

# UUCE Connections

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# UUCE Minister's Message

**Our theme this month is Sustainability, as our Aspirations envision that: "...together we work toward justice, healing and sustainability."**

**August 7th "How the heck do we sustain good will in troubled times?"**

This week I will preach the message of Jesus' love. Kimberly Wootan

**August 14th "Sustaining Unitarian Universalism"**

This will be my last sermon here in UU Eugene. I will talk about the road to ministry and what I have learned. Kimberly Wootan

**August 21 Economic Sustainability**

The successes of global capitalism reveal it's weaknesses, and this service will focus on new theory and practice which can have tremendous impact. The circular economy, the end of "externalities" in economic theory, and the moves in local and socially responsible economics are all fair game. Rev. Sydney

**August 28 "Inch by Inch"**

My annual garden service, celebrates growing our own nourishment and the patience it takes. Rev. Sydney



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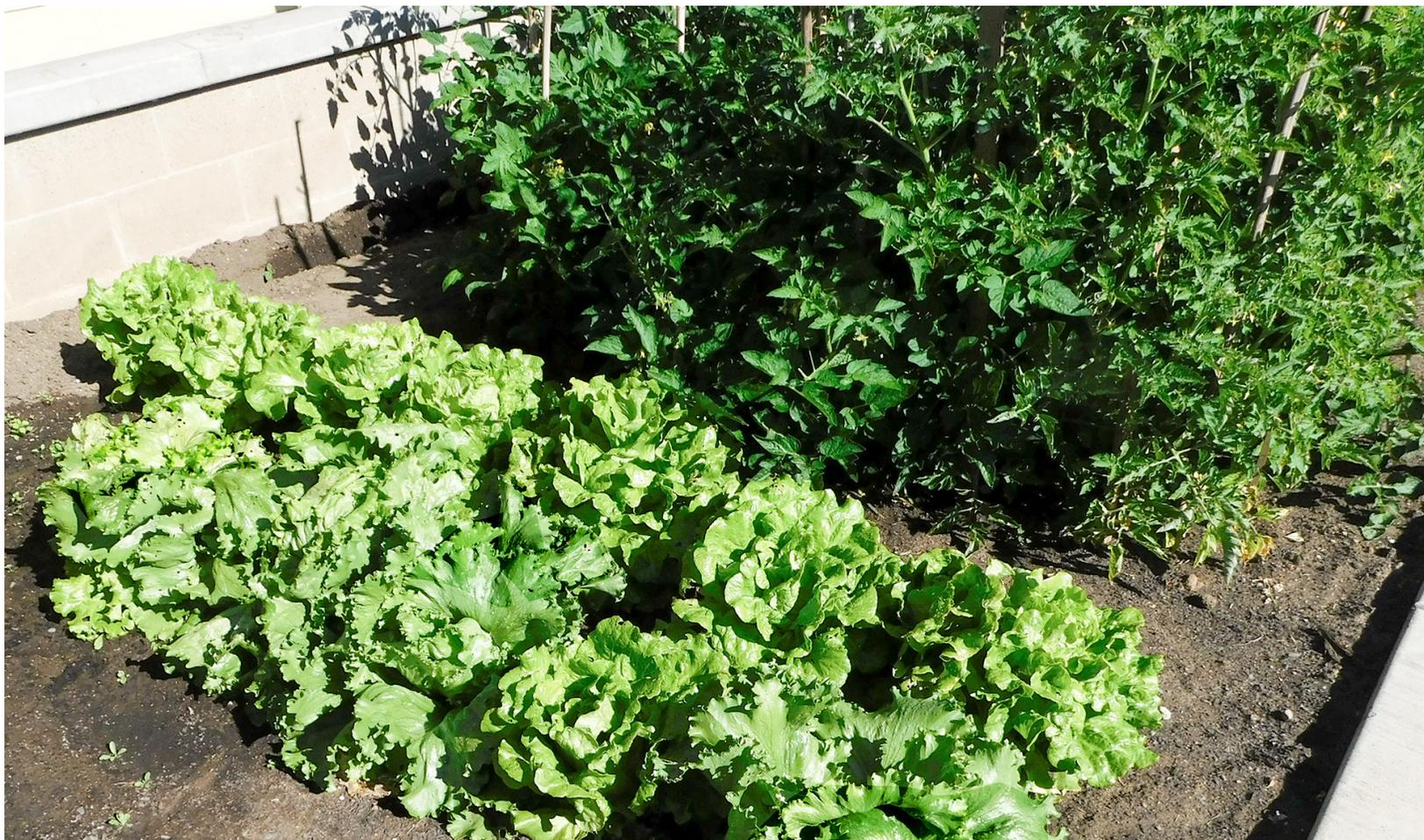
# UUCE Minister's Message

As summer wends its way among us, UUCE continues to burble along within the steady stream of excitement enlivening us all. Some excitement we could do without, granted, but we are launched into deeper waters of faith and determination by the currents of our times. Some excitement is the joy of glorious summer and the gifts of the earth. Some is the happy creativity of playground construction, of our Ministerial Intern's final services, the ongoing Pastoral Care and Kindness presence, Contemplative Practices, work by Sanctuary and Food Earth Equity projects, and awareness/communication initiatives. "As tranquil streams that meet and merge/And flow as one into

the sea." This church season keeps the waters flowing. (Hymn #145 lyrics quoted, by UU Marion Franklin Ham.)

I do not want to underestimate the challenges of rising tides of intolerance and divisiveness, but neither can I lose faith in the potential for good, and for growing maturity and depth in our society at large - and in the human heart. We are called to refresh ourselves in the living waters of universal values, and work toward greater unities than we thought possible. Rest up, folks! Your church needs you, the world needs you, and we need one another.

Peace,  
Rev. Sydney



# UUCE Board President's Message

Good morning, friends and congregants. I write to you today from a peninsula near the coast of sunny Los Angeles, where thirty-something Unitarian Universalist leaders and faculty have gathered from around the Pacific Western Region to attend Russell Lockwood Leadership School. Though I have been here less than a day, I already feel much renewed.

On this first morning of our curriculum, we will be focusing on Mission and Covenant. Three of my colleagues and I were randomly selected to coordinate a worship service centered in these themes. As we sat down last night to plan our approach, several of the other participants expressed anxiety: one person said "I'm new to UU, and I'm afraid I don't really know what covenant 'is,' let alone how to deepen others' understanding of it."

I found this fascinating. Two years ago, when I first started to work with the Board of Trustees, I would have shared this sentiment. I wonder, and venture to presume that many of our readers feel similarly to my colleague. What is covenant, exactly? I am on a learning journey myself, and we as a congregation are on this learning journey together.

I shared with my colleagues my limited and impromptu understanding of covenants, which they seemed to find immensely helpful. I said something less polished than the following: "From what I understand, covenanting is the process of seeking clarity. Together we collaborate through written word to bring about a vision of "how to relate" in service to our mission. Covenants help us to hold a picture in our minds of how we are connected in this work." Everyone around me said, "Oh! That makes sense," and "I'm glad you have the background to lead us through worship tomorrow."

I have come to this learning environment to be together with others who have dedicated themselves in similar work. I did not expect to serve as a resource right out of the gate. In fact, many of the other participants represent fellowships with less than sixty other congregants and are seeking a home. Some represent congregations whose numbers are burgeoning beyond the capacity of their current location are working with architects to design renovations. Some of these leaders are fascinated by the idea of Policy Governance and how it could transform their Board. In this moment, I celebrate with you in this context everything that our congregation has accomplished.

This leads me to reflect on a piece of wisdom which Reverend Sydney shared with the Board, which I'll paraphrase: We as UUCE simultaneously utilize the models of "fellowship", "pastoral", "program" and "resource". Here are some details:

- At the UUCE Church Group level, we still accomplish work in the "fellowship" model. Each of us rises to the work as we are willing and able.



- In Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy, our church work is deeply rooted in the presence of Reverend Sydney. Where her guidance is the heart of the work, our activities follow the "pastoral" model.
- In our transition to "Spirit Jam" for Religious Education and to the "Faith Forward Inquirer's Series" for Membership activities, we are leaning on the wisdom of other program-based congregations. Our "current focus is to support and augment our identity as a Program church".
- However, the many accomplishments of our burgeoning Religious Education program, and through inviting Intern Ministers to spend a year with our congregation, we also are beginning to serve other congregations and the larger association as a "resource" church.

"Within our congregation, we rely on one another." The Board is still profoundly aware of and focused on our initiatives to close the deficit in the Annual Budget, and it is for this reason we call on you as congregants to rise to the occasion.

We are asking for your help to facilitate or coordinate fundraisers in whatever way suits your skills and abilities. This will help the Board honor its covenant to the church: to work as the fiduciary of our church." "We have duties of care, loyalty and service to the Mission."

If we all pull together in this year, we can overcome our obstacles, deepen our connections through covenant, and enrich our lives and the lives of those around us through our work.

Thank you for your contribution.

In Faith,  
Sarah France

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**No Tuesday  
Potlucks in August**

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# UUCE Worship

## Thank You, Good Byes, Welcomes, and the Love of Music

Thank you to everyone for our shared expressions of well-wishing at Tom Sears' retirement party, and for all the help—whether it be bringing food, helping raise the farewell gift, contributing to the program, setting up the AV, singing, being there physically or mentally, and generally for everyone's enthusiasm through the years that made the choir directing worth doing for Tom!

We have the courage to face change in our best voice because we love to sing and we know that our UU community appreciates us so much! There is always a time for things to change. For anyone who has worked day in, day out for a long period of time, no matter how much they love it, there is a time when the freeing up of that time to do something different comes. Of no less importance is giving a new person the opportunity to help us prove to ourselves that the exploration of our musical talents continues in camaraderie, and is just as rewarding and expanding as before. Remember how good we sounded together, all three choirs, at Tom's farewell party? That will not change. You all are so talented! Wow!

And so we welcome Camille Lively into our fold. We start the new season with a potluck on Saturday, September 10, 1-3:30pm in the Social Hall and Sanctuary. All past choir members, current choir members and potential choir members, and anybody else that wants to, are invited to bring your favorite shareable finger foods and beverages. We will do some singing, too. On Sunday, September 11, all choirs are invited to sit together on the choir risers for the service. Choir practices will start the week of September 19 with Chalice Choir at 7:00pm on Monday September 19, Chamber Singers on Wednesday September 21 at 5:15, and the Sanctuary Choir on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00pm. One of the choirs will sing or Sunday service on September 25th.

In the meantime, those who have volunteered your musical talents over the summer for Sunday services—thank you!!! It's so nice to have a variety of musical offerings in the absence of the choirs, and very much appreciated by all of us.

Susanne Zudegi Giordano

Chair, Music Committee and Your Loyal Accompanist



2015 Music Potluck

### Music Calendar

#### New Season Potluck

Saturday, Sept. 10, 1-3:30pm

#### Choir Practice

##### Chalice Choir:

Monday, Sept. 19 7pm

##### Chamber Singers:

Wednesday, Sept. 21 5:15

##### Sanctuary Choir:

Wednesday, Sept. 21 7pm

### Sunday Musicians in August

A big thank you to all the volunteer musicians who have shared with us their beautiful music on Sundays this summer and thank you to Jean Cottel for organizing them every Sunday! And guest musicians continue in August. The first Sunday in August, the 7th, Mary Marshall and Jean Cottel will sing duets, "Wild Mountain Thyme," a traditional tune, and "The Shower" by Edward Elgar. August 14 Duana Welch will sing "It's Amazing

the Things That Float," by Peter Mills, plus possibly another song. August 21 brings a talented 16-yr old, McKala Webb from the program called "Grrrlz Rock" singing her own original songs. And on August 28, Valerie Elliott will accompany Jean Cottel for "Romanze" by Schubert, and "O leggiadri occhi belli" by Anonymous Renaissance. Valerie will play Scott Joplin's "Solace" for the Offertory and some gathering music.

Susanne Giordano

# UUCE Worship

## Notes from Your Intern Minister

Now has come the times to start to say goodbye. It has been so wonderful learning here from you all and I know that you are a big reason why I will be a success in whatever endeavours I undertake.

As I move into my preparation for clinical pastoral education at River Bend I want to remind you of a few things:

One, that no matter what happens in the world love wins. I know that this next year will bring its challenges and that things rarely go the way we think they should go. Nevertheless, even if we have small successes, who we love and how we love matters. Black lives matter, the poor and children matter, the rich, middle class and Asians matter, everyone across the gender spectrum matters, everyone across the mental and abilities spectrum matter. We can love and by our action of love change the way the world operates.

Two, that you matter. Remember that as we move into the difficult work that this world needs it is imperative that we take care of our bodies/souls and this worlds body and soul. Make sure to take care yourselves. Eat well and enjoy the fruits of the

earth. Walk, slide or glide out and about this planet and soak in her beauty. Sleep under the stars and rest under trees.

Three, don't stop. Don't stop caring and sharing the good news that Unitarian Universalism brings to the world. Talk to your neighbours, the kids in the park, and people on buses and planes. One of the things I have been chewing on is this idea of invitation. We have a lot to offer but we, I, can be bolder in inviting people to what we have to share. So I will take up this challenge as I begin to work outside our denomination and with the new friends I will make in secular settings. I invite you to do the same. It is easier to show people our good will than to tell them about it.

Last, remember that I love all of you. It has been my privilege to share with you in all of the fun and heartache that we have lived through this year. I will take all the love I have felt from you and remember that this world, this creation is worth the struggle for there is joy in beloved community.

Kimberly Wootan  
Ministerial Intern



### Contemplative Practices

**Mondays, 5:00 - 5:45 in the Chapel**

Silent meditation can include many traditions, silent prayer, sitting, mindfulness awareness practices, personal mantra and walking. Come this month and learn the many forms of bowing from Deb Huntley and friends.

### Contemplative Studies

**August 4th 5:15 - 6:45 Mindfulness**  
(Thich Nhat Hanh)

# UUCEConnecting

Dear UUCE Families and Friends,

My family and I recently returned from a week away up north in Seabeck, Washington. We were at a family camp called Eliot Institute – a gathering of Unitarian Universalists from the Pacific Northwest and beyond who come together for a week of music, laughter, and learning. Our speaker was Pamela Sparr, from the UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee), an organization that took root during World War II, when Waitstill and Martha Sharp answered the call for help to the helpless. Hearing from someone whose life's work and passion is justice for all people was an inspiring thing. Our week together was focused on climate change, and for myself, I feel forever changed by what I experienced with her this week. Pam is intelligent, funny, hopeful, and clear that it is the duty of each one of us to make changes in our lives today that will help us steer our planet toward a healthy and bright future rather than a bleak one. I like her vision.

Our work here is to love one another and the world fiercely.

One of the things Pam lifted up in her presentation to us at July Eliot was the importance of gardening and outdoor time with kids. After all, how can children learn to love the Earth if they do not know it well? To that end, our nature playground is coming along – albeit more slowly than I would have hoped – with a sandbox, the beginnings of a cob house, and other natural features that allow our children to use their imaginations, get dirty, and really play! We are still in need of broken concrete to finalize our foundation, and of course volunteers to help with building the foundation and the cobbing, once the wall is complete! You can sign up online to be included in the list of volunteers who want to receive detailed information about the wheres and whens of our building schedule. Go to the UUCE homepage at [www.uueugene.org](http://www.uueugene.org) and click the image box titled “Volunteers” in the top row of images.

August isn't only for building community and building the playground, though. This August, we are also building the new Spirit Jam program at the church! We want and need volunteers who have a passion or a gift they want to share: stilt-walking, flute-playing, story-telling, glass-etching, sweater-knitting, lego-building, cat-drawing... you name it! If you have a talent or skill or hobby or passion that you would like to share with the younger generation, please get involved in Spirit Jam. We have a place for you, as well as paid, trained, experienced teachers to back you up. Want to

know more? Go to the UUCE homepage at [www.uueugene.org](http://www.uueugene.org) and click the image box titled “SpiritJam” in the bottom row of images... follow the links to learn all about the program – or give me a call at 541-686-2775, ext. 2, to talk more about it!

## Looking ahead to September:

**September 4: Story for All Ages - Henry Builds a House.** Henry decides to build a simple home for himself by the pond. Soon, he discovers that the work is much more enjoyable when he gets a little help from his friends.

**September 11: Story for All Ages - The Circle, The Cycle.** All things ebb and flow. All things come and go. For everything, there is a season, a circle, a cycle...

## September 18: SpiritJam!

- People of all ages are welcome to join us for our first ever SpiritJam. On this day, we will explore the concept of Covenant through three different jam sessions – you get to choose where you want to go!

**LegoJam:** Be the engineer, the quartermaster, the builder or more in this cooperative lego-building session - a covenantal relationship in action.

**RelayJam:** Together we rise, together we fall - and isn't that the heart of the covenant after all?

**RoundTableJam:** Join the round table council and hone your persuasive argument skills - an inclusive and fun example of what it is to live in covenant with one another.

Also coming in September: 8th Grade OWL

In other news in RE, I want to take a moment to tell you about the upcoming OWL Program for 8th graders. Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education is a program designed by the Unitarian Universalist



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Association and the United Church of Christ. As people of community who love our children and want to give them the best possible start to their young lives, we face the challenge of creating environments that support and nurture sexual health. Young people need sexuality education programs that model and teach caring, compassion, respect, and justice. A holistic approach, one that acknowledges the many facets and aspects of our human growth and sexuality, must move beyond the intellect in order to address the attitudes, values, and feelings that youth have about themselves and the world.

There will be two opportunities provided in September and early October for parents to attend a required parent orientation (dates TBD). You do not need to decide right away whether or not OWL is the right program for your child – there will be time to process information and to ask any questions you might have about the material. I strongly encourage both parents to attend the orientation meetings so that you can make a decision as a family about entering your child into the program. OWL will begin for those middle schoolers whose parents decide it is right for them starting mid- to late- October (starting date TBD – I will keep you posted on the UUUCE OWL webpage and in future newsletters).

Our Whole Lives helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality,

Our Whole Lives not only provides facts about anatomy and human development, but also helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality. In essence, Our Whole Lives covers topics and skills that both parents and students want to have available but schools are less likely to cover.

High School OWL will be provided beginning in January. More information will be made available as the time to begin draws more near. There is some possibility of providing OWL for our younger ages after the new year rolls over. I will keep you informed as we move forward, and I encourage you to be in contact with me if you are a parent of a younger child who you would like to see do the OWL program.

Copies of the Our Whole Lives curricula can be found in the DRE office. Parents are welcome to look through it at any time. If you think you might like your 8th grade child to participate in OWL, please come to the parent orientation meetings. If you know of a family who would be interested in OWL, but who are not members or friends of the church, please forward me their email address, and I will send out an introductory email. Any other questions or concerns can be directed to me at [uucedre@gmail.com](mailto:uucedre@gmail.com) or [uucedre@ueueugene.org](mailto:uucedre@ueueugene.org).

Thank you for all that you do to make our community vibrant and bright! It is your continued participation and fierce love that inspires me in my work, and builds community for generations to come!

Hugs,  
Katy



# UUCE Outreach

## Rummage Sale Update!

For us, the idea of a rummage sale started with two goals: clear out some things to make more usable storage space, and raise money for UUCE. We soon added getting to know others in the church, and having fun.

Anyone coming through the church on Friday before the event or the day of the sale would have witnessed an amazing group of volunteers setting up, pricing, arranging, helping buyers, taking payments, and supporting each other. But the efforts started long before.

Thank you to all those who donated items. The sale would not have been possible without your generosity.

And we can't say enough the amazing group of volunteers. There were over 50 people who put in time to help make this happen. Everyone pitched in where they were needed. On the day of the sale, some volunteers worked a morning or afternoon shift, others were with us all day. We also had support from the office, which included the development of a website sign-up program, Building and Grounds Committee, custodians, and

last but not least, Rev. Sydney and Kimberly, our Ministerial Intern, helping from the pulpit.

We learned a lot of things that might be helpful in the future. Scheduling enough time for set up and pricing, and limiting donations to fit the space available are among those. Most importantly, we were pleased to see that the event allowed us to introduce our church to others in the community. At least two people who came to shop left with information on UUCE, and interest in attending a Sunday service.

We had lots of firsts – for me at least. With support from the Operations Team, we were able to accept credit card payments this time, which allowed us to sell some of the more expensive items which had been donated.

UUCE's fundraising goal for the year is \$30,000. We think the Rummage Sale was a fantastic start, bringing in \$4,100 to date. We still have a few items we are marketing on Craigslist and some of the neighborhood groups' listservs. Contact Phyllis O'Neill, Nita White, or Sigrid Jones for more info on those items.

Phyllis O'Neill



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## Our August Community Offering

August offering will be given to GRRRLZ ROCK, which works to increase gender diversity in performing arts, particularly rock music. GRRRLZ ROCK offers free drop-in music jams for teens, music camps, performance opportunities, music mentors, and more. No experience is required, instruments can be provided, and opportunities are available for all ages. Look at their website,

<<http://www.grrrlzrock.com/>>, for pictures and more information, and bring your generosity to church on August 21, 2016. As part of that Sunday service, McKayla Webb, a 16 year old singer and song writer, will perform original songs.

Gretchen Miller,  
[community-offering@uueugene.org](mailto:community-offering@uueugene.org)



# UUCE Outreach

## Save The Date: UUCE Book Sale

Now is the time to start culling the books you would like to donate to the UUCE Fall Book Sale. This is another FUUNd raiser for our UUCE General Fund. It's FUUN to work at the set up & sale, and it's FUUN to buy books!

Please put these dates on your calendar:

**Friday, Sep 30, 10 – 3:** Drop Off Your Donated Books; Set Up the Sales Room

**Saturday, Oct 1, 9 – 4:** Book Sale for the church and the public

**Sunday, Oct 2, 11 – 1:** Book Sale continues for church

**Sunday, Oct 2, 1 – 3:** Pack up and clean up after sale

I will soon be calling for volunteers for two-hour shifts; I hope YOU will consider helping!  
After running 10 of these book sales, I am ready to turn the reins over to another booklover who likes to organize. If that describes you, please let me know now, and I can give you on-the-job "training" as we get the Fall sale organized. Thanks!  
Bonnie Phipps,  
541-285-7155, [bbphipps@comcast.net](mailto:bbphipps@comcast.net)



*Fall 2015 booksale*

# UUCE Outreach

## Food Rescue Night at Food for Lane County

770 Bailey Hill Rd.

August 25th from 6:30-9:00

Did you know that 66% of food box recipients worry about where their next meal is coming from? Here's one way that you can help; meet at the Food for Lane County facility to repackage food donated for those in our community 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 at UUCE is Berry Broadbent, Service in Action. You can contact her at 541-344-9037 or [hunger@uuce.org](mailto:hunger@uuce.org) or just show up!

## Food for Lane County

Food for Lane County "featured food request" for August is nut butters. This includes peanut butter, almond butter, creamy, crunchy, and low-salt / low sugar. Food donations must be conventionally packaged; no bulk items or glass containers. As usual, other food donations are always appreciated. Let's work together to fill the barrel, which is located just inside the door at the north entrance.

FFLC Food Fact: 36% of recipients have watered down food or drink to make them last longer.

## UUCE Art Gallery



*Celtic Dream*



*Lilac*



*Pointed Passion*



*Feathered Unity*

Tom Getts art was displayed on the art wall earlier this year. This is an example of the beautiful art we are showing.

## About the Art

With all photography, mastery of darkroom techniques is essential for revealing the emotional character of a scene that inspired an image to be captured in the first place. Today's digital darkroom offers a vast assortment of tools and filters. In learning photography which really captured my imagination!

## About the Artist

I am a faculty member in the Mathematics Department at a local college, and have always been drawn to the intersection of mathematics and the visual arts. I am also an administrator of a Photoshop Elements forum which brings me into contact with other photographic artists on a daily basis. Woven through all of that is my life-long enjoyment in making music; these days it is music of the Baroque and Renaissance, played on the recorder and viola da gamba.

## About the prints

My images are printed using pigment inks on archival-quality Fuji film photo paper with a lustre finish. Interested in a larger format? Let's talk!

I welcome your contact! Call, text or email Tom Getts at (541-912-3830 or [tpgettys@gmail.com](mailto:tpgettys@gmail.com))

## Call For Submissions

The 2nd annual "all comers" photography art show is this September. We are hoping you can again enter one ready to hang photo. This years theme is portraiture. Work needs to be dropped off @ UUCE (Chambers & 13th) Friday Sept 2nd from 10:00-1:00. Let me know if you have questions or need to drop off pictures at an earlier time.

Thx a lot...feel free to forward this message on to a friend.

Scott Hovis  
[scotthovisfineart@gmail.com](mailto:scotthovisfineart@gmail.com)

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## Seeking Volunteers to Help With Communications Activities at UUCE

In order to support implementation of our UUCE Mission, church volunteers from the Communications Task Force (CTF) and Business Manager Wayne Parker and church Office Staff collaborate on our various communications processes at UUCE, including: the website, the Sunday handout, the Weekly eBulletin, the monthly newsletter, our Facebook and Twitter accounts, and other means of communication and publicity.

We are seeking church volunteers who enjoy working cooperatively and have skills and interest in the following areas: supporting

website matters, including search engine optimization; editing, writing, and proofreading with attention to detail and timelines for our publications; video recording and editing; working with social media; and publicizing UUCE activities to the larger community. Opportunities are available for ongoing involvement, as well as for time-limited projects. If you are interested please contact Dick Loescher, CTF chair, [communications@uueugene.org](mailto:communications@uueugene.org), 541-485-1157. Thank you.

## Bounty in the Vegetable Garden

In a bed at the east side of the church you will notice a beautiful vegetable garden. Our guests in the Conestoga Huts plant and maintain this garden, in addition to their help with the rest of the landscape. They have happily shared the bounty with the church: some has been provided to Tuesday evening potlucks, some has been offered to church members as the harvest pours in, and some is nibbled and snacked on casually as people pass in and out of the building. Vickie and James are happy to share in these ways.

Alas, someone has been pulling out entire tomato plants and taking them away. That is not appropriate sharing. If you see

vandalism, as always, say something or tell someone.

As part of this year's Earth Equity project, the Food Equity group planted several more blue and rasp berries and a fig on our sunny south side, joining the blue and straw berries already present. Blueberries are ripe as we write this, near the south east and northwest corners of the building. Later there will be raspberries to the east of the south big front doors. Please enjoy the fruit of our land!

Weeding parties will resume in the fall when it is cooler.



*Vickie displays strawberries. There are other garden pictures on page 3 and page 7*