Weekly Announcements

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

JANUARY 16 · 2022

Sunday Worship

ONE SERVICE ONLY, ON ZOOM, AT 10:00 AM

REV. JILL MCALLISTER

Cornell West says that "justice is what love looks like in public." Our UUFC mission includes this third part, pertaining to justice work: "Act. We gather as an inclusive religious community to inspire action toward a better world for all." Who can be surprised that love is at the core of this part of our mission too? But what does that mean?

Temperatures in the 30’s are predicted again, and Omicron is everywhere, so this service will be hosted only Zoom, beginning at 10 am, here. There will be no in-person service this week. An online coffee hour follows the service. Bring your own coffee.

Reminder: You can watch recordings of Sunday services in the Sermon Archives here.

SUNDAYS IN JANUARY: UPDATES

We haven't even had a chance to try in person services on a first come, first served basis this month -- Life and COVID had other things in store for us. But it will happen -- the temperatures will rise, and Omicron will peak and fall, and we'll try again to join in person.

Meanwhile, our Zoom Sunday services are available live on Sunday mornings, or as recordings to watch at your convenience. We still light our chalices, sing, share sorrows and joys, focus on our highest ideals, and one another as best we can. Thanks for joining in as often as you can.

CONDOLENCES

We send love and support to Nora Cohen, whose husband Mickey died on Jan. 12. And love and support to former UUFC member Lois Pettinger on the death of her spouse Dianne Erickson, on Jan. 11 in Ashland OR.
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Please help us gather information about generational perspectives by filling out the survey at this link by Jan 17: [https://forms.gle/AHwVsBpxgm9uZadu](https://forms.gle/AHwVsBpxgm9uZadu)

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**COVID Update from Kedo Baye, MPH**

Benton cases per 100K in last 7 days: 1,902  
Linn cases per 100K in last 7 days: 1,080  
Adult ICU beds available as of 1/13: 5%  
Adult non-ICU beds available: 6%

There was a 101% increase in case rate per 100,000 in Benton County from last week to today's numbers, and a 79% increase in Linn County. Some say at this point contracting Covid is inevitable with omicron. However, continuing all Covid precautions and preventing the spread of illness is still critical to not overwhelming our hospitals, which is my main concern at the moment. Stay safe everyone. For a graph of recent cases, visit [this page](https://forms.gle/AHwVsBpxgm9uZadu).

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**Mighty Networks Learning Opportunity - Wed. Jan. 19, 7 PM**

Many of us are signed-up to use the Fellowship's online discussion platform for general sharing of information and insight. Some are still unsure of, and confused by, how Mighty Networks works. If you'd like to understand better, and be able to enter into the sharing and discussions more easily, join Rev. Monica Jacobsen Tennessen on **Wednesday evening, Jan. 19 at 7 PM**, on Zoom, for a walk-through plus questions and answers. We can share what we know and learn some new things on the fly as we explore together. Please send your specific questions to her at monica.djt@gmail.com (with "Mighty Networks" in the subject line) to help inform our agenda for the evening. This gathering will be on Zoom: [https://uuma.zoom.us/j/99625460380](https://uuma.zoom.us/j/99625460380) Thanks!

Currently on Mighty Networks, you can find out where to get COVID tests in our area, and read Fellowship members' responses to, "What I've Learned From Pandemic Living" and add your own reflections!

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**UPDATE on showing of "Mission: Joy"**

"Mission: Joy", a deeply moving and laugh out loud documentary featuring His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, will be available on demand for the UUFC community Jan. 21-23. Then at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, we'll gather on zoom to share what the film inspires in us. Please invite your friends! Links to be sent mid-week via UU-Announce. A Book of Joy discussion/practice group will follow the film's showing, meeting Thursdays, Feb. 3-March 3, 7-8:15 p.m. on zoom. Participants will need to purchase or borrow a book and pre-register.

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**Generations and Fellowship Life**

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SOCIAL CONCERNS OFFERING IN JANUARY
UNITY SHELTER

Our January Social Concerns offerings will support Unity Shelter to continue to help meet needs of unhoused / unsheltered persons in our community especially in this cold season. Unity Shelter includes the Men's Shelter, Room at the Inn Women's Shelter, Safe Place / Safe Camp and now the Third Street Commons. To learn more, visit their website. Fellowship members were regular volunteers when these shelters were seasonal. Volunteering is beginning to be possible again - especially at the Women's Shelter. And if you missed the Dec. 4 Unity Shelter "Tour of Homes", you can still watch it to find out about this great work.

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

Greetings from Blaise and Gisele!

Fellowship members Blaise Ntakarutimana and Gisele Akimana and their children Josh and Shanti send greetings and love from their home in Portland. Gisele works as a CNA (a front-line health care worker) and Blaise is working hard to grow his own local trucking business. "We miss our Fellowship family so much, and look forward to being able to visit when COVID allows!"

Thank you!

Thank you to our Democracy Action Team for organizing the heartening local gathering on Jan.6 – a much needed reminder of our solidarity. (Picture of Claire Montgomery, co-chair of the team, introducing the event.)

Join UUs for General Assembly 2022!

In 2022, we will have the option of meeting online or in-person! For those who enjoyed the convenience and accessibility of remote participation, General Assembly will continue to offer a virtual experience with robust programming and enhanced delegate discussion tools. Join us June 22 - 26, 2022 online or in-person in Portland, Oregon. Register here.

MASKS ARE STILL NECESSARY!

The state-wide mandate of universal mask use for all public indoor settings is still in effect. Medical grade masks are recommended, instead of cloth. 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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