

WUCE Connections

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and Challenging New Year

UUCE Minister



Our Theme for October is Trust

I love the old Norse words that dot our language: terse words, with a punch to them. Dirt, mire and muck; cake, keel and link; bug, mug, scrap and skirt; odd, gift and bark. Saga and wing. Rotten and happy come from the Norse. So does trust. It's from traustr 'strong'; the verb of Old Norse treysta.

Trust is gritty and hard won, it has wings, it launches sagas. Trust makes us whole. Loss of trust breaks us, breaks connections and community. Rebuilding trust is long, deep work.

As Unitarian Universalists, we are not guided by creed, but rather a way of life. Our church themes this year come from the UUCE Covenant, created for the flourishing of trust:

*We covenant to build a religious community guided by respect and sustained by our principles.

*We will listen appropriately, speak with care, express gratitude, honor our differences, and assume good intentions.

*We will communicate directly, honestly and compassionately –particularly when we are in conflict.

*When we hurt on another we will ask for forgiveness and make amends, and when we are hurt we will try to forgive and reconnect in a spirit of right relationship.

*In celebration of the common mission that unites us, we will abide by this covenant.

With Care,
Rev. Sydney

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Sunday Worship

2nd "Trust and Verify" In a time when facts and opinions seem to be inextricably mingling, our faith encourages us to live with a warm heart and cool appraisal. Rev. Sydney.

9th "To What Do You Bind Yourself?" "Religion" is a loaded word for many, including me. Modern etymology, though, holds that it comes to us from a Latin word that means "to tie" or "to bind" – religarē: re + ligarē ('ligament', 'ligature'). To what and with what do we in this community bind ourselves? Ministerial Intern Andy Chirch.

16th "Trusting Yourself, Trusting Others" We face the moral injury of transgressing our own trust in ourselves, and the recognition of others who have broken our trust in them. The paths of recovery beckon us toward expansion. Rev. Sydney

23rd "The World Stands Out On Either Side" In every meeting, we try to remember to leave an empty chair or two – for those who are not among us or, like the earth itself, do not speak meetingese. Together we can contemplate that which we are given to hold in trust. Rev. Sydney

30th "Eternal Verities and How They Change" What of the universal, the infinite, that which is essential can we trust, given the realities of change? Rev. Sydney.



October Choir Schedule

Sun. 10/2	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/9	Chalice
Sun. 10/16	Chamber
Sun. 10/23	Sanctuary
Sat. 10/29	Christmas Concert Rehearsal
Sun. 10/30	Chalice (All Souls/All Saints)

Camille Lively



Mindful Parenting Discussion Group

Ongoing, Tuesday, 11 am-12:30pm

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WUICE **worship**



Greetings! As your new ministerial Intern, I'm pleased to be here and deeply grateful for this opportunity. Between now and the end of my internship in August of 2017, I look forward to meeting you and working together to help this congregation flourish.

There will be exceptions, but I'll usually be preaching the 2nd Sunday of each month. In those sermons, my goals are to uplift and complement Rev. Sydney's ongoing message with my own perspective, and to (lovingly) challenge us as a community to examine difficult issues.

An issue I've been recently immersed in is my own privilege. I am white, middle class (whatever that means), educated, straight, cis-gender and male. I'm sure I'm privileged in many other ways I don't recognize. While I make no apologies for my privilege, I do think it is important to be aware of it. In fact, it's fair to say that if the population of Earth were playing a baseball game of cosmic proportions, I will have been born somewhere between 3rd base and home plate. Of course I work and fail and struggle like anyone, yet I can't pretend to understand what it's like to not have that privilege.

When Rev. Sydney asked me to read a poem called "I, Too" by Langston Hughes, the African American poet, novelist, social activist and playwright, I was both ecstatic and conflicted. I really had to do some soul-searching. Langston Hughes is a legend. His words and deeds show up for me frequently. So then, what does it mean when Andy Chirch reads a poem by Langston Hughes about the struggles of the African-American experience? Is it right? Is it fair? What if my ancestors were slave-owners?

I wondered – how would I feel about a fundamentalist preacher delivering a sermon about what it means to be Unitarian Universalist?

I chose to go ahead and read the poem, doing my best to bring you the words of Langston Hughes, not the words of Andy Chirch. Privilege. That's how it recently showed up in my life. How does it show up in yours?

Blessings,
Andy

WUCE **worship**

Music Program Kicks
Off New Season With
Interim Music
Director Camille
Lively



WUICE **Worship**



I love the seasonal change from summer to autumn, and this year feels all the more symbolic as the music program enters an interim period. I am so thrilled to have been welcomed by this congregation and honored to steward this program over the next year. While the Chamber Singers, the Sanctuary Choir, and the Chalice Choir prepare their upcoming service music, and while the program staff, the music committee, and I look toward the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday programs, weekly rehearsals are focused on building a unified sound. Choral conductors constantly chase this notion – that a choir will ‘find its sound’ and ‘develop its own voice’. We’re constantly asking: How does one honor the individual voice of each singer whilst encouraging a cohesive choral sound? The last couple of weeks, we have focused on matching vowel formation, and this week we’ve begun to explore breathing techniques. These are two of the countless building blocks that will weave their way through our rehearsals over the coming months.



UUCE **Worship**

If you would like to add your individual voice to our evolving cohesive sound, we would love to have you! There are opportunities to sing with us in any of our three choirs, simply drop me an email or find me after a Sunday service for more details.

For those that would like to take a choral test drive, we invite you to join the annual Thanksgiving All-comers choir! 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 20th. Rehearsals are held in the Sanctuary on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm beginning November 2nd. We will sing a gospel arrangement of How Can I Keep from Singing, as well as one other piece. If you would like to participate, please get in touch!

In music,
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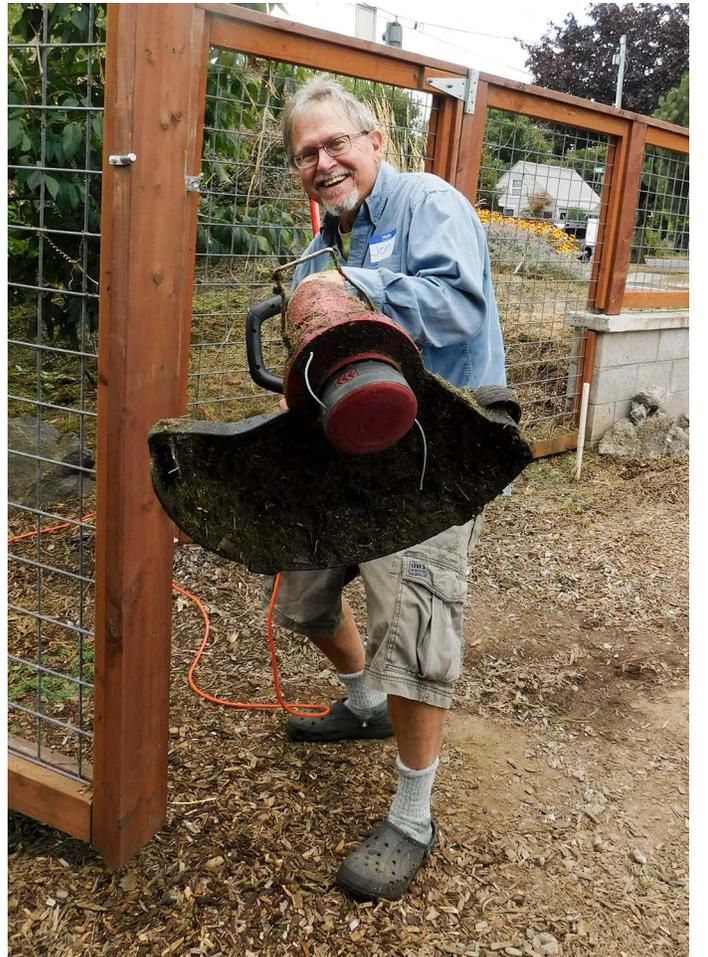


WUICE **Worship**

Willing Hands Spruce Up on Labor of Love Sunday



KUCE **Worship**



UUCE **Connecting**

Dear UUCE Families,

October is ushering in true autumn colors, earlier nights, and crisp air. It's nice to welcome back the return of this moodier season – I look forward to warm apple cider and pumpkin-spiced everything! It's funny how this animal impulse to relate everything to food is so prevalent in me – writing this article makes me realize how much I have in common with my beagle dog, Sam, who also loves the different flavors and nuances of fall-time food (or, let's be honest, any food, really!)

Speaking of food, I'd love to take a moment to invite you to enter your spookiest food in our Spooky Food Contest at the annual Halloween Party! For more info about the party, read more...

Halloween Party

This year, the Halloween Party will happen on Saturday, **October 29th, from 5:30-8:30**. Each Halloween season, we host numerous game stations like "Pin the Tail on the Zombie Donkey" and "Ghost Bowling." There is a cake walk, experienced fortune tellers, a costume parade, and, of course, the Spooky Food Contest! I am hoping to find a team of people who can tap into their inner Ghost or Ghoul to help get this place haunted for an evening of fun for the whole family! If this sounds like your cup of tea, please contact me at uucedre@gmail.com.



SpiritJam

UUCE is excited to offer SpiritJam, a new style of religious education for kids of all ages, which kicked off in September! Our first few weeks of "jammin'" has been a lot of fun, with everything from a Tiny Planet Jam to a Parachute Jam, focused on the theme of Covenant. We look forward to more jam sessions this month, all on the theme of Trust.

If you have an idea for a jam session that you'd like to host for our kids, please come to a co-creator lab. Our next lab will be held Wednesday, October 5th, at 6:15 PM. If you can't come to that session, there will be another co-creator lab session on Sunday, October 16th, at 11:30 AM.

Here's how SpiritJam differs from what we've done in the past:

First, it offers hands-on learning that reliably reflects our minister's theme and message for the month – a responsive and adjustable "just-in-time theology."

Second, each jam is an opportunity for participants to learn about and experience our faith in a way that is personally meaningful, because they can choose for themselves.

Third, jam sessions are open to everyone – all ages, all ability levels, all interests are welcome to participate in SpiritJam as student and/or teacher.

Finally, jam sessions are designed collaboratively and lead by a staff of experienced teachers.

Here's how SpiritJam works:

"Co-creator labs" are held monthly. There, a team of staff-members and interested volunteers create various jam sessions through a collaborative process. Volunteers can plug in wherever and however they are able – our dedicated staff will make sure that the program is fun, safe, exciting, and engaging for everyone!

If you have a knack for knitting, a penchant for politics, a flair for flamenco, or feel better served by movement and laughter with kids, you are invited share your passions and interests.

SpiritJam is firmly rooted in Unitarian Universalist principles, values, and history while offering a more interactive and intergenerational approach to learning!

Drop off and check in:

Infants, toddlers and preschool children can be dropped off before service begins with their teachers in Rooms 3 and 4.

All K-8th children and youth begin in the Chapel with an in-gathering before being released to various jam sessions.

High school age youth gather in Room 7 with their advisors.

If you are new to the church:

A short drop-in form will be given to you to fill out. Please feel free to stay with your child in their classroom to help them feel comfortable, if needed. Your child is welcome to attend service with you, as well, if that is your family's preference.

Check out:

Infants through 5th grade: parents are asked to pick up their children from the Chapel at 11:15. Release will be to parents only. We ask that parents come at 11:15 to give classes enough time to complete their jam sessions for the day. We hope you see this as an opportunity to enjoy tea and coffee with friends, and to increase and deepen your social connections to our community!

Middle school and High school age students will be released to find their parents in the sanctuary and social hall at 11:15, with the understanding that no children are allowed to leave the building without first checking in with their parent. This policy is on the honor system – please communicate clearly with your child that they must first check in with you once released from class. We will do the same during our time together in class so that your children know and understand this expectation.

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8th Grade OWL

Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education is a comprehensive sexuality program designed for youth in 8th grade (with some flexibility for 7th and 9th graders, as well). Offered to families and friends connected to UUCE, this class is facilitated by a team of four trained facilitators: Wes Flinn, Amary Taylor, Patti Hansen, and Eric Swanson. Each of these facilitators has worked with middle school age students in a variety of settings, and all have taught OWL curriculum before – they are a fantastic team!

Coming up in late September/early October is an opportunity for parents who are interested in providing OWL for their 8th-9th graders. There is one parent orientation opportunity in October: October 5th from 6:30-8:30 PM. Parents must attend orientation for their youth to participate in OWL. 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 all parental figures involved in your child's life to attend the orientation meetings so that you can make a decision as a family about entering your child into the program. Please remember that the parent orientation sessions are for parents only.

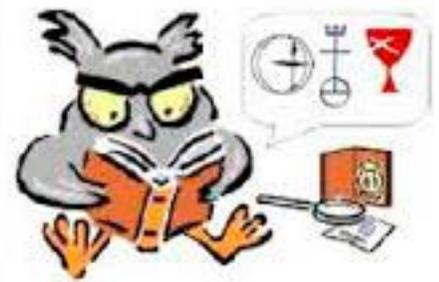
OWL will begin on October 23rd and will run from 7:00-8:30 PM every Wednesday from late October to mid-March. A detailed program calendar will be provided at the parent orientation session.

Quick Look @ Save the Dates

- **Wednesday, October 5 – 6:30pm -8:30pm – Parent Orientation**
- **Wednesdays, October 23-March 22 – 7:00pm -8:30pm**

CLASS BEGINS, MEETS WEEKLY (except holidays)

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-9th grade child to participate in OWL, please indicate your interest by emailing or calling me, and be sure to come to the parent orientation meetings. Any other questions or concerns can be directed to me at uucedre@gmail.com or at 541-686-2775, ext. 2.



Fall 2016 - Adult Religious Education The following classes comprise our fall line-up

Faith Forward: Inquirers Ongoing - Sunday mornings, 11:20 am-12:20 pm

The Inquirers Series is offered every Sunday in the Minister's Office to welcome newcomers into the congregation. Eight topics are covered, one per session, and repeated throughout the year. Designed for drop-in attendance, the goal of this series is to help make our church values and culture transparent and known so that people can make an informed decision about membership in our church, to introduce newcomers to church staff, ministers, and lay leaders, and to create safe space for people to ask questions and learn more about Unitarian Universalism and the UUCE.

Faith Forward: Beyond Inquirers Thursday evenings, October 13- November 10, 7-8 pm

Designed for newcomers, this series builds on the overview offered in the Sunday morning Inquirers class, delving deeper into who we are as Unitarian Universalists and how we do church. Contact Katy Siepert at uucedre@gmail.com to register.

Death and Dying Small Group Ministry Thursday evenings, beginning October 13, 6:30-8:30 pm

This program uses the SGM model to facilitate a process of personal reflection, learning, and spiritual growth focused on the topic of death and dying. Although dealing with grief will be covered, the program is not designed as a grief support group. The sessions will include sociological and theological perspectives, personal and shared narrative, creative expression, and journaling, with the goal of finding a closer and more comfortable relationship with our own inevitable death. Logistics: class size up to 15; meet on six Thursdays (Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, Dec. 15), 6:30-8:30pm at UUCE; register in lobby or by e-mail. Co-facilitated by Dick Loescher richardloescher4@gmail.com and Andy Chirch intern@uueugene.org.

Transitions Small Group Ministry Thursday evenings, beginning October 13, 6:30-8:30 pm

This program uses the SGM model to facilitate a process of personal reflection, learning, and spiritual growth focused on the topic of life transitions. The sessions will include sociological and theological perspectives on transition, personal and shared narrative, creative expression, and journaling, with the goal of finding a closer and more comfortable relationship with our own ups and downs in life, be they new marriage or loss of marriage, a new job or loss of a job, new baby or an empty nest, moving into retirement, and any other life transitions that a person will experience throughout their lifetime. Logistics: class size up to 15; meet on six consecutive Tuesdays (Oct. 11, Oct. 18, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 8, Nov. 15), 6:30-8:30pm at UUCE; register in lobby on Sundays after church or by e-mail. Co-facilitated by Andy Chirch intern@uueugene.org, Susan Bertrand idealdance515@yahoo.com, and Lauren Bailey rolfsing@msn.com.

New Mindful Parenting Discussion Group Ongoing, Tuesday 11am-12:30pm

Parents, parents-to-be, and other guardians of children, please join our new mindful parenting discussion group! You are invited to come every week, or just drop in as your schedule permits. Babies and children of all ages are welcome in the space, and an assistant will be present to help entertain the wee ones in the same room while we talk. We will discuss books and articles related to the practice of positive and mindful parenting, starting with works such as "Buddhism for Mothers" by Sarah Napthali, and "Everyday Blessings: The Inner Work of Mindful Parenting" by Myla Kabat-Zinn. If finding time to read at home sounds like a daunting task, not to worry! We'll summarize each reading and/or read aloud key excerpts at the beginning of each meeting for those who don't have time for "homework". The goal is that this group will be a source of community and support for those of us who share our days with young humans, which can sometimes be quite challenging. Questions can be directed to Kelsey Khatter, 541-505-1193, kskhatter@gmail.com. Email or text will get you a quicker response, but feel free to call as well. We hope you will join us!

Food Rescue Night at Food for Lane County

770 Bailey Hill Rd.

Thursday, October 27 from 6:30-9:00

Did you know that 33% of families receiving food boxes are families with children? 57% of food box recipients are working or retired? Here's how 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: 541-344-9037 or hunger@uueugene.org or just show up!



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.



Earth EqUity Food Project launches Year 2

After establishing a solid base around water, waste, ethical eating, and local food resources, the Earth EqUity Food Project launched into Year 2. Our inaugural project for Year 2 is support of the city of Eugene's Community Court program.

This new program holds weekly Community Court aimed at reducing and addressing quality of life offenses (nuisance) in the downtown area. Anyone who is either cited into Community Court or who obtains a needs assessment is eligible to receive a free sack lunch.

UUCE has joined with the city of Eugene and other faith-based organizations to provide these lunches. UUCE will be providing lunches on a monthly basis. We are looking for volunteers to help make and deliver lunches, as well as donate specific food items. Please contact Berry Broadbent, Earth EqUity Food Project. EEFood@uueugene.org or call her at 541-344-9037.

Our next date for supplying lunches is October 14th. We will put together the lunches that morning and deliver to the Eugene downtown library at 10:00.

Health Care For All Update From Pat Bitner

We of HCAO in Lane County are preparing for a flurry of health-related events in the near future. First up, the Oregon Health Policy Board statewide forums on the future of Oregon's CCO's (Coordinated Care Organizations). A series of community meetings across the state in September and October will gather input from the public on how they deliver services to Oregon's most vulnerable residents. In September and October, a total of six meetings will be held in Bend, Tillamook, Medford, Eugene (September 26) Hermiston and Portland.

Lane County residents should be particularly interested in giving their views and experiences of Trillium, our CCO. Trillium, a for profit entity, was sold early in 2016 to Centene, a very large for profit health care corporation out of St. Louis at a very large profit to the shareholders of Agate Co. A series of investigative reports on the history of Agate in the local newspaper, the Register Guard, has stirred controversy and surprise at the amount of profit the sale engendered for a favored few. Prior to the sale, the CCO was unable to provide medical care for a sizeable number of Oregon Health Care patients while accruing a very large cash reserve which made Agate an attractive purchase for an out of state corporation.

Next up, HCAO Eugene plans to screen the just released documentary *NOW IS THE TIME: healthcare for Everybody*. The new film is produced by the team Simons and Sterrenberg, who gave us *The Healthcare Movie*, which showed to enthusiastic crowds two years ago. In Eugene, we hope to show it at our October 4 monthly HCAO meeting.

One of the major goals of HCAO 2016-2017 is to establish legislative contact teams of 2 - 4 people in all 60 Oregon districts who will develop a relationship with their representatives in Salem. The teams will meet regularly with their legislators both during and out of session to let them know what is important to HCAO. Teams are being formed, to begin to meet before the November election if possible. Volunteers needed.

Rev. Katie Larsell
Executive Director

Health Care For All Oregon Meets Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 PM First United Methodist Church, 13th & Olive, Eugene

HCAO welcomes all to its regular first Tuesday meeting, held 7-8:30 pm at First United Methodist Church, 13th & Olive, Eugene. Ample parking. Reports from Local Leaders around the state now comes from Kathy Filip; Sheryl Sabo now posts for HCAO on Facebook - check it out!. Lou Sinniger and Charlie Swanson will bring us up to date with a report on the HCAO Board Retreat, as well as the chapter survey now completed. Come, get all the HCAO news and plans for our future. HCAO is a Service in Action sponsored organization.

Pat Bitner
541-485-3971



UUCE Outreach

Quilting News

The UUCE Quilters are delighted to welcome some new helpers who bring their skills to our project. The actual quilting was the last process we had to learn and we have several helpers who are doing a masterful job and training others. Ten quilts were presented to Sponsors in June and were greatly admired and appreciated. Sponsors is the recipient of our donations and presents the quilts to women who have successfully completed a transition program from prison to reentry into the community.

As always, your support keeps this project going. We continue to welcome the donation of cotton fabrics and cash to purchase supplies, and we could use a lightweight iron. Our next major need will be the purchase of more batting. Our purchase last fall was enough to make 34 quilts; about half are completed and the other half nearing completion. Please step up if you would like to be a batting sponsor. Contact sewing@uueugene.org.

Bonnie Koenig



Rouanna, Nita, Sigrid

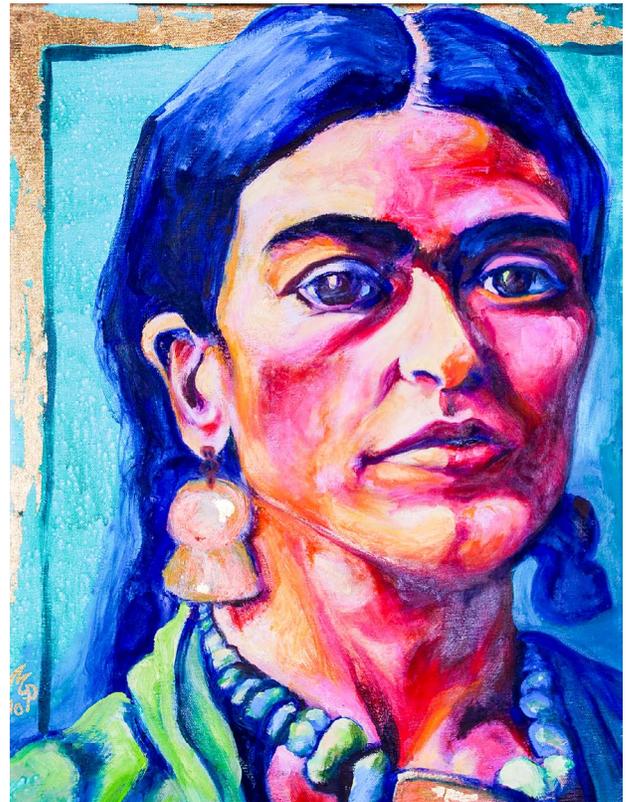
Art Gallery Welcomes Melanie Pearson

I find the possibilities of a new canvas so exciting. There is a life there, a new world. As the artist, it's even more exciting to understand that I am the one who created that life. It could not exist without me. I'm addicted to that feeling, that satisfaction and joy. The need to create has been with me since I was a kid. It's who I am.

For me a successful piece begins with a rush of inspiration. My sketchbooks are filled with those ideas - good and bad - from that moment of inspiration. I let the subject tell me what materials and size will work. Next is color, my favorite part. The colors speak to me. Once I find that first color and start the work begins to slowly take over and I listen to those colors. Every tint, shade and hue has different qualities and potential. They're all needed and beautiful. A work is only complete when it is vivid and full and needs no more. But when that creation and I are one it's amazing,

it's the best form of meditation. I create because I must. I need it, the rush of the developing idea, that explosion of color. It feeds my soul.

My studio is like my adult clubhouse. It's the place I can feel free to let my imagination roam and just create. I love my studio. I'm surrounded by supplies and work in various stages of completion. I like working on many ideas at once. Usually I work in series. My series are all open ended, they will probably never be complete but that's okay with me. I'm always evolving as a person and an artist and think about new aspects to all the different series I have. I do tend to concentrate my focus for long periods of time on one series. Currently I've been intrigued by antique photos and history, especially in the U.S. Preserving the history of the culture, of strong, everyday individuals, of craft, of independence. Being an artist is such a blessing and a privilege. I hope that, as the viewer, you can find the joy and passion I have expressed in my work. And if you like it, that's even better.



UUCE Outreach

Small Group Ministry - Connect, Grow, Serve

The Small Group Ministry (SGM) program provides the opportunity to meet with a small group of people to deepen connections and friendships, to explore personal and spiritual growth, and to provide service to the church or the larger community. The groups have a trained facilitator, guidelines for interaction that include respectful listening and sharing, and follow a structured format. Commitment to attend each session is requested, and a voluntary donation to support the church budget and program expenses is suggested. If needed, child care can be provided for SGM groups that meet at church.

This program is available to UUCE members and friends, and 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.

This church year we will have 3 different SGM programs. Two 6-session series will start in October 2016, and a 10-session series will start in January 2017. Details follow.

TRANSITIONS SGM will provide space to reflect on major life transitions and their personal impact. Co-facilitated by Lauren Bailey (rolfsing@msn.com, 541-915-6275) and Susan Bertrand (idealdance515@yahoo.com, 503-490-5148). Meetings on six Tuesdays – Oct. 11, 18, 25, and Nov. 1, 8, and 15, 2016, 6:30-8:30pm, in Room 5 at UUCE.

DEATH AND DYING SGM has the goal of helping us find a closer and more comfortable relationship with our own inevitable death. Although dealing with grief will be covered, the group is not designed as a grief support group. Co-facilitated by Intern Minister Andy Chirch (intern@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x5) and Dick Loescher (info-smg@uueugene.org, 541-485-1157).

Meetings on six Thursdays – Oct. 13 and 27, Nov. 10 and 17, Dec. 1 and 15, 2016, 6:30-8:30pm, in Room 6 at UUCE.

FOR BOTH GROUPS described above group size will be up to 15 people, and service project will not be done. A voluntary one-time donation of \$10-\$20 is suggested. Register in the lobby after the Sunday service on Sept. 25, Oct. 2 and 9, 2016. More info: Religious Education for Adults FALL 2016 pamphlet, UUCE website, September newsletter, and at the registration table.

JANUARY 2017 SGM series will have several groups of up to 10 people, meet for 2 hours twice a month from January through May 2017, and do a service project. The overall theme is the UUCE Covenant of Right Relations. Proposed topics include: Religious Community; Gratitude; Compassionate Communication; Honoring Differences; Hurt; Forgiveness; Making Amends; What Do We Celebrate?

Register for the January 2017 SGM series in the lobby after the Sunday service on Oct. 23 and 30, and Nov. 6 and 13, 2016. Or get a registration form from the church office or from the UUCE

SGM web page. Registration forms are due by Nov. 13, 2016. A voluntary one-time donation of \$20-\$40 is suggested. More info: UUCE SGM web page, the SGM pamphlet, and the SGM steering committee (Bonnie Koenig; Dick Loescher, chair, 541-485-1157; Connie Newman). Email questions and comments to info-smg@uueugene.org.

Dick Loescher

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."



Mario Kumale "Buddy" Sawyer (July 24, 1966 – August 28, 2016)

The Atom

I sense sheer flotation

Suspended . . .

Indestructible power

No flame, no sword or cannon

Just unrelenting energy.

By Buddy Sawyer, 1980

Unrelenting energy . . . that was Buddy. Like a sunburst. Or a shooting star. His was the soul of an artist, musician, entertainer and friend. Funny and irrepressible, an inveterate mimic, wit, and storyteller, he had a big-hearted warmth that drew people to him like a magnet—especially children. To his young nephews, Jack and Darrell, he was "Uncle Buddy! Uncle Buddy!" With his extraordinary memory and intelligence, he soaked up knowledge like a sponge, yet he couldn't sit still long enough to pursue any single course of study—even in art or music, his twin talents. As a result he was largely self-taught. He worked hard, played hard, and loved life and people unreservedly.

During his last 10 years in Eugene, he became known as the guitarist—memorable for his signature cowboy hat and dynamic stage presence—who played in Kelly Thibodeaux's duo Acoustic Etouffée as well as with the full Etouffée Band. He was felled, suddenly, by the escalating effects of a concussion about a month after he hit his forehead against a hidden metal rail while working as a stagehand at the U of O's Matthew Knight Arena.

Buddy was the first of three children born to the Rev. Jimmie Lee Sawyer (d. 1989) and Judith Hudnutt Sawyer.

Raised in Chicago, IL & Buffalo, Queens and Mt. Kisco, NY, he graduated from ACES alternative high school in Bedford Hills, NY and attended The School of Visual Arts and the Institute of Audio Research in Manhattan. His talent as an artist was obvious from the age of three, when he painted a colorful, "dancing" train that hung in his nursery school for years. At age 10 he created an original comic book, "Star Lord" and enlisted kids in his class to ink and color the panels. He honed his artistic skills working as a scenic artist and set builder for stage, theater and film productions in New York, New Jersey, L.A.'s Universal Studios, and for the Eugene Ballet and Shedd Auditorium, among others. His mural of an elk adorns the eastern wall of Eugene's Elkhorn Brewery. He also spent a season as an "animateur" at Club Med in Ixtapa, Mexico, worked as a picture framer, stagehand, builder and installer

of acoustic room treatments, and as a construction worker on projects in New York, Los Angeles and Eugene.

But music was Buddy's passion. Folk, soul, blues, classic and southern rock were his early inspirations, but he embraced all musical forms with open ears and an open heart. In Kelly Thibodeaux, Buddy found his musical soul mate. Together, the Acoustic Etouffée duo played regularly at Saturday Market, numerous festivals, restaurants, pubs, and private parties around the Pacific NW and as far away as the Mariposa Folk Festival in Toronto, Canada. Recently, Buddy brought the touch of his art to music by painting colorful fiddles depicting everything from lightning bolts to leopards for the school children to whom Kelly teaches fiddling throughout the Northwest.

Wherever he went, Buddy walked his own walk and gave all he had to give. For all who knew him, however briefly or casually, his loss is hard to take.



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Buddy is survived by his mother Judith Sawyer & stepfather Dave Franzen of Eugene; brother Victor Sawyer, sister-in-law Heather and nephew Jack of Livingston, MT; sister Suzanne Sawyer, brother-in-law Darrell Gray and nephew Darrell, Jr. of St. Louis; stepsister Lisa Franzen of Oakland, CA, stepbrother Jeff Franzen of Minneapolis, MN; many aunts, uncles, and cousins; and dozens of friends around the country.

The Celebration of Life Jam for Buddy was held at the home of his mother, Judy's Sawyer, Saturday, September 3rd and drew up to 100 people or more: musicians and singers took the stage to play for Buddy's family, fellow stagehands and scenic artists, and friends from all walks of life. They gave him a send-off to remember.

To support aspiring musicians in Buddy's name, please make donations to the Be Instrumental Foundation, PO Box 8519, Toledo, Ohio 43623.



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The Healing Power of Nature

An article in the July 25, 2016 issue of Time magazine described the healing power of nature. Although most of us probably know that it FEELS good to get out in nature, now research has been done to show that there are many good effects for our health. A Japanese study found that "spending 40 minutes walking in a cedar forest... induced a state of physiologic relaxation." Another Japanese study found that "when people walk through or stay overnight in forests, they often exhibit changes in blood that are associated with protection against cancer, better immunity and lower blood pressure."

Also, plants and trees release compounds that protect them from pests; when humans inhale those compounds, it promotes healthy—and measurable—biological changes.

The article lists ways nature can be beneficial.

It can lower blood pressure.

It can increase awe (which causes people to be less selfish).

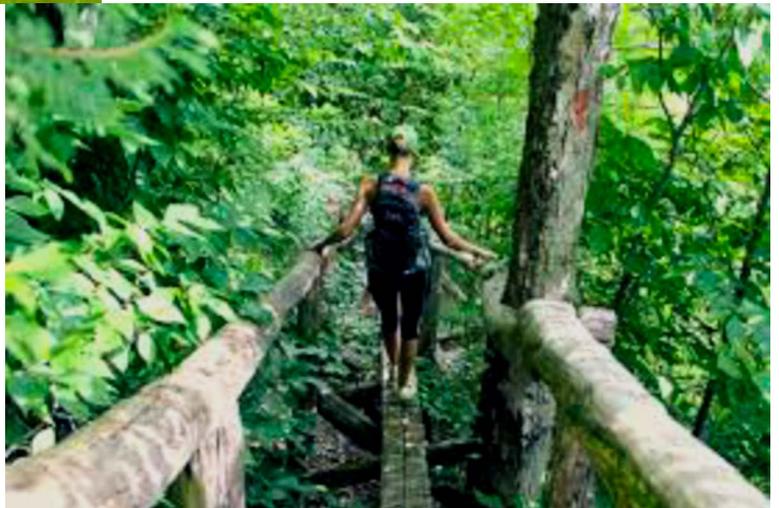
It promotes cancer-fighting cells.

It may help with ADHD symptoms.

It can help with depression and anxiety.

Fall is one of our best weather seasons of the year. Take

From the EarthKeepers News Team





**Oregon Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice
Seventh Annual Meeting
October 15, 2016
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem
(5090 Center St NE, Salem, OR)**

Oregon Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice invites you to our Seventh Annual Meeting in Salem on Saturday, October 15. We will celebrate your accomplishments, make plans for the coming year, and commit to support each other in our quest for a more just Oregon.

This year we have four justice campaigns:

**Environmental Justice,
Deepening Democracy,
Human Rights, and
Income Inequality.**

This is a big election year nationally and in Oregon. Let's make sure your UU voice is heard.

Come and share:

- Your congregations good work
- how our statewide group might support you.
- Join one of our four justice campaigns.
- Renew your support for Oregon UU Voices for Justice.

Visit our web site at www.uuvoicesoregon.org to learn more about our campaigns and find out how to propose an issue within a particular campaign. Plan to join us in Salem. Better yet, bring a team from your congregation!

You can register at : (<http://www.uuvoicesoregon.org/registration.html>)

Beverages and snacks will be provided.

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Keynote Speaker



Melissa Bennett (Umatilla/Nez Perce/Sac & Fox) currently serves Portland State University as the Senior Program Coordinator for the Native American Student & Community Center. She earned a Master of Divinity degree, a graduate certificate in Pastoral Care & Counseling, and a graduate certificate in Theological Studies from Marylhurst University in 2012 then went on to serve as an interfaith mental health chaplain specializing in the spiritual care of indigenous people. Melissa is a writer and emerging storyteller.

She will be the Keynote Speaker for Oregon UU Voices for Justice annual meeting (see page 23). Do come and join us for these wonderful reasons:

Meet the other social/environmental justice folks from many of our Oregon UU churches.

Share what you do both in our church and in community for SJ/EJ.

Get excited for our ongoing work state wide.

Call for further info.

Sue Craig
541-607-0204

Between The Devil and The Deep Blue Sea Tuesday, November 1, 2016 7pm

UUCE's Earth Equity group, the Refugee Sanctuary Project, will sponsor a film and guest speakers in the UU Sanctuary beginning at 7pm on Tuesday evening, November 1, 2016. This award-winning independent documentary "Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea" poses the question: What motivates people to flee their homes, their communities and their countries and place their lives in the hands of strangers? Filmmaker Jessie Taylor traveled with Ali Reza Sadiqi through Indonesia to interview 250 refugees and document their stories. We will also learn about the status of displaced populations around the globe today and follow up with a brief summary of refugee resettlement efforts and opportunities in our own community.

Film trailer: Between The Devil And The Deep Blue Sea.

When she was 9, Zainab's parents made the heartbreaking decision to leave their home in northern Afghanistan...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2e4KGCQoRC8>

For more information, contact Connie Newman at connewm@gmail.com or Lesley Rex at rex@umich.edu.



Our Money

As we are getting going in the church year I find it important to keep us all apprised of those things which will help us keep our church funding in order. At our Annual Meeting last June, we, as a congregation, approved a budget which included \$30,000 as a stretch goal for our fundraising during the year. We can do this if we put our best efforts behind this task. Please remember that fundraising starts with the word "fun". If we can have fun we will succeed.

So what to think about, our book sale is happening as you are receiving this. So enjoy reading all of the books you are buying. But more important is to plan for our auction. It will be a service auction, so think about what services you would like to give and what you would like to receive. I know that my family is planning on providing some tasty meals both next winter and possibly into the summer. Eating and cooking is always fun. What do you look forward to giving?

I promised to provide a condensed financial statement for July in my last newsletter article. Here it is.

The Balance sheet is below and shows all of our assets and liabilities on July 31st. Other than the checking, savings and credit cards these do not change much during the year except when major things occur such as the payment we will receive for our old building this fall and any pay down we are able to do on our mortgage.

The following page is our Profit and Loss. With only one month of our Fiscal Year we are 8.33% of the annual budget. Our total income is at 20.39% of our anticipated income and our total expense is at 7.54% of our anticipated expenses. You can see which categories are high and which are low.

Dave DeCou, Treasurer

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Cash Basis

Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene

Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2016

	<u>Jul 31, 16</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Total Checking/Savings	147,403.94
Total Other Current Assets	0.02
Total Current Assets	147,403.96
Total Fixed Assets	4,310,893.67
Total Other Assets	177,510.04
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>4,635,807.67</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Total Credit Cards	297.09
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,962.33
Total Current Liabilities	2,259.42
Total Long Term Liabilities	1,140,371.62
Total Liabilities	1,142,631.04
Total Equity	3,493,176.63
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>4,635,807.67</u></u>

UUCE Administration

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Cash Basis

Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2016

8.33% of the year

	Jul 16	Annual Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4010 · Pledges - General Fund	81,754.56	314,000.00	-232,245.44	26.04%
4020 · Offering	959.00	12,000.00	-11,041.00	7.99%
Total 4040 · Fundraising	4,539.14	30,000.00	-25,460.86	15.13%
Total 4050 · Gifts	7,219.53	27,400.00	-20,180.47	26.35%
Total 4100 · Rental Income	1,375.00	30,000.00	-28,625.00	4.58%
Total 4150 · Other Income	388.37	3,500.00	-3,111.63	11.1%
4162 · Interest Income-40th	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
4164 · Pmt for 40th & Donald-Principal	0.00	50,000.00	-50,000.00	0.0%
Total Income	96,235.60	471,900.00	-375,664.40	20.39%
Expense				
5100 · PERSONNEL				
Total 5120 · WAGES	17,342.11	270,472.00	-253,129.89	6.41%
Total 5140 · Benefits	4,144.97	57,746.00	-53,601.03	7.18%
5160 · SAIF Premium	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
5180 · Payroll Taxes	1,686.83	26,128.00	-24,441.17	6.46%
Total 5100 · PERSONNEL	23,173.91	356,346.00	-333,172.09	6.5%
Total 5300 · ADMINISTRATION	1,656.37	15,886.50	-14,230.13	10.43%
Total 5400 · FACILITIES	13,009.09	103,987.00	-90,977.91	12.51%
Total 5600 · WORSHIP MINISTRIES	79.44	9,080.00	-9,000.56	0.88%
Total 5700 · COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRIES	20.00	2,700.00	-2,680.00	0.74%
Total 5800 · CONNECTING MINISTRIES	349.61	5,139.00	-4,789.39	6.8%
Total 5900 · STEWARDSHIP	574.17	20,015.00	-19,440.83	2.87%
Total 5950 · BOARD & LEADERSHIP	0.00	2,580.00	-2,580.00	0.0%
Total Expense	38,862.59	515,733.50	-476,870.91	7.54%
Net Ordinary Income	57,373.01	-43,833.50	101,206.51	-130.89%
Net Income	57,373.01	-43,833.50	101,206.51	-130.89%