

UUCE Connections

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**UUCE Welcomes
Interfaith
Night Shelter**



UUUCE Minister



I love the meme from Neil deGrasse Tyson: "On this day long ago, a child was born who, by age 30, would transform the world. Happy Birthday Isaac Newton, born on Dec. 25th 1642." Certainly by the new year, I am ready to widen my attention and hail the host of humans who have been inspired to carry forward the work of those who inspired them, into the paradigms and language of their contemporary times. It was Newton who said, "If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." This gracious humility is characteristic of those who see a wider context to their lives, and the gratitude for the evolutionary and human endeavors which created them. The North African Roman Terence wrote in one of his plays, "Homo sum, humani nihil a me alienum puto" -- I am human, and I think nothing of which is human is alien to me.

It certainly seems alien to see the seamy, venal side of human nature playing out so powerfully here and abroad in this new year. But it does seem to be a logical consequence of structures we created -- global capitalism without ethics, for one -- and human proclivities we inherit like aggression and dominance. The challenge is to infuse ethics and a sense of proportion into the structures we have created. This week in particular I am aware of how our technology has outstripped our cognitive abilities to monitor and regulate them. This historical age insists that we develop capabilities of intellect and emotion which can manage and not be governed by the onslaught of information, misinformation and sensory stimulation. So too, the development of weaponry is demanding that we develop new capabilities of restraint and moderation.

My humanism whispers that we are capable of rising to this occasion even as the triggering, pulse-and hair-raising news continues. It is a still small voice of confidence. And others have known this; I have seen it. In an inner court of the so-called Lama Temple in Beijing, in the innermost temple I saw it in the most revered statue of the Buddha. In that face I saw an expression at once serene, confident and peaceful. I felt strengthened and reassured by the simplicity and certainty of the Buddha - an expression I have seen even if fleetingly in your faces, in the faces of our children, in those who come to this church home. We are a seeking bunch. Our journey in this new year begins again with vast stretches of wilderness to cross. May we find, each and all of us, the joy of new discovery and skill. It is good to be human together.

In the faith,
Sydney

UUCE Minister

Sunday Worship

Our theme in January is Community. Direction for this new year includes intentions to "living in covenantal community"; and also to "weave multiculturalism into our church community" along with "sustainable and centering transformation." This month we will inquire into the many meanings of community.

January 7th "Concentric Circles of Community"

Rev. Sydney will reflect on the ripples we make when, like a stone tossed into a pond, the water moves in response.

January 14th "Beyond Ourselves"

We will take a look at Asian liberation theology that believes: We are more ourselves because we are in community. Kimberly Wootan

January 21st

Sarah Skochko on eco-community

January 28th "Healthy and Safe"

A celebration of our congregation life with Rev. Sydney

Upcoming Themes

February: Leaning Forward: Learning

March: Embracing Transformation

April: Sustaining: Beyond survival, the nurturing of resilience, persistence and joy

May: Centering

June: Culture



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UUCE Board President

Happy New Year - 2018 is here bringing with it many hopes and challenges. It will also bring us a new minister.

As we shared with the congregation at our Quarterly Conversations discussion on Sunday, December 17, the Board is seeking another developmental minister for 5 to 7 years, starting in the Fall of 2018. This decision includes a commitment to explore convening a search committee for a settled minister during the third year of their tenure. (Go to our website to view the power point presented at that meeting.)

The Board's decision is based on the information we learned from your survey responses and from conversations with UUA regional staff about timelines and options. Thank you to the 166 people who took the time to fill out the surveys. Your feedback was essential to this process. Thanks also to Lesley Rex who helped develop the survey and analyzed the results. More information on the survey responses is included at the end of this article.

The Board met four times in November and early December; we spent many hours reviewing the survey results, discussing how our mission statement and covenant should inform our process and reflecting on the advantages and disadvantages of each of our choices. Options included:

Hire an interim minister for Fall 2018 and convene a congregational committee to search for a settled minister starting immediately.

Hire a developmental minister for 5 to 7 years and begin a search process during their tenure for a settled minister; or,

Hire a contract minister with an option to call at the discretion of the congregation.

Needless to say, we were not all in agreement at the beginning. However, over the course of several meetings and lots of deep conversation, we were able to reach agreement.

We want to recognize our church's growth and success in congregational life over the last several years. In many ways, we are doing really well, however, there is still some foundational work that a developmental minister can support prior to recruiting a permanent minister. In specific:

Financial stability. 62% of the survey participants identified this as a primary concern. We need to build our financial base to ensure we can consistently provide fair wages to our staff, pay our UUA dues, and support our programs. Therefore, we will be looking for a developmental minister with specific skills in fundraising and stewardship.

Congregational planning to achieve our hopes and dreams. Growth, greater community involvement, multicultural diversity and expanded social justice work were all identified as important to our congregation, but we need

to build agreement around what that looks like and develop a strategic plan to implement that vision. We will be looking for a developmental minister with experience in strategic planning.

Congregational training for right relations is beginning in January 2018. For many reasons, often outside of our control, we have struggled with a revolving door of ministers in the past and don't want to repeat that pattern. A developmental minister who will be with us for 5 to 7 years, will give us time to deepen our covenantal culture and lay the foundation, as well as begin the search process, for a settled minister.

Next Steps: Our goal is to have a new minister in place for the beginning of the church year in the Fall of 2018. We will begin working with UUA Regional Staff immediately. Stay tuned for more information. We will schedule frequent discussions with the congregation as we learn more. We want to ensure that this process is as transparent and open as possible. Please reach out to anyone on the Board if you have questions or would like more information.

Barbara Kellog



UUCE Board President

Survey

Demographics:

Affiliation - The vast majority of people completing the survey, 74%, are members of our congregation and 22% are friends.

Length of time with our congregation – there was a fairly even distribution of participants ranging from less than 1 year (16) to 21 years or more (21) with 127 folks somewhere in the middle.

Attendance on Sunday – 54% attend weekly and 26% attend monthly. Only 5% have not attended this year.

Reasons for coming on Sunday – people could choose more than one reason for coming, and most did. Sense of Belonging (132) and Celebration of Common Values (126) were the top reasons chosen, followed closely by Music (110), Intellectual Stimulation (106) and Personal Reflection and Meditation (99).

Looking Forward/Looking Back

We asked Lesley to do two separate types of analysis. The first was thematic to answer the question “Is the majority of our congregation looking forward with hope or look back with criticism.”

Of the 166 people who responded to the survey, only 5 people were looking back with criticism. To quote from Lesley’s report. “By far the largest number of responses were from respondents who looked forward with intention and hope. They acknowledged or implied the strengths and readiness of the church and its congregants and suggested specific ways to build on them.”

The Survey Questions

Because of time constraints, we next asked Lesley to do an in-depth analysis of 5 of the 10 survey questions. We will explore the rest of the information over the next few months.

What is the One Thing You Would Like the Church to Accomplish Within the Next 3 to 5 Years: Financial Stability 30%; Compatible Minister 21%; Social Justice/Community Involvement 20%; Greater Diversity 10%; Growth 7%; Deeper Sense of Community 6%; Greater Involvement of Younger People 4%; and Music 2%

Other Important Achievements: Social Justice Initiatives 32%; Membership Growth and Support 25%; Attention to the Health of the Congregation 16%; Financial Solvency and Stability 14%; and Expanded Church Offerings and Programs 13%

What are the Current Strengths of our Congregation: We are very evenly divided on this question: Music and Choir 19%; Social Action and Justice 19%; Caring Community 17%; Programs 15%; Religious Education 15%; and Minister 15%

What are the Current Challenges of our Congregation: Financial Stability 62%; there were a number of other concerns ranging from Too White at 7% to several responses all at 2% - see power point on website for more information on this question.

Accomplishments that will Make You Glad the New Minister is Here: Congregation United in Fellowship 27%; Growing Congregation 20%; Inspiring Sunday Service 19%; Church Plays a Recognized Role in Community 16%; Stable, Well-Managed Finances 10%; and More Members Involved in the Work of the Church 9%.



UUCE Worship

Music Matters

Brad Schultz, UUCE Director of Music will give a presentation in the sanctuary following worship on Sunday, January 7 about the possibility of acquiring a small pipe organ. We have been given the opportunity to house an instrument that has been donated to the University of Oregon, who currently lacks sufficient space. Without altering the way we worship here, this instrument has potential to provide unique opportunities for our choirs, additional possibilities for the service music Susanne provides each week, and the chance to engage with the greater public through performances and recitals. Brad will outline the possibilities further, complete with pictures and sound recordings.

Brad invites all interested singers to join the choirs at UUCE. As the choirs regroup after the holidays, now is a great time to join us! Having consolidated to two choirs, all rehearsals will take place in the sanctuary on Wednesdays beginning January 10, and childcare is available. Chamber Singers requires an informal singing audition with the music director and rehearses from 5:15-6:45. Sanctuary Choir is open to all singers and rehearses from 7 to 8:30. Please see or email Brad Schultz with questions. ueugenemusic@gmail.com

Brad Schultz
Director of Music



Picture by Nadja Sanders

Christmas Concert

UUUCE Worship

Christmas at UUCE



UUUCE Connecting

Dear UUUCE Families and Friends,

Another year has turned over, and this new year, I have been focusing on the question, "How can I love myself with dedication and ingenuity?" It was a question posed in Rob Brezny's *Free Will Astrology*, and the tone and tenor of it rang a bell inside me that continues to resonate as we move into this new year: How can I be more authentically myself? How can I say no to things, so that I may say yes to things that are exciting to me? How can I continue to pursue my own spiritual life while being of service to the greater congregation? How can I love myself with dedication? Ingenuity?

What has come of this line of questioning is a deep answering call of my heart that moves me closer to taking the pilgrimage I have been dreaming of for the past three years or more. In fact, I have carved out the time in my schedule and will be leaving for six weeks, beginning May 21st, returning in early July, to walk the Camino de Santiago de Compostella.

I imagine that there are many people who have embarked on this same walk. Apparently, it's all the rage after Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez made the movie *The Way*. In fact, it was watching that movie about 6 years ago that first sparked my interest in one day walking the Camino. It wasn't until a few years later, with my son's impending graduation getting more "real" in my mind (around Sage's sophomore year!), that I realized that I really did want to walk the way myself. It became my plan that as soon as I got Sage settled at college, wherever he went, that I would then take off and begin my walk. But that plan soon proved itself to be too much for me. I had grieving to do before I was ready to walk.

Now, with Sage happily at college, making friends, earning good grades, and thriving in his new environment, and me reassured of his tenacity, skill, and ability to navigate his own life, I finally feel freed enough to take that first step.

My request for the time has been approved. My backpack has been fitted, and my boots broken in. The only thing left is to just do it.

Six weeks. 500 miles. With just myself and God.

I know that I am ready to learn whatever lessons the path may have for me. I am already anticipating the homecoming and am nervous about what changes may be in store for my spirit. But I am also ready to cherish the tiredness of my body, the soreness of my feet, and the rhythm of walking 14-16 miles a day, day in, day out, in whatever weather I happen upon. What a blessing this life is. And how blessed am I to be able to carry out a dream as if it were an actual plan and not just something I once longed for.

Thank you for being of support to me, for giving me the opportunity to be of service, and for encouraging me on my way. I look forward to coming home with new ideas, new energy, and new stories for you!

In the meantime, SpiritJam continues to draw 20-30 elementary age children each Sunday, and some middle and high schoolers, too! We'd love to have to join us, and join in the fun. Coming of Age is set to start up this January, and we are excited to be embarking on another year of credo-writing, spiritual deepening, and friendship building within that group. Save the date for the Credo Dinner, set to take place June 9th at 6:00pm. Then come back the next day, June 10th, for the youth bridging ceremony!

See Adult class offerings in the Adult RE pamphlet, on the pamphlet rack now.

It's good to be together, and there is much to do.

Hugs,
Katy



UUUCE Outreach

Below the Surface

...an exhibit which will celebrate the wonders of medical technology and will inform us of the many humans amongst us whose pain has been eradicated or whose lives have been altered or extended.

I'm announcing a "call" for x-rays of metal in peoples bodies for an exhibit collage which I'd like to create in the gallery as a show in May 2018. For example, I have received five separate metal parts (knees, ankles, arch and a hip) and I have a rogue's gallery of x-rays. I know of others in the congregation who also have assorted metal items lurking under their skin. I know I have gotten DVDs of some of my x-rays and I will need to print black and white copies of them. Some are accessible from on line medical "Records". Please feel free to talk to me in the Gallery area after church services....or please call Martha Snyder , 541-484-0197 to let me know if you'd be willing/interested to take part.

Thank you,
Martha



Planning Ahead for the Art Gallery

March is National Youth Art Month

Children 17 and younger are invited to submit their art to the 4th Annual Youth Art Show in March. Members and non-members are welcome.

It's not too early to plan for the 4th Annual All-comers Show in September. The theme is Motion/Movement. All interested parties are invited to submit a framed photograph.

For more information, contact Scott Hovis, scotthovisfineart@gmail.com



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Interfaith Night Shelter

Empowered by love, we transform ourselves and serve our world. As UUUCE we aspire to create sanctuary where all hands are held. Part of our vision in this wonderful facility is to serve the greater community of Eugene.

Families with children who are unhoused in the Eugene/Springfield area look to First Place. As they go to First Place they have children who need to be in school and parents who want to make the steps toward having their own sheltering home. At First Place and within this program they can be sure their children's educational needs are being met while the adults look for work and housing. The families are vetted during this process. Those who are truly on the road to a more secure life are able to participate during the school year in the Interfaith Night Shelter program.

Through the Interfaith Night Shelter Program, joining more than 30 participating faith communities in the Eugene/Springfield area, we will offer shelter for a week to these families. During our week we can expect anywhere from 20-40 individuals in this group. Our week will be January 8-15, 2018. We will provide a safe sleeping space as well as breakfast, dinner and hospitality to families who are dedicated to their paths as they become contributing members of the community.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for many volunteer efforts from our congregation. We will need volunteers to serve breakfasts and dinners, some who are willing to clean after each meal is finished, as well as those who will act as hosts and provide evening hospitality. Families will arrive around 5 pm, have dinner about 6 each evening and return to First Place before 8 the next morning.

There are still opportunities to participate. See the website for signup information. Let's show what a welcoming community we are!

Barb Prentice, Janell Heidenreich, Christina Wagner



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We Built a Beautiful Wall

We have a wall!

No, not that wall; instead, we have installed a hemlock-covered wall in the sanctuary behind the choir and pulpit.

The wood wall was Tom Sears' idea. When Tom, our now-retired choir director, was asked how he would like to be honored, he suggested putting wood on the wall to add warmth. Congregants gave generously to honor his vision.

An ad hoc committee studied designs and hired an acoustician to tell us how to maximize the acoustics of that area of the sanctuary. We chose to install vertical hemlock tongue-and-groove boards that work well with the overhead glulam beams. The design allows the screen to move up and down freely.

Over the course of two weeks, volunteers installed the wood, sanded it and added a finish. We also substituted track lighting for the last row of pendants, which blocked the view of the screen. We appreciated the patience of the choir; their director, Brad Schultz; Rev. Sydney; congregants; custodians; office staff; and everyone else who was affected.

The installation team included Emmet Band, Dave DeCou, Steve Kuzma, Marilyn Milne, Phyllis O'Neill, Martha Snyder, Eric Swegles, John White, Nita White, John Roy Wilson.

We plan to work again in late January and February. This time, our focus will be on acoustical improvements for the

choir. An acoustician recommended two steps. First, we will eliminate the 90-degree corners where the wood meets the painted walls. Sound gets trapped in the two corners, which we will correct by installing hemlock floor-to-ceiling panels that bridge from the wall to the paint and eliminate the sharply angled corners.

Second, we will add so-called modesty panels to the lowest riser in front of the choir. These low barriers, to be made out of hemlock from our building remodel, will bounce the choir's sound back to it so the singers can hear each other better.

Finally, we will choose artistic ways to highlight the wood wall and declare, "You are in the UU Church in Eugene," not in another religious setting nor in a concert hall. We will add more elements to the wall, such as a hand-carved chalice created by Martha Snyder from contrasting raw woods, and we will do it while staying within the budget created by your donations.

We're pleased that Tom Sears said the results match his concept for the space. And we thank you for your enthusiastic response to our work thus far.

Marilyn Milne



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Art Gallery Welcomes Ron Dobrowski



The work seen here represents a classic approach to fine art black and white photography. I have used these methods since studying photography at Montana State University. I use medium format film cameras, develop the film and print all of the photographs in a wet darkroom using selective selenium toning in the final step. The result is a silver gelatin photograph, in the case of the toned prints, a silver/selenium photography.

All of the photographic prints are produced in limited editions and are matted and framed using archival materials. Although my technical methods are traditional, I strive to produce contemporary artwork that shows a unique vision, emphasizes content, and evokes response on various levels



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Tears We Cannot Stop

A small book group has been discussing *Tears We Cannot Stop* by Eric Michael Dyson. The subtitle of this small gem of a book is "A Sermon to White America," and the book is beautifully composed like a church service with call to worship, invocation, music, sermon, benediction, and so on.

One reader said at a recent book group meeting that, although she has lived outside of white America for much of her life, often in African American communities, *Tears* has an immediacy and depth that leave her struck with amazement, even gasping.

The entire book group agreed that this book should be read by everyone, starting with everyone at UUUCE and proceeding to the rest of the country and the English-speaking world. (We can get to translations later.)

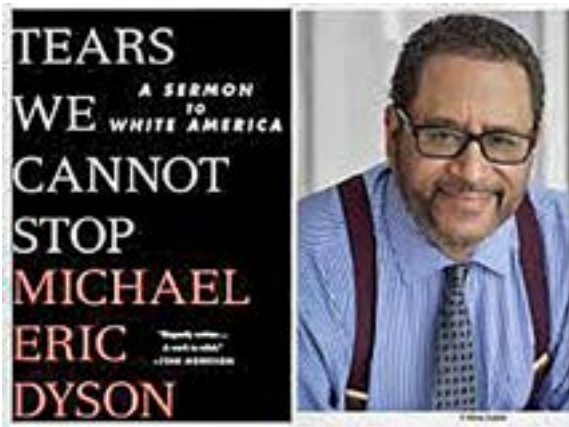
After the service each Sunday you will find a table with signup sheets to join this group in reading other important books, and to form a new group to read *Tears We Cannot*

Stop. You could also get in touch with our DRE, Katy, at dre@uueugene.org, to be included in a new group.

"It is your obligation, beloved, to school yourselves, and other white folk, too, about the seductive, mythical, neutrality of whiteness, the belief that you are somehow American without a racial identity, without racial baggage.... 'Whites must understand that they benefit from white privilege in order to realize how white privilege creates the space for black oppression.'

"Beloved, your white innocence is a burden to you, a burden to the nation, a burden to progress. It is time to let it go, to let it die in the place of black bodies that it wills into non-being. In its place should rise a curiosity, but even more, a genuine desire to know and understand just what it means to be black in America."

--submitted by Gretchen Miller
millerhendrickson@gmail.com



Charity Navigator

With the holidays behind us it will soon be "tax time". You will have made your charity contributions for 2017 but this may be a good time to evaluate those contributions in terms of those or others you will be considering in 2018.

Charity Navigator (Your Guide to intelligent giving) can be helpful in this and to research other agencies you may be interested in.

Simply type in Charity Navigator into your search engine to find an amazing list of organizations and their purposes.

You can learn how to maximize impact as part of your year-end giving traditions. Ask these questions:

1. Does the charity match your passions?
2. Is the charity fiscally responsible, ethical and effective?
 - a. Examine charity's finances.
 - b. Is it accountable and transparent?
 - c. Look for signs of effectiveness and ability to bring about meaningful and long lasting change in the world.

3. Do you trust it enough to give without strings attached? Take time to research charity so that you can trust them. Make sure you find evidence of their impact.

4. Does the charity have strong leadership?

5. See steps to informed giving.

Check out the Holiday Giving Guide and Steps to Informed Giving.

Watch for charities that over-pay their for profit fund-raising with very little going to programs and services. CEO salaries are listed to bring transparency to the charitable sector and to educate donors.

There is no charge for this useful resource. You can learn whether an agency is rated as a 501(c)3 which qualifies for a tax deduction. All charities evaluated by Charity Navigator meet this requirement.

Earth Keepers

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Our own Dick Loescher was recently honored by the AARP Oregonian by being chosen as the first in a series of articles called “Young at Any Age”, featuring people 50+ who are challenging the norms of what aging is supposed to be. In addition to his many activities mentioned in the article, Dick is also the chairman of the Communications Committee and the Small Group Ministry Steering Committee for UUCE.

Young at Any Age: Physician finds magic in retirement

Richard Loescher finds magic and music in retirement.

Settling back in his ergonomic chair, Richard Loescher begins to talk about his most recent adventure, and how much he enjoyed it. His eyes twinkle mischievously, he wears a big smile. The sense of adventure and satisfaction is almost palpable as he recounts the story.

Recently, as part of his mentoring work at Universalist Unitarian Church, Richard accompanied a small group of middle school students to a ropes challenge course at a local park.

The challenge involved climbing a ladder and spikes in a tree to reach a round log that was 25-feet-high. Because of his discomfort with heights, Richard was not going to join the kids on the activity.

He said before starting his climb he thought, “If the kids could do it, why not give it a try?”

Attached to a harness with rope support, Richard climbed the ladder and spikes to set off across the log. A final check in on how he felt and he was off across the log, challenging himself in a truly heart-pounding way. Never really comfortable around heights, he said he got a good way across the log safely, decided that he had accomplished his goal and was ready to turn back.

As he recalled his recent adventure, Richard’s face shows the pleasure that he felt in his accomplishment. Taking on challenges is how Richard has lived his life since he retired in 2005 at age 65. He was a medical doctor for more than 40 years, including having a thriving medical practice in Eugene for 33 years as an internist and gastroenterologist.

Richard retired, rested and transitioned into retirement. After a year he was ready to take on new challenges.

In the years since retirement Richard has experienced and enjoyed many things, and said he has relished being able to choose activities that appeal to him.

“I’ve had a lifelong interest in magic, and have taken many classes and workshops,” Richard said, who does magic shows around the area, mostly for nonprofits as “Ricardo the Remarkable.” He is a mentor to new magic club members. Richard said enjoys creating magic shows for many nonprofit entities to help with fund raising.

Magic is not the only thing that gets him on stage. Richard also sings with the Eugene Gleeman. Additional activities include improvisational dancing, exercising and attending workshops that appeal to him.

He also swims and works out regularly in a deep water pool. He has free weights and other exercise equipment in his front room, nestled next to favorite family photos.

Retirement for Richard does not mean sitting in a rocking chair or fishing. Threads that run through Richard’s life before and after retirement include having a sense of purpose and making a contribution to the well-being of others, intellectual stimulation and learning. Personal growth, physical fitness and rich personal relationships are also important factors for him.

“I am enjoying my life very much, and my retirement years have been the happiest of my life,” he said.

By Carol Thatcher

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Community Offerings Bring Welcome Help to Recipients

Thanks to your generous contributions every month, our church's Community Offering program has been making a difference. In 2017, we supported local and national non-profits that reflect our values and mission.

Our 2017 total donations were nearly \$15,142. Here are the organizations and the rounded amounts they received:

On average, we donated about \$1,262 each month. Our usual weekly offertory is much less, which is another sign of your responsiveness to this program.

Although 2017's contributions are \$289 less than 2016's, we have given more than \$184,142 since the program began in mid-2006. Each month and year of giving is a remarkable tribute to everyone who has contributed. Learn about all of the recipients on our web page under "Outreach" at uueugene.org The recipients

have been surprised, thrilled and moved by our support.

The executive director of Cielo de Amor said, "The generous donation will have a huge and long lasting impact on the children, youth and families of Cielo de Amor, supporting their development and quality of life. Many, many thanks." From Beyond Toxics: "Wow! That's incredible! All of us at Beyond Toxics are so grateful." The Center for Community Counseling spelled out "Thanks" as "Terrific Helpful Amazing Nifty Kind Spectacular!" Days for Girls said, "Your donation will change the lives of over 70 grateful girls!"

Committee members in 2017 included Tasha Ashworth, Ruth Duemler, Valerie Elliot, Marilyn Milne, Ron Milton, Gretchen Miller, Phyllis O'Neill and Cynthius Scanlon.

Marilyn Milne

Community offering 2017

JANUARY <i>Honor the Earth,</i> \$1,350	FEBRUARY <i>Beyond Toxics,</i> \$1,242	MARCH <i>Planned Parenthood of Southwest Oregon,</i> \$1,874	APRIL <i>That's My Farmer</i> \$1,183
MAY <i>Youth House, St Vincent DePaul</i> \$1,652	JUNE <i>Days for Girls International</i> \$847	JULY <i>Center for Community Counseling</i> \$1,034	AUGUST <i>Cielo de Amor -</i> \$1,217
SEPTEMBER <i>Junction City Local Aid</i> \$876	OCTOBER <i>Centro Latino Americano</i> \$1,328	NOVEMBER <i>Occupy Medical</i> \$1,380	DECEMBER <i>Community Supported Shelters</i> \$1,160

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Community Offering for January

Positive Community Kitchen will be the recipient of our January, 2018 Community Offering. PCK provides 12 weeks of FREE Organic meals delivered to the doors of folks in our community who are overcoming life threatening illnesses. This allows recipients to have healthy, stress free options during their times of recovery. PCK does serve families, but the bulk of meals served go to individuals who live alone. There is no income, diagnosis, or other box to check to become a recipient of this meal delivery.

PCK currently operates a kitchen and a garden, and hosts volunteers of all ages and abilities in their “classrooms”. Food may be donated, grown by local gardeners, or grown in the PCK garden.

The program also operates a supportive after school program for teenagers, where youths learn to cook and learn about nutrition, while experiencing the impact of giving back to their community.

Our November donation to Occupy Medical totaled \$1,380.

**Food for Lane County
Food Rescue Night**
Thursday January 26 from 6:30-8:45
770 Bailey Hill Rd

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 OR JUST SHOW UP!

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



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2018 Summer of Love Services Auction

Services Auction - April 7

Come together to celebrate the warmth of our community at UUCE's Summer of Love Services Auction!

Sunday, January 21 @11:15, South Entry - Brainstorming Session
Sunday, March 4 @11:00 am (online or in person after service) - Auction Submission Deadline
Sunday, March 25 - Look for the Online Auction Catalog
Saturday, April 7 @ 5:00 pm - Summer of Love Services Auction!

What's a Services Auction you ask? This is a unique

kind of Fund Raising Auction because instead of selling "things", we sell the "Services of People". We build community by sharing meals, outings, events, and good times together while financially supporting our church.

This year, the auction will be an evening dinner event.

Already know what you want to donate? Fill out the Auction Donation Form now <<https://goo.gl/forms/W90SjrBWvF8pqN2g1>>.

Questions? Comments? Want to help? Contact Judy Shaw, Nadja Sanders, or Phyllis O'Neill at auction@uueugene.org

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Sunday January 28, 2018

Central Lutheran - 1857 Potter Street, Eugene

*Entrance - East Side Parking Lot

2:30pm

Doors open at 2pm



A FREE Film

The *sequel* to *An Inconvenient Truth* (2006), the film addresses the progress made to tackle the problem and Gore's global efforts to persuade governmental leaders to invest in renewable energy.

Sponsored by Eugene Interfaith Earthkeepers and 350EUG