Weekly Announcements
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

JANUARY 9 · 2022

Sunday Worship
ONE SERVICE ONLY, ON ZOOM, AT 10:00 AM
REV. JILL MCALLISTER

Is there more to say about LOVE? Always. This week we’re considering the second part of our mission statement: "Love:...build deep connections," and how it guides us toward experiences of belonging in the Fellowship. Due to low temperatures, plus the amazing (!) spread of Omicron among vaccinated people 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

For everyone’s comfort and health, if the outdoor temperature is at 40 degrees or below, we’ll revert to Zoom-only services. And, when it’s higher than 40 degrees, there will be only one service, in person and on Zoom, beginning at 10 am.

This month, no reservations are needed to attend an in-person service. Attendance will be on a first come, first served basis (when the temperatures allow an in-person service.) Reservations are still be needed for children and youth so that we have adequate staffing. To make a reservation for children or youth simply email Rachel K: REassociate@uucorvallis.org.

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.
Living With Depression: Yours or Someone Else’s - a sharing and support circle beginning with an initial meeting on Zoom on Monday, January 10, at 7 PM. From this meeting we’ll decide how best to connect and support each other through the Winter months. Facilitators: John Morris and Tom Sattizahn. Join with this link: https://zoom.us/j/97411015708

Mission: Joy – A video documentary of conversations between Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama, which resulted in "The Book of Joy." All are invited to watch on their own schedule, beginning with an introduction on Sunday, January 16, 4:30 PM. Facilitators: Susan Sanford, Janet Farrell, Bonnie Morihara.

Mighty Networks Training: 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 Thursday evening, Jan. 19 at 7 PM, on Zoom, for a walk-through plus questions and answers. Also currently on Mighty Networks, you can read Fellowship members' responses to, "What I've Learned From Pandemic Living" and add your own reflections!

Generations and Fellowship Life
In the Fellowship there are more than a few generations. Congregations are one of the few places in our society that still bring together multiple generations. We know, generally speaking, that different generations have different perspectives on lots of things. That’s true for Fellowship members, too. Questions of how we understand UUism, how we communicate, which values are our highest priority, how we view both the past and the future - these are just a few areas in which there are a variety of different responses among us. This makes the idea of belonging complicated, at best. In order to strengthen the ways in which we belong to each other as the Fellowship, the RE and Worship teams are planning some Sunday services to help us all understand the differences better, to begin to clarify what holds us together--what we can all belong to. Please help us gather information about generational perspectives by filling out the survey at this link by Jan 17: https://forms.gle/AHwVsBpxgm9uZadu7

COVID Update from Kedo Baye, MPH
Benton cases per 100K in last 7 days: 947
Linn cases per 100K in last 7 days: 602

Oregon adult ICU beds available as of 1/6: 7% of capacity
Oregon adult non-ICU beds available: 5%

OHA reported a 57% increase in COVID-19 related hospitalizations in the past week. The available ICU beds continues to slow trend downward. When beds run out, it means beds run out for heart attacks, car crashes, and every other injury or illness needing hospitalization. Cases will not peak for another few weeks. For a graph of recent cases, visit this page.

Sharing and Learning - Join In

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. For those who miss the in-person experience, GA 2022 offers opportunities to reconnect with friends old and new, local site attractions, and more! Join us June 22 - 26, 2022 online or in-person in Portland, Oregon. Register here.
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.

Virtual Seminary for a Day

You are invited to join First Unitarian Portland for VIRTUAL Seminary for a Day on Saturday, January 29. This year's spiritual theme is entitled, Doing the Inner Work of Racial Justice.

Keynote speaker is Rev. Abhi Janamanchi who serves as the Senior Minister of the Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church in Bethesda, Maryland. He describes himself as a Hindu-Unitarian Universalist and says that his Unitarian Universalism makes him a better Hindu. If you are engaged in the work of racial justice and long for spiritual connection in this work, join us!

This is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how racism has shaped our UU faith and our congregations; how structural racism still operates today, often unnoticed; and what is involved in cultivating Beloved Community and working against racism and oppression in all of its forms. We will practice mindfulness meditation, conversation, and experiential exercises that get to the heart of healing internalized racism and being anti-racist. We will seek to create brave space, engage in courageous conversations on what is healing and what is harming racial justice, and rest in restorative meditation and embodied practices.

Details: Saturday, January 29, 2022, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration is open until 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 29. You will receive a Zoom link via email before the event.

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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