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

November 2018

Remember the UUCS Parking Lot Across Center?

Having one service means we are all together at once – a great opportunity for our members to build a single, large community. However, the parking lot next to the church is not large enough for everyone. **If you are able**, leave space for those who are less mobile by parking in the grass & gravel lot across Center Street.

Pre-Order Your Thanksgiving Pies this Sunday!



Sundays before Thanksgiving, pre-order your handmade fruit pies for Thanksgiving. Pies are \$15 each or \$40 for three. Choose from apple, blueberry, rhubarb, peach, wild blackberry and marionberry. Sorry, the cherry sold out in the first week!

Order three and give two away to your neighbors to thank them for being good neighbors! With each three-pie order we will offer you two fall-themed cards. Proceeds from this fundraiser go to the UUCS general fund. Final sales and pickup day for the pies is November 18, the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Want to join the "Board of Crustez"? Join about 20 UU's for Pie Day on **November 17 from 9 am to about 1 pm** as we construct 200 pies from prepared fruit and dough. Fun, connection, and doing your part for UUCS! Sign up at the pre-sale table on Sundays, or email Vicki Cunningham.

Cordon Road Cleanup November 10

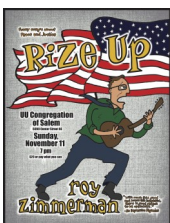
Come help with the Cordon Road cleanup effort on Saturday, November 10, from 9 am to noon. In return for having our name on the Adopt-a-Road sign, our members pick up litter along a nearby segment of Cordon Road. This is a great way of increasing our visibility in the community.

Meet at the UUCS parking lot at 9 am. Safety vests and garbage bags will be provided. First-time adult volunteers must sign a waiver. Children under 18 must have a waiver of liability and indemnification form signed by their parent or guardian. Children 10 and 11 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Sign up at the Social Justice Table in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Michael Pollard at mpollard608@aol.com.

Save the Peace Mosaic Benefit Concert November 10

A benefit concert to raise funds to preserve the Salem Peace Mosaic will be held at UUCS on November 10, beginning at 7 pm. The concert will feature Rich McCloud, Jan Michael Looking Wolf with Robin Gentlewolf and Peter Bergel with Elizabeth Gingrich and Mark Babson. Suggested donation is \$10/person. You can [purchase advance tickets](#) to ensure that you get a seat. If you can't make the show, but want to support the project, you can [make a donation of any size](#).

The Salem Peace Mosaic, which fronts the YMCA Building on Court Street – a true community artistic endeavor which involved 600 volunteers – is in danger. When the YMCA tears down the current building to replace it with a new facility, the mosaic will be destroyed unless our community moves to save it.



Roy Zimmerman Concert November 11

On Sunday, November 11, Roy Zimmerman will perform in the UUCS sanctuary, beginning at 7 pm. Tickets at the door are \$20 or whatever you can afford. Roy's *RiZe Up!* is ninety minutes of his original songs, a funny and forceful affirmation of Peace and Social Justice. "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."



Reverential Ramblings

~ Rev. Richard Davis, UUUCS's minister

The evening before my court appearance to face the legal consequences of engaging in an act of civil disobedience for blocking the entrance of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Portland this summer (along with 29 other Oregon clergy under the auspices of the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice – IMIJ), I was looking at the summons mailed to me, on which it says “United States of America v. Richard Read Davis.” A more accurate rendering might say “The Cruel, Xenophobic, Racist Regime of Donald Trump v. Conscientious Clergy and Their Countless Supporters.”

So, on Friday morning November 2, along with my fellow clergy (for whom I feel such deep affection and gratitude) I appeared at the Federal District Court, knowing that whatever punishment the government meted out would be statutorily limited by the nature of our offense and that the consequences – a fine or community service – would not be hard to bear. Then, too, we knew we would not face the social stigmatization that so many who break the law must bear.

That morning I was struck by the bewildered, anxious expressions on the faces of other defendants there - broken people preparing to have their lives further broken as they become enmeshed in our broken criminal justice system, which is primarily punitive rather than restorative.

As I, for the first time in my life, prepared to enter the ranks of those who have officially run afoul of the law, I gained a visceral sense of how this system dehumanizes people by criminalizing them – a fact well understood by our morally bankrupt president who never misses an opportunity to characterize immigrants and asylum seekers as “criminals” who are less than fully human. Minority communities, especially black people, are acutely aware of how such criminalization has worked throughout our nation’s history to preserve an unjust status quo.

As oftentimes happens in our legal system, our clergy case is still in process, and I have nothing to report on that right now. Stay tuned. What I can report is that I have felt widespread love and support from you, the members and friends of our beloved congregation, and from others in our community during this time – my soul is at peace knowing that I, on our common behalf, have answered the summons of love and justice during this dark hour in our nation’s history.

I am writing this on the eve of the mid-term election in which the fate of our nation is at stake. We can hope for the best – that there will soon be at least some congressional check on the depredations of the demagogue in the White House, but we should prepare for the worst. Yet if the worst does come to pass, I have faith that we will bring our best selves forward as we continue in our struggle to truly make ours a nation of freedom, justice and equality. And in better days to come we will look back at this as a time when our courageous congregation did answer the call to be a moral beacon in the darkness. We are not hiding our light under a bushel, we are letting it shine. (We’ve even gotten a grand new sign for our corner to let the world know we’re here! Thanks especially to the Sign Committee (Craig Carlson, Vicki Cunningham, Joanne Manson, and John Prohovsky) for making that happen.)

Love, Rick

P.S. – It has always been my intention to pay whatever fine the government may impose upon me, but others involved may not be able to do so. For those of you who have generously offered to help pay fines and support the long-term organizing work for immigrant justice ahead – here’s your chance. You can [visit this Facebook page](#) to make a donation.





Lifespan Religious Exploration

~ Christi J. Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

November is here! In our Religious Exploration (RE) classes we will explore the Soul Matters theme of: "What does it mean to be a people of remembrance?" What does this question immediately bring to your mind? For me, I went straight to thoughts of holidays and memories with my family and how I hold those dear. Digging deeper into this theme in my own mind, I then thought about the important life lessons I don't want to forget (and sometimes can't); which have made me who I am today. Expanding my thinking to my global community, I realized the importance of remembering the many lessons taught by peaceful leaders, militant leaders, protests, challenges, positive and negative changes, things that have happened in our world that have brought us to this very moment. If as a community, we are "people of remembrance" I personally believe that we can greatly impact our world in a positive way for the rights of all humans, non-human animals, and our Mother Earth and her inhabitants. We must remember memories are very powerful tools for living.

I hope that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and that you find the time each day to name something to be thankful about in your life. My personal motto: *there is always something to be thankful about!* (Even if it is just that you are thankful things are not worse!!)

In faith and until next time...Christi

Christi J Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

~ Other Notes of Interest from RE ~

Children and youth will have opportunities to share memories during the month of November. **If you and/or your children and youth have photographs of memories you would like us to post on our Remembrance bulletin board, please send them with your children for them to post!**

On **November 18**, Reverend Rick has invited **all ages to attend the service**. People will be sharing some of their stories about their one precious life! We will have nursery care and we will be taking our preschool – third graders out for a time in RE for part of the service. We will also have the coloring tables available in the sanctuary for those that stay in the service.

Please note, **we will not have nursery or RE classes on November 25**, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

We continue to have a **yoga offering during RE on the first Sunday of each month**. Though geared for children, the postures and experience are good for all ages and you are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to practice a mindful breathing practice that can be used in other areas of your life.

LOOKING AHEAD: Our annual **MITTEN DRIVE begins December 2!** Please start collecting new or gently used mittens, hats and scarves to place on our tree in the foyer. Every year we try to fill the entire tree with warm items to be donated right before Christmas to Family Building Blocks. They will find homes for all of the items. Let's beat our 100 items from last year!

Child Dedication, a [Unitarian Universalist celebration of a child's life](#), will take place during the service on **December 16.** Please let me know by December 1 if you are interested in having your child (ren) participate so Reverend Rick and I can help you create a special ritual.

NO RE/NURSERY CARE – Please note, due to the holidays and when they have fallen this year, we will not have classes or nursery care on **December 23 and 30**.

Happenings and Highlights

UU Men's Group starting up again! 2nd Sundays

The recent UU men's retreat generated interest in an ongoing men's group. Meetings will be on 2nd Sundays 12:30-2 pm (after the service.) First meeting will be on November 11. All identifying as men are welcome. The format will be 3 minute check-ins followed by discussion. All that is discussed will be kept confidential unless the safety of a participant or someone else is at risk.

Women's Alliance Meeting November 13

The Women's Alliance will meet on Tuesday, November 13, at 6:30 pm (note earlier time) in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Courtenay McCarthy, School Psychologist for the Salem-Keizer School District. Courtenay specializes in threat assessment and violence prevention for the District, which has an excellent record in this area. She will discuss her coordination with agencies in the Salem community and give overviews of assessment, risk factors with students, and interventions. Courtenay graduated from the University of Denver, where she earned an Educational Specialist's degree in Early Childhood. She did her internship in school psychology at the Willamette Educational Service District and worked in the Canby School District prior to the five years in her current job in Salem.

Everyone is invited to attend the program. This will be followed by refreshments and a business meeting, when the December 2 Annual Holiday Bazaar will be a topic. UU baked goods, jams and jellies, handicrafts, and other holiday items will be featured at the bazaar – please be planning your donation! And almost immediately (10 am on Wednesday, November 7) there will be a work party to make ornaments to give to our children the Sunday before Christmas. Contact Alliance members Jane Manning or Lynn Cardiff for more information.

WOU Early Music Ensemble Presents *Occhi del Mio Core* November 18

Join us for a program of Italian secular and sacred music from the 16th and 17th centuries as the WOU Early Music Ensemble presents "*Occhi del Mio Core*."

The event will be held Sunday, November 18, 2018 from 3 to 5 pm at UUCS. The \$10 suggested donation benefits WOU and UUCS music programs.

The title of the concert means Eyes of my Heart in Italian and several songs refer to eyes. The ensemble will also perform sacred music by Natale Monferrato and Antonio Caldara and instrumental music by Giralamo Frescobaldi and Giovanni Bassano.

The Western Oregon University Early Music Ensemble, directed by Dr. Dirk Freymuth, is a chamber group specializing in the music of the renaissance and baroque eras. Joining the group for this concert is special guest Kimary Welsh Fick on recorders and flute.

For more information call 503-364-0932, or email music@uusalem.org.

Event Liaison Needed to Host Building Rentals

We are looking for some congregation members to act as host when we rent space here at UUCS. The member would help rental clients determine what areas of the building they might rent and what other staffing needs might be necessary. The host would set up the space before an event. They will also clean the rented areas and put the building back as it was. This can be physically demanding work depending on the type of event. During an event, the host will be the representative of UUCS and answer questions.

The Event Liaison is paid by the hour for the time worked. For more information contact the UUCS Office, office@uusalem.org.

Bottle Drive Continues

Hello Everyone! A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in the bottle drive these last few months. With your help, we were able to raise over \$150. This money will be divided among the Resource Center, Minister's Discretionary Fund and CUUPS. You can still help by bringing your bottles and cans on the first Sunday of every month. Or, if you have an Oregon BottleDrop account you can donate money to the UUCS BottleDrop account.

A Sad Day for CUUPS

At the October 9 business meeting of the Salem Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans, the issue of keeping or closing the circle in Bateman Woods was brought to a vote. We have found that it hasn't been practical to hold very many public rituals in the circle, simply for mobility reasons, although it has still proved an area for meditation and solitary communion with nature. Aspects of the circle had been removed or dismantled; this could be either due to volunteers being unaware of CUUPS long-range vision or just simple vandalism. While the idea of fighting to keep something sacred is tempting, it is counterintuitive and ultimately not healthy. We felt that our energy could

be better spent in other areas. Currently, CUUPs just doesn't have the membership levels to embark on the upkeep and education that would be necessary for the circle to remain.

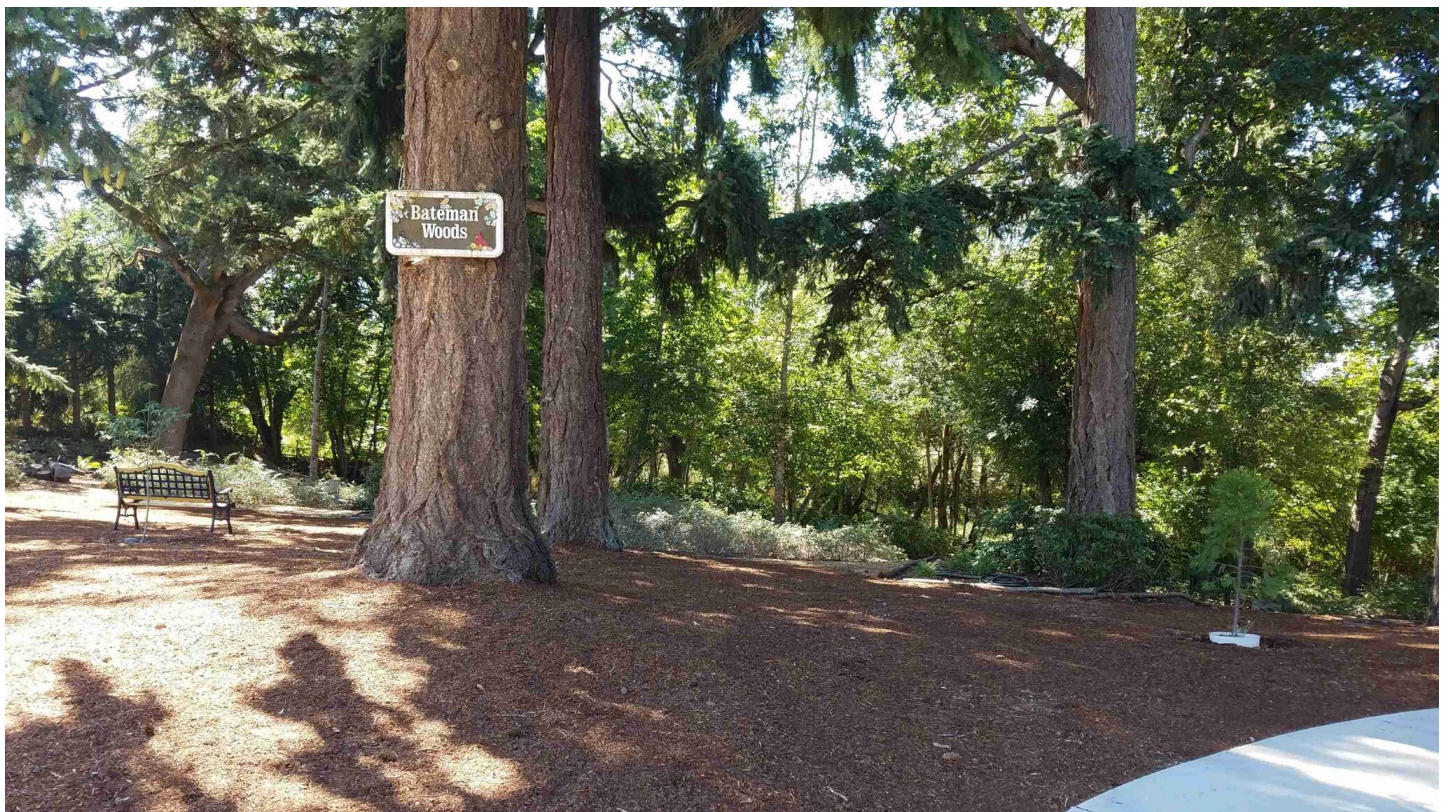
The vote was unanimous and a date for deconsecrating the space was set for that weekend. It was a small and somber gathering in the woods. We drummed, beat on wood blocks and burned incense as we wove our way around the circle, each member saying goodbye in the way they felt appropriate. We thanked the spirits and elders of the wood for providing inspiration and guidance.

It is a pagan practice to release the energy and say goodbye to sacred spaces so that our energy isn't tangled up in something of which we are not the caretakers. It is a method of taking personal responsibility for the energy that we create. As the space takes new form and life it is through this ritual that we show that we have no part of what takes place in the woods but also release any ill will that might linger when something new takes the place of the circle.

CUUPs will continue to support the efforts of the landscape team in creating areas for communing with nature, where all members of the congregation can celebrate the changing season and the rhythm of nature. We will look forward to the landscape team's proposal to the congregation on their vision of the future of Bateman Woods as a reflection of our UU principles.

Blessed Be.

~Submitted by Craig Rowland



Splinters from the Board

During the October meeting, the board heard a presentation from the Hope and Habitat group that is seeking acceptance from UUCS as a church-sponsored group. The board will be discussing this request at the retreat and next board meeting. The group is proposing the establishment of a transitional village for the homeless along the lines of the village in Eugene. They will be looking at possible sites in Salem and Marion County and have built a model of the village that has been seen at UUCS on several occasions.

The board also discussed a recent proposal from Kaleidoscope School that would include expansion of the program in the next school year. Kaleidoscope operates five days a week in our RE area. The board will gather more information and there will be further discussion on this.

Rev Rick reported on the activities of the Abundance Team and the board will be kept apprised of their activities.

~Submitted by Lynn Cardiff, Board Chair

Social Justice News

The Social Justice in Action Team has continued to make calls for the Vote NO on Measure 105 phone bank, canvass and inform our community about the need to vote **NO on Measure 105**. We raised \$50 for Oregonians against Racial Profiling at the SJAT table and SJAT members also contributed individually.

The Department of Homeland Security is proposing a change to the definition of "public charge". This change would mainly affect legal immigrants applying for legal permanent residency. If a person is a "public charge", they are considered to lack self-sufficiency and therefore they are not a candidate for legal permanent residency. The new "public charge" criteria include the full Oregon health plan, food stamps, and the Children's Health Insurance Program. This could discourage an already stressed immigrant community from applying for needed healthcare for their children, whether they are in the affected group or not. Parents should not feel forced to choose between needed health care and benefits for their families and the ability to work and stay in the US legally. No person should be put in that position. Comments on the proposed change may be made to the Federal Registry until December 10, 2018. You can read more and **make a comment on [the proposed rule](#)** on the Federal Register website. Please remember that all comments made on this site become public record. The [Kaiser Family Foundation analysis](#) suggests the proposed rule change will lead to decreased participation in Medicaid and other programs among legal immigrant families. This will contribute to more uninsured individuals and negatively impact the health of families and their children.



The SJAT continues to accept **donations for Black Lives of Unitarian Universalist (BLUU)** as requested by our UU President, Susan Frederick-Gray. The donation basket will be on our table through December. We have raised less than \$900 at this time. And please vote for your UU values. Thank you.

~Submitted by Patrice Pollard

A Big Thank You!

The Social Justice in Action Team wishes to express their gratitude to two couples who answered the call to host detainees from Sheridan. Margrethe and Gregory Gregg welcomed Milton, from Brazil, and later his wife Jessica, who was detained in California. Lisa and Brenda opened their home to Jhonny, who is from Nicaragua. Thanks to all of you for your compassion, love, and generosity! We are truly grateful.

Brenda and Lisa were only prepared for a three month stay and since the time has been extended by an additional three months, they need some assistance. If you are interested in helping, please stop by the SJAT table or contact Michael Pollard at mpollard608@aol.com. Thank you.

Human Rights Symposium November 13

A symposium entitled, "Human Rights and Current U.S. Immigration Policy," will be held on Tuesday, November 13, at 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs) of St. Mark Lutheran Church, at 790 Marion St. NE, Salem, OR. The symposium is cosponsored by Fellowship of Reconciliation-Salem, Oregon PeaceWorks, and United Nations Association-Salem. Admission is free and open to public. More information is available from Dr. Pritam K. Rohila at asiapeace@comcast.net.

Empty Bowls - Benefit for Marion-Polk Food Share November 17 & 18

The annual Empty Bowls benefit for the Marion-Polk Food Share will be held at the State Fairgrounds Saturday, November 17, from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday, November 18, from 12 pm to 4 pm. Empty Bowls is the benefit sale of beautiful handmade bowls and other pottery artisan crafts, all donated by the artists at Willamette Art Center. They have raised over \$160,000 to help support and sustain food insecure families in the Salem area in the last 10 years.



Salem Speaks Up! December 10

Save the date for the 26th annual Salem Speaks Up!: Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Micah Building, 680 State Street NE. The date commemorates the 70th anniversary of the UN declaration of human rights. The event features an open microphone where community members can speak about human rights issues in the Salem Area.

Planners for the event are the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women, and the United Nations Association. It is hosted by the Social Concerns Ministry Group of the Salem First United Methodist Church. Follow on Facebook at [SalemSpeaksUp](#)

Calendar

Hosting Family Promise of the Mid-Willamette Valley Families

November 4 – 11

UUCS will be hosting families for a week starting on November 4 and ending November 11. Your participation and gifts of time and home cooked meals are very much appreciated.

Membership Team Meeting

Tuesday, November 6, 6:30 pm

Danza Azteca

Tuesday, November 6, 7:00 pm

The teachings of the Aztec Dance are tied to the Pre-Hispanic roots of ancient Mexico. Aztec Dance serves to connect the dancer to a universal view of the Anawak culture and the Nawatl philosophy: a worldview of nature. 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. All are welcome to attend.

Women's Alliance, Ornament Crafting

Wednesday, November 7, 10:00 am

UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation

Every Wednesday, 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, 8:00 – 9:00 pm, is for discussion, compassion, about how to use meditation as a spiritual practice.

Committee on Human Resources Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 12:00 pm

Habitat and Hope Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 12:30 pm

Homeless Coalition partnership with other Interfaith groups

Board Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 5:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 8, 6:30 pm

ArtWorks Team Meeting

Friday, November 9, 10:00 am

Monthly business meeting of the ArtWorks Team. Open to all interested UUCS members.

Refuge Recovery

Every Friday, 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.

Cordon Road Clean Up

Saturday, November 10, 9:00 am

See article on Page 1.

Helen Trotter Celebration of Life

Saturday, November 10, 12:00 pm

Read her obituary, [here](#).

Peace Mosaic Benefit Concert

Saturday, November 10, 7:00 pm

See article on Page 1.

Social Justice in Action Team Meeting

Sunday, November 11, 12:30 pm

The monthly SJAT meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Men's Group Meeting

Sunday, November 11, 12:30 pm

See article on Page 4.

RiZe Up!: Roy Zimmerman in Concert

Sunday, November 11, 7:00 pm

See article on Page 1.

Women's Alliance Meeting

Tuesday, November 13, 6:30 pm

See article on Page 4.

Habitat and Hope Meeting

Thursday, November 15, 12:30 pm

(See November 8)

Microfinance Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 15, 5:30 pm

The UUCS Microfinance Committee will meet to discuss the results from the October fundraising and donations to partner organizations.

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 15, 6:30 pm

Journey to Belonging

Thursday, November 15, 6:30

A 3 month covenant group to explore our spiritual journeys.

Dances of Universal Peace

Thursday, November 15, 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.

Gluten Free Pie Day!

Friday, November 16, 9:00 am

A few folks will gather to make gluten free pies prior to the regular pie making day the following day. These pies are part of the UUCS pie fundraiser.

Finance Team Meeting

Friday, November 16, 10:30 am

Pie Day!

Saturday, November 17, 8:00 am

Around 25 volunteers gather to assemble 200 pies from 9 am to 1 pm. Then we clean up, assemble orders, and finish baking the pies in the UUCS kitchen (often until late).

Annual Pie Sale!

Sunday, November 18

See article on Page 1.

Dharma Group

Sunday, November 18, 9:00 am

Facilitator: Tom Ellis

RE Team Meeting

Sunday, November 18, 12:00 pm

WOU Early Music Ensemble

Sunday, November 18, 3:00 pm

See article on Page 4.

Worship Team Meeting

Monday, November 19, 5:30 pm

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

Safer Congregation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 20, 5:00 pm

Danza Azteca

Tuesday, November 20, 7:00 pm

(See November 6)

ArtWorks Art Making

Friday, November 23, 10:00 am

RE Staff Meeting

Sunday, November 25, 1:00 pm

Communications Team Meeting

Monday, November 26, 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.

Facilities Team Meeting

Tuesday, November 27, 6:00 pm

Danza Azteca

Tuesday, November 27, 7:00 pm

(See November 6)

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 28, 4:00 pm

Habitat and Hope Meeting

Thursday, November 29, 12:30 pm

(See November 8)

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 29, 6:30 pm

Life Lines Lay Ministry Meeting

Saturday, December 1, 9:30 am

Annual Mitten Drive

December 2 – 23

Every year our Religious Exploration program collects mittens and other warm items (gloves, hats and scarves) and we donate them to Family Building Blocks to disperse to families in need. Items need to be gently used or new. They will be hung on the Christmas Tree in the foyer during the month of December! At the December 23rd service, we will have the children remove the items and box them to be delivered and donated!

Annual Women's Alliance Holiday Bazaar

Sunday, December 2

Western Oregon University Music Department presents

Early Music Ensemble

Occhi del mio core

Italian music c. 1550-1650 | Directed by Dirk Freymuth



Sunday, November 18, 2018

3pm

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\$10 Suggested Donation
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Worship Services and Religious Exploration

November Share the Plate Recipient: [Meals on Wheels](#)

Service Time: 10:30 am

Sunday, November 11

The Rev. Richard R. Davis

"Navigating Our Covenant"

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

Music: UUCS Choir

We often speak of Unitarian Universalism as a "covenantal" religion – one in which we are called into relationship with one another in light of our highest values. There are unique challenges and opportunities in this regard, depending upon your sex, race, class, ableism. Let's reflect on this together.

RE Information: WOW and Explorers classes will be discussing what it means to be a people of Remembrance, our Soul Matters theme.

Sunday, November 18

The Rev. Richard R. Davis, Sheryl Combs

"What Will I Do With My One Precious Life?"

Celebrant: Steve Rosen; **Anchor:** Janet Stevens

Music: UUCS Choir

We've invited members young and old to share their answers to this question posed by poet Mary Oliver. A good time to pause in gratitude for the gift of our lives.

RE Information: All ages will be in the service as we explore being grateful for our lives. Coloring tables and fidget bags are available. We will also be taking our preschool - 3rd grade class to the RE area for part of the service.

Sunday, November 25

Sara Pickett

"Commitment"

Celebrant: Laura Christian

Music: Ted Cory

Explore the idea of commitment and whether it fits into Unitarian Universalism.

RE Information: NO RE classes or nursery.

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PUBLICITY and ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fill out the [Publication Request](#) form on the UUCS website for any announcement, event or news item. This form is a one-stop place to put a notice in the Sunday announcements, the UUCS newsletter, the UUCS website, the *This Week* email and or Facebook.

DEADLINES:

Newsletter: The deadline for the next newsletter is 8:00 pm on Friday, **November 30.**

Sunday Announcements and This Week submissions are due by noon, **Tuesday.**

Use the [Publication Request](#) form for all submissions.