Weekly Announcements

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

MARCH 13 · 2022

Sunday Worship
ONE SERVICE ONLY, IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM, 10:00 AM
"THE ART OF EMBRACING"
REV. JILL McALLISTER

"Embracing" is a useful skill for belonging, and we don't just mean how to give a hug. It's an old story - the head can't say to the foot "I don't need you" without hurting itself. Differences are real and neccessary: living with them requires more than opinions.

Current COVID protocols are still in place. No reservation needed - up to 40 people can attend, on a first come first served basis. After the service, stay for an online coffee hour or join for coffee in person at 11:00 am on the Fellowship's back deck.
Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/96231448170?pwd=cUoxaWxyei9wOTE5cVFVZ0t0Qk5KUT09

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

In-person Sunday activities for kids

All ages welcome. Not required, but if you can, let us know who you're bringing so that we have adequate adult support, using this RSVP form.

After service all-ages activities!

After the services this month, Director of Religious Exploration Rachel Kohler invites people of all ages to join her for simple, hands-on activities that everyone can enjoy together during the post-service outdoor coffee hour.

This week, let's tell a story together! Find Rachel under one of the canopies, where you can supply a word for a hidden story. After all of the blanks are filled in, the completed story will be revealed! You can read it near the end of coffee hour (or sooner if we get a lot of words pretty quickly), but it will also be emailed out that afternoon. And, if you're a grown-up member of our community, and would like to volunteer for the RE program, talk to Rachel!

To watch the service on Facebook, visit this link https://www.facebook.com/uucorvallis/live
Earth Month - April 2022

April, which is Earth Month, provides an opportunity for us to renew our commitment to action to respect and care for the interdependent web of all existence, action that is more needed in 2022 than ever. To help us take action, the Climate Action Team is hosting Zoom events <https://zoom.us/j/92976516483>, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, on each of the four Wednesdays in April. You are invited and encouraged to participate.

- Wed 6 Apr: Dan Orzech, of the Oregon Clean Power Coop, will describe and answer questions about the Coop and opportunities to invest in and/or subscribe to off-site solar for those for whom roof-top solar is not an option.
- Wed 13 Apr: Julie Williams, of Seeds for the Sol, will describe and answer questions about Seeds for the Sol and opportunities to support its work.
- Wed 20 Apr: Dennis Feeney of UUFC and the Community Services Consortium, will describe and answer questions about the Consortium and steps to create “Healthy, safe, comfortable, and efficient homes”.
- Wed 27 Apr: Jack Elder, of UUFC, will describe and answer questions about divestment from fossil fuels.

Questions: jedirv@gmail.com or michael.a.hughes1951@gmail.com

UU Response to Ukraine

The former UU Partner Church Council (now Transition Team) is in conversation with our Partners in Transylvania as we watch the escalating conflict in Ukraine. We have been asked to share the invitation to support the Hungarian Unitarian Church Call for Aid in its effort to care for refugees. Donations may be made directly or through the International Women's Convocation Faithify Campaign.

There is also an opportunity to support the UUSC Emergency Relief Fund for Ukraine Response. The UUA International Office calls us to unite in solidarity with the Ukrainian people as part of our ongoing efforts to seek liberation for all and to dismantle oppression in all its forms. Follow news from the UN about the conflict in Ukraine, refugee crisis, and global responses.

Classes, Discussions, Study Groups in March

UUism – Past, Present and Future Where have we come from, what's happening now, and where is UUism headed? A combination of UU history, identity and philosophy, with a chance to think about our spiritual heritage and the tradition that lives through us into the future. Three sessions: Sunday, March 13, 1-2:30 pm on Zoom; Sunday, March 20, 4-6 pm in person at the Fellowship (with an online option); and Sunday, March 27, 1-2:30pm on Zoom. Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/510347014

Learning From Depression, Together continues in March. Next session is Monday, March 21, 7PM. Join with this link: https://zoom.us/j/97411015708.

Priya Parker's, "The Art of Gathering" Second session Mon, March 14, 7-8:30pm – Zoom. https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94291968018 How can being intentional about how we gather make a difference for us and for the Fellowship? Links to online reading and resources related to Parker's work as well as more information about all the other classes and groups, were in the February UUFC newsletter.
SOCIAL CONCERNS OFFERING IN MARCH
Lift Every Voice Oregon

Our March Social Concerns offering are in support of Lift Every Voice Oregon (LEVO), a coalition of faith-based communities: Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, and other people of goodwill. Our grassroots organization, run primarily by volunteers, is advocating for safer schools, houses of worship, and communities. We now number in the thousands from all over the state in our shared commitment to challenging the status quo as we work towards this important goal. Our voice has been heard by people throughout the state as we push to reduce gun violence in Oregon and the nation. Learn more at https://www.lifeyeveryvoiceoregon.com/. To donate, go to the UUFC web page and click on the "SUNDAY DONATIONS" button.

Lift Every Voice Oregon has filed two statewide initiative petitions for Oregon’s Nov 2022 ballot to Reduce Gun Violence in Oregon. If you would like to add your signature to the petitions, please contact Jean Gilbert (businessmgr@uucorvallis.org).

Corvallis 'We Care' Needs Helpers

We Care is looking for volunteers to assist in the intake process of requests for assistance. This involves one three hour shift each week, answering the phone, reviewing applications with the applicant, following up with landlords, power companies, etc. It is understood that people have busy lives, so the more volunteers we have (there are currently four people doing the work), the more the work can be spread out. All volunteers take time off for vacations, etc., with the others covering the shifts. Please consider this request. For more information on the work, please contact the intake volunteer coordinator, Rex Cole, at wecare.benton@gmail.com, or by phone at We Care's office: 541-243-8029

Fellowship COVID Update from Kedo Baye, MPH

Benton cases per 100K in last 7 days: 107
Linn cases per 100K in last 7 days: 140
Adult ICU beds available as of 2/17: 14%
Adult non-ICU beds available: 7%

Our numbers are doing much much better. With mask mandates in public places and schools lifting, I will continue to wear a N95 in public indoors settings until our region's sustained Covid numbers are closer to 20 per 100K in the past 7 days (which is extremely low); I encourage you to do so as well. Masks work, and are an important tool in our toolbox. There are currently no changes to our covid precautions for Sunday morning services.

MASKS ARE STILL NECESSARY!

The state-wide mandate of universal mask use for all public indoor settings is being lifted March 12. At the Fellowship, masks are still required, and N95 and KN95 masks are recommended, instead of surgical or cloth. We also ask that if you are on the Fellowship grounds eating or drinking, that you please maintain a minimum of 6 feet of social distance.

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