



*A Tribute to Broadway
Wows Audience*

UUCE Minister's Message

June Services

Our Aspirations remind us "Together we act toward justice, healing and sustainability." June's theme is an investigation into UU sensibilities of justice.

5 Bridging from the Youth Group

12 Forward Through the Ages sings our traditional hymn, "in unbroken line/Move the faithful spirits/At the call divine." What has prompted the Unitarian and Universalist commitment to justice has ancient roots and novel new expressions.

19 The Greatest Need With so much at risk, so much in need, how do we choose where to put our precious time and energy? How can we collectively and individually find the place where our passion and the world's call intersect?

26 GA in Eugene This Sunday we will attend the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly! Our worship will include a sermon from GA along with real live musicians; lunch will be served, and an afternoon of workshops in a wide variety of UU issues will be presented.

Tuesday Potlucks continue throughout the summer. Thank you, Lizzy and Owen Utterback and all who participate!



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UUCE Minister's Message

June moves us into the end of the full church year and into the lovely summer, with our Annual Meeting as the turning point. It's a moment to celebrate the tremendous achievements in the life of UUCE, and to set the next wave in motion.

Our congregational polity gives us the sacred task of coming together as a community in support, vision and self-determination. As always, the Unitarian Universalist practice presents us with the (sometimes daunting) joys of embracing the wide range of humanness within and among ourselves as a covenantal whole.

After all, we are held together not by creed or dogma but by covenant - the sacred promise to walk as a people of faith grounded in our principles.

Scholars describe our efforts as "polarity management" - the decision to think in terms of "both/and." We do open our gatherings with not only the chalice but also the flame. Some natural polarities in UU practice are:

The search for truth, which is both free and responsible;

Spirituality which is both collective and individual;

Morality as both justice and compassion;

Mutual expectations as both comforting and challenging.

So we will find ourselves, as Emerson invites, "submitting to the inconvenience" of opening wide our hearts and minds to tradition as well as innovation - individual as well as institutional priorities - management as well as leadership - partnerships among diverse people and interests - reaching in and reaching out.

For all who have taken leadership roles, for all who have taken supportive roles; emotionally, physically, financially, spiritually: my heartfelt thanks. May the gratitude of the ages be with us as we go about the work of this faith.

Rev. Sydney



UUCE Board President's Message

Renewing our connections - UUCE Group Charter

At the close of the 2015-16 fiscal year, our beloved community is humming with activity! With two fully active whole church projects, five ministries brimming with church groups, and an increasingly bustling rental program, the UUCE Board of Trustees has carefully considered: how we UUCE Groups might get to know one another again? The Board welcomes each UUCE Group to step into the reflective process of authoring a charter, which (from a practical standpoint) will support our groups in reserving rooms in our beautiful building. If you have any questions, please contact president@uueugene.org. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Sarah France
UUCE Board President



June Quick Calendar

Earth Equity
Food Project Celebration
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**Tom Sears Retirement
Party**
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50 Feet From Syria
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**Contemplative
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(GA) in Eugene
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UUCE Worship

Byrdsong Consort's Spring 2016 "European Tour"



These are Renaissance recorders which are slightly different than the more common baroque recorders. These are replicas of original recorders made in the early 1600's in Italy.

UUUCE Worship

Notes from Your Intern Minister

June is a time of warmer days, longer nights and closures.

Children graduate from preschool. High school students firm up what colleges they will go to in September. Older folks make plans for their summers off to see the sites or to visit family.

Typically summer is not a time when we think about church but we will still have our congregants that need visits or a meal. Babies will be born and elders will die. The work of the church goes, we are still needed as an institution and a Beloved Community, for solace and celebration.

So if you are around come by and see what work needs to be done on the garden, if you play an instrument tell us if you are available for a service. If you have time, let us know if you can help one of our members who may need a ride or a meal.

The beauty of family and of the earth calls us out. But the love of community calls us to stay connected to each other as the earth turns towards summer.

Contemplative Practices Mondays, 5:00 - 5:45 in the Chapel

Silent mediation can include many traditions, silent prayer, sitting, mindfulness awareness practices, personal mantra and walking. Come this month and learn how to do walking meditation from Deb Huntly and friends.

Contemplative Studies Study Series begins at 5:15pm - 6:45pm in Chapel at UUCE

June 2, Thursday

Non-Dualism: Adyashanti, Mooji, and Nisargadatta and Ramana

Mooji, and Adyashanti's are living non-dualist teachers. Nisargadatta and Ramana are the two greatest teachers of non-dualism teachers. Non-dualism is the foundation of Avdaita Hinduism. Buddhism.

Upcoming Studies:

July 7th: Taoism and Medical Qigong (Lao Tsu and Dr. Yang, Jwing-Ming)

August 4th: Mindfulness (Thich Nhat Hanh)

Kindness Team Training June 9th 6:30-8:30

The goal of this training is to give volunteers skills and information necessary to provide practical assistance to congregants in times of need.

We will be provide dinner food. Please RSVP so that we can make sure to have enough food.

Charlotte Writer

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General Assembly (GA) in Eugene

Sunday 26th of June we will be hosting GA in Eugene. There will be workshops on Racial Justice, the Environment/Food Issues, Faith Development, Interfaith Dialog and one for the Youth/Young Adults.

We will start with worship; following a catered lunch we will then break out into workshops. We will end with an ice cream social.



UUCE Worship

Tom Sears and the UUCE Choirs Present *A Tribute to Broadway*



UUCE Worship

A Tribute to Broadway continued



UUUCE Worship

Music Matters

After twenty-two years serving UUCE, first as Choir Director and later as Music Director, my tenure is coming to an end. I will be retiring at the end of June. A new director has been named, Camille Lively, who will take my place in July.

It was in 1994 that I wrote my first church newsletter article and described my 'vision' to have everyone in the congregation sing in the choir. Well, as you can imagine, that never quite materialized. A great many other things did, however. Over the years our music program has grown from a single choir of 10 voices to three choirs with over 80 singers. A music committee established itself out of the need to help organize various musical events, sewing projects emerged to create the beautiful stoles the choirs wear on Sunday, our aging Yamaha grand piano was rebuilt, week-long choral workshops were attended, and special music presentations took place.

I am grateful to have worked in a UU church where there is greater freedom to choose music from a variety of sources. One Sunday you could hear a Mendelssohn motet, the next, a Dolly Parton pop song, and the following week an African chant. In addition to the music for Sunday services there were other special music presentations. These include the annual Renaissance Christmas concert, the presentation of a major choral work for Music Sunday, and a lighter-fare Spring concert/dance.

It was an especially exciting challenge to prepare major choral works for Music Sunday. Among these were *Faure's Requiem*, Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*, Bach's *Cantata No. 79*, the *Missa Gaia*, and Morricone's *Beatitude Mass for the Homeless*. Even more exciting was the expression on the faces of the singers as they rose to the occasion, learned their music and presented it with such confidence and competence. Herein lies the truly gratifying piece, especially apparent in preparing a major choral work but also in the smaller pieces: the joy, satisfaction and empowerment each person experiences as they succeed in overcoming the challenges presented by the music and make their contribution to the creation of something beautiful that is greater than themselves. It builds self-esteem, creates community, and as studies show, it even improves your health.

For me, my departure is bitter-sweet as I have loved being your music director. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work with so many different people over the years. This has been an extremely rich and creative part of my life for which I will always be grateful. And yet, there are things I want to accomplish and I need time to do it, and to do it while I still have the energy and drive for it.

Thank you singers for your effort, your humor, your patience, and all-around good vibes. And thank you to the staff and to the congregation, both current and past, for your support and appreciation, which you gave so generously.

In harmony,
Tom



UUCE Connecting

Religious Education

Dear UUCE Families,

June brings with it more consistently sunny weather, the fullness of flowers, the warmth of new summer sun, the end of the school year, and the end of the third trimester of Religious Education at UUCE. To mark these endings and new beginnings, we have two milestone celebrations and ceremonies planned – you are encouraged to attend both of them!



Coming of Age

Please join the Coming of Age Group for a celebratory Credo Dinner!

WE will provide a noodle bar with sauces, music by the Chalice Choir, and the sacred space for our youth to share their Credo Statements.

YOU are asked to bring a favorite potluck dish to share AND a photo of your 13- to 15-year old self for our Coming of Age gallery.

When: **Saturday, June 4, 5:00-7:00 pm**

Where: UUCE Social Hall

Who: Griffin Cameron

Chesh Jones

Brooke Wagner

Ben Weber

Ruby West-Jones

Their families, mentors, advisors

And YOU!

Please RSVP by sending an e-mail to

ComingOfAge@uueugene.org

Questions? Call Katy Siefert, 541/686-2775, xt 2

UUCE Connecting

Bridging Sunday and Teacher Appreciation

Sunday, June 5th, the regular Sunday service will be dedicated to showing our appreciation and support to our children and youth, and to the volunteers who have worked with them.

If you were a teacher this year, please come and allow us to celebrate your wonderful work with deep gratitude and deep love.

The bridging ceremony is a long-standing tradition in Unitarian Universalist congregations across the nation, and the world. As our youth step over the threshold of young adulthood, it is our role as their congregation to honor and support them during this life transition. The youth, who have shared their friendship and community with our bridgers, work together to create a youth-led ceremony, weaving together the various threads from their group into a service of words, silence, and song.

Our bridging youth is Jacen Richards. Jacen has been attending the church for two years. He comes to us each Sunday, an active, helpful, and beloved part of the church youth group – he will be missed in Room 7 on Sunday mornings. Please come and help to welcome him into the role of Young Adult and congregant.

When: **Sunday, June 5th, 10:00-11:00am**

Where: Sanctuary

Who: Volunteer Teachers and Bridging Youth

Celebration cake and coffee to be served afterward!



UUCE Connecting

And with the end of the Spring Trimester comes the beginning of...

Summer Session: Building Community

The summer program begins on June 12th. It's been a great year at UUCE, and the summer program will be no exception. The theme will be Building Community, and the children will get to take part in actively helping to build our beautiful new church playground (make sure you bring them with clothes they can get dirty!) They will learn about what it is to work together in community, how working toward a common goal can help bring us closer together, healthy ways to navigate conflict when it arises in community, and the joy of our interconnection with one another and with the planet!

How will they learn these things, you ask? Through direct experience! We are undertaking a cob building project this summer.



Here is what Wikipedia has to tell us about cob:

“Cob, cobb or clom (in Wales) is a natural building material made from subsoil, water, some kind of fibrous organic material (typically straw), and sometimes lime. The contents of subsoil naturally varies and if it does not contain the right mixture it can be modified with sand or clay. Cob is fireproof, resistant to seismic activity, and inexpensive. It can be used to create artistic, sculptural forms and has been revived in recent years by the natural building and sustainability movements.”

In the coming months, we will be working together with a cob expert named Ishe Abel to create a fun, beautiful, useful, permanent structure on the children's playground as part of our visioning for the future of our church as an active and vibrant center of community activity.

During the weeks not actively building the structure itself, children will be asked to envision what they'd like to experience and see in community. They will be encouraged to help build smaller components of the playground, such as a tennis ball run,



bamboo wind catcher, outdoor musical components, and other fun, interactive, creative, and playful engineering activities. Most importantly, they will have a lot of fun!

If you are a parent, child, youth, young adult, or interested congregant who wants to help to build the new cob structure, please RSVP to uucedre@gmail.com, or sign up on the R.E. bulletin board display, and come to one or more of the planning and building sessions, listed below:

- June 11, 11:30 am -1:30pm
- June 12, 1:00-3:00pm
- June 14, 4:00-6:00pm

Lay Foundation:

- Dates/times, TBD

Build Sessions:

- June 26, 10:00am - 2:00pm
- July 10, 10:00am- 2:00pm
- August 14, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Bright blessings,
Katy

UUUCE Connecting



Pacific Western Region

Leadership School Spaces Are Filling Fast!

If you are interesting in going to Leadership School this summer, please let them know that spaces are filling fast. It's easy to enroll. Just go to <https://www.uua.org/pacific-western/leadership-school/enrollment>

If you have any questions, just let me know.

Diane Larson
Administrative Dean

Art Gallery

This September the UUUCE Community Art Gallery will have our 2nd annual "All Comers" photography show. All members and non-members are invited to show one framed ready to hang photograph. This year's theme is portraiture.

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UUCE Outreach

GLAD Grupo Latino de Acción Directa

June Community Offering

Some of the Guatemalans in Lane County left their country to escape domestic violence, gang violence and narcotraficante violence. They want to gain legal status in the U.S., but they often find the court system confusing and daunting. A Lane County nonprofit is increasing these refugees' odds of gaining legal asylum. Based in Cottage Grove, Grupo Latino de Accion Directa supports refugees through the court

process, including finding lawyers to take their cases. Lynn Stephens from our congregation has been using her expertise to help. Getting women and children through the court system is expensive, whether it is gas money or stipends for the lawyers or other costs. On June 19, our entire offering will be given to support the work of Grupo Latino de Accion Directa.

Marilyn Milne



Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$1,106.52 for Burrito Brigade during our May offering!

UUCE Outreach

Film: 50 Feet From Syria

Tuesday, June 14, 7:00 pm

UUCE Sanctuary

Follow Syrian-American surgeon Hisham Bismar who leaves his young family in America to serve Syrian war victims.

An inspiring and sobering documentary, *50 Feet From Syria* is a portrait of a quiet and determined man performing intricate acts of medical necessity undeterred by the chaos and complexity of war around him.

The film serves as a snapshot in time of the current plight of Syrian refugees and of those who attempt to help them. It also indelibly communicates the human cost of one of the most brutal, dehumanizing conflicts in modern history that continues to destroy and displace millions of lives.

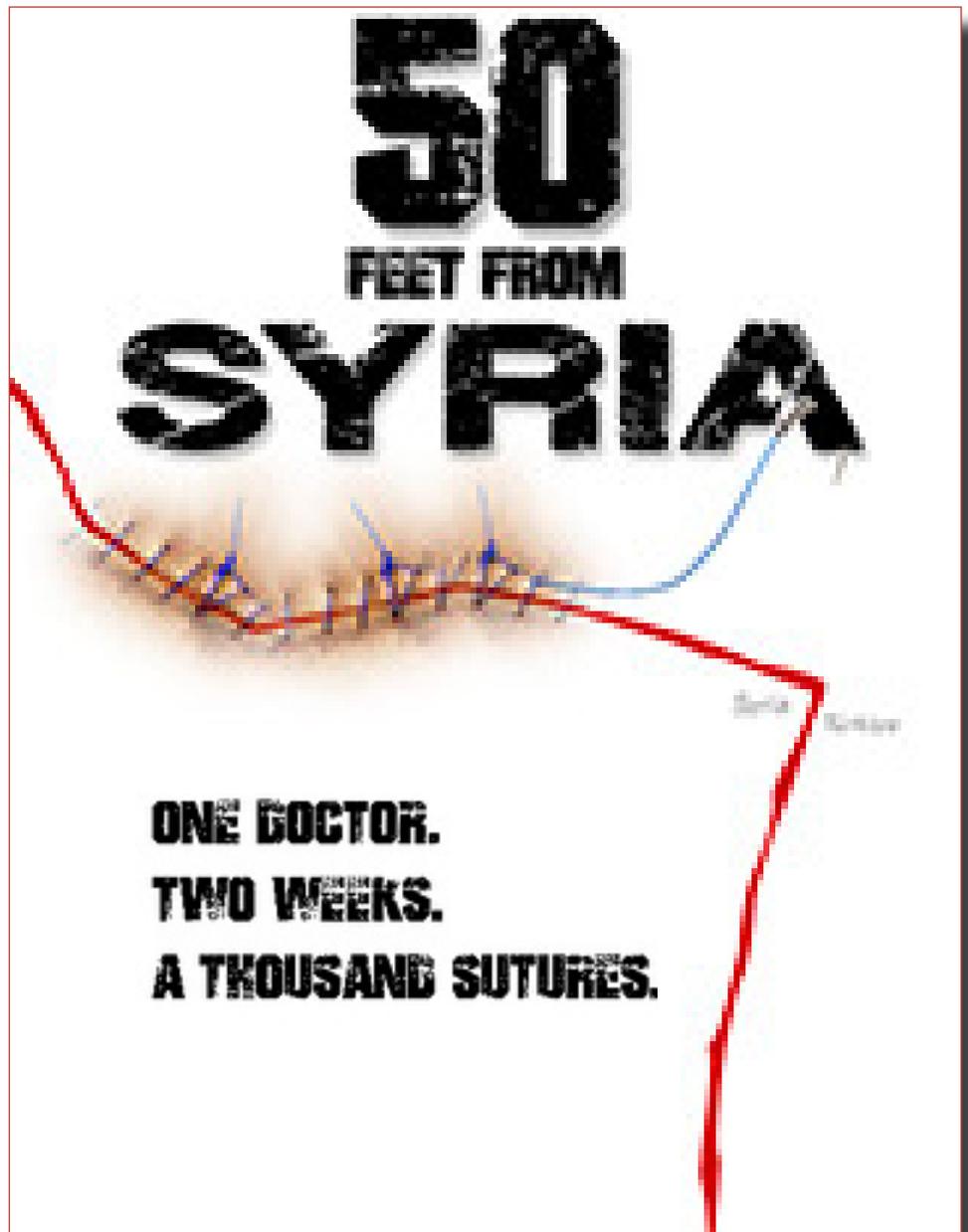
After the showing, a panel will answer audience questions: Skye Fitzgerald, Director/Producer; Hisham Bismar, M.D., whose work is the main focus of the film; and Hazard Jaber, a Syrian native active in the Syrian-American Medical Society.

Learn from those who have worked first hand where few can go.

For more information about the film see <http://www.50feetfromsyria.com/>

May not be suitable for children.

An event organized by the UUCE Sanctuary Project.



UUCE Outreach

Working to change the “System”
Anacortes Keep it in the Ground....Break Free event



Advocacy is what we were doing in Anacortes, WA from May 13th to 15th. There are two huge oil refineries on that dear spit of land, with proposals from the oil industry to increase the refining of crude oil at this location.

The oil arrives and departs by train and boat. Over the years, the oil has destroyed the fishing and water quality in this area. This entire area of islands will be greatly affected as the ocean rises!.

And so the demonstration occurred. People slept on the railroad tracks, with 52 arrested over three days. It is hoped that with the arrests and subsequent trials, the process will help to upgrade laws that protect our natural rights to clean water, air, and our human rights as opposed to the corporate rights so enjoyed by so few.

Marches were held on Saturday and Sunday to support and protect the Native populations in this area.

Many, many UU's were there from all over the NW. You can see us with our Oregon UU Voices for Justice banner. Rev. Dennis Reynolds, and his wife were there with their Whidbey Island congregation. We ordained him here in Eugene several years ago. Our connections are many!

*Rev. Kate Landis from Shoreline UU Church
betwixt Suzanne and Rev. Dennis Reynolds*

For more information, do go to the web and put in Break free PNW weekend Recap.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Craig for Earthaction/SIA
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UUCE Outreach

Anacortes, WA continued



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Earth Equity Food Project Celebration

Sunday, June 5 11:15-12:15 in the Chapel

Enjoy food, photos, and community. See what we have done together in our first year at UUCE for social and environmental justice, as related to food and water. It's never too late to join!

Your passport feedback gives UUCE vital information to help determine how to grow a whole church project. If you have participated in any events, please update your passport.

Earth EqUuity Gardening Events in May

On April 30th, a small yet hearty group from UUCE volunteered at the Food for Lane County Youth Farm garden. We learned about the many good things that go on at that green oasis in the middle of Springfield. We planted long rows of broccoli and cauliflower, weeded, and pulled out old chard. The Youth Farm garden provides work opportunities for lower income high school students. Most of the food it produces is distributed through Food for Lane County food pantries, as well as other sites.



On May 1st, 14 gardeners of all experience levels gathered in conversation to share ideas about growing fruits and vegetables at home. Topics discussed included container gardening, composting, best variety of tomatoes to plant (Sungold!), building raised beds, companion planting, and attracting pollinators to your garden.



Food Rescue Night

Thursday June 23th 6:30-8:30

770 Bailey Hill Rd.

Most requested food for June will be tomato products, including canned tomatoes of all types, tomato sauce and paste, ketchup, etc.

Food for Lane County fact: Volunteers hours at Food for Lane County are the equivalent of 32 employees.

UUUCE Outreach

Special Honor for Ruth Duemler



Ruth Duemler has been the backbone of our UUUCE Social/ Environmental activities for her whole tenure with us. So it was a great delight for many of us to be on hand when Eugene Church Women United gave her their Valiant Woman award. It took four pages to tell of her lifelong works for justice, so this meager condensed version is very "lean".

Ruth developed 19 different classes to be taught at Pasadena City College (CA). She taught Home Ec. to women with challenging circumstances at the Jackie Robinson center, Pasadena.

In the 1960 and 70's, she worked with several groups to significantly lower smog in the San Gabriel Valley area, and also in San Diego.

Here in Eugene she helped to get the first single payer initiative on the ballot in the 80's. Ruth continues with her deep commitment to that issue as well as support for Occupy Medical.

She is on the Board of St. Vinnie's working to decrease inequity in many areas.

Thank you Ruth for so valiantly carrying the banner for those who cannot.

We too, honor you.

SIA

THANK YOU TOM!
WE LOVE YOU

Tom Sears Retirement Party

Saturday, June 11, 2:00pm

Hey wonderful Community! Mark your calendars to join in giving our beloved Music Director, Tom Sears, support, well wishes and lots of love as he wraps up 24 wonderful years of music with UUUCE to "retire" to adventures yet unknown. Party gathering is Saturday, June 11, 2:00pm in the Social Hall and Sanctuary. Cookies and punch will be provided. Your love, support and well wishes for his future come with "you". If you have a one-liner you would like included in the "verbal card" please send it to susangio@comcast.net, to be read as one long verbal sentiment, at the event. Of course there will also be a basket available for those who want to give him a personal card. The choirs will sing three songs that are some of Tom's favorites. Let's give him a big heart-felt send-off.

Susanne Giordano



UUUCE Outreach

Yard Sale! Come Join the Fun!



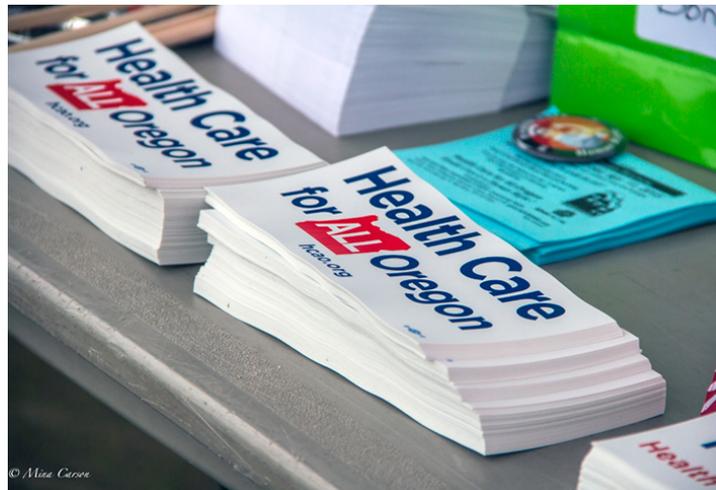
UUUCE
Yard Sale
July 16th

Volunteers needed to help with planning (2 – 3 meetings max), accepting donations and pricing items (two weeks preceding the sale), and staffing the day of the sale on July 16th. Choose a shift, a time or a day. Come, bring a friend – or make new friends, while raising funds for our church.

Contact Nita White, ever4nita@gmail.com, 541/343-7567 or Phyllis O’Neill, poneill6@comcast.net 541/510-2739 – and stay tuned, more information in the next newsletter.



UUCE Outreach



Health Care For All Oregon

HCAO is involved over the summer with enlisting signatures on our petitions calling for the local city councils to endorse and submit to the Oregon State Legislature statements of support for a universal, tax supported health care plan for all Oregonians. The petitions will be submitted to the councils at the end of August.

A new feature of HCAO is the inclusion of individuals as members of HCOA upon payment of an annual membership fee of \$30.00. Individuals will for the first time, be card carrying Health Care for All Oregon members; they are invited to attend all HCOA meetings, although not with delegate voting privileges. Voting delegates must still represent one of the approximately 120 member organizations.

The video *FIX IT - Health Care at the Tipping Point* has been shown around the state. A recent showing on May 5 in Eugene gathered an enthusiastic audience; the discussion after the film was the most involved of any previous *Fix It* audience. If you would like a copy of the DVD for your own use, please contact us at www.hcao.org. It will be well worth your time.

We are actively involved in tabling at local events. Each Saturday, a group sets up at the Saturday Market, gathering signatures for our petitions and for those interested in HCAO's activities in pursuit of single payer health care for all Oregonians.

As we move into the fall season, HCAO will become more involved with the Oregon legislative session.

Pat Bitner
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UUCE Stewardship

Treasurer Tibits

Pledging is the primary source of funding for our church. Our budget expenses have been almost \$600,000 in the last few years. With this we have paid our mortgage, paid our staff, paid our utilities, and funded our various programs. Our pledges cover about two-thirds of that cost with gifts, offerings, rentals, fundraising, and some various forms of miscellaneous income making up the rest.

Most members pledge and some non-members also pledge. Considering that we have about 265 members one can see that each makes a significant contribution to that substantial portion of our expenses. This is the foundation piece which makes it possible to have our progressive liberal church here in Eugene, helping some of the homeless, feeding some of those in need, and serving both ourselves and our community.

Dave DeCou



UUCE Stewardship

It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's a Pledge Card!



Judy Shaw and Sarah France UUCE Board President

It's that time of year when we're wrapping up our funding for the next twelve months of our shared ministries.

Here's just a glimpse of what we accomplished together!

- Inspiring Sunday Services, with themes tied to our congregational aspirations and principles
- More worship options, such as evening meditation and CUUPS services
- Serving as a Teaching Church with our ministerial intern, with a new one arriving in the fall as Kimberly heads on to a chaplaincy
- Fabulous music from our three choirs

- Several super-fun church-wide events
- Service in Action projects including hosting three Congestoga Huts, conferences for Oregon Voices for Justice, ongoing work with Health Care for All Oregon, CROP Walk, That's My Farmer, Food for Lane County and lots more
 - The launch of two churchwide Earth EqUUity projects: the Food Group and the Sanctuary Project
 - Our Community offerings that support many deserving non-profits
 - Many offerings from our multi-faceted Lifespan Religious Education program for children, youth and adults (including Coming of Age and adult OWL!)
 - Shared Ministry Groups, Sister Circles, Men's Groups and a multitude of other affinity groups that allow us to enrich each other's lives
 - Pastoral Associates program and Kindness Project

As of the writing of this article in late May, we have 125 members and friends who have pledged their financial support for our community, letting us know that we can count on \$284,391 towards funding our annual programs. THANK YOU!! This year we've also had an opportunity to help us secure our future in our new home by paying down a portion of our mortgage with a three-year capital pledge. Many of you have stepped up to give \$554,265 toward our goal of \$650,000.

Twenty-four in our beloved community who pledged more than \$40,000 last year have passed away, moved away, or moved on.

We still have sixty households (as of this writing) who give every year who have not yet turned in a pledge card. There are still substantial funds needed to fully fund and sustain our ministries in the coming year. Well, we've got pledge cards for you! There are many ways to get a pledge form:

- You can pledge online with our new online pledge form
- You can download and print a pledge form from the website and mail or bring it to church
- You can pick up a form after the Sunday services in the south hallway entry right outside the Sanctuary
- You can email or call or text Judy Shaw or Kay Crider and we'll get you a pledge by whatever method you choose: regular mail, email, or in-person delivery with a song and dance ...

It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's a Big Thank you for pledging your time, talent and treasure to make our beloved church great!

Judy Shaw, judy_a_shaw@hotmail.com, 541-359-6074 & Kay Crider, kaycrider@me.com, 541-968-9988.

UUCE Administry

UUCE Staff

Office staff and custodians all work part-time, which enables us to be efficient while also providing backup when people are out.

It also offers a way to hire experienced people with particular strengths who prefer the part-time hours.



Stephanie Dahl, Data Manager

– comes to us from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Emerald Valley where she was Director of Administration and Communications. She managed a staff of 14 serving 180 students per day. Prior to that she was Assistant Director of the Eugene Education Foundation. Stephanie brings a wide range of experience and skills including data, finance, management and communications.

Bob Smith, Managing Custodian – has experience in both managerial and custodial roles. Bob has been a business owner, growing a building maintenance company from 3 to 60 employees in fifteen years. His business ownership has provided a lot of experience working with a variety of people. And he really loves the process of having our church being in the best possible condition.

Wayne Parker, Business Manager – with an MBA and experience in both business and non-profits, Wayne brings financial, technical and personnel skills. He founded a tech company that grew to 120 employees, is on the board of the Cascades Raptor Center, and has been a mentor at the UofO business school. His consulting clients have ranged from local firms to Fortune 500 companies.



Other office staff you know are Dorna Baumann, bookkeeper, Phoebe Gildea, Office Coordinator and Rentals Manager, and Custodians Matt Kosanke and Patrick Munyon.

Some of the recent hires at UUCE

UUCE Administry



Adeline Jane Wagner stars at Baby Dedication

New UUCE Members

Janet Barnes

I was born and raised in California but have lived in the Pacific Northwest for the last 30+ years. Some of my favorite activities include reading, sewing, birding, hiking and spending time entertaining our dog. I volunteer at the Eugene Public Library and also with the SMART reading program and have a lot of fun giving back to the community with both of these organizations. After learning of the seven principles of UU, I knew that this church would be a good fit for me. Thanks for being such a welcoming and loving congregation!

Rob Barnes

For the past 27 years I've lived in the Pacific Northwest, in both Washington and Oregon. Some of my interests are hiking, winemaking and nature. What attracts me most about this church is the smile density.

Janell Heidenreich

I lived most of my life in Indiana, but have been here in Eugene for the past 15 years. Now that I'm retired, I really enjoy doing service work and gardening. I enjoy being a part of UUCE because it is my spiritual home!

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UUCE Administry



Rev. Sydney and Membership Chair Erin Troberg welcome new members: Janet and Rob Barnes, Kaye Dean Lenox, Janell Heidenreich, Jennifer Rowan

Kaye Dean Lenox

I lived much of my life in Southern California and Seattle and the last 8 years in Eugene. I enjoy making jewelry, writing and cooking. I don't like hiking! I am attracted to this congregation for its brilliant open mindedness, it makes me happy!

Jennifer Rowan

I was raised in Detroit, Michigan and lived other places, but moved to Eugene 33 years ago, more than half my life now. My interests include: camping, birding, art history and literature. I've been singing with the UUCE choirs for two and a half years, and also serve on the UU Refugee Sanctuary Project committee. I'm attracted to the Unitarian Universalist Church because of the church's commitment to human rights and social justice and its philosophy of "radical inclusion". And the music is incredible.

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UUCE Annual Meeting June 12th

This June 12 we will be voting on a new slate of Board of Trustee nominees and nominees for the Leadership Development/Nominating Committee. Please plan to attend and vote if you are a voting member. In preparation for that, we of the

Leadership Development Committee thought you might like get to know the nominees a little better. Following are their bios and pictures. Feel free to connect with them and thank them for their graciousness in being willing to serve us all.

Leadership Development/Nominating Committee Nominees



Debra Eichner I have lived in Eugene for a long time. I have found lovely pockets of community over the years, but have never attended a church since reaching adulthood. I've known about the Unitarian Universalist community as a comfortable place to gather and share world views of philosophy, religion and culture as well as being a place where a diverse community gather and celebrate, but I just wasn't ready for a weekly commitment of time inside a building. There

were other things that were calling me.

My teenage daughter drew me to enter and sit at Sunday morning service over two years ago. Since then I have found in this community a sanctuary for my soul. Singing, meditating, thinking and smiling with joy have become a weekly ritual for me. I recently was approached to enter more deeply in to the community here, and feel very honored by this request. I think that searching for the reasons people commit to being part of a community is a worthy pursuit. What is the significance of the ritual of joining that resonates with different types of people? It is hard for me to define even for myself, so I am ready to take the step of committing to help with the search for this answer.



Jane Wagner I have just retired from my work as an Early Childhood Special Educator for a program at the University of Oregon. I loved my job and worked with a fabulous

group of people. My career with children has been very important to me and I would miss my job even more if it weren't for my grandchildren. They are currently the center of my universe and I spend many of my days with them.

I have been a member of this church for about 25 years, and have seen it through many changes. My husband John and I have had just about every job there is in this church, and we continue to participate in the hope that we will be leaving a legacy. My recent responsibilities include being a worship associate and a member of the intern support team and the membership team.

One of my next projects will be to get a group together to plan and plant a cutting garden for the church. We need a source for flowers for our services, and I am hoping that by this time next year, we will be able to have a healthy plot of flowers and greens for beautiful arrangements to enhance the beauty of this building. I love dirt!

We are lucky enough to have our son and daughter in law and their 4 children belong to this church. The children range in age from 2 months to 13 years, and they all have their own activities here. Baby Adeline takes the collection and was a star at the baby dedication.. Brooke, our lovely 13 year old granddaughter, got to participate in the coming of age program recently. Grayson and Silas love their classes and think of this building as their second home. For one thing, there's lots of room to run. Their parents, David and Christina, are here every week and perform numerous Sunday tasks.

Kids, flowers and food (I like to cook and love to eat) keep me just busy enough to feel that I can participate in church activities without being overwhelmed. I look forward to belonging to and serving this community for years to come.



Christine Santoro 46 years old, BA in Sociology, work as a Risk Manager for PeaceHealth, mother of two boys: Nathan 22, and Joren 13. Married to John Holmes. Church participation as included: coffee service, membership committee, facilitating adult RE class, taught in the K-1 classroom, Breakfast Club, small group ministry.

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Board of Trustees Nominees



Janell Heidenreich was born in and simple on the farm; there were 12 people in her class at school and she was active in the local Methodist Church. Janell Heidenreich She is a relative newcomer to UU in Eugene. All Souls UU in Indianapolis was her first introduction to Unitarian Universalism when she was 19. This was her spiritual base for most of the thirty years she lived in the capitol city of Indiana. Janell received her BS and

MS in Education from Indiana University Indianapolis. She was in the second group of the Experiential Program Preparing School Principals at Butler University where the ideas of leadership and change became fundamental in her life. She taught preschool through grade six, served as elementary principal, worked as Service-Learning State Consultant with the Indiana Department of Education and helped develop curriculum for teachers with the Children's Museum of Indianapolis. She served as a Big Sister for over four years in Indianapolis. Since coming to UU in Eugene a year ago she can be found at the Fair Trade Coffee Cart many Sundays, serves with the Conestoga committee, has participated in Small Group Ministries and helped to clean the garden in the fall. Janell and her husband Paolo live in the Bethel area with "The Zoo," a group of abandoned cats and dogs that have all found a lovely life in Eugene.



Katy Colburn and her family began attending the UUCE in January of 2015. Her family felt warmly welcomed at their first service and they enjoy the religious education program as well as the congregation's commitment to community service. Since becoming a part of this community, she has served on the Offertory Committee, Visiting Stewards, and volunteering with the children's Christmas pageant.

Outside of church she also serves as the Secretary to the Board of Directors at the Materials Exchange Center for Community Arts (MECCA) and works full time at the United way of Lane County as a Program Manager. In addition to her service work, Katy spends time with her family including her long time partner, their 7 year old daughter, and 2 cats. She likes to meet new people and feels passionate about creating change in her community.



Isaac Prier My name is Isaac Prier and I am 16 years old. I enjoy playing violin, volunteering at the library, and reading. I am excited to join the Board and help give youth more of a voice in the church.

