



The Chalice and the Flame

Diverse people. Diverse beliefs. One community.

A Monthly Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem, OR

January 2018

We Can Have A Dream, Too!

Hi,

I am Bob Muir, chair of your UUCS pledge drive for this year. On January 15, we remember Dr. Martin Luther King who in 1963 stirred thousands to action by sharing his dream for America. Soon you will be hearing from members and staff of our congregation about their dreams for our UUCS community. I will explain here why they are sharing their dreams.

Every year about this time we are asked for money for the work of UUCS. Often, the appeal is connected to inspirational messages and testimony from members about what UUCS means to us—how it has supported and inspired us and, often, how it has transformed our lives—as it did my life. When I became a UU in Clearwater, Florida, I told Rev. Abhi Janamanchi that I had “finally come home”. Now UUCS is my home and you are my family. So, I offer my support.

Our UU community thrives because of values it shares—compassion and curiosity, intellectual independence and tolerance of other views, a strong sense of social justice and appreciation of diversity and inclusiveness, among others.

I trust that UUCS will continue to nurture and support the people in it and the world that it serves. But, I dream of more than the status quo. We can and should do more. We can offer more in our programs, and fairer wages and benefits to our wonderful staff. We can better support the maintenance of our building to reduce avoidable discomforts, disruptions and expenses. We can better serve the needs of our world—immigrants, the homeless, the hungry and many others.

So, this year you are going to hear about dreams—from our staff, our members and our ministry—of what UUCS could be with our help. Remember the Bible story of the feeding of the 5,000? They were hungry and ready to turn back. But, when they shared the few fishes and loaves they had, there was more than enough for all. It can be the same for us. When we each give just a little more, we can do a lot more! I dream that it will be so and that it is your dream, too.

~Submitted by Bob Muir

Changes to Lyrics Display During Services

The Ministry, Worship Team, and Music Team have jointly decided to discontinue projecting words to hymns during Sunday services for the next three months, starting in January 2018. We are exploring options for projecting the music as well as the verses. While we seek out new options, only the hymn number and name, and the verses to be sung, will be projected on slides during services. The congregation will use the hymnals for singing. Thanks for your understanding.

Sanctuary Team Concert January 27

The Sanctuary Team, a sub-committee of the SJAT, is sponsoring a benefit concert on Saturday, January 27, 2018, from 6:00PM to 8:30 pm. This special evening will further the awareness of today's climate of racial intolerance and the need for sanctuary. It will also raise awareness of IP22 and the history of racial injustice. The proceeds will help to replace the window of the Green Room to meet fire-codes so that anyone staying overnight will be able to escape safely in case of a fire.

Performers include [Peter Bergal with The Atomic Medicine Show](#), the Azteca Dancers, Loraine Stuart, [Ayala's Band](#), Ted Cory, Alonso Oliveros & Sam Davila from [Causa](#), and Mark Babson and Friends. Come and share this special evening with us!



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Join the RE Family Connections Facebook Group!

Wishing to be connected to Religious Exploration Happenings in the new year? Join the closed Facebook group [UUCS Family Connections](#) keep up-to-date on everything RE! If you do not use Facebook, email Christi at christi@uusalem.org and she will send you email updates directly.



Reverential Ramblings

~ Rev. Richard Davis, UUCS's minister

During the drive home after our Christmas Eve service, I listened in to a reading of Charles Dickens' (*did you know he was a Unitarian?*) great classic "A Christmas Carol" on the radio. I began listening just when Ebenezer Scrooge is speaking with the spirit of his former business partner, Jacob Marley, who had died some years earlier.

Marley's ghost informs Scrooge that the spirit of everyone who neglects opportunities to share and do good during their life must roam the world and "witness what it cannot share, but might have shared on earth, and turned to happiness!"

Scrooge is greatly alarmed to hear this (*because his life is no different from Marley's*), and states: "But you were always a good man of business, Jacob." "Business!" cried the Ghost, wringing its hands again. "Humankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence, were, all, my business. **The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!**"

This last sentence especially struck me – that the particular dealings of our personal business in life is but a drop of water in "the comprehensive ocean" of our immeasurable opportunities to bless the world. It's all too easy to burrow down into the narrow confines of our own personal lives and business dealings and conclude that minding our own business is all we need attend to. This is a seductive trap – it cuts us off from the larger world, the commonwealth of being, the interdependent web – we become oblivious of our opportunities to bless the world as we might.

How might one avoid this spiritual trap? Come here to UUCS. Be with our loving, compassionate community. Worship together. Hope and dream and sing with others. Discover opportunities to be of service.

Why not make it a New Year's resolution to come every Sunday you possibly can? Your presence is a gift and makes a difference. Your absence leaves a void.

The late A. Powell Davies, who served as minister of All Souls Unitarian Church in Washington D.C. in the mid-20th century, said it well:

Let me tell you why I come to church. I come to church—and would whether I was a preacher or not—because I fall below my own standards and need to be constantly brought back to them. I am afraid of becoming selfish and indulgent, and my church—my church of the free spirit—brings me back to what I want to be. I could easily despair; doubt and dismay could overwhelm me. My church renews my courage and my hope. It is not enough that I should think about the world and its problems at the level of a newspaper report or magazine discussion. It could too soon become too low a level. I must have my conscience sharpened—sharpened until it goads me to the most thorough and responsible thinking of which I am capable. I must feel again the love I owe to others. I must not only hear about it but feel it. In church, I do. I am brought toward my best, in every way toward my best.

So when we wish one another "Happy New Year" – and I certainly do wish this for you – remember the role you and I have in bringing happiness into our common life.

Love,
Rick



Lifespan Religious Exploration

~ Christi J. Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

January and a new year is upon us! In this new year of 2018, it is my intention to continue to lead a program that is spiritually uplifting and educational for our children and youth!

Towards that continued intention, in January we will be focusing on the Soul Matters theme, asking the question: "What does it mean to be a people of intention?" We will explore it with story, discussion, games and reflection and we will all be able to answer this question much better for ourselves after this exploration.

Katy Covey, a wonderful retired Director of Religious Exploration and the current director of the Soul Matters Circle for creating RE materials says this after her exploration, "*Here's what I discovered. Intention is different from setting goals or resolutions in that it pulls us into who we truly are. Goals and resolutions push us out into future possibilities. To set intentions, we listen to our inner voice which tells us who we truly are.*" I really appreciate this shared discovery and the idea that we look inward and focus on the now as an important intentional process at the start of this new year.

I am hopeful that you all will have a moment to reflect on this theme and have time to listen to your inner voice and create some intentions that are reflective of who you are right now. If you would like help with this exploration and you are not already a member of a covenant group, please remember that we have the drop-in covenant group on the second Sunday of each month, following second service, to discuss the current Soul Matters theme. All are welcome.

Another intentional activity you can do with your family is to join the Thirty Days of Love, a UUA Standing on the Side of Love campaign that kicks off January 15. A [calendar of activities](#) can be found on the UUCS website.

I hope that your 2018 is a year full of intentional moments of peace and love.

In faith and until next time, Christi

~ Other Notes Of Interest From RE ~

We once again **FILLED** our Christmas tree full of mittens, scarves and hats. Thank you to everyone that contributed. It was a joy to walk into Family Building Blocks with an entirely full black garbage bag of warm items!

Christmas cards were sent to Simenfalva, Romania, to our Partner Church. I am anxious to hear how they enjoyed them!

YOUTH FAITH EXPLORATION: 8th – 12th graders will be visiting the Salem Alliance Church (548 Shipping Street NE, Salem) on January 21. They will follow-up the service with a visit with the Youth Pastor. Please have youth meet at UUCS at 10:30 am. We will return between 12:45 and 1:00 pm.

GOOD SAMARITAN BAGS: Please remember we continue to collect items for this project. Every second Sunday the items are available in the fellowship hall to make bags to distribute.

CHANGES TO FIRST SERVICE: YOGA FOR ALL AGES EVERY FIRST SUNDAY during first service will begin on January 7 and continue through-out this program year. Parents are always welcome to attend RE with their children; however, now for first service, this no longer will be an RE time geared specifically for all ages. The programming will be similar; however, it will follow the format of our Wisdom of Wondering classes offered second service. Part of my dream for RE is to grow a program that is learning for all ages during first service with multiple spiritual experiences led by qualified people in their individual disciplines. Keep watching for developments towards this goal!



Words from Our Intern Minister

Dear Ones,

Well, I have passed the major milestone: in early December I traveled to Boston, interviewed with the Ministerial Fellowship Committee, and have been welcomed into Preliminary Fellowship as a Unitarian Universalist minister. I am not yet a Reverend, because only a congregation can ordain a person to our ministry, but I have been recognized as a minister by our Association. I am so grateful for your support and your willingness to celebrate this achievement with me.



I will be here with you as your Intern Minister until June 10, 2018, but I will also be in and out of town during that time. I am spending most of January in Chicago, because I still have classes to finish at Meadville Lombard Theological School, and I will spend a week of March in Chicago for my last class. I will also be in the search process for a congregation to serve, which will require some travel this spring, especially during weekends. And in February I'll travel to Nepal for a week to join in the 2018 meeting of the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists, with UUs from more than 30 countries. I look forward to bringing back stories of the many ways our shared faith manifests in different places.

I wish you deep joy in the coming year, enough challenge to keep things interesting, a web of relationships that reminds you that you are never alone, and time for peace and rejuvenation. The world needs us – all of us – so, let us answer that need.

Warmly,
Monica

Happenings and Highlights

Trees of UUCS Binder Missing

The 3-ringed binder titled "Trees of UUCS" has been missing for more than 4 months. If you have seen it, or borrowed it, please let Angela Gross know. She wants to do some research on the oak trees in Bateman Woods. Thank you.

Classes Available Via Landscape Team in January

The Landscape Team is excited to announce upcoming workshops with our new partners, Marion County Master Gardener Association.

Designing and Equipping your home greenhouse

Friday, January 19, 9:00-11:00 am

Please join us for this free workshop. We will learn about various styles of greenhouses, where to locate the greenhouse, greenhouse foundations and heating, ventilation and cooling systems. Gail Gredler is the instructor. **Pre-registration is required!** Register on the [Marion County Master Gardener website](#).

Introduction to Landscaping with Native Plants

Saturday, January 27, 9:00-11:00 am

Please join us for this free workshop. Learn the basic principles of landscape design using native plants and other hardy plants in your garden. Elizabeth Powers is the instructor. **Pre-registration is required!** Register on the [Marion County Master Gardener website](#).

Master Gardener Class, January 8-April 2

Every Monday January 8-April 2, UUCS will host a Master Gardener class in the Fellowship Hall. In exchange for hours working on UUCS property, UUCS members are invited to attend Master Gardener classes that interest them. [Review the class schedule and list of topics](#) on the Master Gardener Association website to decide which topics are of interest to you. For example, if you are interested in learning more about composting, join us on Feb. 5 from 1 – 4 pm. However, this is **not** a drop-in class. **Preregistration is needed.** 3 hours of class can be "paid for" with one hour of landscaping help. For questions, contact Angela Gross uu4peace@gmail.com.

Circle Suppers Jan. 19-20 – Register January 7 & 14

The Membership Committee is coordinating Winter Circle Suppers for Friday, January 19 and Saturday the 20! Circle Suppers are potluck-style gatherings at members' homes. Hosts provide their homes, and guests bring food to share. Hosts decide the menu and call/email people who have signed up for their dinner. Signup sheets will be available during fellowship hour on Sundays, January 7 and January 14. You can also contact Anna Tally at [802-417-1080](tel:802-417-1080) or annastally@gmail.com to sign up or to ask questions.

Stress Free New Year Meditation January - February 2018

Each Wednesday in January and February 2018, the UU Compassionate Mind Sangha is offering a two month drop in course on stress reduction through Zen meditation. Come learn how to align body, breath and mind in the Fellowship Hall.

This free Introduction includes a short lecture, seated and walking meditation, tea ceremony and a Dharma talk. Registration is not required and it's OK to simply attend the Wednesdays that fit your schedule.

Yoga for All Ages First Service January 7

Our RE First Service Offering on January 7 will be yoga for all ages. Feel free to join us. Please plan to bring a yoga mat if you have one! We will have a limited number of mats available.

Silent Reading Book Club Begins January 9

New book club at UUCS! Our first meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the Blue Room at UUCS. The good news is there is no assigned reading for this book club. Bring whatever book you are already reading! We'll spend a few minutes introducing ourselves and what we are reading, then will spend an hour reading in silence. There will be time for fellowship following. Email questions to benjahminboschee@yahoo.com.

Journey to Belonging Sessions Begin January 18

Journey to Belonging is a 3-month covenant group that meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The Winter Session will begin on January 18. Discussions are led by either Rev. Rick or Monica. This is a nice way to build relationships in our community. Pre-registration and a 3-month commitment is requested. [Click here to register.](#)

Building Sacred Ground Sessions January 21 – February 11

The next series of Building Sacred Ground sessions will meet each Sunday from January 21-February 11 from 12:45 – 2:45 pm. Building Sacred Ground is a 4-week experiential group that covers the historical and theological roots of Unitarian Universalism. For those who are new to our community, these sessions will help clarify whether this congregation is a good fit. For established members, the series provides a way to search anew for truth and meaning while making new friends. Note: new participants are not accepted after the first session. To register for these sessions, [click here](#).

PWR meetings in April

The four districts of the UUA's Pacific Western Region will gather April 27-29 in Portland for the 2018 Regional Assembly. Speakers include civil rights activist the Rev. Dr. William Barber; Washington Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, advocate for women's, immigrant, civil, and human rights; and the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, newly elected UUA president. Programming includes workshops, worship, district meetings, and an optional social justice activity. A day-long Professional Day designed for religious professionals is planned for Friday, April 27, before the start of Regional Assembly. Discount lodging is available at the Portland DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, site of the Regional Assembly. Childcare and youth programming will be available. Registration will open by January 4. Watch the [PWR website](#) for full details to be posted soon.

Roy Zimmerman Concert February 3

UUCS "Concerts in the Sanctuary" present Roy Zimmerman in *ReZist!* on Saturday, February 3 at 7 pm. Tickets are available at the door for \$20 or whatever you can pay. *ReZist!* is ninety minutes of Roy Zimmerman's original songs, bringing laughter and encouragement to progressive-minded people who need a lot of both. "Sometimes I think satire is the most hopeful and heartfelt form of expression," says Roy, "because in calling out the world's absurdities and laughing in their face, I'm affirming the real possibility for change."

More information about Roy Zimmerman can be found on [his website](#). If you have any questions, email the Director of Music, Aimée Larsen-Amend at music@uusalem.org.



Mary Gear Ordination February 10

Members and friends of UUCS have been a great support for Mary Gear on her path to ministry. Please plan to join our congregation as we, together with First Unitarian-Portland, ordain Mary on Saturday, February 10 at 1:00pm. The service will be held at UUCS with a pie and ice cream reception to follow.

Help Needed and Appreciated!

Do You Have Video Recording Experience?

The Stewardship Team is looking for someone with knowledge and ability to video record several stewardship moments to be played later for the congregation. We already have the video camera, so no equipment is needed. This is a very short-term project and needs to happen soon, so if you are willing and able to help, please contact Paul Parmley at pparmley@myemailsite.net or 503-873-3716.

UUCS Needs a Few Minutes of Your Time

UUCS needs people to give small amounts of time to help make UUCS a cleaner, more welcoming building. Could you commit to cleaning the cozy corner each week, wiping down toys and straightening the area? Could you commit to putting out lost and found items once a month? Tidying the janitor's closet? Spending a few minutes in our garden pulling a weed or two? There are SO many ways to help for just a small amount of time. Let's take care of the building that takes care of our community. Who knows, you might meet new people and make new friends. Contact Angela Gross uu4peace@gmail.com for more information.

Adopt a Plant!

We are blessed at UUCS with 14 interior plants, all of which need water! Each inside plant now has a number. Please consider adopting one or two to care for each week, or as needed. The plant will have a sign, "adopted by". There will also be a record of who is taking care of the plants so when people go on vacation we can find substitute plant care people. Training is available. Thank you so much for caring for our living treasures. Contact Angela Gross at uu4peace@gmail.com if you would like to adopt a plant.

Update on Good Samaritan Bags Project

Every second Sunday of the month, we construct small bags for distribution to Salem's homeless. We've had a wonderful response from the congregation coming to our table and filling up bags to give out. The children have participated in this and their desire to help others speaks of the great grounding they've received from their parents and this congregation.

We'd like to thank everyone for all their donations so far. We've made many bags, including about 20 bags that were given to Willamette Valley Yellow Cab company that is [allowing homeless folks to warm up in their cabs](#) during these cold nights when the warming shelters aren't open.

Right now, we need **dental hygiene items, travel-sized shampoo and conditioner**, so keep that in mind when out shopping. We had samples of dog food donated and most of those are gone. We also received a bag of dog food which we divided up into sandwich sized bags so those will be ready for January.

~Submitted by Cindy Francis

Landscape Team Re-forming

The Landscape Team has been functioning at a minimal level for the past few years. We are re-organizing and re-forming the team. Bring your coffee and join us 15 minutes after the 2nd Sunday Service on January 14, in the UUCS library. We will decide when to have our monthly meetings, hear an update about stream restoration from the Marion Water and Soil Conservation District, growing food for Meals on Wheels and Marion Polk Food share, possible solutions to our irrigation problems, set up a time line to save our soil, hear about the Master Gardeners class. Please plan to join us. All levels of gardening experience welcome. Gardening toward Peace.

~Submitted by Angela Gross, Landscape Team Chair

Help Needed for Future Blood Drives

On December 8, several people came out to donate blood for the Red Cross. Many thanks to each of you who took the time to participate. We collected 12 units for the Red Cross. Your gift is deeply appreciated.

This valuable community service needs a volunteer to coordinate future blood drives. We have been hosting them in July and December. Contact Angela Gross at uu4peace@gmail.com if you can serve the congregation in this position. Thank you.

Social Justice News

Join UUCS in the MLK March January 15

On Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 15, we have a chance to take part in Salem's march and rally to honor the late civil rights leader and to stand up for justice and inclusivity. The theme is "Civil Rights and Social Justice: The Struggle Continues." Our Social Justice in Action Team is organizing a delegation of UUCS members to march in the parade while carrying our "Standing on the Side of Love" banner. Please join us! If you think you'll participate, stop by the Social Justice table during Fellowship Hour and sign up, or send an e-mail to sarahjrohrs@gmail.com so we have an idea of how many will come. The holiday festivities start at 11:15 am at McKay High School, 2440 Lancaster Drive in Salem. There will be speakers from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. The march starts 12:45 pm on Lancaster Drive. Following the parade at 2:30 pm, there will be food music, and celebration.

Womxn's March January 21

Come join the Salem Womxn's March on Sunday, January 21, from 11am to 1pm. The march starts at the Salem Capital Mall, 900 Court Street. The Salem Womxn's March is committed to heightening womxn's voices to empower each other in the fight for womxn's rights and political involvement within our communities. One of the march's missions is to bring awareness to issues that oppress people of all backgrounds including not just women but also and men and gender nonconforming people, young and old, of diverse faiths, immigrants and indigenous people.

Sanctuary Team Benefit Concert January 27

in the Highlights section. Don't miss the Sanctuary Team Benefit concert, January 27. (See the article on Page 1.)

Calendar

Titlakawan - The Flowering of the Self

Tuesday, January 2, 7:00 pm

The teachings of the Aztec Dance are tied to the Pre-Hispanic roots of ancient Mexico. It serves to connect the dancer to a universal view of the Anawak culture and the Nawatl philosophy: a worldview of nature. The Aztec dance depends on understanding nature and draws its sustenance from it. Hence, the dance does not depend on the Western pedagogical approach but depends on the physical activity, with heavy symbolism in each dance and its specific steps. Aztec dance awakens and develops various human faculties which are essential across society but which the current educational system fails to implement in a conscious and permanent manner. The group meets on Tuesdays from 7 pm to 9 pm. All are welcome to attend.

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation

Wednesday, January 3, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

A welcoming place for meditation practice. Session I is for experienced meditation practitioners. Session II provides attendees with basic instruction, and explanation. The last hour, 8 – 9 pm, is for discussion, compassion, and how to use meditation as a spiritual practice.

Team Council Meeting

Friday, January 5, 4:00 pm

Dances of Universal Peace

Friday, January 5, 7:00 pm

Simple, easy-to-learn movements and songs honoring spiritual traditions from around the world. The dances bring together sacred phrases from the world's religious traditions in heart-awakening circle dances dedicated to peace within and without.

Refuge Recovery

Friday, January 5, 7:00 pm

UUCS' Addiction Recovery Ministry and Support program is glad to sponsor the Refuge Recovery group meeting every Friday from 7 to 8 pm at UUCS. The mission of this national non-profit organization is to build an extensive and comprehensive network of groups, meetings, and communities that practice and promulgate Buddhist teachings and meditations for anyone seeking recovery from addiction. Drawing inspiration from the core teachings of the Four Noble Truths, emphasis is placed on both knowledge and empathy as means for overcoming addiction and its causes. Those struggling with any form of addiction greatly benefit when they understand the suffering that addiction has created while developing compassion for the pain they have experienced.

Sacred Theater Workshop

Sunday, January 7, 12:30 pm

Intention Setting Workshop

Sunday, January 7, 1:00 pm

Ages - 4th grade to adult. Come set your intentions to start the New Year. We will share a short ritual and discussion to set our intentions for the day, month or year! We will make our own intention bracelets (www.myintent.org) to take home to remind us of this commitment to ourselves. Space is limited to 12 participants.

Master Gardener Program

Monday, January 8, 8:30 am

Pre-registration required. See [article on Page 4](#).

Social Justice in Action Team meeting

Monday, January 8, 6:00 pm

Regular monthly Social Justice in Action Team meeting.

Salem Covenant of UU Pagans meeting

Monday, January 8, 6:30 pm

Monthly business meeting for the executive team of Salem Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans, discussing items that are relevant to the spiritual and business needs of the group, planning for events, and addressing and supporting the greater pagan community at UUCS. The meeting is open to anyone to attend.

Silent Book Club

Tuesday, January 9, 7:00 pm

See [article on Page 5](#).

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation

Wednesday, January 10, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

(See January 3)

HCAO meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 pm

Health Care for All Oregon meeting

Board Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 6:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11, 6:30 pm

Refuge Recovery

Friday January 12, 7:00 pm

(See January 5)

OWL Parent meeting

Sunday, January 14, 9:45 am

Compassionate Connections

Sunday, January 14, 10:30 am & 12:15 pm

Life Lines Lay Ministers and sympathetic members of the congregation meet with those who want to share their life challenges with a small group and receive 'hands on' comforting. While the circle is not comprised solely of Life Lines Lay Ministers and therefore matters spoken of there should not be assumed to be held in confidence, many derive solace from sharing and connecting with a small group.

Drop-In Soul Matters Discussion Group

Sunday, January 14, 12:45 pm

If your schedule did not allow a commitment to an ongoing monthly covenant group or you are new to our congregation and missed the sign-up period, plan to join our drop-in group every second Sunday to discuss the Soul Matter's theme for the month. You are welcome to attend every second Sunday meeting or just come when you can! This is an opportunity to extend the sermon topic into a small group discussion following the Soul Matter's theme service that happens every second Sunday of each month through June.

Master Gardener Program

Monday, January 15, 8:45 am

Pre-registration required. See [article on Page 4](#).

Sanctuary Concert Planning meeting

Monday, January 15, 6:00 pm

Worship Team meeting

Monday, January 15, 6:00 pm

Monthly Meeting of the Worship Team to plan & discuss Sunday Services

Titlakawan - The Flowering of the Self

Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 pm

(See January 2)

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation

Wednesday, January 17, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

(See January 3)

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 18, 6:30 pm

Journey to Belonging

Thursday, January 18, 6:30 pm

A 3 month covenant group to explore our spiritual journeys. See article

Dances of Universal Peace

Thursday, January 18, 7:00 pm

(See January 5)

Circle Suppers

Friday, January 19

Finance Team meeting

Friday, January 19, 10:00 am

Refuge Recovery

Friday, January 19, 7:00 pm

(See January 5)

Circle Suppers

Saturday, January 20

YRUU Faith Exploration

Sunday, January 21, 11:00 am

Every third Sunday, our YRUU (Young Religious UU's/8th-12th grades) group will travel to a different faith service as part of their learning about diversity and exploring their own faith development. See [Page 3](#) for January details.

Building Sacred Ground

Sunday, January 21, 12:45 pm
See article.

RE Team Meeting

Sunday, January 21, 1:00 pm

Master Gardener Program

Monday, January 22, 8:45 am
Pre-registration required. See [article on Page 4](#).

Sanctuary Concert Planning Meeting

Monday, January 22, 6:00 pm

Safer Congregation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 6:00 pm

Titlakawan - The Flowering of the Self

Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 pm
(See January 2)

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation

Wednesday, January 24, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm
(See January 3)

Covenant Group Facilitator meeting

Thursday, January 25, 6:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 25, 6:30 pm

Refuge Recovery

Friday, January 26, 7:00 pm
(See January 5)

SJAT Benefit Concert

Saturday, January 27, 6:00 pm
See [article on Page 1](#).

Building Sacred Ground

Sunday, January 28, 12:45 pm
See article.

Master Gardener Program

Monday, January 29, 8:45 am
Pre-registration required. See [article on Page 4](#).

Communications Team Meeting

Monday, January 29, 4:00 pm

Join the communications team for discussion of progress on our UUCS newsletter, website, Facebook, publicity and video projects. Newcomers or visitors welcome.

Titlakawan - The Flowering of the Self

Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 pm
(See January 2)

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation

Wednesday, January 31, 5:30 pm & 7:00pm
(See January 3)

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 1, 6:30 pm

Dances of Universal Peace

Friday, February 2, 7:00 pm
(See January 5)

Refuge Recovery

Friday, February 2, 7:00 pm
(See January 5)

Newsletter Deadline

Friday, February 2

Life Lines Lay Ministry meeting

Saturday, February 3, 9:30 am

Roy Zimmerman Concert

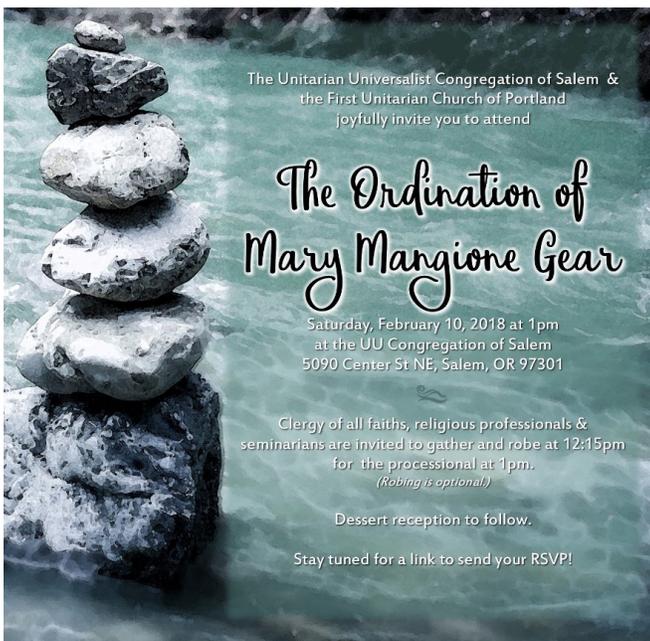
Saturday, February 3, 7:00 pm
See article.

K-2 OWL class

Sunday, February 4, 9:30 am

Building Sacred Ground

Sunday, February 4, 12:45 pm
See [article on Page 5](#).



Ordination is the act by which a person is granted the authority to be a minister, to assume the title of “Reverend”, and to wear a stole. Ordination is both a ceremonial and celebratory occasion with deep roots in our particular polity and heritage.

All are welcome to participate in this important event. Watch for opportunities to RSVP.

Worship Services and Religious Exploration

January Share the Plate Recipient: [Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network](#)

Service Times: 9:30 am and 11:15 am

Sunday, January 7

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

"25 Years and Counting"

Celebrant: Janet Stevens; **Anchor:** Lennie Martin

Music Both Services: David Gortner and Laura Christian

Reflections on the occasion of our 25th Anniversary: Hard to believe, but we began our shared ministry on the first Sunday of January 1993. Good time to look back and ahead.

RE Information: First Service: Enjoy Yoga for All Ages. WOW class will hear the story, "The Beautiful Oops" by Barney Salzberg and create beautiful art! All individual classes will begin exploring this month's Soul Matters theme of "intention".

Sunday, January 14

The Rev. Richard R. Davis and Phil Carver

"An Action for the Climate"

Celebrant: Sara Pickett; **Anchor:** Steve Rosen

Music First Service: Ryan Amend and Aimee Larsen-Amend

Music Second Service: UUCS Choir

The seventh principle of Unitarian Universalism is that "we covenant to affirm and promote...respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." Please join us as we learn one specific and timely way we can affirm this principle.

RE Information: Today all ages stay in the service and worship together. This is an opportunity for children to learn about the Soul Matters theme and make connections outside of RE.

Soul Matters Sunday: Drop-in covenant group at 1 pm discussing "intention".

Sunday, January 21

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

"Is Racism America's Original Sin?"

Celebrant: Willan Cervantes; **Anchor:** Sara Pickett

Music Both Services: Ted Cory

Racism has been called "America's Original Sin." Let's examine America's tragic legacy of racism and consider how we as UU's might characterize this.

RE Information: We will hear the story, "Number One Sam", by Greg Pizzoli and participate in some intention games. All individual classes will focus on the theme of intention. 8th-12th grade faith exploration is visiting with Salem Alliance Church.

Sunday, January 28

"To Grow a Soul"

Monica Jacobson-Tennessee

Celebrant: Steve Rosen; **Anchor:** Benjahmin Boschee

Music: First Service: UUCS Choir; **Second Service:** Sara Greenleaf

Unitarian minister A. Powell Davies said, "Life is just a chance to grow a soul." The times we are living in now surely call for soul growth. We'll examine what that means in this service, drawing on humor, literature, and music.

RE Information: On the fourth Sunday of the month, we work on social justice projects. Today, we will work on painting chalices for our end of the year art sale. Money will go towards RE and our RE Offering project of helping with the micro finance team.

Sunday, February 4

Monica Jacobson-Tennessee

"The Promise and Practice"

Today we take part in a shared service focused on the voices and stories of black UUs from across the US. Joining with congregations in many places, we will contemplate this next chapter of the promise and the practice of our UU faith.

RE Information: Our youngest UUs will create Valentines to share with the congregation next Sunday and hear the traditional reading of "I Love You Mr. Hatch" while extending the message that all are worthy of love! Older UUs will be participating in the learning messages that are also being shared in the service today.

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This year, our mitten tree contributed an entire garbage bag of warm things for Family Building Blocks!

Upcoming Concerts!

Sanctuary Congregation Benefit Concert

January 27



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