

DECEMBER 12 • 2021

Weekly Announcements

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis



Sunday Worship

9:30 AND 11:00 AM

BEGINNING AGAIN

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The dark of the year is often a time when losses are felt most keenly. It can also be a time of reckoning, when we realize the ways in which we have been complicit in the suffering of the world. But there are other ways of engaging the world that offer hope even in the richest darkness of our lives. Can we find the courage to open ourselves to the possibility of transformation of our accustomed ways of understanding the world? Come, let us consider these, together.

The service will be hosted in the Sanctuary for those with reservations. All are welcome to join by Zoom, **at 9:30 am, [here](#)**.

COVID Update

An update from our resident Epidemiologist, Kedo Baye:

Benton cases per 100K in last 7 days: 156.3

Linn cases per 100K in last 7 days: 266.3

Cases have increased since the beginning of December, which was expected due to Thanksgiving. It's unclear yet whether the increase will continue, plateau, or go back down. Omicron has not yet been detected in Oregon. OHA will start testing wastewater for Omicron this week, along with the typical method of detecting variants from a positive COVID-19 sample. Corvallis, Albany, and Dallas are nearby sites with wastewater testing. Experts believe it is likely already here.

Visit **[this page](#)** for a visual graph of the cases.

Blue Christmas Gathering this Sunday

Winter holidays are supposed to be a time of joy, but for many that's not the case. This year that may be especially true given the pandemic, the climate crisis, and on-going challenges to our democracy as well as the challenges and losses in our lives. In this quiet and contemplative service with meditation, music, ritual and the spoken word, we'll make sacred space to give solace to our hearts. Join Rev. Monica Jacobson Tennesen and participants from other congregations in Washington and Oregon

Join the service on Zoom on Dec. 12, 7 PM, at <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/98053248554>

We Continue to Learn About Sound on Zoom

Thank-you to everyone for your patience as we continue to learn the many complicated details of "live-streaming" the Sunday service from the Sanctuary on Zoom. This is much more complicated than the Zoom services we did remotely, for it involves interacting with the Sanctuary sound system, the video camera sound system, the sound level of voices in the room, and more. That means the sound coming through your individual device at home is not always optimal! Our team of volunteers and staff keep working every week to make it better!

Looking for 'Story for All Ages' Podcasts?

The beautiful stories for all ages from each Sunday are available every week as a podcast, with instructions for a craft to go with the story. You can find this week's podcast, as well as the archive of past stories, [here!](#)

Climate Action As Spiritual Practice - Adult RE in January

How do we sustain courage and perseverance as we face so many changes in the living systems of the Earth? How do we know what is best to do? How can we help each other? Join in this three-session discussion and practice group beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 7:30 PM, via Zoom.

Let's Sing!

Dec. 19, 1 PM - Let's Sing! All ages invited, in person in the Fellowship Sanctuary. All current protocols will be in place - limit of 40 persons, proof of vaccination, masks on and distance maintained. Come join in, to warm up our voices with UU hymns and songs of the season. Click here to rsvp: [RSVP needed.](#)

SWIM 2021 Registration open

SWIM is a week (December 27 – January 1) of virtual UU fun, fellowship and growth with workshops, concerts and special events. SWIM is an intentional, inter-generational community of Unitarian Universalists and friends, including awesome people like YOU! We normally gather in South Florida in December but will again meet virtually in 2021. For further information and to register, visit SWIMUU.org



SOCIAL CONCERNS OFFERING IN DECEMBER

Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center

Our December Social Concerns offerings are supporting the Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center, as a way to support the needs of people who are homeless in our community, especially during the cold months. The Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center serves as a hub for information, referral, and direct services for individuals experiencing poverty and those who have co-occurring mental health conditions. To learn more, visit their [website](#).

To donate, go to the UUFC web page and click on the "SUNDAY DONATIONS" button.

Unity Shelter Update

Thanks to all who joined in the Unity Shelter "Tour Of Home" on Dec. 3. Unity Shelter is the local non-profit we helped to create, including the Men's and Women's Shelters, Safe Place and now Third Street Commons. This new organization is making a real difference for people who are homeless in our area. You can learn more by watching the tour here: <https://youtu.be/uF04ixdeLrA>

Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to our 2021 Holiday Fair team for their steadfast work and dedication: Shikha Gottfried, Bonnie Morihara, Isabel Prusinski, Tom Prusinski, Laura Uhler, JanElyse Witt, Irja Galvan, Judy Westlake, and Jack Elder.



Many thanks to the fine canners and candy makers for the Holiday Fair who donated the entire sales earnings to UUFC: Elaine Kahn, Nora Cohen, Dianne Roth, Holley Lantz, as well as the entire swag making crew.

Thank you to David Servias, Rachel Kohler, Elizabeth Wyatt, Cliff Pereira, and John Myers for continually working to understand and improve the sound quality for Zoom Sunday services from the Sanctuary. It is a complicated process, and we continue to learn more!

Thank you to Lauren Servias and Jill McAllister for a first session of "Let's Sing", and the 7 singers who joined in - it felt so good to sing in the Sanctuary again, even in limited ways. We invite others to join in on Dec. 19.

MASKS ARE STILL NECESSARY!

A state-wide mandate of universal mask use for all public indoor settings is in effect. We strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask. We also ask that if you are on the Fellowship grounds for the purposes of eating or drinking, that you please maintain a minimum of 6 feet of social distance. Thank you for helping us keep each other safe!

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