

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF SALEM

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 12, 2017

For the most up-to-date information,
please verify dates and times on the online UUCS calendar:

uusalem.org/news/calendar

1. **We are still accepting donations for the Refugees.** Please stop by the Social Justice Table to see what is needed. Thank you.
2. **Religious Exploration is in need of two additional people to teach a preschool/first grade class** during second service. Curriculum and classroom preparations are provided. Please let Christi Olsen, Director of RE, know if you can help so that we can make this class possible. Thank you!
3. **IDES of March postcard campaign** – The Social Justice Action Team is taking part in the IDES of March, a mass postcard campaign to affirm our values to the Trump administration. At the SJAT table in Fellowship Hall following the services, postcards that affirm UU values will be available for the congregation to sign. **Postcards are available today. They will be mailed on March 15.**
4. **Social Justice in Action Team Meeting March 13:** The focus of the Social Justice in Action Team's regular Monday night discussion group will be the nuts and bolts of offering UUCS as a sanctuary church for immigrants threatened with deportation. This will be a formal meeting centered on this issue. Please come with your ideas, thoughts and **concerns.**

The meeting starts at **6:30 pm, Monday, March 13**, in the Green Room. Reflection Question: What would be UUCS' response to someone who knocks at our door and asks for Sanctuary?

5. **The Membership Committee is coordinating Spring Circle Suppers March 17th and 18th.** Circle Suppers are potluck-style gatherings at members' homes. Hosts provide their homes to gather in, and guests bring food to share. These are a great opportunity for an evening of fellowship and fun with a handful of members and friends of UUSC. Hosts decide the menu and call/email people who have signed up. Signup at the table in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday **(3/5)** or the following Sunday **(3/12)**. Contact Anna Tally at 802-417-1080 (annastally@gmail.com) if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer as a host.

6. **Join high school youth and their adult sponsors from all over the PNWD for a weekend of fellowship, learning, and spiritual rejuvenation.** Dig deep to discover how our roots—heritage, culture, race—influence ourselves, our relationships, and our communities. How do we talk about and learn from the pain and the privilege we inherit? Together, let's ground, connect, and grow in our diversity.
PNWD SPRING CON -- RUUTS -- REGISTRATION OPEN!
APRIL 7-9, 2017
CAMP COLLINS, GRESHAM, OR
Early Bird Registration Deadline: March 8
Final Registration Deadline: March 22

7. Mark your calendars! The **Annual Women's Retreat** is coming up **April 28-30!** We are looking for people to help with the planning. There are a variety of ways to help! Please contact Christi Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration, at christi@uusalem.org for details. Thank you!

8. **RE is collecting cans for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!** Youth will hide the canned items we collect and children will go on an "egg hunt" at the Easter Service to find them. They will trade their found cans for filled egg surprises to take home! Please help us increase our food donation to Marion Polk Food Share by bringing extra cans for the children to collect and donate! There will be a collection box in the foyer.

9. **Letter campaign for undocumented youth.** Stop by the Social Justice Action Team table in Fellowship Hall following the service and pick up a flier on how you can participate in the #PurpleDACAletters campaign. These are letters being written to show support of undocumented youth in our community, and in the state. DACA or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival is a program that provides temporary relief from deportation.