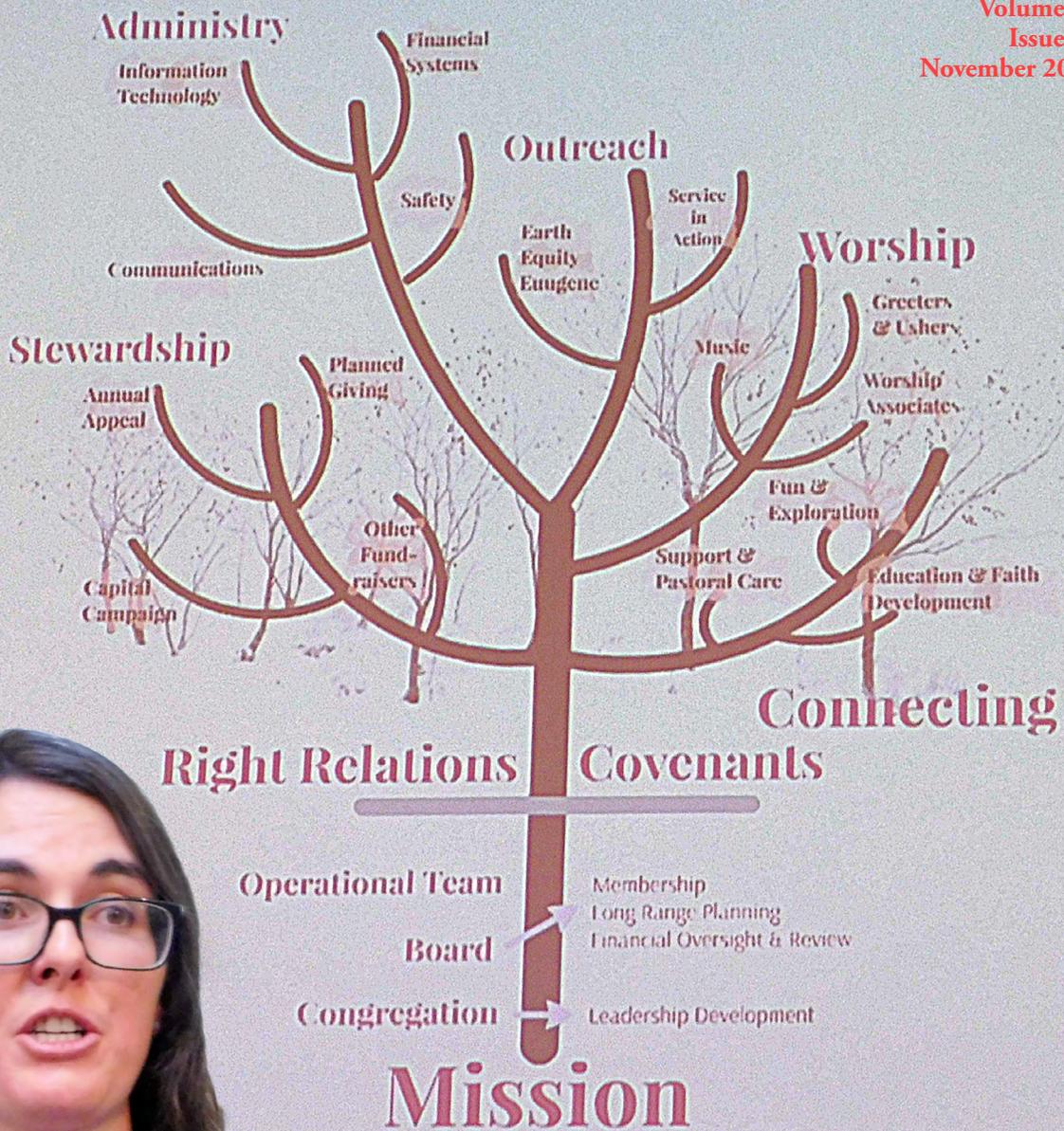


UUUCEConnections

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Board President Sarah France Explains Organization Tree

November Services

Our worship theme this month, *We Cultivate Lives* comes from our 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 act toward justice, healing and sustainability.*

1st All Souls' Day reminds us of our qualities of both soul and spirit - as individuals and (in Ralph Waldo Emerson's term) as oversoul. Rev. Sydney will conduct the service with Robin Schantz-Mulford. Please do not forget that this is Daylight Savings change day! If you forget and come at 10am, you can chat and sing along until the service begins at the next 10am.

8th "We Are All Worthy" Clarence Skinner's focus on the universalism of humanity calls us to know ourselves so that we can be of service to others. Ministerial Intern Kimberley Wootan will conduct the service. The Sanctuary Choir will sing and August Sabini will assist.

15th "Self Cultivation and the Compost" considers the regrets and sorrows of our lives, and the gentle finding of new life. Rev. Sydney will conduct the service. The Chamber Singers will sing and Marcie Dorfman will assist.

22nd Thanksgiving Intergenerational Service will be "Harvest of Gratitude" coordinated by Rev. Sydney and Katy Siepert. The All Comers Choir will sing.

29th "We" Eric Richardson, Director of the Eugene/Springfield chapter of NAACP, will explore the parameters of "we". Rev. Sydney will assist and the Chalice Choir will sing.

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.

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 November 23. Membership meet and greet occurs every 3rd Sunday.

UUCE Aspirations

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grounded in our principles,
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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**



As the seasons turn and we move through the darkening quarter of the year I always appreciate the lingering night as an invitation for contemplation and renewal. Now the ripe rich fruit yields its seeds, falling with the leaves to burrow into the earth.

Letting go is vital to change, and so is the faith that seeds at rest will move in their own time to flourish. Cultivation of a self, a soul, a community wisely assents to the cycling seasons. And the cultivation of grateful appreciation as a spiritual practice can feel this remarkable time to be fruitful and filled with potential.

Rev. Sydney

Message from the Intern Minister

Hi Everyone-

I have been here for two months now and I am happy to report that I am really acclimating to Eugene and this wonderful church community. It has been so fun walking around exploring downtown and the hills near my apartment. The Farmers' Market is wonderful and I am pleasantly surprised that I have been able to plant a winter crop in October!

At Church one of the groups I have been working with is the Pastoral Associates. We have been coming up with a mission statement and goals. They are:

"To respond, by bringing UU principles and sources, to significant life events experienced by friends and members of our congregation with care, deep listening, and respect. To give love in action, mindful of our own well-being."

Our Goals are:

- to hold people at difficult times in their lives
- to extend the church, acting on our UU principles, to where people are in their lives, be it home, hospice, or hospital
- to involve others in this process by helping staff and the minister widen the circle of care to train and support those giving pastoral care.

Our Objectives are:

- to manage requests
- to bring a spiritual element, which may be ritual, stories, or a song, to every occasion
- to be prepared, be flexible, to show up.

In November we will be putting out a survey to assess the needs of the church community and garner interest in the different aspects of care that our members require. Starting In December we will also hold trainings for those who would like to help us in this important ministry in our community.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact anyone of us on the Pastoral

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Contemplative Practices

Pema Chodrön says, "Meditation takes us just as we are, with our confusion and our sanity. This complete acceptance of ourselves as we are is a simple, direct relationship with our being. We call this 'Maitri,' loving-kindness toward ourselves and others." Our second month of the Contemplative Practices Program continues as we seek further love and compassion for ourselves and those around us. Please join us on Monday evenings from 5:00pm until 5:45pm in the Chapel. In November Intern Minister Kimberly Wooten will be leading a series of Tibetan Meditation Practices that she learned directly from Pema Chodrön, "a leading exponent of teachings on meditation and how they apply to everyday life. She is widely known for her charming and down-to-earth interpretation of Tibetan Buddhism for Western audiences."

During our program on November 2 Kimberly will lead us in a basic meditation as taught in Pema's lineage. On November 9th we will practice "Tonglen", the art of taking in the negative feeling in and around us and breathing out hope or an aspiration into that negative space. The program will continue on November 16 when we will be practicing the "Wind Horse" Meditation which is a practice of balancing energies.

We are very excited about this upcoming series of meditations and the continuing growth of the Contemplative Practices Program. We have received great input from your participation in our survey and we will be reviewing this input as we attempt to build and improve the program going forward. We would also love to hear from those who have had a chance to participate in the meditations this month and appreciate your open and honest input. Please email us at meditation@uueugene.org



Message from the Intern Minister

Message from the Board President

Who are we? Why are we here? These questions are inherently religious in nature when left to stand on their own. However, when we ask these questions in context of our church, we often begin by locating our roles within the organization: I am a help in the kitchen; I am a greeter; I participate in Small Group Ministries. While each of us has responsibilities we take up as part of that identity, there is also a deeper role we play. As seekers of a new faith, we are here to live into our mission. Empowered by love, we transform ourselves and serve our world. It doesn't say we transform ourselves then serve our world—the two activities are not linear. Living our mission is like breathing in and out. When I breathe in, I transform myself; when I breathe out, I serve my world.

Your Board has a goal to connect the UUCE congregation with its mission. It is the cornerstone of everything we do. We invite each of you to live the full life and breath of the church, to rise to the work of discerning your calling. There is much work to be done together, and we have new and curious visitors and friends joining us every week. When the Board looks into the future, we envision a more accessible path to involvement. We can see how much we can benefit from this, but the how of it has yet to take shape. Growing into a program church means, at times, we have to cope with ambiguity, because this work is still flowering. The positive angle on ambiguity is that your group can help shape this work. The Board asks each church group to consider its strategy for intentional inclusivity.

While we focus on strengthening the foundation for growth and inclusion, let's not forget to have some fun together! For members who joined anytime in the last two years, the church will host a Pancake Breakfast on November 14th. Touchstone Tuesday potlucks continue every Tuesday at 6pm. Leadership Development workshops continue throughout the fall, and the next Ministry Gatherings will take place the first week of December. Ministries are a place to share successes, solve problems, ask questions and deepen the congregation's relationship to our mission.

"UUs claim a history of radical ideas. Now is the time to reclaim that heritage and empower our congregations to dream, and to accomplish, new and wonderful dreams." – Michael Durall, the Almost Church Revitalized.

Sarah France

President, UUCE Board of Trustees



UUCEWorship

All-Comers' Choir

The Sanctuary Choir will host the annual All-Comers' Choir at our Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 22. If you like to sing but don't have time to commit to regular weekly rehearsals we'd love to have you join us for the three rehearsals leading up to the presentation on the 22nd. Rehearsals are held in the Sanctuary on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm beginning November 4th. We will sing John Rutter's *For the Beauty of the Earth*, as well as one other piece. If you would like to participate please contact Music Director, Tom Sears to reserve your score.

Christmas Concert

On Saturday, December 12 at 7:00pm the Chamber Singers will present their annual Christmas Concert. The program will feature Vivaldi's *Gloria in D major, RV589* with soprano soloists Phoebe Gildea and Andrea Herrera. Also included on the program will be Buxtehude's cantata, *Das neugeborne Kindelein*, several of Charpentier's *Noels for Instruments*, and a contemporary setting of the 15th c. carol, *A Babe Is Born All of a Maid*. A chamber orchestra of strings and continuo will accompany the choir, with trumpet and oboe added for the *Gloria*, and recorders added for the *Noels*. Come celebrate the Christmas season with us. Suggested donation: \$10. Refreshments will follow the program.

In Harmony,
Tom Sears



UUCEConnecting

Small Group Ministry-Connect, Grow, Serve

Would you like to meet with a small group of people to listen and share, deepen connections and friendships, explore personal and spiritual growth, and provide service to the church or the larger community? If so, participating in the Small Group Ministry (SGM) program may be for you. This program, which is available to UUCE members and friends, has been occurring annually here since 2003. For many people their experiences with SGM have been among the most meaningful and satisfying aspects of their connection with the church.

The SGM groups have up to 10 people, meet for 2 hours twice a month from January through May 2016, have a trained facilitator and guidelines for interaction, follow a structured format, and do a service project. The topics for the SGM sessions this church year will be inspired by the words of our 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.*

Registration for the SGM program will continue at a table after the Sunday service through Nov. 8. Or you can get a registration form from the church office or from the UUCE SGM web page, www.uueugene.org/connect1/social-and-growth/small-group-ministry, and return it to church office by Nov. 8.

There is a voluntary registration fee of \$10 to help cover the costs of the program. If needed, child care can be provided for SGM groups that meet at church. More information is available from the UUCE SGM web page, the SGM pamphlet in the pamphlet rack, and the SGM steering committee (Bonnie Koenig; Dick Loescher, chair, 541-485-1157; Connie Newman). E-mail questions and comments to infoSGM@uueugene.org. We invite you to join us



in this enriching and rewarding experience.

Quotes from SGM participants: “Wonderful way to get to know new people.” “I especially appreciated being able to share with people of a different generation.” “It really makes you think about things and explore yourself in ways you never have before.”

Dick Loescher



HCAO meets Tue. Nov. 3, 7-9pm at First United Methodist Church, 13th & Olive, Eugene. Featured speaker, Cynthia Hylton, of SHIBA, Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance. SHIBA volunteers at senior centers in Lane Co. are ready to provide Medicare and insurance plan options free of charge. Re-enrollment is now in effect until Dec. 7 for insurance

coverage in 2016. Your questions will be welcome. HCAO's statewide biannual meeting Nov. 14 will be discussed; car pools will be arranged. All are welcome; ample parking. A Service in Action sponsored organization. Visit www.hcao.org, Pat Bitner, 541-485-3971

UUUCEConnecting

UUUCEReligious Education

Dear UUUCE Families,

The month of October is drawing to a close, and the holidays are fast approaching. I am writing this before Halloween, but I imagine I got to see many of you ghosts and goblins at the annual Halloween Party! And now it is time to pack away the costumes for another year, to bring down the spiders, witches, and black cats, and bring out the turkeys - the time of thanksgiving is upon us.

We have so much to be thankful for! First and foremost, let us be thankful for this thriving church and our growing sense of community, connection, and continuity. Our hard work of years past is paying off with interest as we continue to live into our beautiful church home.

Personally, I have much to be thankful for, as well. As many of you know, my family just purchased a new home. As I write this, I am living out of stacks of boxes. Nothing is in its place, and no place isn't filled with piles of boxes! It is stressful to move a family of five, it turns out.

But, wow, am I thankful! Thankful for my family's incredible good fortune. Thankful for my loving husband and children, mother, father, and friends, who all helped to make our move possible. Thankful for my own resilience - to make a huge change and come out the other side smiling.

Whether it is a new beginning, an ending, or the stretch of steadfast days in the middle, may we each be thankful for the gifts this life has to offer.

And speaking of offers, this is what the church has to offer up to you this month of November, and beyond:

Thanksgiving

November 22, we will celebrate this season of Thanksgiving with a multigenerational service. Join us in offering our gratitude - people of all ages are encouraged to attend!

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. 5 - 1:00-3:00 - Auditions and parts assigned (Sanctuary)

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

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

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

Saturday, Dec. 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!

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. As part of this program, youth are paired with an adult mentor for bi-monthly meetings. If you are interested in mentoring a youth, or would like to work with the youth as a group leader, please contact DRE Katy Siepert at 541-686-2775, ext. 2, for more information.

Ongoing: Leadership Development Series

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

Group Dynamics and Leadership Tuesday nights Nov 10th and 17th

It turns out that there are very similar patterns in group behavior which can be orchestrated in ways that increase effectiveness and satisfaction. Clear and simple techniques for designing and running meetings, as well as practice and reflection on leadership styles and options will be part of our two sessions together.

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.

Evensong UU Parent Group

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7-8pm, in Room 7 November 3, 17; December 1, 15

Explore with other parents what it means to bring UU values to your parenting practices. Share stories, inspirations, and concerns in a safe and sacred space. Kimberly Wootan and Katy Siepert.

UUCEConnecting

The Benefits of A Positive Approach

Appreciative Inquiry (AI) involves searching for the best in others and ourselves as we build community together. Instead of asking “Why is this process so bad?” the negative question is reframed into “What would it look like if this process worked well?” In October, we had a two workshops exploring AI facilitated by Rev. Sydney and Kay Crider. The focus was on identifying strengths and creating a positive frame for our questions, discussions and interactions.

In order to identify what could work well, we named the strengths of others that helped make a particular project successful, and identified our own strengths that had also lead to the good outcome. Here are just a few of the strengths we identified:

Good listener; Enthusiastic; Creative; Committed; Organized; Humorous; Collaborative; Flexible; Willing to Learn; Practical, and Passionate!

We then identified some ways to honor diversity and difference, since we don't all share the same strengths:

Partnering across genders and race; learning from those who are different than us; finding joy in diversity; and making no assumptions or generalizations, testing our assumptions and leaving room for clarifying questions in order to create safe space for diversity and difference.

Next we looked at the five strategies for Appreciative Leadership through the lens of AI, although such strategies are great to infuse into any group process, even if you are not leading it! We explored all five strategies with an eye toward why they were important and described how they accomplished.

1) INCLUSION: To foster a sense of belonging honor and value diversity by being welcoming, at friendly and a good listener.

2) INQUIRY: To discover ideas and goals and to let others be heard and feel valued by seeking input and by brainstorming together.

3) ILLUMINATION: To shine a light on the strengths that others bring to the group and to build confidence in others by examining what each of us has to contribute.

4) INTEGRITY: To build trust and set and example for others and to create a culture of fairness, honesty, decency and stability by making sure we model what we expect of others and speak honestly, fairly and with compassion and kindness.

5) INSPIRATION: To infuse energy, enthusiasm and hope into the group and provide a sense of direction by encouraging others to share their passions and by sharing our own.

In the words of Meg Wheatley, “Ask what’s possible, not what’s wrong. ... Be brave enough to start a conversation that matters. ... Be intrigued by the differences you hear. ... And trust that meaningful conversations can change your world.”

Join us in the spring for more on this topic!

Kay Crider



UUCE Outreach

Food for Lane County Food Rescue Night

Tuesday, November 22, 6:30

770 Bailey Hill Rd

Note: Change of date for holiday week.

UUCE 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.



UUCE 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.



Welcome Home Pancake Breakfast!

Come one, come all to a pancake breakfast Saturday November 14th, 9:30-11:30 in the Social Hall. The Membership Committee invites you to help welcome our new members and friends. Come enjoy breakfast together and get to know someone new! Questions to erin@troberg.net 541-344-8259

Erin Troberg

Third Sunday Community Offering

Belly-Full, a Springfield-based program devoted to helping children get enough food to eat, will receive our church's November community offering.

Twenty-nine percent of Oregon's children experience food insecurity – uncertainty about where the next meal will come from – and that's the nation's second-highest rate. In Springfield, 78% of students at Hamlin Middle School qualify for free or reduced-cost lunches. Belly-Full addresses the issue in Springfield School District with snack packs for high schools and elementaries, a food pantry at Hamlin, support for school gardens, and information on food resources. Read more at belly-full.net.

On Nov. 15th we will give all of our offering to Belly-Full.

In September, we raised \$1,203 for the Emerald Valley Boys and Girls Club. Thank you for your support!

Marilyn Milne



UUCE Outreach

Oregon UU Voices for Justice

This wonderful group, with representatives from UU Congregations and Fellowships from around our state, met on Oct. 17 for their annual meeting, hosted by UUCE.

Three issues will be supported by the whole group, state wide. Health Care For All Oregon as presented, by our own Pat Bitner, will be one of our concerns. The need to change the problems caused by Citizen's United: corporations having the rights of people, and money equaling speech, will be our second issue. The third will be a study/action item concerning climate change.

Many, many thanks for all the support given by our congregation. Rev. Dr. Morris warmly welcomed the gathering. Kay Crider/Patrick Phillips, Anne Hohenemser, and Duana Welch and family, provided homestays. What a gracious gesture and so helpful for those coming from a great distance. In addition, Bonnie Koenig, Duana Welch, Lizzy Utterbach, and Eileen Adee made a wonderful lunch....AND did cleanup and dishes.

If our issues are ones you care about, we would love your participation.

Again thanks to all who helped SO MUCH.
Sue Craig suecraig@gmail.com



Service in Action... UUCE's Social/Environmental Justice program

On Nov. 10 at 9 am at UUCE, we will participate in the Ministerial Outreach meeting. At present, there are all kinds of questions about process for this coming year. Lots of exciting ideas may come to your minds. Do come and share them! Hope to see lots of interested folks there.

Sue Craig



Occupy Medical

As the weather changes, we will find bigger need for warm socks and clothes. Our bin by the kitchen entrance is emptied each week. Volunteers sought. Ruth Duemier 541-484-6145

UUCE Outreach

Walkers, Dozens of Donors Raise \$1,696 For Crop Hunger Walk

On a beautiful fall day in October, UUCE members and friends joined walkers from a dozen other churches in Alton Baker Park to show the world their commitment to alleviating hunger at home and around the world. The irrepressible Eric Troberg and his band of UU teens in costume boosted the fun factor, while proudly bearing the UUCE banner. Other UUs brought kids and dogs and walking sticks -- and cookies to sweeten the day. A big round of applause to all and to the many donors who made UUCE's contribution so significant. And a special vote of thanks to young Asia Carter-Thomas, who raised around \$300 all by herself!

It's too early to tell how much money the walk raised in toto (donor envelopes are still coming in) but our best guess is \$20,000 to \$25,000, with 25 percent of that going to Food for Lane County, and the rest to Church World Services to help those in other countries.

Judy Sawyer, UUCE recruiter



UUCE Stewardship



Irrigation system and swale drain

Looking Back and Looking Ahead

In 2009, the congregation voted to move to a new location and to purchase the building we currently occupy. We planned first to make the building habitable and then make it home over the next several years. However, the city's requirement to proceed with all upgrades at once and the challenges revealed during renovation led to larger than expected capital outlays upfront.

During the frugal transformation of the building, surplus furnishings were sold, tons of metal was recycled, and bricks from the chimney were saved to pave patios at our south entrance. The removal of acoustic ceiling tiles, re-homed to a local theatre, revealed the beautiful old growth beams supporting the sanctuary ceiling. The spirit of wise use permeates the exciting, accessible and environmentally-friendly home we now inhabit.

Each new discovery and economy inspired people to donate time and money, resulting in twice as much as we thought could be raised in a capital campaign.

Generosity was expressed in so many ways: for example, church volunteers brought in homemade meals to feed the scores of workers, both paid and volunteer, EVERY DAY. If

you've attended a Touchstone Tuesday potluck recently, then you've seen that the spirit of Momma's Table lives on still.

Why are we considering a capital campaign next year?

We had always planned to have a second campaign. Now that we are well established in our new beautifully renovated home, we are eager to focus on our reason for locating in this area: to live out our mission, by transforming ourselves and serving our neighborhood and community. More of our budget could be used for programs if we could spend less paying our mortgage.

What is the difference between a capital campaign and our annual financial appeal?

As a fundraiser, a capital campaign raises money for large-scale improvements and occurs every once in awhile. Once we begin the capital campaign, it will continue for a three-year period.

Our annual financial appeal funds the ongoing, regular operation of our five ministries: administry, connecting, outreach, stewardship, and worship.

UUCE Stewardship

Does that mean I'll be asked to pledge to both the capital campaign and the annual appeal?

Yes. As a "free congregation," our programs are funded entirely by our members and friends.

How will it make a difference to pay down our mortgage?

It will make a difference in two big ways. First, the sooner we pay down our mortgage, the less money we spend over time because we'll spend less in interest. The sooner we pay our mortgage, the less money overall we have to give the bank.

Secondly, the payments from the sale of our former building end in 2017. We'll need to reduce the size of our mortgage substantially by then in order to continue funding the programs that are core to our mission.

Our mortgage is now \$1.34 million. Every year we pay more than \$100,000 of our annual budget towards the mortgage. Like most 30-year mortgages, most of the money we pay now is interest and reduces the amount we owe very slowly. Right now, we reduce our mortgage principle amount by about \$35,000 per year, meaning that about \$65,000 goes towards paying interest. Even if we are not able to pay off the mortgage completely, less of our annual budget will need to be used for mortgage costs.

What happens next?

In November we're having a financial feasibility study where 15% of our congregation is part of a detailed survey to help us determine the scope and timing of the next capital campaign. In order for the study to be accurate and useful, a representative sample of the diversity in our congregation has been asked to participate. Stay tuned for the results in the December newsletter and please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Judy Shaw and
Kay Crider





Janell Sorensen

Janell paints Oregon landscapes in watercolor and acrylic. She sketches in pen and ink and watercolor while traveling and hiking with her husband, the Oregon hiking guidebook author William L. Sullivan. She illustrated his book Cabin Fever. Prints of four of those illustrations are in the exhibit.

She especially enjoys visiting their daughter Karen in Australia, where they sketch and paint together.

Karen Sullivan

Karen carries a sketchbook with her wherever she goes. She teaches linguistics at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, but she travels to conferences all over the world, which gives her opportunities for plein air painting in many settings.

UUCE Administry Her acrylic and oil paintings, always complete on site, depict Oregon, Costa Rica, Berkley, Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia and other locations.



Next Art Wall

My art reflects my emotions and my spiritual journey. It is a rich source of growth and joy for me. I paint with acrylics, and use collage and stenciled textures.

Judith Manning