truly for ALL ages.*

**New to Zoom?** For help getting started, contact Ann Marchant for guidance. Email: [amarchant912@gmail.com](mailto:amarchant912@gmail.com) to arrange a tutorial session by phone or email. Zoom is easier than you think! [Offered through: Giving Through Technology, a project of the 2020 UUFC Women's Retreat]

## September Sunday Offerings

In September the Sunday offerings benefit UU the Vote. To make a donation to the weekly offering, go the [UUFC web page](#) and click on the "SUNDAY DONATIONS" button.

## Upcoming Sunday Services

**September 20** – Resilience, with Rev. Jill  
**September 27** - UUtheVote  
**October 4** Rev. Patrice Curtis, guest preacher

The Oregon Health Authority is also updating [this document](#) regularly with resources for all things related to the wildfires.

### **Social Justice Summit Invitation: Sunday, October 4, 3-4:30 PM**

The UUFC Justice Council will hold a virtual Social Justice Summit on Sunday October 4, 3:00-4:30 pm. Our theme for the Summit is Reconnecting for Justice Work in a Time of Disconnection. Our time together will allow us to reconnect and engage with each other regarding the state of our justice work and, importantly, how we are individually and collectively navigating these times. During the Summit we will have opportunities for small group discussions to share how we have stayed connected, how we have sustained our work, and approaches we have taken to self-care during the pandemic. We are excited that Reverend Jill McAllister join us and share her thoughts on the importance of our connections. We sincerely invite your participation. Please rsvp to [larry.roper@oregonstate.edu](mailto:larry.roper@oregonstate.edu) by September 27 if you intend to participate in the Summit. A link to access the Summit will be sent to those who express intention to participate. Thanks for all you do to hold our community together.

### **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 [davidservias@gmail.com](mailto:davidservias@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)).

**Grounds Team is Looking for Volunteers** Fellowship member Andrea Dailey is retiring from her position of Grounds Team Coordinator, and Michael Hughes is the new Coordinator. He'd love to build some new teams to help with grounds work. This is something we can do together during the pandemic – work outside! Are you interested? Please contact Michael: [michael.a.hughes1951@gmail.com](mailto:michael.a.hughes1951@gmail.com).

**Thank you, Thank you!** Thank you to everyone who participated in last week's Blessings Drive-By. It was wonderful to see so many people in person! And a huge thank you to Rich Brainerd, Nick Houtman, Ted Lane, Mark Aron, and Joe Martines for grilling the tuna so many of us got to enjoy.

## **Climate Action**

### **Climate Solution Happenings from the UUFC Climate Action Team**

The UUFC Climate Action Team (CAT) is a member organization of the Corvallis Climate Action Alliance (CCAA) and would like to encourage interested UUs to join the Healthy Planet = Healthy People Campaign.

Raise awareness and encourage others to address climate change by participating in the Healthy Planet = Healthy People Daily Sign Lines. Stand or sit in socially-distanced lines of sign displays along busy streets in downtown Corvallis or other locations from 4:30-5:30pm daily, September 21-27.

Create your own sign or borrow one from the Corvallis Climate Action Alliance to enhance awareness of SOLUTIONS to our environmental, social, and economic crises.

- Masks are required and 10-foot distance between participants
- Your sign should silently communicate your message
- Maintain non-violence
- Respect all others
- Act for a better future!

Website: <http://corvallisclimateactionalliance.org/>

Email: [corvallisclimateactionalliance@gmail.com](mailto:corvallisclimateactionalliance@gmail.com)

UUFC contact: Holley Lantz ([khlantz@gmail.com](mailto:khlantz@gmail.com))

## **UU the Vote**

**UU the Vote Invites Letter Writing!** Join our Zoom letter-writing group on Tuesdays at 10 or Thursdays at 3 to support a national "Get Out the Vote" effort coordinated by Vote Forward ([www.votefwd.org](http://www.votefwd.org)). Vote Forward supplies letter templates and a targeted list of registered voter addresses. You write by hand a short description of why you vote. We gather twice a week to answer questions and entertain one another while we write. We've written at least 4000 letters so far and will likely reach 10,000 or more! For those who don't want to write but do want to help – September Social Concern Sunday

collections will help buy stamps for letter-writers who need them. Writing letters is a safe, impactful way to make a difference in this election. Contact Karen Josephson (kjosephson67@gmail.com) or Claire Montgomery (clairemtg@comcast.net) for information and to get the Zoom meeting link. <https://uucorvallis.org/uu-the-vote/>

## Black Lives Matter

From the online racial justice organization Color of Change, read [Normalizing Injustice](#), a comprehensive study on how television's most popular genre (Crime) excludes writers of color, fails to educate people about the criminal justice system and makes racial injustice acceptable.

**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/>

## Fellowship Weekly Calendar – including Zoom meetings

The Fellowship calendar lists online gatherings (usually via Zoom): <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, Mindful Awareness Practice** is live on Zoom from 7:00 - 7:40. New name, same type of practice. 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 20 – New RE year begins, with offerings for all ages. Register at

~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:** We’re still here if you need us! 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).

**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**

A blessing to share in this hard, hard week: "Do not forget that the ashes falling from the sky are all that remains of the pine and grass and thistle and bear and coyote and deer and mouse that could not escape. Gather some up in a sacred manner. Take it to your altar. Offer prayers for these beings. Honor their death. Pray for life. Call in rain. Remind Fire that it is full, has gobbled enough, and can rest. May all beings be safe. May all beings be loved. May all beings be remembered. May all beings be mourned." -*Sadee Whip*

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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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