

Social Justice and Witness Listing
For the week of March 13-19, 2023
First Congregational Church, UCC – Eugene, Oregon

UCC has always understood itself to be an extension of Jesus Christ's ministry in the world. The diakonia of the early church — the ministry of healing, service, care, compassion, and hospitality— served the needy neighbor in Christ.

Links are verified prior to publication. If link is not working, search by copying and pasting date and event name into browser address bar. Events are on Pacific Time unless otherwise noted. (ET) Have an idea? Contact Socialjustice@fceugene.org

Woman Suffrage in Oregon. In honor of Women's History Month. Oregon holds the distinction of placing the question of a woman's right to vote on the ballot six times. The earliest victories for women's suffrage were in Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, and Idaho. However, women in different states worked together to usher in victory. And while state battles were critical, they had their eye on the national movement for equality between men and women. Read about the timeline for voting rights here:

https://oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/woman_suffrage_in_oregon/#.ZAyoLOzMKBb

Now through March 19. The 10th Annual **DisOrient Asian American Film Festival of Oregon.** Honoring Asian heritage, sharing Asian stories, and strengthening Asian communities. Upcoming are *Namba: A Japanese American's Incarceration and Life of Resilience*, *Wisdom Gone Wild*, and a Series of Shorts. Some screenings are available only at the Art House Theater, 492 E 13th Ave., Eugene. Others are strictly virtual. disorientfilm.org/

March 13, Monday. 7 p.m. **The Right's Gender Wars and the Assault on Democracy.** At 110 Knight Law Center. Featuring Arlene Stein, author of *The Stranger Next Door*. Stein focuses on the intersection of gender, sexuality, culture, and politics. Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Women in Society and the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics.

<https://wgs.uoregon.edu/2023/02/27/the-rights-gender-wars-and-the-assault-on-democracy/>

March 20, Monday, and April 3, Monday. 3 to 5 p.m. **FCC Social Justice and Witness Book Group.** All are invited to join us as we read *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*, by Gail Honeyman, a novel that will help us consider the issues surrounding mental health justice. In the Barber Room downstairs. Attendees will read approximately half the book (about 150 pages) by the first session on March 20 and will finish the book before the second session on April 3. Contacts: Betsy Hoell (541-342-5900) or Chris Cunningham (541-674-8451) for more information.

April 1, Saturday. 12 noon. **Lane Pow Wow 2023.** One of the largest Pow Wows in the Northwest. Sponsored by the Native American Student Association. Lane Community

College. 4000 East 30th Ave., Eugene. In the LCC gymnasium. A free, family friendly event with drumming, song, and dancing.

<https://lanecc.edu/experience-lane/clubs-organizations/nasa/lcc-native-american-student-association-nasa-lane-powwow-2023> For general information, contact

Carl Yeh, yehc@lanecc.edu.

April 5, Wednesday. 5 to 7:30 p.m. Climate Action: A Powerful Prescription to Improve Health and Equity. Climate change threatens the health and well-being of everyone, but especially those who already are vulnerable. A hosted in-person lecture with Renee Salas, M.D., M.P.H., M.S., who has spearheaded and authored work with the New England Journal of Medicine group and founded the working group for the Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change. Event is sponsored by the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication and the Phil and Penney Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact. Register here: <https://sojc.link/johnston>

Did you know that 385 anti-LGBTQ bills have been introduced in legislative sessions throughout the country? United Church of Christ writes that it is acting in solidarity with our trans and non-binary youth, as some states seek to end gender-affirming health care. Call on your Congress representatives and urge them to oppose any legislation that discriminates against LGBTQI+ youth. Write your state and federal legislators: <https://p2a.co/Nmw4YqN>

Leaky Stove and Deadly Gases, a United Church of Christ webinar held on March 8, 2023, is now recorded and available for viewing. Low-level methane leaks from gas stoves are exposing people to a variety of health conditions. <https://youtube.com/watch?v=0tpsM4lJhiA>

Take a Stand Against the Criminalization of Homelessness. National Alliance to End Homelessness. The solution to homelessness is creating housing, not using police force to disperse people who are unhoused. Encampment sweeps cause harm to already vulnerable people. <https://endhomelessness.org/blog/take-a-stand-against-criminalization-of-homelessness/>

VOLUNTEER AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Nightingale Hosted Shelters, a neighbor of FCC and a recipient of our gift bags during the holidays. They maintain a bottle drop redemption outlet. Bring your bottle returns to Nightingale Hosted Shelters at the 34th and Hilyard Alley while helping Nightingale earn additional funds. A Nightingale resident at the gate will help you. To learn more about Nightingale, click here: <https://nightingaleshelters.org/>

April 6, Thursday. A fundraiser for the **Lane Senior Support Coalition**. At Mod Pizza, 203 Coburg Rd. LSSC is a local non-profit helping low-income seniors in rural and urban Lane County maintain their independence. The program provides services and products for which no (other) funding is available. May include health insurance, prescriptions, utilities, and auto repairs. lanessc.org