

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

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Weekly Announcements

Sunday, Sept. 6 – Saturday, Sept. 12, 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 6: “Choose to Bless the World”

Rev. Jill McAllister

At the end of summer, with a new church year about to begin, still in the midst of pandemic and an intense political season, we pause to hear blessings from each other, and feel ourselves blessed.

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

Fellowship Connections

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

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 your 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 in the mail those unable to attend) Sign-up to join the Drive By: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080845ACA723A7FF2-driveby>

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 and a substantial adult RE program called UUniversity. There are two online “open house” sessions that you can attend this week to learn more about this exciting year ahead. Please choose one, and join us.

1. Wednesday, September 9 - 1-2 p.m. Pacific

AFIRE Afternoon Open House

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/91009836087?pwd=NnA2Vm5zL1dUYlBIUERkeThQUU05dz09>

Dial-in: +1 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 910 0983 6087 Passcode: 410428

2. Wednesday, September 9 - 6-7 p.m. Pacific

AFIRE Evening Open House

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/95391390852?pwd=c005U3NtOUZXelNHc252djVMXjVUT09>

Dial-in: +1 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 953 9139 0852 Passcode: 430958

New Communication Platform for Fellowship Conversations 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 called Mighty Networks has been selected – the same platform that will be hosting our RE programs this year. Stay tuned for the announcement when we launch it. It promises to help make discussion threads easier to follow and

summarize. Users of this new platform will agree to basic participation guidelines. Like our other communication options, users can opt-in – can choose to join – and will now be able to choose which conversations they want to be part of. As we get ready to make this improvement in communication capacity, a Town Hall will be held later this month discuss guidelines and how to facilitate conversations effectively.

Thank you, Thank you! A huge thank you to the Rummage Sale team for making an online Rummage Sale a success this year! **Thank you to Rich Brainerd, Joe Martines and Mark Aron** for preparing and grilling nearly 100 pounds of tuna for us all to enjoy – wow!

Our 2020 UUFC Online Rummage Sale is over and it exceeded our hopes, raising more than \$4,500 for the Fellowship! Many, many thanks to all donors and bidders and the team who worked hard to make this a success: Judy Westlake, Bonnie Morihara, Shikha Gottfried, Wendy Sutton, Marie Day, Anna Looney, Julie Halter, Rich Brainerd, Dianne Roth, Kathy Kopczynski, Marilyn Walker, Lisa Burris, and Jan Elyse Witt. If you were a winner, congratulations! If you want to see a list and details about the items you won, click on “My Account” from the catalog at <https://charityauction.bid/Rummage2020>. You should be hearing from the donor(s) very soon about how to pick up your items. Please contact Judy or Bonnie if you don't hear from the donors in the next few days. If you were a donor, Auctria, the program we use for the auction, will have sent you a notice today about who won your items. You are responsible for contacting the winners, who are already sending Judy many emails asking about you. You need to arrange for the winners to pick up their items. Please contact Judy or Bonnie if you did not get a notice about the winners of the items you donated. Thanks again to everyone!
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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 Catherine Whiting for questions (catherinewhiting@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). 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

The gap between White and Black homeownership today is larger than it was when housing discrimination was legal ([CNBC](https://www.cnn.com/2020/07/29/black-white-homeownership-gap/index.html)). Read more here from Anti-Racism Daily: <https://www.antiracismdaily.com/archives/rally-for-fair-appraisals-anti-racism-daily>

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/>

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 for info.

Plan Ahead

~Sunday, September 13 – Homecoming Sunday, with a live Zoom Sunday service at 10 AM.
~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 with the name of the event, date, and time. If it’s recurring, 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.

Worship Archives

Sunday services are archived on the Fellowship web site, at 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. If you’d like to share bouquets, please contact Chere Pereira at 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.

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

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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