JANUARY 2 · 2022

Weekly Announcements

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

Sunday Worship

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

REV. JILL McALLISTER

We begin this calendar year with some review of where we’ve been to help us aim for where we’re headed. The mission statement of the Fellowship guides us. We’ll start with the first part – “Explore: We gather as an inclusive religious community to search for meaning.” This is an essential part of the religious life. How is it part of yours?

Due to low temperatures, 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: 10am - noon Saturday Jan.1 - Drop by the Fellowship to share intentions for 2022.

SUNDAYS IN JANUARY: UPDATES

First: Our Sunday services team (including the coffee crew) have decided that for everyone’s comfort and health, if the outdoor temperature is at 40 degrees or below, we’ll revert to Zoom-only services.

Second: Based on attendance at in-person services in November and December, in January we’re planning to offer only one service, beginning at 10 am.

And, we’ll suspend the reservation system and allow in-person attendance on a first come, first served basis (when the temperatures allow an in-person service.) Reservations will still be needed for children and youth so that we have adequate staffing. All existing COVID protocols remain in place for in-person attendance: proof of vaccination, masks (medical grade are suggested instead of cloth), distancing, and ventilation of the room.
COVID Update from Kedo Baye, MPH

Benton County cases per 100K in last 7 days: 287 / Linn County cases per 100K in last 7 days: 259
Oregon adult ICU beds available as of 12/30: 8% of capacity / Oregon adult non-ICU beds available: 6%

Benton county numbers increased 133% from the past Thursday to this Thursday, and I expect the daily count to climb for several more weeks to come. Hospital capacity across the state decreased by 1-2 percentage points in the past week as well. If any of you have attempted to find a rapid or home test in the last week, you know they are now quite scarce, making the true case counts in the last week an undercount. A few rapid tests are great to have on hand, but please do not hoard them during the shortage. Other states are regions are ahead of us in their Omicron wave, and all models point to omicron hitting the Pacific Northwest hard this winter.

January 6 Day of Remembrance and Action - Join Us!

As you well know, one year ago on January 6 our nation's Capitol was attacked in an attempt to overturn the outcome of a fair election. On Thursday Jan. 6 Americans across the nation are holding more than 254 candlelight vigils and demonstrations to urge Congress and the President to pass federal legislation, the Freedom to Vote Act and three other Acts to protect our democracy and our right to vote. (see www.jan6unityday.org) Bundle up, bring a candle, a mask and your singing voice and on January 6th we’ll join together reminding each other that together we are stronger than any force that tries to destroy democracy.

Benton County Courthouse, 120 NW 4th Street Corvallis 5 pm.
Sponsored by UUFC Democracy Action Team and Corvallis-Albany NAACP.

Climate Action As Spiritual Practice - Lifespan 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, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, via Zoom.

The Long Game", Jill McAllister Wed. Jan 5, 7-8:30 pm
From her experience with spiritual practice, Jill will describe some ways to remain committed to climate action over the long term. For example, how do we return again and again to doing what each of us can do, even as we are pulled away into the day-to-day? How do we remember to return? How do we not get shut down by failures? How do we not get distracted by things that are less important but more “fun”?

"Broadening Perspectives", Jesse Ford Wed. Jan 12, 7-8:30 pm
From her experience working with Indigenous communities, Jesse will share cultural perspectives and practices that might nurture sustained practice of climate action, help us avoid burnout and build resilience.

"Climate Action At Home - An Example Practice", Michael Hughes Wed Jan 19, 7-8:30 pm
From his experience with the Toward Net Zero project, Michael will share how he estimates his family's carbon emissions, understands its cost in different ways, plus approaches for reducing or taking responsibility for those emissions.

Join the zoom presentations and discussions here: https://zoom.us/j/95762710995

Look for more Lifespan Religious Exploration offerings in next week's January Newsletter.
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.

**Reproductive Justice - We're Called Again**

The UUA’s Side With Love invites you participation in preparing worship materials for Sunday services focused on Reproductive Justice, which is once again threatened. Submit your own poetry, reflections, litanies, rituals, and stories for all ages to be included in our online Reproductive Justice worship resource guide! Submissions may be video or written; videos will be captioned for final use. These may include your new or past writings. By submitting, you agree to allow your words to be used freely by any congregation. Email submissions to Rev. Ashley Horan at <ahoran@uua.org> by January 6.

**Climate Action Team Tree Planting - Join Us**

Tree Planting: We need five or six more volunteers for the tree-planting crew on Sat 22 Jan. In partnership with the Corvallis Urban Forestry Program, we're planting 12 red oaks along Conifer Blvd NE between Cambridge Cir and Lancaster Dr. To volunteer, please sign up <here>, where you will give your name, email, and phone.

**Fellowship Care and Support Team - Call On Us**

Members of the Fellowship Care and Support Team are always available to be called on. Have you lost a friend or loved one? Would you like someone to talk to? Are you in need of meals for a few days or transportation to an appointment? Contact coordinator Mary Anne Sellers: sellersm@peak.org

**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 suggested, 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!

Want to connect with us?

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**Meet our staff**

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