

Social Justice and Witness Listing
For the week of March 6-12, 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.

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Women's History Month and the Environment. From Creation Justice Ministries. Let us honor women who have ushered in environmental change, including **Dr. Vandana Shiva**, who has shown the devastating impact of large-scale agriculture on small farmers and the environment. <https://humansandnature.org/vandana-shiva/>. **Sister Dorothy Stang**, a staunch advocate for protecting the Amazon rainforests from agricultural depletion. She was murdered for her activism by hired hitmen. <https://globalsistersreport.org/news/environment/brazil-remembers-sister-dorothy-stang-landless-defenders-still-threatened>

Dr. Wangari Muta Maathai, who received the Nobel Peace Prize for sustainable development, democracy, and peace, and who founded the Green Belt Movement, which planted trees across Kenya. <https://greenbeltmovement.org/wangari-maathai>

Through March 31. Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories. From the National Women's History Alliance. The theme highlights women past and present who have devoted their skills and talents to producing art that aims to tell the truth about women and the human condition. Among them are Toni Morrison, Maya Angelou, Gloria Steinem, Willa Cather, and Gertrude Stein. <https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/>

March 9, Thursday. 5 p.m. Quaker activist and church leader **George Lakey**, 83, will share the stories of his early arrests during the Civil Rights era, continuing through his recent fray during a climate justice march. He'll also draw from his recently published memoir, *Dancing With History: A Life for Peace and Justice* and his story about coming out as a bi-sexual to the Quaker community. At Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette St. Organized by Oregon PeaceWorks. Contact: 503-428-4280.

March 10, Friday. Noon to 1:15 p.m. **Anti Semitism and How to Fight It.** Live and Livestream at Inn of the 5th. Maple Room, Fifth Street Public Market. In 2022, three antisemitic events occurred in Eugene, and in 2023, a distribution of egregious antisemitic flyers. What can be done to turn the tables and prevent these activities from taking place? Speaking on the subject are Ryan Dwyer, FBI investigations, Rabbi Meir Goldstein, Judaic Studies Instructor, UO, and Yitzhak Husbands Hankin, Rabbi Emeritus

of Temple Beth Israel. <https://cityclubofeugene.org/forum/antisemitism-and-how-to-fight-it/>

March 10-19, Beginning Friday, March 10 and continuing for 10 days. The 10th Annual **DisOrient Asian American Film Festival of Oregon**. Honoring Asian heritage, sharing Asian stories, and strengthening Asian communities. Opening night performances are “Finding Her Beat” and “Safe and Seen on 82nd”. Some screenings are available only at the Art House Theater, 492 E 13th Ave., Eugene. Others are strictly virtual. <https://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/>

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>

Reconnecting the Willamette River. An Oregon story from the Nature Conservancy about restoring the Willamette River at its confluence, thanks to funding that permitted the removal of the levee and the river to flow freely again. FCC volunteers have had a regular hand in this ongoing restoration, most recently by reintroducing native plants and trees.

<https://nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/oregon/stories-in-oregon/reconnecting-the-willamette-river/>

VOLUNTEER AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

March 7 and 8, Tuesday and Wednesday. A fundraiser for the **Lane Senior Support Coalition**, at the Coburg Pizza Company, 1710 Centennial Blvd. And another LSSC fundraiser on April 6, 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. Provides services and products for which no (other) funding is available. May include health insurance, prescriptions, utilities, and auto repairs. www.lanessc.org

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/>