

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

## Weekly Announcements

Sunday, Sept. 20 – Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020

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

### Sunday, September 20, 10 AM “Considering Resilience”

A live Zoom service, including Time for All Ages  
**Rev. Jill McAllister**

Hardship after challenge after loss... The events of 2020 are hard to describe – even harder to live through. Yet we are living, and growing. What do we, and the Fellowship, need this year, in order to not only survive but to thrive, and to keep justice and love alive?

Join the Sunday Service at 10 AM at this link:  
<https://zoom.us/j/96231448170?pwd=cUoxaWxyei9wOTE5cVFVZ0t0Qk5KUT09>

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

It has been a very hard week. The fires have abated, the smoke has begun to clear, and now all the fear and anguish we held last week, built up over months, is pouring out. I have gotten news of deaths, of friends entering hospice, of businesses barely hanging on finally giving up. The election looms. The death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, just announced, is almost too much to take, though my heart is filled with gratitude for her life, her courage, her wisdom.

Anxiety and tension have showed up on UU-Discuss, like everywhere else. I'm so glad we're about to transition to a new communication platform, much more adequate for our needs, and that we're having not one, but two, town hall sessions this week to talk about how to have hard discussions (see the announcement below). Much appreciation to Roberta Smith for sharing the following link to a great article on campus efforts (including OSU!) to depolarize and “make disagreement on campus cool again.” Please read this article if you can – this is what we need to aim for in the Fellowship.  
<https://wearenotdivided.reasonstobecheerful.world/student-led-movement-depolarize-politics-college-campus/>

Also, several Fellowship members have given recommendations for a discussion project called Living Room Conversations. Check it out here. [Living Room Conversations – Healing divides starts with conversation](#)

There is good news too! The Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana, who preached for us in July, will be joining us as a consulting minister, beginning in October. He'll help with Sunday worship several times a month, preach 6-8 times this year, be available for consultation with teams and groups on a variety of subjects, and offer some classes and discussion groups. All this from Ottawa, where he lives! (Now that geography is not a limitation.) From his background, experience and wisdom he has lots to share.

These are indeed hard days. People have come through worse. There is also good news, always. And we can do hard things. We have what we need, and we have each other. So much is possible, especially if we “let all that we do be done in love.” Let's keep going.

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**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. We're helping to cover costs of supplies and postage here, and also to facilitate phone banking across the country. To make a donation to the weekly offering, go the [UUFC web page](#) and click on the "SUNDAY DONATIONS" button.

### Upcoming Sunday Services

September 27 - UUtheVote

October 4 Rev. Patrice Curtis, guest preacher

## Fellowship Connections

**RE News for Fall:** Our cooperative Religious Exploration program – AFIRE - begins this Sunday, September 20. Orientation to all programs, from preschool activities to Coming of Age to parent groups, is at 1:30 PM. Zoom links have been sent out via UUAnnounce. 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)

**RE Council Survey on Intergenerationality at the Fellowship:** Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey, to help the RE Council refine their vision and goals strengthening Fellowship connections: [UUFC RE Intergenerationality Survey](#)

**New communication platform begins** A new, user-friendly platform called Mighty Network will replace our existing listserve, UUDiscuss, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 22. With Mighty Networks, discussion threads are easier to follow and summarize, and discussions on various topics are easier to get to and join. (This year's RE program will also use Mighty Networks). Like UUDiscuss, it's an "opt-in" list – you can join or not, as you like! To help develop basic participation guidelines for more effective, less stressful discussions, join us in the Town Hall, either on Sunday Sept. 20 at noon (followed by the rescheduled Mighty Networks Preview directly after) or Monday Sept 21, at 7 PM.

**Town Hall on Discussing Hard Issues - Two meeting times to choose from: Sunday Sept. 20 at noon (followed by the rescheduled Mighty Networks Preview directly after ) or Monday Sept. 21 at 7**

**PM:** As we launch a new communication platform, we need to talk about how to improve our conversational skills. The Fellowship has plenty of history of hard discussions, some with sad outcomes. Our daily lives are bombarded with examples of poor skills and we are all feeling the strain. Dueling opinions is not enough, and does not help strengthen our common aims. There are lots of new models for civil, broad-ranging discussion. We'll talk about what covenant means and what it looks like when we disagree. Please join us for this Zoom meeting at:  
<https://zoom.us/j/94134267739?pwd=U1RVd25rUjBwVWptTVRPNTRLUnVKUT09>

### **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. We'll reconnect and engage with each other about our justice work and, importantly, how we are individually and collectively navigating these times. We'll have 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.

### **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:** Grounds coordinator Michael Hughes would 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 first live Zoom Worship Service. ~To Joyce Federiuk and Priscilla Spears for contributions to the UUFC Birthday Club. The Birthday Club is a way to support the Fellowship by making a contribution in honor of your own birthday (donate the amount of your age, or some multiple thereof) or the birthdays or celebration days of others.

## **Climate Action and UU the Vote Join Together**

**Climate Solution Happenings** One of the most important ways that people are working for climate change is through political actions. "The ability to vote is how you tackle climate change. We cannot have climate legislation simply by wishing it." (Stacey Abrams). Because of their concern for climate action, many here at the UUFC are involved with UUtheVote --- writing letters, phone banking, text banking, which encourage and help people vote in the November election. If you are interested in writing letters, join letter-writing parties hosted by Karen Josephson ([kjosephson67@gmail.com](mailto:kjosephson67@gmail.com)) and Claire

Montgomery (Cclairmtg@comcast.net), Tuesdays at Ten and Thursdays at Three. For more general information on UUtheVote, contact John Swanson (jnhf@aol.com), who will be delighted to answer your questions!

## Black Lives Matter

From the online Anti-Racism Daily, "[End the 'angry Black woman trope.'](#)" read about how the upcoming electing is bringing conversations on race centerstage.

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, 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](https://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).

## Wildfire Response

Looking for ways to support and/or give donations? There is 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://bentoncountywildfireresponse.recovers.org/>

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

## 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**

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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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