

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

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## Weekly Announcements

Sunday, Oct. 4 – Saturday, Oct. 10, 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 27, 10 AM “Implicit Bias, and Mindfulness”

Rev. Patrice Curtis, guest preacher

A live Zoom service, including Time for All Ages

Rev. Jill will welcome her friend and colleague for a dialogue about two essential skills for truly honoring diversity and working with differences.

Join the Sunday Service at 10 AM at this link:  
<https://zoom.us/j/96231448170?pwd=cUoxaWxyei9wOT E5cVFVZ0t0Qk5KUT09>

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

Aacckk! The news! In a nutshell, for posterity: the person who holds the office of President of the United States has tested positive for the corona virus, in the midst of the world-wide pandemic he has “downplayed” while more than 200,000 Americans have died, as we enter the final month of the election campaign, as fires continue to ravage forests and polar ice melts at increasing rates, as people lose homes and jobs, as we struggle with dismantling racism, and more. (There’s much more.) It doesn’t sound out of place to say we are living in a time of crisis of Biblical proportions, even for me.

Strangely, weirdly, today of all days, I came across an advertisement for a company which specializes in “crisis planning.” “When the unthinkable occurs”, they offer “sound counsel based on decades of experience and take quick action to minimize the impact of any crisis. Our four-phase planning approach, honed by years of experience guiding businesses and public figures through crisis situations, includes preparation, addressing a crisis, monitoring the fallout and revising procedures.” I’m wondering if someone should give them a call? I feel a sense of sadness and nostalgia as I read their summary: “Stepping into a crisis with a clear plan will equip you with tools to steady your hand and, when appropriate, strike prudently and decisively as you steer through the storm. You might pick up a scar or two along the way, but, properly managed, a crisis will also bring the opportunity to reassure, to renew trust, to reinvent.” The days when I might have appreciated such a sanguine approach are long gone.

I’m pretty sure we are out of the range of a clear plan. And at the same time, I still have faith in basic human decency (more people have it than don’t) and have not given up hope that it and we will prevail, even now. I wish I could assure you, me, and everyone that we will come thru all this with only “a scar or two.” I can say this, with more conviction than I’ve ever had: the world needs every bit of goodness, of honesty, of compassion and wisdom and strength we can offer, AND we have much more to give than we know. As the UUFC, may we continue to be as flexible, as caring and as courageous as we can be. May we continue to help each other, acknowledge our fears, learn new things, and let go of expectations of how things should be or might go. We can renew trust, and reinvent. We must. Slowly and steadily, let us breathe and keep going.

## Fellowship Connections

## October Sunday Offerings

In October, our offerings will support the South Corvallis Food Bank. The need for food has increased during the pandemic. To make a donation to the weekly offering, go the [UUFC web page](#) and click on the “**SUNDAY DONATIONS**” button.

**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! (A project of the 2020 UUFC Women’s Retreat)

## Upcoming Sunday Services

**October 11** Rev. Jill McAllister

**October 18** Rev. Jill McAllister

**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](#)

**You can still register for RE – Please do!** Our cooperative Religious Exploration program – AFIRE - began on Sunday, September 20, with orientations to all programs, from preschool activities to Coming of Age to parent groups. It's not too late to register your family, your children / youth, or yourself at this link: <https://afire.online/registration/> Adult RE classes and groups are available here, at UU university. Contact Rachel Kohler with questions: [reassociate@uucorvallis.org](mailto:reassociate@uucorvallis.org)

**Chronic Health Conditions Meeting:** The next meeting of the Chronic Health Conditions Group will be on Tues., Oct. 6, at 1 pm on Zoom . Contact Christine Robins at 541-738-2610 (voice only, no texting) for more information.

**Immigrant and Refugee Support Team (IRST) is featuring a PUMPKIN PATCH:** this month, Saturday, October 17th, at Elaine Kahn's mini farm (4690 SE Booneville Drive), 9:00 AM-1:00 PM; and Sunday, October 18th, at UUFC, Noon-2:30 PM. Elaine is donating the pumpkins, volunteers are donating their time, and all proceeds will go to [One Story at a Time](#). Suggested donation per pumpkin: \$5.

- RSVP Elona Meyer at [elonameyer@icloud.com](mailto:elonameyer@icloud.com) to let us know which day, the 17th or 18th, you would like to pick up your pumpkin—this will help us organize our volunteers and make arrangements.
- Masks and social distancing will be expected throughout.
- We could use volunteers to help us both days! A Sign Up Genius will be provided by Nancy Kyle.

**Presentation on Pronouns & Inclusive Language.** The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Task force has teamed with the Mid Willamette Trans Support Network (MWTSN) to plan a presentation on pronouns and inclusive language as part of our Sunday service on October 25th. We're hoping this service is well- attended and will help us refresh our awareness for using preferred pronouns and honoring more inclusive language in all our communications.

**First Steps: New to UUFC?** Interested in making connections and learning more about our community? Contact our First Steps coordinator, Elona Meyer: [elonameyer@icloud.com](mailto:elonameyer@icloud.com) to learn more!

**UU-Discuss has been retired. Mighty Networks is up and running.** A new, user-friendly platform called Mighty Networks was rolled out on Tuesday, Sept. 22, and UU-Discuss has been retired. With Mighty Networks, discussion threads are easier to follow and summarize, and discussions on various topics are easier to get to and join. An FAQ document was sent this past week on UU-Announce with some helpful tips. (This year's RE program will also use Mighty Networks). Like UU-Discuss, it's an "opt-in" list – [We hope you'll join us, here.](#)

### **Strengthening Connections**

~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](#)

~ 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/>

### **Join Jill in Support of Lumina Hospice and Palliative Care**

A note from Rev. Jill McAllister: "I serve on the Board of Lumina Hospice. On Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at noon, Lumina will celebrate 40 years of service to the community with a virtual lunch fundraiser. I'm the host of one of the virtual tables. If you would like to join me for this event, please let me know – I'd be happy to include you."

### **Black Lives Matter**

Climate change disproportionately affects communities of color, developing countries, and low-income and underserved populations. Learn more here: [\(NAACP\)](#).

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

### **UU the Vote Letter Writing**

Join us by Zoom for the last push before the election to Get Out the Vote:

At 10am on Tuesdays

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

At 3pm on Thursdays

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87673598582?pwd=YzM2S2I2b3pFWFJDMUkzUjEYenVGOT09>

This is an easy, pandemic-friendly, and proven-effective way to increase voter turn-out among voters likely to support UU Values – plus we have fun chatting as we write! For information, go to <https://uucorvallis.org/uu-the-vote/> or contact Karen Josephson ([kjosephson67@gmail.com](mailto:kjosephson67@gmail.com)) or Claire Montgomery ([clairemtg@comcast.net](mailto:clairemtg@comcast.net)).

## Climate Solution Happenings

Are you aware of the Oregon Climate Action Plan initiated by Governor Brown's Executive Order last March? The Action Plan sets new science-based greenhouse gas emissions goals and directs state agencies to take actions to reduce and regulate greenhouse gas emissions ( [https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Documents/executive\\_orders/eo\\_20-04.pdf](https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Documents/executive_orders/eo_20-04.pdf) ). Climate Advocacy Volunteers organized by the League of Women Voters Oregon are monitoring the state agencies as they develop plans and rules to reduce greenhouse emissions. I have volunteered to monitor those agencies that are responsible for promoting sequestration and storage of carbon dioxide by natural and working lands, including forests, wetlands, and agricultural lands. (Nature is a viable and immediate climate solution!) Questions? Deborah Clark ([mizdclark@gmail.com](mailto:mizdclark@gmail.com)), Member of UUFC Climate Action Team.

## 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.

### 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).

## Wildfire Response

The Oregon Health Authority is still 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. 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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