Weekly Announcements

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis

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AUGUST 7, 2022

Sunday Worship

ONE SERVICE ONLY, IN PERSON OUTDOORS
AND ON ZOOM, 10:00 AM

WORLD AND UU DEMOCRACY UNDER THREAT
REV. LOIS VAN LEER
Democracy seems to be under threat globally. But it is also under threat within Unitarian Universalism. Now is the time for UU’s to let go of "the tyranny of the individual" and embrace the communal. Post-Sermon Discussion follows.

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.

To watch the service on Facebook, visit this link https://www.facebook.com/uucorvallis/live

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/96231448170?pwd=cUoxaWxyei9wOTE5cVFVZ0t0Qk5KUT09

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

Reminders: We kindly ask that people do not wear scented products while at the Fellowship.

No reservation needed, vaccinations expected. After the service, stay for coffee at 11:00 am on the Fellowship's back deck (no more Zoom coffee hour for the summer).

Masks are not required outdoors, but we ask that you please respect active consent about spacing. Masks are still required indoors when using the bathroom or getting coffee.

Chair Status: BYOC Month
Last Sunday we discovered that our chair racks do not tolerate being wheeled outside each Sunday. We have a broken prong on one chair rack, so we can no longer hang chairs on that part. If you have welding skills and might be able to repair it, please let us know! Or if you have a large flat outdoor cart that you could lend for a month, please let us know so we can try moving the chairs differently. Because the broken rack reduces our ability to move chairs out to the lawn, and because we don't want to jeopardize our other chair rack, we are now asking everyone who is able to bring their own chairs on Sunday. These can be camp chairs, lawn chairs, or whatever other portable seating works for you. The UUFC chairs will still be available in the foyer for use as needed, and assistance will of course be available for anyone who needs a UUFC chair brought out for them. In summary: August is Bring Your Own Chair month, for as many of us as possible! And if you have welding skills and/or a large, durable outdoor cart to lend, email office@uucorvallis.org.
Volunteers Needed for Nancy Leman’s Celebration of Life

On August 21, we will celebrate Nancy Leman's life outdoors at the Fellowship. We need volunteers to help with this event! Please call or email Sandy Piper, Facilitator of UUFC Memorial Receptions, if you can help.

- **FINGER FOOD:** Donate a minimum of 2 dozen cookies or other finger food such as crackers and cheese or a fruit plate. If you're not planning to attend the memorial service, you can leave your finger food in the kitchen ahead of time. Be sure it’s clearly marked “Leman Reception.”
- **SET-UP:** Tables and chairs with cloths, service, etc.—whatever is needed for memorabilia, food and beverages and a few places to sit. We'll know more as the time gets closer, including what will be left after the regular service.
- **DURING THE RECEPTION:** Monitor the food and beverages and replace as needed, wash dishes, help guests if needed.
- **CLEAN-UP:** Help put everything away and clean the dishes and kitchen.

Information & History about the Incense Cedar Trees

In 1972, Charles Leach and Floyd McFarland planted more than 50 incense cedar trees along the UUFC's eastern boundary.

In October 2020 we hired an arborist to assess the health and safety of the incense cedars along the Eastern edge of the Fellowship property line because a number of them were dangerously leaning or diseased. The arborist report recommended removing all of the incense cedars, and this recommendation, and the plan to replace them with native plants, shrubs and small trees, was presented to the UUFC Board in Nov. 2020. We received bids for their removal and planned to remove them all in the summer of 2021, as part of the classroom addition project. The building construction team did two walk-abouts at the Fellowship to help folks understand which trees were coming down and why. When the classroom addition project's land use application was delayed, the removal of the trees was also stalled because of an unfortunate misunderstanding that their removal was tied to our application. We just recently learned that their removal is actually an independent process from our land use application, and since the leaning has gotten significantly worse over the past two years, it is important for their removal as soon as possible.

While a few of the incense cedars are still healthy, our resident OSU Forestry Professor, John Bailey, explains what can happen with trees planted together and why it really is prudent to cut them all down.

“A group of trees that grow together become a close-knit group in many ways, one of which is wind firmness. Removing neighboring trees creates imbalances in crown shape/weight above ground and rooting zone strength below ground. So, a tree that grows alone in a yard is many times more wind firm than a solitary tree left after neighbors are harvested. A solitary individual is not guaranteed to blow over, die or have its top broken off during a storm, but as much as a third will depending on soil conditions, wind/sun exposure and chance events associated with storms.”
SOCIAL CONCERNS OFFERING IN AUGUST
Jackson Street Youth Services

Jackson Street Youth Services promotes safety, stability and well-being for youth. They work to prevent homelessness by showing a path to long-term success through building positive relationships and teaching skills for self-sufficiency. Learn more at https://www.jacksonstreet.org/. To donate, go to the UUFC web page and click on the "SUNDAY DONATIONS" button.

Rummage Sale!
The UUFC Parking Lot “Pop-up Rummage Sale” is happening! Saturday, August 27 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Bring your clean and priced items to our parking lot on 8/27 by 9:45 and display them on a table. We will have some UUFC tables that can be shared, or you can bring your own. Bring a chair and stay to sell your items during the 3-hour sale. (Of course you'll have time to visit and shop for yourself.) All sales will go through a central cashier. At 1:00 p.m. pack up any unsold items and take them home (or to a thrift store to donate.) Questions, or to volunteer: Bonnie Morihara, moriharb@wou.edu

Non-Tech House Managers Needed
To keep up with our changing worship support needs, our House Manager team is dividing into a Sound Tech team and a House Manager team. This means we're looking for volunteers to take on responsibility for tasks such as putting out hymnals, counting the attendance, and receiving the offering. Interested in helping with these duties one Sunday per month? Email Cliff Pereira at peartree15@comcast.net for more information and to sign up.

Plan Ahead
- Sun, Aug 7, Celebration of Life for Mike Volpe, Lion's Shelter in Avery Park, 2-4 PM
- Sun, Aug 21, Celebration of Life for Nancy Leman, 2 PM, UUFC
- Sat, Aug 27, Pop-up Rummage Sale, UUFC, 10 AM - 1 PM
- Sun, Aug 28, Ice Cream Social and Activities, 6:30 PM, UUFC

MASKS ARE STILL NECESSARY!
The state-wide mandate of universal mask use for all public indoor settings has been lifted, but at the Fellowship, masks are still required inside, and N95 and KN95 masks are recommended, instead of surgical or cloth. We also ask that if you are on the Fellowship grounds outside eating or drinking, that you please maintain a minimum of 6 feet of social distance.

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