

# *UUUCE* Connections

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## **Congregants Gather Around Thanksgiving Table**

# December Services

Our theme for the month of December comes from our Aspirations: “As a people of faith, grounded in our principles, we cultivate lives of meaning.” We ask ourselves: how shall we make meaning out of these days of turmoil and trouble? Where is meaning given to us, and where do we forge it in the fires of a UU faith? How can we find common meaning with others in this world we share?

**December 6th** This is the first Sunday of Advent and start of Hanukkah. It is an eddy of anticipation for holy deliverance. The meaning of a delivered life can be derived from the intersection of what is needed and what eventually comes. Whether waiting for liberation in eight days or thirty years the intersection of need and what is holy is the topic for this service. Kimberly Wootan and the Chamber Singers.

**December 13th** Guest speaker Janine Larson has been to UUCE many times as our larger denominational staff person. Her topic is “Making Meaning.” Janine carries a good long title: Congregational Life Staff, UUA Pacific Western Region; she is also a practicing Buddhist. Rev. Sydney and the Sanctuary Choir will assist the service.

**December 20th Pageant** This year’s pageant is an adaptation of a sermon written by the Rev. Edward Harris: “A Meditation of Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer. The Women’s Chalice Choir will sing.

**December 24th Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**  
Please bring hats and mittens and scarves to decorate the Giving Tree.

**4:30pm** The family service will celebrate with singing and music, and the Christmas story told from an unusual point of view. Phoebe Gildea is our soloist. Rev. Sydney and Katy Siepert will conduct this intergenerational service. The Women’s Chalice Choir will sing.

**8pm** A meditative service reflecting the universal themes of this special time with readings and carols, ending in candlelight. Phoebe Gildea, soloist, and Rev. Sydney.

**December 27th “Preparing for the New Year”** invites the ancient god Janus, facing both forward and back, to deepen our sense of the meaning of time. Rev. Sydney.

## Scents, A Gentle Reminder

We invite your courtesy in refraining from wearing scents at church. Some attendees are surprisingly sensitive and even allergic to them. As we accommodate others with special needs, let’s also ensure these folks feel included in our worship and social opportunities. Thanks you.

## Membership Book...

is available for signing every fourth Sunday. The next date for signing is December 22. Membership meet and greet occurs every 3rd Sunday.

## UUCE Aspirations

As a people of faith,  
grounded in our principles,  
We cultivate lives of  
meaning, reverence and depth  
We create sanctuary  
where all hands are held  
Together we work toward  
justice, healing and sustainability

## Welcome to Worship

Every Sunday in the Sanctuary, along the north wall you will find candles and water along with the book in which to share your blessings, prayers, and joys.

## Parking Tips

When UUCE’s parking lot is full, there are other approved places to park. Try these: Eugene Hearing and Speech lot on W. 12th, just east of the UUCE; looking Glass School’s lot, connected to ours, just north of the church (but not under the overhang drive-thru near their front door). Please do not park in another church’s lot. Please show your Disabled Permit when parking in the spots reserved for you. If you don’t have a legal placard but need to park closer to a door for any reason, please arrive early to find a non-disabled parking spot.

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# *Message from* **the Minister**

Sacred to many peoples and times, these days darkening toward the winter solstice invite us to kindle lights of kindred warmth and hope. Goodness knows these are troubled times, as troubled as the pregnant young refugee seeking a safe place to bring new life into the world. Goodness aches with the temptations to be afraid and hate-filled. Goodness prevails in the moments when we can offer succor to one another, when we create peacefully joyous gatherings and celebrations. Goodness thrives in the fervent prayers and sacred promises whispered by people of every world faith, in our own recommitment to our determination to take a spirited stance on the side of a larger love.

These days invite us to sidestep the commercialization of our deeper selves, and to focus on the hard work we must do to find peace and compassion within. As Richard Rohr wrote, we have available to us "two 'cauldrons of transformation': great love and great suffering. And they are indeed cauldrons, big stew pots of warming, boiling, mixing, and flavoring!" Staying in touch with the suffering world, refusing to be resigned, encouraging covenantal relating among ourselves - this is the nourishment a people of faith can welcome.

These darkening days invite us to welcome in the suffering and the love. And oh, the beauty of the season!

In the Faith,

Rev. Sydney



# *Message from* the Intern Minister

Hi Everyone-

December is my favorite time of the year and while I am used to snow - not rain, I continue to happily build relationships, explore the countryside and learn how to be a minister. As the holiday seasons begin let us take some time to remember that no matter how hard the commercial side of things can be we can transform the over-giving over-shopping over-indulgence into a time of reflection, gratitude for the small things and a time to share even if all we can afford is a hug.

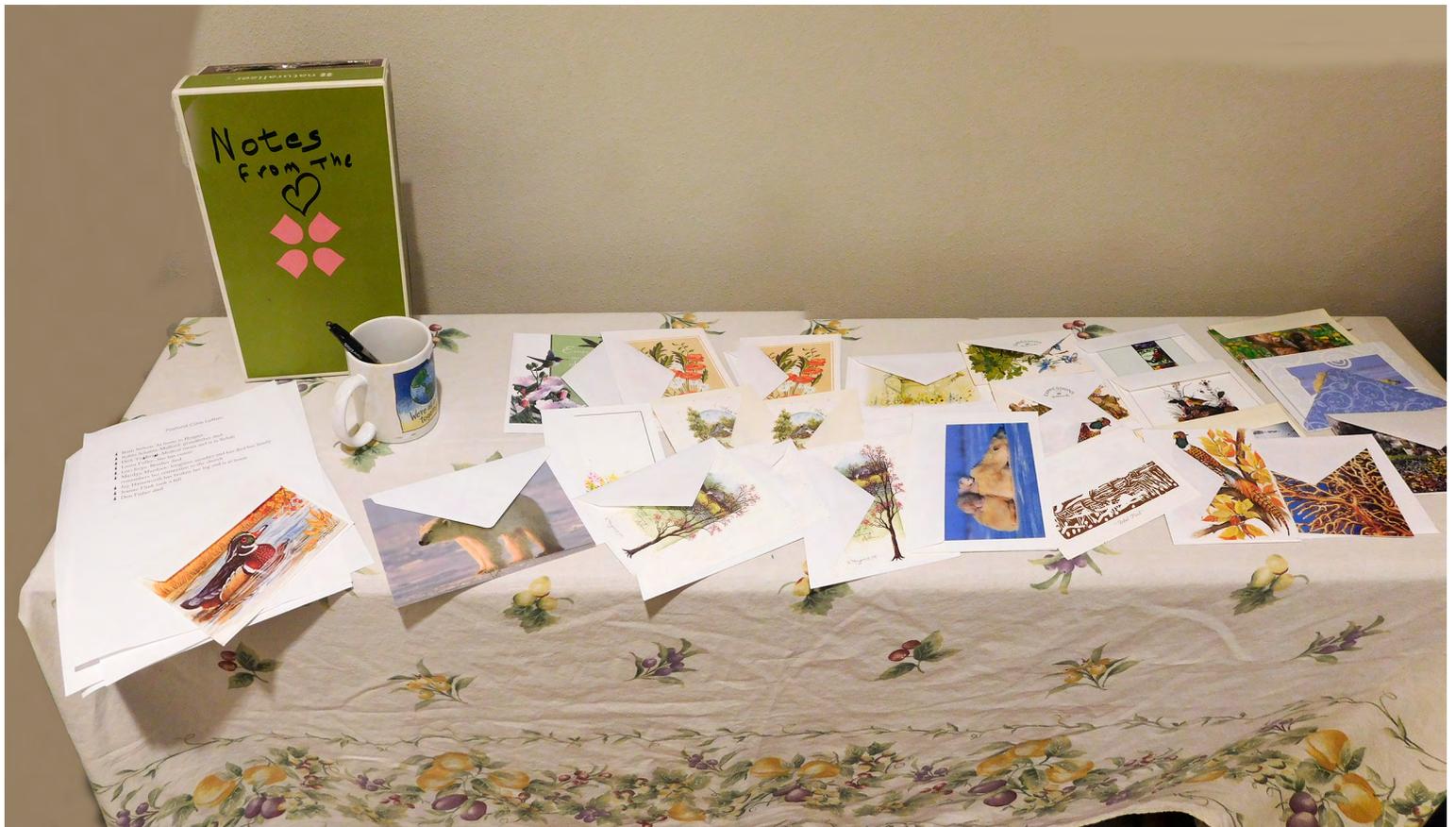
## **Pastoral Associates and the Care Team**

We are excited to announce that we are ready to embark on the creation of a team of trained lay leaders for our Pastoral Associate and Care Team. Pastoral spiritual attention (this is another word for care) is an ancient model of emotional and spiritual support that can be found in all cultures and traditions. This kind of care will be done by the Pastoral Associates. Pastoral attention brings Church to people. It brings a sense of connection and belonging to the congregant, allowing them to make a meaningful contribution to society. We are hoping to train 12 members of UU Eugene to volunteer to visit the home-bound and hospitalized who are interested in having regular visitors.

The Care Team will be in charge of coordinating rides, running errands and providing transportation to the store, the hair salon, the pharmacy and to medical appointments. They may bring a dinner or babysit a child or elder family member. They may bring over medical equipment to use or help some shave their face. We are a community of volunteers and the services we can perform will be in direct correlation to the number of volunteers that we have on hand.

This is rewarding work. In many cases, strong personal ties develop and the volunteer becomes an integral part of the person's support system; congregants desire and cherish trusted companions who consistently visit and care about them. So please take the time to fill out the survey online and feel free to ask about volunteering in our program. Here is the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YT7D6X9>

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact anyone of us on the Pastoral Associate Team: Kimberly Wootan Intern Minister: [intern.minister@uueugene.org](mailto:intern.minister@uueugene.org), Sally DeCou [sdecou@comcast.net](mailto:sdecou@comcast.net), Janice Rutherford [jwruther@comcast.net](mailto:jwruther@comcast.net), Charlotte Writer [cd\\_writer@msn.com](mailto:cd_writer@msn.com)



# *Message from* the Board

## Holiday Gifts

Throughout this holiday season, with all its distractions and pressures, we're reminded that it's our own gifts that really matter, the gifts of fellowship, meaningful work, and spiritual growth. All those things we find at UUCE.

Nowhere will you find it better than at our holiday feast on December 22nd, when our Touchstone Tuesday potluck will celebrate another successful year. Please do join us. What luscious dish will you bring?

This month marks half way through the church year, so let's take a look at where we are. Last June, we voted at our Annual Meeting to create a church-wide, multi-generational initiative, Earth Equity Eugene. Since that time, three spheres have emerged from this justice work—Shelter, Food, and Inclusion. Each approach is viewed through the lens of environmental and social justice, ideas that congregants are invited to refine in the spirit of participation and right relations.

For guidelines check UUCE's website, under Earth Equity Eugene. The Board will support projects that intersect where environmental and social justice meet. The projects selected will allow UUCErs of all ages to serve together, in a spirit of humility and mercy.

This work is challenging, complex, and deeply rewarding. How else to build our beloved community? How else to live into our mission? How else to become our best selves? Isn't this the work of the church? Shouldn't this be your work?

In that spirit, the Board is taking time off from previously announced ministry gatherings to reflect over the holidays. We are excited to move this vision to action, and we want to do our best work here. So, we will continue to meet through December to clarify the work of our five ministries.

But we need you to pitch in too! Please start thinking about your committee, task force, affinity group within UUCE. Be prepared in January to answer four questions: What is the name of your group? How does it serve our church mission? How do members get on? How do members get off?

The Board would like to hear from you by Wednesday, January 6th. Why then?

In the Christian tradition, that is Epiphany, the 12th day after Christmas, when the wise men brought their gifts. Throughout the Americas, this holiday is called Dia de Reyes, or Three Kings Day. That's the day children get their gifts, with sweets slipped into their shoes. Your leaders would like some gifts too, those of mini-reports from every group, simply answering the questions above. Muchas gracias!

Here's wishing each and every one of you a happy holiday. See you at service Christmas Eve!



# UUCEWorship

## Music Matters

The UUCE Chamber Singers will present their annual Christmas concert Saturday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will draw on some of the masterpieces of the Baroque while opening with a contemporary setting of Veni Creator Spiritus.

The featured piece is Vivaldi's Gloria in D Major, RV589.

The Gloria was composed in Venice, probably in 1715, for the choir of the Ospedale della Pietá, an orphanage for girls. Our singers will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra of strings, harpsichord, trumpet and oboe. Phoebe Gildea and Andrea Herrera are our featured soloists. The Delgani String Quartet will form the core of the string section, with Rick Carter on bass, Dave Bender, trumpet, and Amy Goeser-Kolb, oboe.

Also included on the program will be five Noels from Charpentier's Noels pour les Instruments. These are wonderful instrumental settings of popular 15th and 16th c. Christmas carols set for strings and recorders.

Soprano Phoebe Gildea, will present a contemporary setting of another 16th c. carol, A Babe Is Born All of a Maid. I heard this piece on a CD by the Austrian group Quadriga Consort and was enthralled. I emailed the director to ask if he would share the score. He did! It is written in the form of a consort song (a la John Dowland and William Byrd) with three strings providing a contrapuntal accompaniment to the melody. Gorgeous.

Rounding out the program is another Baroque mini-masterpiece: Buxtehude's jubilant cantata proclaiming the birth of the Christ-child, Das neugeborne Kindelein, scored for choir and strings.

The concert will be held in the Sanctuary, refreshments will follow in the Social Hall. Doors open at 6:30, suggested donation: \$10.

Looking ahead to the new year, January is join-a-choir month when we encourage new singers to join one of our choirs. Along with preparing music for Sunday services, each choir will begin rehearsing the music for upcoming special events. The Sanctuary Choir will begin working on the Missa Brevis Pro Serveto which they will present at Music Sunday in April; the Women's Chalice Choir and the Chamber Singers will begin learning the music for their Spring Concert, "A Tribute to Broadway". If you would like more information on UUCE's Music Program, please contact me.

In Harmony,  
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# Vivaldi *Gloria*

Buxtehude *Das neugeborne Kindelein*  
Charpentier *Noels pour les Instruments*



**THE UUCE CHAMBER SINGERS**  
WITH  
**CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**

7:00 P.M., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN EUGENE  
1685 WEST 13TH AVE.  
(541) 686-2775

Suggested Donation: \$10



# UUCE Worship

## December Contemplative Practices

Our Contemplative Practices Program will continue in December with a celebration of the joys and sorrows that are so prevalent during the changing seasons and the holidays.

### December 7

We will explore our gratitude and the resulting joy that we realize from our expression of gratitude. "As gratitude grows it gives rise to joy. We experience the courage to rejoice in our own good fortune and in the good fortune of others. Joy is natural to an open heart. In it, we are not afraid of pleasure. We do not mistakenly believe it is disloyal to the suffering of the world to honor the happiness we have been given." *The Art of Forgiveness, Lovingkindness, and Peace*, Jack Kornfield

### December 14

We will share joys and sorrows together as we build connectivity and community through our meditation and sharing.

### December 16

We have a special "Blue Meditation" on Wednesday at 5:00pm. As the holidays approach, many people experience challenges after the death of a loved one or other life-stresses, emotional trauma, relationship challenges, difficulties in school, or economic stress. Others can feel overwhelmed with holiday expectations or worries about the future. Blue Meditation is a peaceful haven in the midst of the typical holiday merrymaking that gives people who have experienced losses permission to simply be themselves and not have to pretend that this is, for them, a holiday season like any other. This quiet, prayerful meditation will include music, readings, stories, reflection and healing prayer. All are welcome - and please invite others who might find this service helpful.

### December 21

Winter begins and we will honor this by doing a darkness mediation. This is a century old practice done by advanced meditators. We will do a modern version of this practice suitable for novice and seasoned practitioner alike. We will make the chapel as dark as possible and meditate. Then we will then welcome the light with candles and the ringing of a Tibetan bowl.



### December 28

We will be meditating on the White Tara: Goddess Tara, a female Buddha and meditational deity, is arguably the most popular goddess in the Buddhist pantheon. She is considered to be the goddess of universal compassion who represents virtuous and enlightened activity. The word Tara itself is derived from the root 'tri' (to cross), hence the implied meaning: 'the one who enables living beings to cross the Ocean of Existence and Suffering'. Her compassion for living beings, her desire to save them from suffering, is an important aspect of the Bodhisattva warrior.

We have an exciting program planned throughout December and we hope that you will take some quiet time for yourself during these busy days. Our Contemplative Program is designed to be inclusive and enjoyable for all, including those at the beginning of their journey or those farther along their path. Please feel free to come to any individual program as you would like. Please also let us know if you would like to guide a contemplative session, as we very much welcome your participation in all aspects.

# UUUCEConnecting

## UUUCEReligious Education

Dear UUUCE,

The holiday season is upon us! May you rest in joy and gratitude and recognition of the people and things that bless your life at this time. Each family that comes to our church, all of the children who participate in RE here, are a joy and blessing to me and to our congregation. You are, after all, the future of our faith!

This month, many things are stirring in RE:

### RE for Children:

#### Pageant

This year's pageant is an adaptation of a sermon written by the Rev. Edward Harris: "A Meditation of Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer." Children who are interested in taking part in the pageant will be expected to attend rehearsals on Saturdays and Sundays (during service) in December:

#### SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Dec. 5th – 1:00-3:00 - Auditions and parts assigned (Sanctuary)

Sunday, Dec. 6th – 10:15-11:15 - In-service read-thru (Room 5)

Saturday, Dec. 12th – 10:00-12:00 – Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, Dec. 13th – 10:15-11:15 - In-service rehearsal (Room 5)

Saturday, December 19th – 10:00-12:00 - Dress rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 20th – 9:00-11:15 – PAGEANT DAY!

Some things to note: we need adult helpers to act as stage hands, set-designers, costume designers, and tech support. Pageant is a fun event, and we need as many people involved as we can get! Please don't hesitate to step in and take part.

Example parts: Various Reindeer (Dasher, Dancer, Blitzen, etc.), Rudolf, Santa, Various Elves, Frosty, and Penguin (Narrators). As it is currently written, there are 16 parts. We need older children who can read/memorize lines, and younger children to cute up the whole endeavor. There will be sign-ups in the tabling area after services in late November. Please note that if your child signs up for a part, they are not guaranteed that part – it is intended as a guide and helpful to know who would like to have larger vs. smaller parts. If you would like a copy of the script before auditions/rehearsals begin, please email me and I will forward you a copy.

Hope to see you in the show!

### Teachers Needed for RE Classrooms

Beginning January 10th. Commitment is 10-12 weeks.

Substitutes are available if needed. Training, curriculum, and classroom materials are all provided. Come teach in a close-knit team, get to know the children of the church, and make an impact on their developing UUism! For more information or to sign up to take part, contact Katy Siepert at [uucedre@gmail.com](mailto:uucedre@gmail.com), or call 541-686-2775, ext. 2.

### RE for Youth: Coming Of Age

Our Coming of Age program offers an opportunity for our young people to explore and articulate their own Unitarian Universalist beliefs in a supportive and affirming setting. We are looking for a second advisor for this program. If participating in helping to shape youths' experience of Unitarian Universalism is intriguing to you, please contact DRE Katy Siepert at 541-686-2775, ext. 2, for more information.

### RE for Adults:

#### On going Leadership Development Series

All classes meet in the Chapel from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

#### Your UUUCE Tuesday December 1st and 8th

Increasing the capacity of our church to do the work of our mission depends on each person orienting themselves within the congregation and our larger faith tradition. How DO you get things done here? What is the structure, and the leading edge question at UUUCE today? What is honored tradition and legacy and what is new? Discussion, power point and humor will guide us along as we move our church forward.

### Our Whole Lives Owl for Adults...

...begins this winter, taught by certified facilitators Nadja Sanders and Jon Miller. Come to one of the introductory sessions to find out more:

**Sunday, December 13, 12:00-**

**2:00 (Bring a Sack Lunch) and**

**Monday, January 11, 7:00-9:00**

**Register by January 18, 2016,  
classes begin Monday, January 25,  
2016**

Our Whole Lives models caring, compassion, respect, and justice in all our relationships. OWL addresses topics typically excluded from sexuality education and health classes, including sexual expression, identity, orientation, and life issues for adults of all ages.

Workshop titles include: Adults & Sexuality, Mind and Body, Sexual Pleasure, Keeping Your Body Healthy, Exploring Gender, Sexual Orientation, Relationships, Love & Commitment, Boundaries & Boundary Violations, Family Matters, Sexual Fantasy & Variation, Advocacy & Education.

Join us to gain information, boost self-knowledge, enhance sexual safety, and strengthen social skills. Interactive, inclusive, welcoming, and fun!

In faith,  
Katy



# UUUCE Outreach

## Food for Lane County Food Rescue Night

**Wednesday December 16, 6:30**  
**770 Bailey Hill Rd**

**Note: Change of date for holiday.**

UUUCE has made a commitment for at least 6 volunteers for our monthly evening at FFLC. We meet to repackage food donated for those in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. Wear a hat or ponytail and closed-toe shoes. Volunteers must be 14 or older or 12 years old accompanied by an adult. Contact person is Berry Broadbent, Service in Action, 541-344-9037 or berrybroadbent@gmail.com.

## UUUCE and St. Vincent de Paul Holiday Food Drive

We traditionally team up with St. Vincent's to help provide the CANNED items needed to fill their holiday boxes.

Specific canned food requests include olives, fruit, veggies, cranberry sauce, chicken broth, yams.

A clearly marked barrel will be placed in the north entrance. Other food donations may continue to be placed in the Food for Lane County barrel. Same contact info as above.

## A Busy November for Service In Action

We were sponsors with several other groups in town who provided a rich environment to discuss our many areas of Social and Environmental Justice.

A very interesting panel, convened by Rabbi Jonathon Seidel, spoke to the issue of "Spiritual, but not Religious". It was fun hearing many of the ideas that we so often discuss at UUUCE!

We again worked with 350.org and Earthkeepers to bring to UUUCE and the community the film "This Changes Everything" based on the book of the same name. The ideas and facts presented by author Naomi Klein are in the forefront of our intense interest in how to work with climate change. There were at least 230 other people at the showing who also seem deeply concerned with this issue.

Thanks for all the help at that meeting. Bob Kaeser and Chris LeBlanc were our projectionists and sound techs. Deb Huntley and Rouanna Garden helped with security and contacts. And thanks to all who are busy with each group.

On Nov. 15, we had a wonderful turnout of folks involved in and interested in Service in Action. We had three new members attend who found areas in which they want to work. It's fun to have new folks presenting new ideas and wanting to participate.

Martha and Gil Osgood donated a wonderful new washer/dryer to SIA for use with our folks in the Conestoga huts. We hope this will help them with laundry, so they don't have to take it all the way to the Service Station. Many thanks, Martha and Gil.

And more thanks to our wonderful Building Maintenance group who know how to make it all work! You are so generous with you time and talent...and hard work!

On Dec. 6, the Outreach Ministry will meet at 11:30 after church service. Hope all who are interested in our many facets of Service, Action, and Education in the various areas of Social, Environmental, and Equity, will come and have a great time.

Sue Craig  
reachout@uueugene.org

## Health Care for ALL Oregon

**December 1, 7:00-9:00pm**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
**13th & Olive, Eugene**

HCAO, a sponsored Service in Action entity, meets monthly at First United Methodist Church, 13th & Olive, Eugene. Ample parking, all welcome. The December program features a video, "Fix It, Healthcare at the Tipping

Point", healthcare from the employers' point of view. A sneak preview, the video has not been aired publicly. It reflects on the costs and problems of our current health care system as it affects business. December meeting will be downstairs. Join us for discussion and for some holiday cookie cheer. Pat Bitner, 541-485-3971, www.hcao.org.



## Welcome our New Members

### Ed Filip

Most of my life I've lived in Michigan. My interests are sports, golf, and reading. What attracts me to this church is the acceptance of all people and the sense of community.

### Kathy Filip

I've lived most of my life in Michigan, we moved to Eugene about a year ago. I enjoy reading, golf, gardening and working on social justice issues. What attracts me most about this church is that it is inclusive to all. I look forward to addressing peace and social justice issues with others and spiritual renewal.

### Ed Glennon

I was born in New Jersey and lived in the Northeast for the first part of my life. I then lived in San Francisco for 26 years, and moved to Eugene in November 2014. I love listening to a wide range of music and going to performances. I volunteer at the Jazz station, so I get to see a lot of shows that way. I'm also into farmers markets, hiking, reading, and other assorted cultural activities. And I try to keep up a meditation practice. I first came to UUCE on Christmas Eve of 2014. I'd not been part of a UU Church before, but quickly picked up on the inclusive and respectful attitude, commitment to making a positive impact in the community, and non-judgmental approach to spiritual development. (But I did have trouble figuring out how to get in the building that first time.)

### Sam Fryefield

I was born in Los Angeles and have lived all over Southern California. I joined the Navy in 1940. I enjoy playing Bridge, Sci-fi, and classical music. I have a son and three grand-daughters. I am attracted to this church because to me UUCE = Mental Freedom.

### Barbara Rio

I was an Army brat and then I joined the service myself, so I've lived in eight different states and one foreign country. I've traveled through most of the states, but I think I lived the longest in New Jersey. I enjoy travel, I also like puzzles: crosswords, jigsaws, pc games, etc. Reading (mostly Sci-fi) is another way I spend my time...plus watching way too much television. What I find most attractive about this church is the willingness to accept many paths to "god".

### Nancy Willard

I was born in Philadelphia, grew up in Idaho Falls, and most of my adult life I have lived in Eugene. I just celebrated the 30th anniversary of my selection as the 1985 Eugene SLUG Queen! Bakul and I just moved to Creswell, where I hope to purchase acreage and create a donkey rescue, training, and growth experiences sanctuary. I work in the field of bullying prevention and have been developing a program to help young people. My more recent love is donkeys. I am currently training a BLM burro and a rescue donkey. What attracts me most about this church is the many members who are truly devoted to being of service to others and making our community and the world a better place.

### Bakul Willard

I was born in or near Nagpur India and spent the first 4½ years of my life in an orphanage there. I came home to my family in Eugene and lived there until recently moving to Creswell. My first love is hip hop dancing. I am a dance major at A3 high school and dance with Flex Studio. I am also an assistant teacher in the Dancecapable class for teens and young adults who have some challenges. I plan to attend Lane Community College where I will study dance and other arts. I want to be a dance teacher with a focus on dance for people who have challenges. What I like about this church, and especially my youth group, is that we talk about how to be good people and take care of others. We also have lots of fun, especially at Con.

# UUCE Outreach

## Welcome our New Members

### Suzanne Brown

I have lived most of my life in Park Forrest, Illinois and just moved to Eugene 8 weeks ago to be closer to my daughter Lynn Stevens. I am a retired reading specialist teacher and my interests include gardening, music, walking and swimming. I also enjoy singing and theater. I was a long time member of a UU church in Park Forrest and so naturally wanted to join UUCE where my daughter is also a member.

### John (Jed) Gilbert

Most of my life I've lived in Northern California. Some of my interests are higher education and taking a good nap! What attracts me to this community is the caring people.

Also, **James Vanderslice, Alison Hennes, Stephen Hennes**

### Jan Read

I spent the first half of my life in Florida, then in the Seattle area and I moved to Eugene 9 years ago. My interests are family, current events, reading and working with Veterans. The open mindedness, caring and mutual respect at UUCE appealed to me from the beginning. I feel at home here.

### Melia Scanlon

Most of my life I've lived in Eugene. Some of my interests are reading, writing, theater, and singing. What attracts me most about this church is the people and how inclusive it is.

### Tate Kelley

Most of my life I've lived in Alabama and Oregon. My interests include running, hiking, yoga, travelling and spending time with my husband and kids. What attracts me most about UUCE is the sense of community and the feeling that everyone who walks in is accepted and loved unconditionally.



*New members welcomed at a pancake breakfast.*

# UUCE Outreach

## Styrofoam Recycling

Because Christmas gifts often are packed in styrofoam, UUCE will be accepting blocks or peanuts **Sunday, January 3 and 10, 2016**. Bring to the main entryway on the south side of the building.

St. Vincent de Paul recycles styrofoam (expanded polystyrene) as a service to the community and the environment. To be accepted, styrofoam (labeled #6) in block form or peanuts must be clean and dry. (Please package block and peanuts separately.) NO food containers are accepted.

Individuals with small amounts can drop them off at any St. Vincent de Paul locations with drive through bays FREE. (Amount must be smaller than a shopping cart.)

Rouanna Garden



## December Poetry Give-Away

Each month this year, the UU Poetry Groups are giving away a poem to anyone interested. Poems are in a folder in the hallway across from the art gallery, bottom row. There will be one folder geared more toward adults, and one aimed for children or young adults. Feel free to take a copy, and if you find the

folder empty notify Bonnie Phipps and she will get it filled for the next week. (Please take only one copy.) December features Dorothy Mitchell's poems "Marcus Aurelius" and "Spectator Sports" for adults and for children/young adults, "Learning English" also by Dorothy Mitchell.



## December Community Offering

Mujeres Luchadoras Progresistas means Women Striving for Progress. It serves female farmworkers who seek economic development and leadership skills, and it will be the Dec. 13 recipient of our community offering.

MLP works to improve living and working conditions. It began as a project of PCUN, Oregon's farmworker union, and one of its fundraising projects is creating and selling the beautiful wreaths that some members of our church

purchase every year. Learn more about nonprofit MLP at <https://mujeresluchadoras.wordpress.com/>

In November, we raised \$1,378 for Belly-Full! To see the full list of groups and amounts given through the community offering program since it began in 2006, visit <http://uueugene.org/serve1/serve-the-world/community-offering>.

Marilyn Milne

# UUCE Outreach

## Call for Entries for Spring Issue of *Changes*

It's time to submit your latest and greatest poetry and short prose to *Changes*, our literary journal by members and friends of UUCE. Each 40-page publication showcases the talents of the many wordsmiths among us and thereby contributes to a deeper knowledge and appreciation of each other. (You don't have to belong to the UU poets to contribute.)

### Deadline for submissions: January 15, 2016

The editors reserve the right, in consultation with contributors, to edit all submissions. Writers retain all copyrights to their published pieces. To cover printing expenses, we sell the journal at church for a nominal amount.

Please send all contributions to Judy Sawyer at [jsawyer712@comcast.net](mailto:jsawyer712@comcast.net) or, for non-digitized manuscripts, to 712 E. 39th Place, Eugene, OR 97405. For more information, call 541-302-0944.

### Editorial Guidelines:

You may submit up to three original, previously unpublished pieces.

Manuscripts must be typed and sent as Word attachments (.docx or .doc files) to avoid e-mail re-formatting.

Prose should be double-spaced.

Poetry should be presented as you want it to appear on the page.

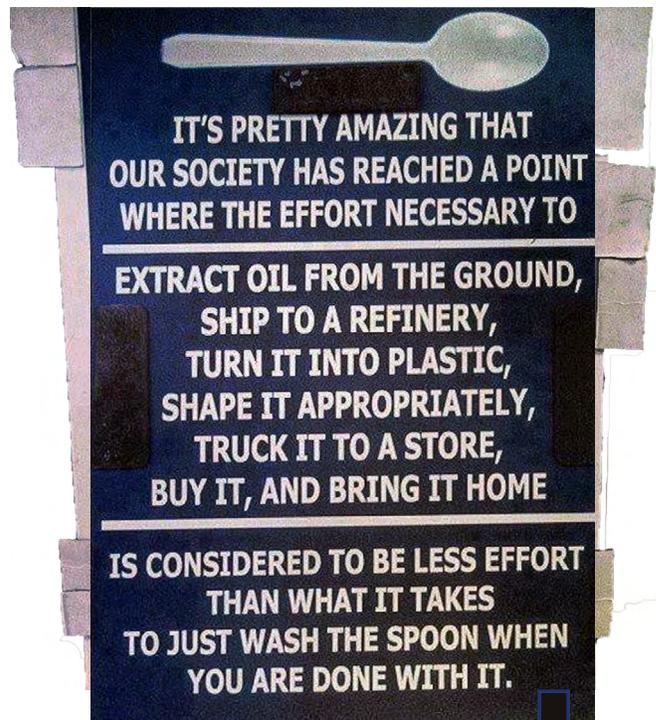
Maximum length for any one prose piece or poem is two pages.

Maximum number of lines per 5" x 8 1/2" page is 40.



## UUCE Protectors Team forming! Call out for volunteers

Protection of one's community is a spiritual practice. Add to your other fulfilling practices and be a part of a rotating team of Protectors for the UUCE community. Can you be a greeter/information provider/gate keeper? How about roving observer? Or occasional kind-but-firm bouncer? Are you security conscious? Have you ever thought that our UUCE community, including the groups that use our home, are vulnerable and should be protected better? Would you not hesitate to dial 9-1-1 if danger seemed obvious? Do you have the ability to make a decision on your own within the framework of our UU principles and values when no one else is near to give you some feedback? These are some of the qualities of leadership we are seeking. This team will develop the skills to protect the congregation, events, and users of the Beautiful UU Building. Training will be provided by the UUCE Safety Team. Contact Safety Team members: Kristine Chadwick, [kristine.chadwick@gmail.com](mailto:kristine.chadwick@gmail.com); Ken Ross, [ruthken1@pacinfo.com](mailto:ruthken1@pacinfo.com); Susanne Giordano, [susangio@comcast.net](mailto:susangio@comcast.net); Nisco Junkins, [niscohappy@comcast.net](mailto:niscohappy@comcast.net).



# UUCE Stewardship



## Year End Giving

'Twas the month of December with the year almost done,  
A lot was accomplished in service and fun.  
As we move into winter we have much to give thanks,  
Our support of each other and new faces in our ranks.  
The time, the talent and the treasure too,  
In service and love we connect, grow and do.  
For a year-end gift to fund programs or building,  
Oh the tax deduction you get could be thrilling!  
Mail it, bring it or wrap it with a bow,  
A joyful gift for our church you can bestow.  
All amounts, all sizes are very much appreciated.  
Whatever it is, we'll be truly elated.  
Contact Dave or Kay or Judy too,  
We can answer your questions; we're glad to help you.

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Kay Crider, Capital Campaign Co-Chair



## Art Wall Features Judith Manning

*Empowered By Love, We Transform Ourselves and Serve Our World*



My grandfather was an artist, my mother was too, and then me. I drew and made things through childhood, and took as much art as I could. In high school, I prepared to be a secretary, but an art teacher changed my life. With his encouragement, I went to college. I took art, and lots of life lessons (think late sixties and San Francisco).

Through my working years, I always found time for art. I did watercolors, lots of art therapy drawing, beading, gardening, and computer design/graphics on the job. When I retired three years ago, I was able to immerse myself in creating art. I took to painting with acrylics, collage and mixed-media.

My art has always arisen from my inner life. I'm expressing my emotions, illustrating my spiritual journey, and manifesting my growth. Ideas and images come to me from the story of my life, from dreams, from a rich visual sense of the world around me. Falling asleep and waking up are fruitful times for mulling over what I want to express and plans of how I might do it. My artistic life gives me great joy.

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