

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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ORDER OF SERVICE

October 8, 2017

Gathering Music	<i>A World with No Tears</i>	William Zeitler
Hymn Sing		
Interlude	<i>The Harmony of Flowers</i>	William Zeitler
Welcome		
Prelude	<i>Set Me as a Seal</i>	René Clausen
Call to Worship & Lighting of the Chalice		
Opening Hymn	<i>There is a Balm in Gilead</i>	1045
Community of All Ages		
	<i>Recessional for SpiritJam</i>	
	<i>May your mind be open to new learning; may your lips bring truth into the world</i>	
	<i>May your heart know love and your hands do the work of justice,</i>	
	<i>As you go your way in peace, as you go your way in peace</i>	
Offertory	<i>A Leaf in the Wind</i>	William Zeitler
Reading		
Hymn	<i>Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear</i>	1029
Prayer		
Anthem	<i>Rain Come Down</i>	Shawn Kirchner
Sermon	<i>Promises</i>	
Closing Hymn	<i>Answering the Call of Love</i>	1014
Extinguishing of the Chalice & Closing Words		
Postlude	<i>Arioso</i>	Alexis Ffrench

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

Student Minister: Sarah Skochko

Congregational Life: Kimberly Wootan

Music Director: Brad Schultz

Choir: Chamber Singers

Pianist: Susanne Giordano

Lifespan Religious Education Director: Katy Siepert

UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, October 8 - 15, 2017

Sunday, 10/8

- 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 **Brainstorm Jam (open)**, Rm 6. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.
11:30am-1:00pm **Ministerial Transition Discussion**, S. Barbara Kellogg.

Monday, 10/9

- 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, 10/10

- 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.
10:00am-2:00pm **Cob House Building**, Playground. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.

Wednesday, 10/11

- 10:00am-2:00pm **Cob House Building**, Playground. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.
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 **Open Men's Group**, Room 7. Bob Coleman, 541-972-0370.

Thursday, 10/12

- 10:00am-2:00pm **Cob House Building**, Playground. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.
2:00-4:00pm **Quilting for a Cause**, Rm 6. Barbara Flitcroft, 503-704-4105.
5:30-7:30pm **Executive Committee UUCE Board (closed)**, Rm 5. Lizzy U.

Friday, 10/13

- 9:00-10:00am **Earth EqUUity Food Project**, K. Berry Broadbent, 541-344-9037.
10:00-11:30am **Mindful Parenting Group**, Rms 1 and 2. Kelsey K., 541-505-1193.
10:00am-2:00pm **Cob House Building**, Playground. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.

Saturday, 10/14

- 10:00am-4:00pm **Oregon UU Voices for Justice**, off-site. Sue C., 541-607-0204.

Sunday, 10/15

- 9:45-11:15am **Childcare (infants, toddlers, preschool)**, Rooms 3 and 4.
10:00-11:00am **Church Service, Community Offering**. Sanctuary, Social Hall.
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11:30am-1:00pm **Intervening on White Supremacy Teach In**, TBD. Katy Siepert.

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.

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: Lunch Sack Jam, to help those in need; Science Jam; and Middle School Meet-up, which meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month. 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, Transitions Small Group Ministry Registration, UU Refugee Sanctuary Project. 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: "Social Action and Community Service." 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: "Does It Matter If I Join?" 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 to find a new minister.

Here are the next steps for the congregation:

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

Barbara Kellogg, president@uueugene.org, 541-510-9795.

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, OCTOBER 15 – Whole Group #BLM Jam. The mission and vision of the Black Lives Matter movement is an example of group covenant that we will study and learn from. Then, using the #BLM materials as a model, we will write our SpiritJam covenant for the coming year.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 – "Marching the Covenant Down the Street" asks us to embody the covenant of our religious movement with action - action that does not abandon our own lived experience and hard-won life lessons. Rev. Sydney.

CHOIR REHEARSALS – Music Director Brad Schultz invites all singers to consider joining one of the choirs for music making and community. Brad would also like to hear from other musicians who are looking for a place to play.

- Mondays, 7-8:30pm: Chalice Choir (women). Childcare available.
- Wednesdays, 5:15-6:45pm: Chamber Singers (mixed voices, by audition). Childcare available.
- Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm: Sanctuary Choir (mixed voices).

Brad Schultz, Music Director, music@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x4.

ADMINISTRY

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.

OUTREACH



QUILTING FOR A CAUSE – This group is open to everyone. Quilting experience is not required, just enthusiasm and willingness to be put to work. For our initial project, we'll be assembling quilts for the St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Teens Project. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month in Room 6 from 2-4pm. The next dates are October 12 and 26. Barbara Flitcroft, barwood13@earthlink.net, 503-704-4105 (texting is best).

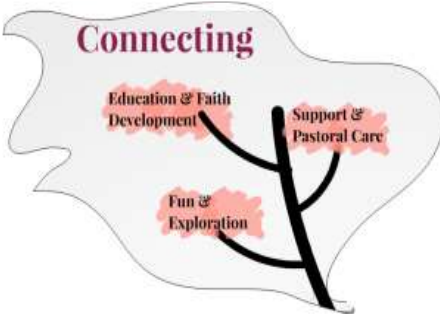
EARTH EQUITY FOOD PROJECT – This project provides lunches for the Community Court Justice Program. We meet on the second Friday each month to assemble the lunches. We then deliver them to the downtown Eugene Public Library, where the Community Court Justice Program is held. The recipients are very grateful for this service. Our next session is Friday, October 13, 9-10am in the Kitchen. For questions or to volunteer, contact Berry Broadbent in the lobby after the Sunday service, or EEFood@uueugene.org, 541-344-9037 (call or text).

OREGON UU VOICES FOR JUSTICE ANNUAL MEETING – Join UUs from throughout our state for networking and listening to a talk from guest speaker, Eugene State Senator James Manning. Child care and free lunch will be provided. Saturday, October 14, 10am-4pm, UU Fellowship of Corvallis, 2945 NW Circle Boulevard, Corvallis, OR 97330. Preregister online, or on the day of the event on site beginning at 9:30am. www.uuvoicesoregon.org. Sue C., sueacraig@gmail.com, 541-607-0204.

COMMUNITY OFFERING – The Community Offering on Sunday, October 15 will be donated to Centro Latino Americano in support of their work helping immigrants in our community, including those in danger of deportation. Gretchen Miller, community-offering@uueugene.org.

OCCUPY MEDICAL AND FIRST PLACE FAMILY CENTER – With the weather getting colder, warm socks and other clothes and sleeping bags are especially appreciated, along with over the counter medical supplies. Please place donations in the bin by the kitchen. Thank you. Ruth Duemler, ruthduemler@gmail.com, 541-484-6145; John Roy Wilson, jrw45@comcast.net, 541-687-6728.

CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



TRANSITIONS SMALL GROUP MINISTRY (SGM) –

This 6-session series will provide space to reflect on major life transitions and their personal impact. The SGM model of respectful listening and sharing will be used. This group of up to 12 people will meet from 6:30-8:30pm on 6 Mondays: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 27, and Dec. 4, 2017. Commitment to attend each session is requested. Register in the Lobby after the

Sunday service on October 8 and 15. A voluntary one-time donation of \$10-\$20 is suggested. The co-facilitators will be Lauren Bailey (rolfsing@msn.com, 541-915-6275) and Susan Bertrand (idealdance515@yahoo.com, 503-490-5148).

COB HOUSE BUILDING – Come join in the final push to get the cob house built and ready for the winter rains. We can use all the help we can get. We are so close! 10am-2pm Tuesday through Friday, October 10-13, in the playground. Katy Siepert, uucedre@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x2.

INTERVENING ON WHITE SUPREMACY TEACH IN – White supremacy is a set of institutional assumptions and practices, often operating unconsciously, that are of benefit to white people and which serve to exclude and/or disadvantage people of color. This teach in will focus on building a people of faith who understand their role, their potential power, and their capacity to intervene on active white supremacy. This work is essential as we strive toward a more just society. Sunday, October 15, 11:30am-1:00pm. Katy Siepert, uucedre@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x2.

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PLANS –

-Registration for children and youth needs to be updated for all new and returning participants. You can do this online by going to the UUCE home page, www.uueugene.org, and following the path CONNECT > Learning > Register Now > Registration Form – 2017-18.

-Plans for the upcoming Adult Religious Education Program are available in the Fall 2017 Religious Education for Adults Pamphlet, and online on the church website, www.uueugene.org, by following the path CONNECT > Learning > Adults. Katy Siepert, uucedre@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x2.

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



GET THE WEEKLY eBULLETIN AND MONTHLY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to the UUCE-News listserv to receive the Weekly eBulletin on Friday, by email, with highlights of upcoming events and links to the Sunday Handout and to the monthly *CONNECTIONS* newsletter. Occasionally, information of church-wide interest will also be sent, about five messages a month total. Links to the Monthly Newsletter, Sunday Handout, Weekly eBulletin, Submission Guidelines, and Subscribe can be found in the drop-down menu under NEWS on the UUCE website, www.uueugene.org. You also can subscribe by filling out the request form below, tearing it off, and putting it in the wood box near the Welcome Table in the lobby. Dick Loescher, Communications Task Force chair, communications@uueugene.org, 541-485-1157.

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