

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF SALEM

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 26, 2017

For the most up-to-date information, please verify dates and times on the online UUCS calendar: uusalem.org/news/calendar

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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. **Titlakawan — The Flowering of the Self** The teachings of the Aztec Dance are tied to the Pre-Hispanic roots of ancient Mexico. Its purpose 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 its understanding of nature and it draws its sustenance from it. Hence the dance does not depend on the Western pedagogical approach but it depends on the physical activity, artistic-cultural which is heavy in symbolism in each dance and its specific steps. Aztec dance awakens and develops various human faculties which are essential across society, which the current educational system fails to implement in a conscious and permanent manner. The group meets on Tuesdays from **7pm to 9pm**. All are welcome to attend.

4. **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 will be available this Sunday, March 5 and March 12. They will be mailed on March 15.**

5. **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

6. 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!

7. **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.