

Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene



October: Covenant

Mindful of truth ever exceeding our knowledge and community ever exceeding our practice, reverently we covenant together, beginning with ourselves as we are, to share the strength of integrity and the heritage of the spirit in unending quest for wisdom and love.

Rev. Walter Royal Jones, Jr.

The central task of the religious community is to unveil the bonds that bind each to all. There is a connectedness, a relationship discovered amid the particulars of our own lives and the lives of others.

Once felt, it inspires us to act for justice.

Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed

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UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, Oct. 29 – Nov. 5, 2017

Sunday, 10/29

- 9:45-11:15am **Childcare (infants, toddlers, preschool)**, Rooms 3 and 4.
10:00-11:00am **Church Service**. Sanctuary, Social Hall.
10:00-11:15am **SpiritJam: Children's RE**, Rms 1, 2, 5, 6, 7. Katy Siepert.
11:00am-noon **Information and Fundraising Tables**, Lo, SE.
11:00am-1:00pm **Sunday Social**, Social Hall.
11:15am-12:15pm **Faith Forward: Inquirers**, Chapel. Rev. Morris.
11:15am-12:15pm **Faith Forward: Beyond Inquirers**, MO. Rev. Morris.
11:30am-12:30pm **UU Refugee Sanctuary Project**, Rm 6. Connie Newman.
11:30am-1:00pm **Ministerial Transition Discussion**, S. Barbara Kellogg.
11:30am-1:00pm **Coming of Age Program Parent Orientation**, Rm 7. Katy S.

Monday, 10/30

- 5:00-5:45pm **Monday Meditation**, Chapel. Kimberly Wootan.
6:45-8:45pm **Choir Childcare**, Rm 1. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.
7:00-8:30pm **Chalice Choir Rehearsal**, S. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.

Tuesday, 10/31

- 8:00-10:00am **UU Birders**, off-site. Mike Berg, 541-357-3145.
9:00am-noon **Open Church Building Work Party**. Eric Swegles, 414-339-8156.
9:00am-noon **Landscaping Gathering**, outside. Saro H., text 541-731-3366.

Wednesday, 11/1

- 5:00-7:00pm **Choir Childcare**, Room 1. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.
5:15-6:45pm **Chamber Singers Rehearsal**, S. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.
7:00-8:30pm **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**, S. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.
7:00-9:00pm **Men's Group (open)**, Room 7. Jim Kayser, 541-484-1840.

Thursday, 11/2

No open UUCE events listed.

Friday, 11/3

- 10:00-11:30am **Mindful Parenting Group**, Rms 1 and 2. Kelsey K., 541-505-1193.
10:00-11:30am **Tears We Cannot Stop – Book Group**, Rm 7. Katy Siepert.

Saturday, 11/4

No open UUCE events listed.

Sunday, 11/5

- 9:15-9:30am **Membership Book Signing**, MO. Erin Troberg, 541-870-2054.
9:45-11:15am **Childcare (infants, toddlers, preschool)**, Rooms 3 and 4.
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Legend: C=Chapel; Cmte=Committee; EE=East Entrance; JN=Justice Network; K=Kitchen; Lo=Lobby; MO=Minister's Office; P=Playground; RE=Religious Education; Rm=Room; S=Sanctuary; SE=South Entry; SH=Social Hall.

ORDER OF SERVICE

October 29, 2017

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| Gathering Music | <i>Chanson</i> | Bohuslav Martinu |
| Hymn Sing | | |
| Interlude | <i>Marsch</i> | Paul Hindemith |
| Welcome | | |
| Prelude | <i>Fifty Elevations #13</i> | Dom Paul Benoit |
| Call to Worship | | |
| Lighting of the Chalice | | |
| Opening Hymn | <i>Come, Come Whoever You Are</i> | 188 |
| Story for All Ages | <i>We Found a Hat</i> | Jon Klassen |

Recessional for SpiritJam

May your mind be open to new learning; may your lips bring truth into the world

May your heart know love and your hands do the work of justice,

As you go your way in peace, as you go your way in peace

Reading

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| Meditational Hymn | <i>Be Ye Lamps unto Yourselves</i> | 184 |
| Anthem | <i>Hedwig's Theme, from Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone</i> | John Williams |
| Sermon | <i>The One-Way Street</i> | Sarah Skochko |
| Offertory | <i>Be Ye Lamps unto Yourselves</i> | Clif Hardin |
| Closing Hymn | <i>Faith is a Forest</i> | 194 |
| Extinguishing of the Chalice & Closing Words | | |
| Postlude | <i>Intermezzo</i> | César Cui |

Developmental Minister: The Rev. Dr. Sydney A. Morris

Ministerial Intern: Sarah Skochko

Congregational Life: Kimberly Wootan

Worship Associate: Sam Rutledge

Music Director: Brad Schultz

Pianist: Susanne Giordano, Guest Pianist: Valerie Elliott

Director of Lifespan Religious Education: Katy Siepert

HAPPENING TODAY



WELCOME TO WORSHIP – Every Sunday in the Sanctuary, you will find a table where you are invited to share your blessings, prayers, sorrows, and joys by lighting a candle, dropping a pebble in the water, or writing in a book.

INFANTS, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOLERS – Childcare is provided each Sunday for our youngest congregants. Babies and preschoolers are welcome to stay with their parents in the Sanctuary during the service, or they can learn and play in Room 4 (babies) with Teachers Emily and Mattie, or in Room 3 (preschoolers) with Teachers Bridgett and Bryan.

All of our youngest congregants are served a small nutritious

snack during childcare unless otherwise directed by parents. Katy Siepert, uucedre@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x2.

SPIRITJAM – These sessions are open to people of all ages. Attendees start in the Sanctuary for the first part of the church service, then go to the classrooms when the children are sung out at about 10:15am. The sessions last until 11:15am. Today's SpiritJam sessions are: The Veil Jam, where we will learn about Halloween type celebrations around the world, and Spooky Planet Jam, where we will examine our covenant of caring for our wonderful, and sometimes spooky, planet. Katy Siepert, uucedre@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x2.

INFORMATION AND FUNDRAISING TABLES – Earth EquUity Food Project, Fair Trade Coffee Cart, Justice Network, Kindness Team Greeting Card Project, Small Group Ministry Registration. 11am-noon, Lobby and South Entry.

SUNDAY SOCIAL – Join us today from 11am-1pm in the Social Hall for refreshments and visiting with old and new friends.

FAITH FORWARD: INQUIRERS – Each Sunday, from 11:15am-12:15pm in the Chapel, we host a session designed for visitors, new church members, and inquirers, as part of an 8-week series of introductory classes about our church that will be repeated throughout the year. You can drop in at any time, and later on pick up classes you miss. Please join us! Today's topic is: "Q and A with the Minister." Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris, minister@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x1.

FAITH FORWARD: BEYOND INQUIRERS – This series takes place on a recurring basis each Sunday from 11:15am-12:15pm in the Minister's Office. These classes empower new and long term UUs to explore answers to the question: "What Is Unitarian Universalism?" Subjects covered include history, spiritual practices, and theology. The topic of the session today is: "UU History 101: A Question of Experience." Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris, minister@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x1.

HAPPENING TODAY (cont.)

MINISTERIAL SEARCH PROCESS – This Fall, we begin the search for our new minister. We have been blessed to have Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris with us since 2013 as our Developmental Minister. She came with the agreement to be here for 3 to 5 years, with the option to be called as a settled minister. Her 5th and final year will end June 30, 2018, as she is not available to be considered as our settled minister. Your Board of Trustees, in conjunction with our congregation and the Unitarian Universalist Association, is beginning the process of finding a new minister.

Here are the next steps for the congregation:

-There will be a Ministerial Transition discussion each Sunday from 11:30am-1:00pm from October 1 through November 5 in the Sanctuary. Come learn about the plans and timeline, and ask questions. Snacks provided.

-Fill out the Ministerial Transition Survey at church or online to let the Board know your opinions about what we are doing well as a congregation, our strengths, and where we need further growth and development. If you have submitted your survey, thank you so much! If you have not yet submitted your survey, the deadline is coming soon. We ask that written surveys be submitted by Sunday, October 29 (to allow time for data entry), and online surveys be completed by Sunday, November 5. Barbara Kellogg, president@uueugene.org, 541-510-9795.

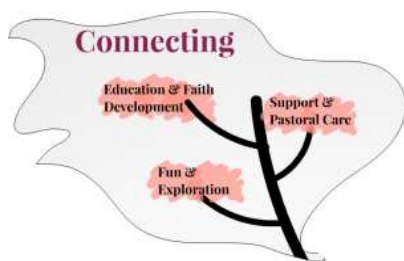
COMING OF AGE PROGRAM FOR 8TH AND 9TH GRADE YOUTH – This program is designed to provide young people a supportive, nurturing, challenging, and fun environment that will grow and deepen their capacities for responsibility, autonomy, and spirituality. Join us for parent orientation, with optional attendance by youth (bring own lunch, if needed), today, Oct. 29, 11:30am-1:00pm in Room 7. Additional important events and dates include: Ropes Course, Sunday, November 5; deadline to register for the program, Sunday, November 19; mentor applications due, Sunday, December 3. Youth will participate in multiple activities January through June 2018, including interacting with an adult mentor. Additional information is on the UUCE website, www.uueugene.org, CONNECT > Learning > Youth > Coming of Age. Katy Siefert, uucedre@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x2.

CONNECTING

COMMUNITY ART GALLERY – The artwork of Kira Wilson, age 15, is featured in October. Contact Scott Hovis if you would like to volunteer to help support the activities of the Art Gallery. gallery@uueugene.org, 541-731-3412.

MEMBERSHIP BOOK SIGNING – Are you ready to become a member of UUCE? Opportunities to sign the membership book are now available on the 1st Sunday of each month. If you are ready to sign, please meet on Sunday, November 5, 2017, at 9:15am in Rev. Morris' office. Membership Chair Erin Troberg, memb-chair@uueugene.org, 541-870-2054.

CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



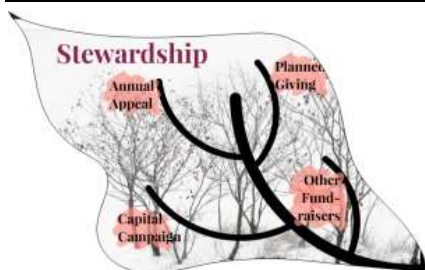
SMALL GROUP MINISTRY (SGM) 10-SESSION SERIES STARTS IN JANUARY 2018 –The SGM groups are a place to build deeper connections and explore personal and spiritual topics through listening and sharing. Each group has a trained facilitator, a structured format, and guidelines for respectful interactions. Each group also does a service project. The overall theme for this series is:

“The Web of Life.” Each session will have a different topic inspired by one of our monthly church worship themes. A commitment to attend each session is requested, and a voluntary one-time donation of \$20-\$40 is suggested. The groups will meet for 2 hours twice a month from January through May 2018. More information can be found in the October 2017 Newsletter, the SGM web page, and the SGM pamphlet. Register in the Lobby after the Sunday service Oct. 22 through Nov. 12, 2017. Dick Loescher, info-sgm@uueugene.org, 541-485-1157.

TEARS WE CANNOT STOP, BOOK GROUP – In his provocative and deeply personal call for change, Michael Eric Dyson argues that if we are to make real racial progress we must face difficult truths. "The time is at hand for reckoning with the past, recognizing the truth of the present, and moving together to redeem the nation for our future. If we don't act now, if you don't address race immediately, there very well may be no future." Join us for our first meeting to discuss this book on Friday, November 3, 10-11:30am, in Room 7. Upcoming dates and times to be determined. Katy Siepert, Director of Lifespan Religious Education, uucedre@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x2.

BRAINSTORM JAM – Bring your energy and creative ideas to a planning session for future SpiritJam sessions on Sunday, November 5, 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 6. Katy Siepert, Director of Lifespan Religious Education, uucedre@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x2.

STEWARDSHIP



UUCE PLEDGE SECRETARY – Dave DeCou is now our volunteer Pledge Secretary. He will send statements 4 times a year to help us keep track of our pledge status. You can contact him about any questions you may have about pledge matters. David DeCou, pledges@uueugene.org, 541-513-5360.

WORSHIP



MONDAY MEDITATION – Join us each Monday in the Chapel from 5-5:45pm for a meditative practice. This is a place to come in contemplation with others and share in the transformational power of sitting together. People of all faiths and secular/spiritual paths are welcome. Kimberly Wootan, meditation@uueugene.org.

JOIN US FOR SPIRITJAM NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – The sessions will be: Candy-wrapper jam (Bring in your Halloween candy wrappers and make something wonderful out of recycled materials!), and World Games Jam.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – "The Larger Culture." In this world of multinationalization, how can we locate an ethical path? Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris.

ADMINISTRY

MINISTERIAL INTERN OFFICE HOURS – Ministerial Intern Sarah Skochko has office hours on Fridays from 2-5pm in the library, and on Saturdays by appointment. Feel free to stop by for a chat, or just to introduce yourself. For more information, contact Sarah Skochko, intern@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x5.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES AT UUCE – We are seeking volunteers who enjoy working cooperatively and have skills and interests in the following areas: supporting website matters; 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. If you are interested, please contact Dick Loescher, Communications Task Force chair, communications@uueugene.org, 541-485-1157. Thank you.

UUCE SEEKING DONATION OF TWO COMPUTERS – for the following purposes:

1. One desktop with a monitor for general use by the congregation in Room 7.
2. One laptop for live streaming of services in the Chapel.

Desired features:

- fairly recent model, preferably no more than 6 years old
- operating system Windows 7, 8, or 10, or a MAC with OSX version 10.6 or later (version 10.10 or later preferred)
- 4GB of memory or more, 64 GB of storage or more
- 1280 x 800 or higher resolution monitor
- 2GHz processor or faster

If you would like to donate a computer please contact Business Manager Wayne Parker, bizmanager@uueugene.org. Thank you.

Empowered by love,
we transform ourselves and serve our world.



OUTREACH



OCCUPY MEDICAL AND FIRST PLACE FAMILY CENTER – With the arrival of cold weather, warm clothes (including socks, gloves, and jackets) and sleeping bags are especially needed. Please place donations in the bin near the kitchen. Ruth Duemler, ruthduemler@gmail.com, 541-484-6145; John Roy Wilson, jrw45@comcast.net, 541-687-6728.

EARTH EQUITY FOOD PROJECT REQUEST – We are running low on the following items for the Community Court Justice Program lunches: bottled water, string cheese, and small bags of chips. We currently make 45 lunches per month. To donate items, stop by the Earth EqUuity table in the Lobby after the Sunday service or contact Berry Broadbent, EEFood@uueugene.org, 541-344-9037.

REQUEST TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE UUCE WEEKLY eBULLETIN AND MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – Please tear off this form and deposit it in the wood request box near the Welcome Table in the Lobby.

Today's Date: _____

Name (s): _____

Email address (s): _____

Street address: _____