



Mid-Columbia Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship
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SUNDAY SERVICES (10 a.m. at the Rockford Grange)

November 12: “Finding Flourishing,” Rev. Judy Zimmerman, with Dan B, celebrant. In recent human history if you had enough to eat, a safe home and a change of clothing you were happy. In a nation of material abundance, we live in a state of constant craving, where there never seems to be enough to make us happy, where feeling inadequate is the status quo. In a land of perpetual lack, where is the road that leads to feeling abundance and genuine happiness? A Newcomer’s Circle follows the service.

November 12 is also “Bring a Friend to Church” Sunday.

We Unitarian Universalists are generally uncomfortable with proselytizing; we deeply value our own religious freedom and respect that of others. But that does not mean that we have to hide our light under a bushel. Most of us have found the MCUUF community—and the values for which it stands—to be central to our own lives. We want others to know about this wonderful place, but we question how to talk about our fellowship without sounding like we’re proselytizing.

One answer is to invite someone to our “Bring a Friend to Church” this coming Sunday. The goal is not to try to convert anyone but to offer friends the opportunity to experience something important to us. For example, we might say something like this:

“As you may know, the UU fellowship in Hood River is very important to me. I feel at home there and it supports my values. Since I value you as a friend, I’d like to invite you to experience our fellowship for yourself. This Sunday we are having a service that you may like called “Finding Flourishing” with coffee, light snacks, and conversation afterwards. Would you accept this invitation to visit us?”

We hope that through Bring a Friend to Church Sunday we can all grow in the challenge of talking about religion with friends and make genuine dialog and invitation a part of how we interact with others.

November 19: Seth Moran is the director of the Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, WA (and a member of the UU Church of Vancouver). His sermon, “The Spiritual Practice of Risk Perception,” touches on everything from earthquakes to Black Lives Matter.
Religious Education: All ages downstairs – Thanksgiving.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You can honor our UU values by participating in The Christmas Project. Throughout our community, many families will be in need this winter, and we can help by sponsoring them in the Christmas Project. With your contributions to this worthy cause, we can reach our goal of \$1,000. Every Sunday decorative donation envelopes will be available at the greeter’s table so you can put your envelope in the offering basket. Watch the “Christmas stocking thermometer” rise from your generosity! You can also donate by mailing a check to MCUUF and note that it is for The Christmas Project.

Volunteers wanted for the Hood River Warming Shelter and training. Please join MCUUF volunteers and friends in serving this winter at the Warming Shelter beginning November 19. We will once again reserve an MCUUF night twice a month so we can assist our unhoused community members with food, shelter, and companionship. If you are new to volunteering at the Warming Shelter, please attend one of the required orientations at Riverside Church: **November 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. or November 12 from 2 to 4 p.m.** Bring a friend! To volunteer or ask questions, please contact Fran F.

Volunteers are needed for this year's Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner, which is offered this year in both Hood River and Cascade Locks, with home delivery possible. Join in this volunteer effort. Lots of opportunities are available, both at the dinner and in the days before -- preparing food, greeting guests, serving, delivering, and cleaning up.

Immigration Justice at NORCOR. Every Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m., members of Gorge Ecumenical Ministries (of which MCUUF is a member) gather in vigil with the Gorge ICE Resistance coalition at the NORCOR regional jail in The Dalles, where Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees are confined. The vigil aims to keep attention focused on the inhumane conditions for the detainees. NORCOR is at 211 Webber St. Signs are available on-site, or bring your own. Vigils are also held every M-F 5-6 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to noon.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Monday November 20, 2017 7 p.m.

White Salmon United Methodist Church

Join with our wider community in this interactive service with representatives of Baha'i, Druid, Sufi, Buddhist, Jewish, Unitarian Universalist and Christian faith traditions. Dessert potluck to follow. Bring a dish to share.

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