

# Announcements

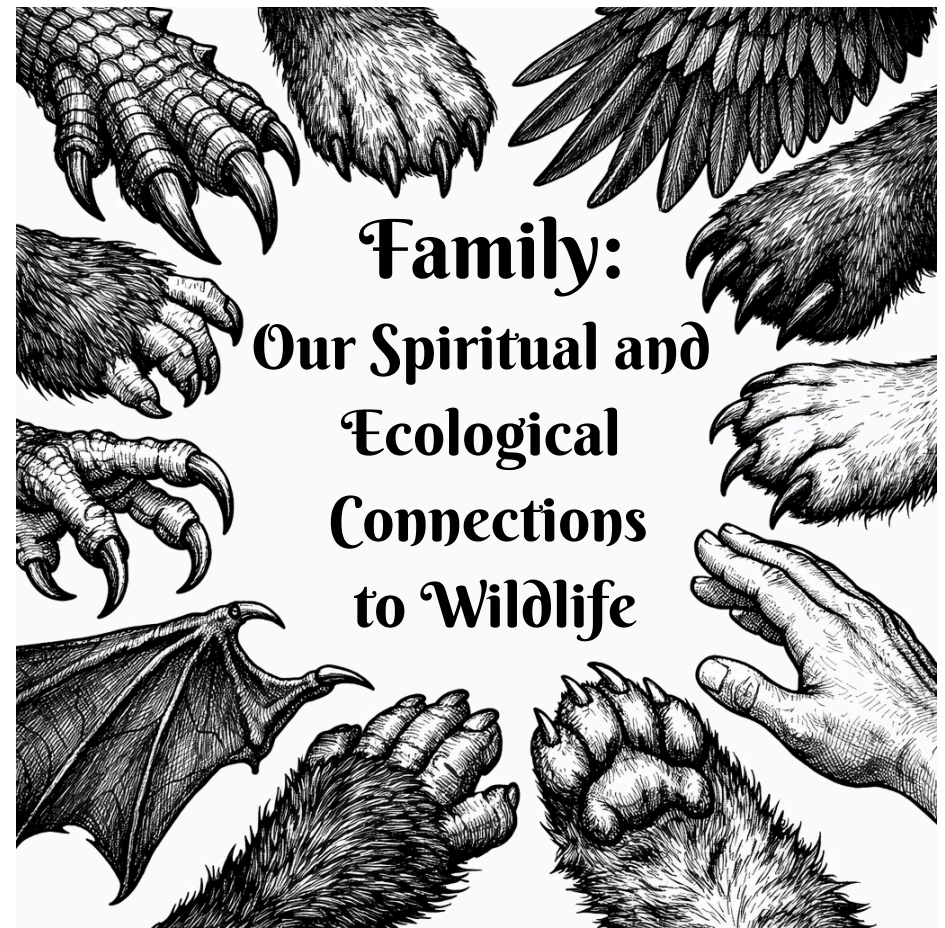
- **Volunteers Needed for our FISH Food Bank Shifts:** Monday, April 27, Wednesday, April 29, and Friday, May 1. Shifts are from 2:45-5/5:30 pm. We need at least one experienced volunteer at the desk and at least three volunteers to assist the clients each day. Contact Kathy McGregor if you're available (kmcg2453@gmail.com).
- **Wednesday, April 22 - 12:30-1:30 pm** Free Tai Chi with Rayceena upstairs at the Rockford Grange. For more information, email info@rayceena.com. Classes will be Sunday mornings from 7:30-8:30am and Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30pm.
- **Saturday, April 25, 9-1 pm: Worship Team Planning Retreat** Let's start planning our worship services for the summer months. Meet at the home of Tamara Thiel. Followed by a potluck lunch. All voices are welcome. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Elaine Castles at [elainecastles@gmail.com](mailto:elainecastles@gmail.com).
- **Sunday, April 26 Service - I Contain Multitudes...Don't I?** Our featured speaker will be Gorge Fellowship member Tina Castañares. Tina will share some of her experiences as a "mixed ethnicity" person, and touch on the scientific fallacy of "race"; the wonderful demographic mixing in the Mid-Columbia and the future this predicts; and maybe even some etiquette about questions like "what ARE you?".
- **Sunday, April 26, 12:15-1:45 pm: Social Justice Council** in person & ZOOM. Last time we focused on Immigration and Environmental Justice. We will continue work on these issues and in addition get reports on Sustainability, Democracy, and GNAC initiatives. Anyone who has ideas about social justice, is ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work, or just wants to learn more is invited to attend. As my mother used to say, "Many hands make light work."
- **Friday, May 1, 4:30pm-12 am: Columbia River Round Dance** at Wahtonka School (3601 W 10th St, The Dalles). Everyone in the community is invited. This is a great opportunity for us to show support for our Native American neighbors and learn more about the issues they are facing. In addition, it is a lot of fun! Our Fellowship is a sponsor of the event, and we will be organizing a meet up for those who wish to attend.
- **Thursday, May 7, 7-8:30 pm: Sing Along** Come sing your heart out! Join us in the community room at Adams Creek Co-housing (413 Adams Creek Rd, HR). Please park on the street and not in the lot, which is for residents of ACC.
- **June 16-19: Oregon Shakespeare Festival Meetup** Details at [mceuuf2.org](http://mceuuf2.org)

## SUNDAY SERVICE SUPPORT NEEDED

- **Make a pot of soup for First Sundays for Families** Contact Aera Atkins 541.806.2344 if you can contribute a pot of soup.
- **Help set up for Sunday Service** Contact Steve Castles, (541) 296-0655.
- **Greeters needed** Please contact Martha Kraus ([marthakraus49@gmail.com](mailto:marthakraus49@gmail.com)).
- **Flower bringers needed** Contact Pat Evenson-Brady at [pebrady1@gmail.com](mailto:pebrady1@gmail.com).

## REMINDERS

- **Childcare** is available at services thanks to Elaina Kingston.
- **Submit announcements** to [administrator@mceuuf.org](mailto:administrator@mceuuf.org) by 12pm on Tues. or Thurs.
- **Check the newsletter for the latest information:** [tinyurl.com/mceuufnews](http://tinyurl.com/mceuufnews)



## Family: Our Spiritual and Ecological Connections to Wildlife

## Gorge UU Fellowship

Sunday, April 19, 2026

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Featuring Bill Weiler  
with Celebrant Dan Ball  
Music by Michael Mandrell  
Flowers by Bonnie Withers

### Land Acknowledgement

We gratefully acknowledge the many Indigenous tribes, who for millennia have stewarded the land on which we now meet, and we recognize and honor their enduring presence as our neighbors and fellow citizens. May their sacrifices, their resilience, and their ongoing contributions be in our minds and hearts as we gather today.

# Program

## Gathering Music

## Welcome and Call to Worship

## Invocation and Covenant

Celebrant: Our covenantal community is built on a foundation of love, not creeds.

Congregation: *This is our great covenant:  
To be kind, respectful, and honest;  
To honor diversity in all its forms;  
To support each other and be of service in the wider world.*

## Chalice Lighting

Celebrant: We are Unitarian Universalists.  
Congregation: *We light this chalice in faith, in hope, and in love.*

## Opening Song\* #163 – For the Earth Forever Turning

## Sharing of Joys and Sorrows

## Musical Response

## Time for All Ages

## Special Music

## Presentation

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\* Please stand in body or spirit.

## Closing Song

#175 – We Celebrate the Web of Life

## Offering

Share-the-Plate for April is the Youth Empowerment Shelter (YES). According to their website, [yesshelter.org](http://yesshelter.org), “YES provides youth in the Columbia River Gorge a place of physical and emotional safety while assisting them to build positive relationships and develop their individual potentials.”



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## Extinguishing the Chalice

*We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.* (Elizabeth Selle Jones, #456)

## Closing Circle\* “Spirit of Life” / “Fuente de Amor”

## Benediction

## Coffee & Conversation

### Our 7 Unitarian Universalist Principles Affirm and Promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.