

# UUCEConnections

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**UUCE Says Goodbye to  
Ministerial Intern Andy Chirch**

# UUCEWorship

Beloved Community,

As I write this, the final month of my internship is about to begin and my heart is full. My yearlong journey feels the way life's big moments often do – both much longer than a year, and over in an instant.

I have had the pleasure and honor of being your summer minister (Thank you Rev. Sydney!), and have spent time learning how to support you in your efforts to transform yourselves and serve the world. Much of my time has admittedly been spent in wonder at the good work you do. You gather weekly around the touchstone of worship. You make music, you serve the community, and you minister to each other. Your caring is evidenced by the way you show up.

Thank you for allowing me to journey with you for this year, and for sharing of yourselves. I promised you that I would make mistakes, and I kept that promise. I also promised you that I would listen to your needs, share with you from my own experience, and work together toward deepening the well of strength and love from which we all draw.

Will you join me in celebrating those missteps, new steps, and our journey together? My last service at UUCE is Sunday, August 20th. That service will mark the moment where you've learned what you came for, and I send you off into the big, wide world... Wait.... I've got that backward.

In all seriousness, I expect you will welcome another intern to your midst. Know that a new story is waiting to unfold, and by embracing that person the way you have embraced me, you both will grow.

Now for the final bit of business of my ministry here: We'll be exploring the theme of beginnings all month. May each of your days bring an appreciation of the stories that must end so that other, newer ones may begin.

I leave you with my favorite quote about life as a journey:

“I wandered in the pursuit of my own self;

I was the traveler,

and I am the destination.”

(Hazrat Pir-o-Murshid 'Inayat Khan)



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# UUCEWorship



**The worship theme for the month of August is “Beginnings.”**

**Our Sunday services are:**

**August 6th: “Stinky Spots”** Mary Gear, candidate for UU Ministry and recent graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry, preaches Stinky Spots. “Let’s talk about our First UU Principle.... and cats. Our First UU Principle calls us to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. This is easy when we are in agreement with another person. How do we practice this principle when we don’t share the same values?”

**August 13th: “Fairytale Beginnings”** Ministerial Intern Andy Chirch preaches: As in “Once Upon a Time”... stories about all the hope and beauty of beginnings.... 3am in the barn, births, marriages, toasts at tables, partnerships, first days at school, let us explore what happens when life begins anew.

**August 20th: “Destination: Journey”**

Ministerial Intern Andy Chirch preaches his final sermon for UUCE: Hazrat Inyat Khan said: “I wandered in the pursuit of my own self; I was the traveler, and I am the destination.” About the turning of the page, life as a journey, and embracing change. “Ok, we’ve arrived.... now where to?” UUCE will also host folks from the UU Berkeley Fellowship.

**August 27th: “In the Beginning Was the Word”** Kimberly Wootan preaches: “How poems and stories help us navigate new understandings.”

# August Quick Calendar

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# UUCEBoard President



Happy Summer everyone,  
I hope that folks are finding time to relax and have some fun during these long, hot, days.

In case you missed the Annual Meeting, here's your new Board of Trustees for 2017-2018. Officers:

- President: Barbara Kellogg,  
president@uueugene.org
- Vice President: Janelle Heidenreich,  
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- Treasurer: Katy Colburn,  
treasurer@uueugene.org
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secretary@uueugene.org
- Members at Large (in alphabetical order):

- Daniel Blades • Bob Fraley • Wanda Kuenzli
- Poppy Lochridge • Peter Powers • Abby Tuttle-Shamblin

We have been busy over the summer learning our new roles and preparing for the start of the church year in the Fall. We will have more to share after our August 11 and 12 planning retreat, but our focus continues to be on ministerial transition, stewardship and stabilizing our budget and providing new tools to help maintain our covenant with one another. This month we will focus on ministerial transition.

The Board has been in conversation with Keith Kron from the UUA Transitions Office and Rev. Sarah Schurr, from the Pacific Northwest Region and will continue to work closely with them over the next year. Our options could include seeking an interim minister, another developmental minister, calling a settled minister or some combination of these. We are hoping that input from our congregation will help clarify our best path forward.

To that end, starting in September through early November, we are inviting everyone in the congregation to help evaluate our church's strengths, challenges, and direction for the future. Lesley Rex has designed a survey which we will have available along with a series of indepth conversations (to be scheduled).

We should have the analysis of the congregational input available by the November Board meeting with a final decision planned for December 2017. This is a very tight timeline, but the UUA has agreed to work with it to help us be successful.

Next month's newsletter article will focus on a new adult training opportunity in development for the Fall on Covenantal Conversations.

Stay cool and enjoy your summer,  
Barbara Kellogg



# UUCECConnecting

## Summer Religious Education

The summer Sunday morning Religious Education program will occur from 9:45-11:15am, with childcare for infants and toddlers in Room 4, and childcare for children ages 3-10 in Room 3. Children are also welcome to join their parents in the Sanctuary and Social Hall for the church service. Katy Siepert, [uucedre@uueugene.org](mailto:uucedre@uueugene.org) (mailto:[uucedre@uueugene.org](mailto:uucedre@uueugene.org)) , 541-686-2775x2.

### Cobb House Rises on Play Ground



Join us in building community by helping to build the cobb house! Tuesdays, 8:00-sundown, Fridays, 8:00-12:00, and Sundays 8:00-12:00.

Thanks!

Katy Siepert, DRE

# UUCE Outreach

## Climate Justice Art Camp Aug. 14 - 18 in Eugene!

Students from 7-9th grades are invited to a five-day outdoor camp to learn about climate justice organizing and help work on local campaigns! The camp will take place on a 10-acre

mini-farm in South Eugene and run from 9 am - 2 pm. Cost is \$125 per camper or by donation (full scholarships available!). Email Phacelia Cramer at [pjc2@williams.edu](mailto:pjc2@williams.edu) to sign up!  
Rouanna Garden



## Community Offering

Special needs children in Nicaragua are being assisted by Cielo de Amor, a Eugene-based nonprofit that will receive our August 20 Community Offering. Cielo de Amor builds inclusion, education, freedom and opportunities for the children and youth. Part of their care includes physical therapy, special education, adaptive equipment, vocational training and family involvement. More information: [cielodeamor.org](http://cielodeamor.org) <<http://cielodeamor.org/>>.

Our July offering for Center for Community Counseling raised \$1,034.45.  
Thank you, everyone!

# UUCE Outreach

## **Food for Lane County Food Rescue Night** Thursday August 24 from 6:30-8:45 Food for Lane County facility at 770 Bailey Hill Rd

Fifty percent of children in Lane County are food insecure. Here's one way you can help: meet at the Food for Lane County facility to repackage food donated for those in our community experiencing food insecurity. Volunteers must be 14 or over OR 12-13 accompanied by an adult. Wear a ponytail or hat AND closed toe shoes.

Contact Berry Broadbent, Justice Network at 541-344-9037 OR [hunger@uueugene.org](mailto:hunger@uueugene.org) OR JUST SHOW UP!

Don't forget our FFLC donation barrel at church, which is now located across from room #1 at UUCE.



## **Sandwich-making for Community Court** Friday August 11, 9:00am

The Earth EqUity Food Project will meet to make sack lunches for the Community Court Justice program. We meet at UUCE at 9:00 a.m and deliver to the downtown Eugene library about 10:00. Call or text Berry at 541-344-9037 to volunteer.



# UUCE Outreach

## Wood on Sanctuary Wall



The sanctuary wall behind the choir doesn't have wood on it yet, but the ad hoc committee for the project intends to start the work this fall.

We're creating a vision that turns the wall into an artistic representation of us while improving our acoustics. Tom Sears, the original inspiration for this project, is on board with the concept.

This installation is our best opportunity to create a distinctive design that distinguishes our church from other churches or performance spaces. Thus, we plan to combine finished wood on the wall with other wood design elements.

Our choices for covering the wall are veneer panels or tongue-and-groove hemlock. The wood's stain will echo the colors in the overhead beams. Either selection will impact the wall's overall design, which may include raw wood, too. The UU Church of Bend serves as one inspiration, as seen in the accompanying photo. We were also inspired by Bob and Margaret Kaeser's collection of cherry wood, some of which is seen in a photo, and the "church quality" pieces of Douglas fir available from Joey Chadek.

We will add a large, custom-designed chalice to the right of the screen to identify the space as a UU church. The final design will be echoed in a low wall in front of the choir that will improve its acoustics.

We will also switch the pendant lights closest to the wall, subbing lights on tracks that continue to help the choir read its music but won't interfere with the wall design or with viewing the screen.

We've received advice and ideas from many of you, including retired architect Fred Masarie, Rev. Sydney, and the Building and Grounds Committee.

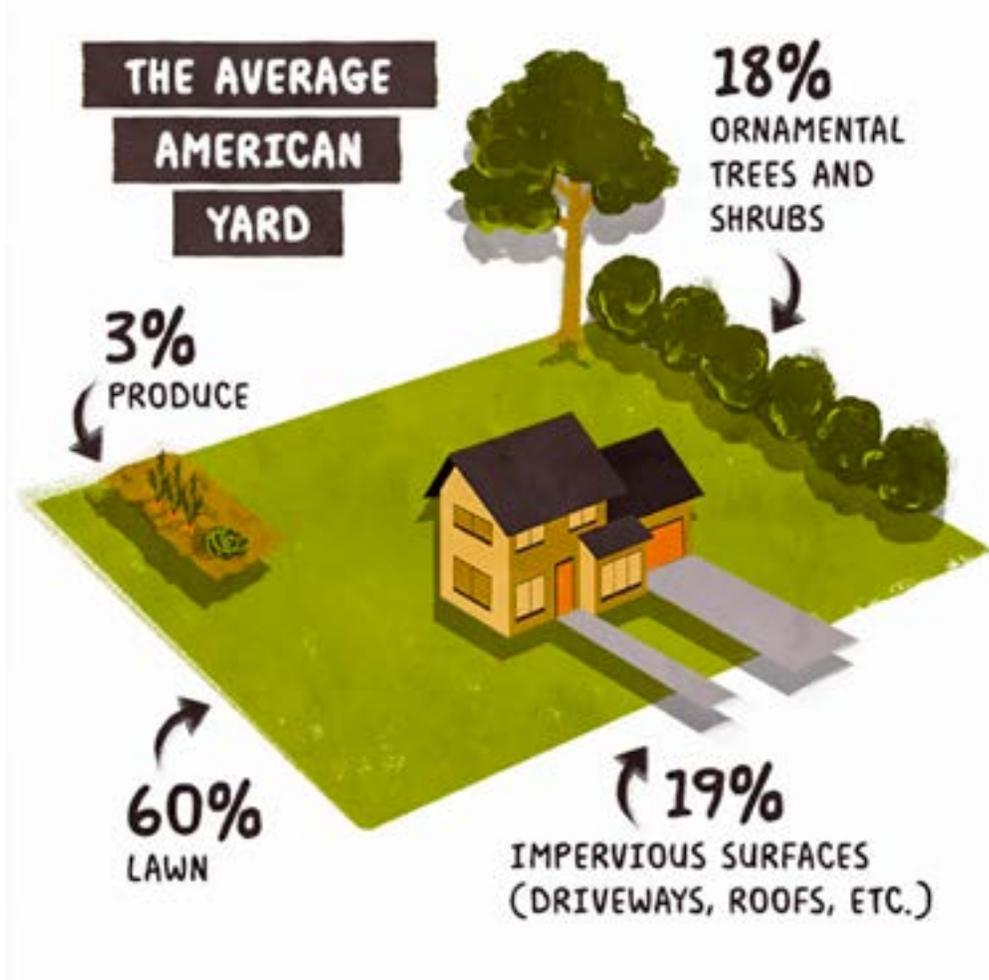
Between our thoughtful exploration of options and our summer schedules, we can't start installation right now. Thank you for your patience and trust as we continue to make the most of this opportunity.

Marilyn Milne, Martha Snyder, Eric Swegles  
and Emmet Band



# UUCE Outreach

## Grow Food - Not Lawns



Been wondering how to transform that patch of grass in front of your home? You're probably not the only one.

About 80% of homeowners have lawns, which now cover about the area of Florida.

But here's the problem. The nation's farmland continues to shrink, even as the population continues to grow. In fact 3,000 acres of productive farmland are lost to development each day. That's 125 acres an hour. Low density suburbs are the fastest-growing areas. That's where lawns come in, threatening the nation's food supply. More suburbs = more lawns.

Besides stealing valuable farmland, lawns are environmental disasters in other ways. Lawn irrigation accounts for almost half of homeowners' water usage. They use the equivalent of 200 gallons of water per person per day. Highly maintained lawns use hundreds of thousands of pounds of fertilizers, insecticides, and

herbicides, killing birds and pollinators and sending toxic runoff into our rivers and oceans, killing fish, too.

To contribute to a healthy ecosystem, here's what to grow instead of a lawn:

- Plant a "bee lawn".
- Plant perennials.

Wanna go further? Convert your lawn into a minifarm.

You'd be in good company: 44% of U.S. households grow some of their own food, up 25% since 2008. An experiment in cost savings showed growing food in 100 square feet can yield nearly \$700 in food savings.

Transforming that patch of green (or brown) could cut down on emissions, restore habitat, and save you money. And it could taste good, too.

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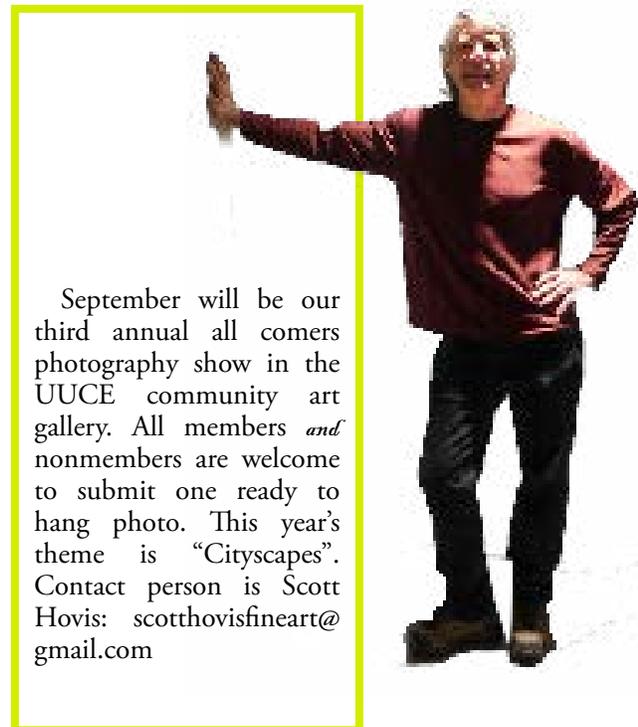
## Art Gallery Welcomes the Hovis Family



This August art show at the UUCE Community Art gallery will be a family show including Scott Hovis, Robby Hovis, Craig Hovis and Blythe Hovis Harrington. We hope you enjoy the variety.



Many thanks, Scott, for the beautiful art you bring us every month.



September will be our third annual all comers photography show in the UUCE community art gallery. All members *and* nonmembers are welcome to submit one ready to hang photo. This year's theme is "Cityscapes". Contact person is Scott Hovis: [scotthovisfineart@gmail.com](mailto:scotthovisfineart@gmail.com)