

Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene



December: Transformation

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UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, Dec. 10 – Dec. 17, 2017

Sunday, 12/10

- 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 **Justice Network**, Rm. 7. Barb Prentice, 541-302-8151.

Monday, 12/11

- 5:00-5:45pm **Monday Meditation**, Chapel. Kimberly Wootan.
6:45-8:45pm **Choir Childcare**, Rm 3. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.
7:00-8:30pm **Chalice Choir Rehearsal**, S. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.

Tuesday, 12/12

- 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, 12/13

- 12:30-2:00pm **Tears We Cannot Stop Book Group (open)**, Rm 2. Katy Siepert.
5:00-7:00pm **Choir Childcare**, Rooms 1 and 3. 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, 12/14

- 2:00-4:00pm **Quilting for a Cause**, Room 6. Barbara Flitcroft, 503-704-4105.
5:30-7:30pm **Executive Committee UUCE Board (closed)**, Rm 5. Lizzy U.
7:00-9:00pm **Fiber Love**, Rm 2. Taylor Rutledge, taylorjrutledge@gmail.com.

Friday, 12/15

- 10:00-11:30am **Mindful Parenting Group**, Rm 1, 2. Kelsey K., 541-505-1193.
7:00-10:00pm **Choir Rehearsal**, S. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.

Saturday, 12/16

- 10:30am-12:30pm **Poetry Workshop #4 for UUs (open)**, Rm 1. Bob Coleman.
1:00-3:00pm **Making Angels for the Architecture**, Chapel. Katy Siepert.
7:00-9:00pm **UUCE Choirs Christmas Concert**, S. Brad Schultz.

Sunday, 12/17

- 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-12:30pm **Quarterly Conversations**, S. Barbara Kellogg, 541-510-9795.
11:30am-12:30pm **UU Refugee Sanctuary Project**, Room 7. Connie Newman.

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

“Passing the Peace”

Guest: The Venerable Carter Hawley, Archdeacon

December 10, 2017

Gathering Music	<i>Listen for His Coming</i>	Arr. Mark Hayes
Hymn Sing		
Interlude	<i>Bittendes Kind</i> <i>(Entreating Child)</i>	Robert Schumann, from Scenes from Childhood
Welcome		
Choral Prelude	<i>Abendlied</i>	Joseph Rheinberger
Call to Worship & Lighting of the Chalice		
Opening Hymn	<i>Spirit of Life</i>	123
Story for All Ages		
SpiritJam Recessional		
Meditation	<i>In the Darkness of Winter</i>	Jennifer S. Getsinger
Offertory	<i>We Are Lights</i> <i>(The Chanukah Song)</i>	arr. Ryan Nowlin
Anthem	<i>Midnight Clear</i>	Matthew Nielsen
Responsive Reading 649	<i>(Adapted) From Generation to Generation</i>	Antoine de St. Exupery
Presentation		
Closing Hymn	<i>Sleep My Child</i>	409
Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice		689
Postlude	<i>Gavotte</i>	Clif Hardin

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

Ministerial Intern: Sarah Skochko

Congregational Life Facilitator: Kimberly Wootan

Worship Associate: Robin Schantz-Mulford

Choir: Chamber Singers

Music Director: Brad Schultz

Pianist: Susanne Giordano

Director of Lifespan Religious Education: Katy Siefert

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@gmail.com, 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 Basket Weaving Jam, Spider Plant Jam, and Quilting Jam. The Middle School Meet-up will also meet. Katy Siepert, uucedre@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x2.

INFORMATION AND FUNDRAISING TABLES – Earth EquUity Food Project, Fair Trade Coffee Cart, First Place Family Center Interfaith Night Shelter Program at UUCE, Justice Network, Kindness Team Greeting Card Project, 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 have missed. Please join us! Today's topic is: "Pastoral Care and Small Groups." 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 today's session is "Spiritual Practices 3 – Keeping Sabbath." Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris, minister@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x1.

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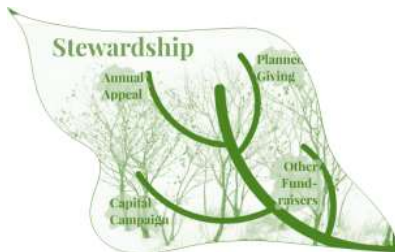
JUSTICE NETWORK – Join us today from 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 7 as we talk more about the upcoming First Place Family Center Interfaith Night Shelter Program at UUCE. Barb Prentice, barbprentice1@gmail.com, 541-302-8151.

ADMINISTRY



QUARTERLY CONVERSATIONS – Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 17, from 11:30am-12:30pm for a conversation between the Board and the Congregation. We will hear a summary of the recent Congregational Survey about Ministerial Transition and discuss the status of plans for finding our next minister. Snacks will be available. Barbara Kellogg, president@uueugene.org, 541-510-9795.

STEWARDSHIP



END-OF-YEAR GIVING – This is a great time for end of year giving to support the church and its programs, whether you have already pledged or not. If you are considering an additional gift to UUCE for the 2017-18 fiscal year, you can do so by clicking on the Donate / Pledge button near the top right corner of the home page, www.uueugene.org. If you make your gift by check, please drop it off at the church or mail it postmarked prior to December 31, 2017. You can also donate securities. Thank you for your support. Calendar year giving statements will be mailed to donors by mid-January 2018. For questions, contact pledge secretary Dave 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 NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 – “Solstice.” Come and be with community for our Solstice Service to honor the turning of the wheel of the seasons. We will sing awake the light of the sun and the light in each of us. Congregational Life Facilitator Kimberly Wootan and Shane Nelson.

JOIN US FOR SPIRITJAM NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 – Session topics will be School Kit Jam and Pageant Craft Jam.

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 sessions are December 14 and 28. Barbara Flitcroft,

barwood13@earthlink.net, 503-704-4105 (texting is best).

COMMUNITY OFFERING ON DECEMBER 17 – The Sunday collection on December 17 will be given to the Eugene-based nonprofit organization Community Supported Shelters to help pay for repairs to the Conestoga huts that provide much-needed shelter for the unhoused. For more information about this program, please go to www.communitysupportedshelters.org. Valerie Elliott, community-offering@uueugene.org.

FAIR TRADE HOLIDAY SHOPPING – Why not buy some Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, or fruit bars? You'll find a good selection for sale at the Fair Trade Coffee Cart every Sunday after the service. It's the perfect gift—all items are organic, they support third world farmers, and a part of each sale goes to support UUCE. Find us near the South Entry. Laramie Palmer, coffeecart@uueugene.org, 541-343-6536.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR FIRST PLACE FAMILY CENTER INTERFAITH NIGHT SHELTER PROGRAM AT UUCE – Working in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul, our First Place Family Shelter week is coming up soon. We will be serving breakfast and dinner, and providing a place for homeless families to sleep for the week of January 8-15, 2018. We need cooks, van drivers, dinner and breakfast servers, friendly hospitality folks, other helpers, and lots of food items. Signups start in the Lobby after the service on Sunday, November 19, and continue through Sunday, January 7. You can also sign up online, <http://signup.com/go/LpZgUtP>. Sponsored by Justice Network. For more information, see the November newsletter, or contact Barb Prentice, barbprentice1@gmail.com, 541-302-8151, or Sue Craig, sueacraig@gmail.com, 541-607-0204.

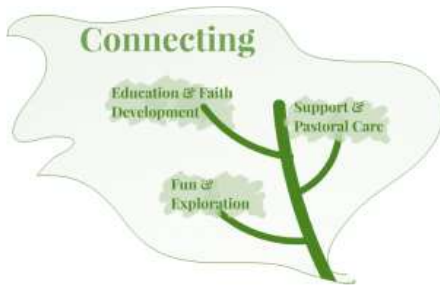
UU REFUGEE SANCTUARY PROJECT SCHOOL SUPPLIES REQUEST – You can help Syrian children in refugee camps by donating school supplies. Pick up a school supply shopping list at our table in the Lobby after the Sunday service, and bring donations there up through December 31. Our team is sewing cloth bags, and children in the Religious Education classes will assemble the kits. More information about this joint Mennonite project is at mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school. Connie Newman, refugees@uueugene.org, 541-543-1685.

OUTREACH (cont.)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE – This food drive barrel will be at UUCE until mid-December. Specific food requests for the holiday food boxes include broth and gravy, canned olives, canned yams/sweet potatoes, canned pumpkin, and sweet treats. Please place donations in the labelled barrel near the Kitchen. Thank you. Berry Broadbent, Justice Network, 541-344-9037.

UUCE END-OF-YEAR CALENDAR SALES FUNDRAISER – After the church service on Sunday, December 17, special 2018 calendars that support peace, anti-war, and LGBTQ causes will be available for sale in the Lobby. Calendar titles include: Cat Lovers Against the Bomb (CLAB) Classic, Cat Lovers Against the Bomb (CLAB) Contemporary, Pups for Peace, and Cat Lovers for LGBTQ Rights. These calendars, which were developed by one of our UUCE members, make great holiday presents. The below retail prices range from \$10-\$12. 50% of sales will go to UUCE. Caryl Guisinger, carylguisinger@gmail.com, 541-459-4254.

CONNECTING



FIBER LOVE – Come knit, crochet, or finger-knit as part of a knitting circle. We'll come together, talk, and enjoy one another's company and expertise. Bring your own projects, we'll supply the company! This open group meets on the second Thursday each month from 7-9pm in Room 2. The next meeting will be December 14. Taylor Rutledge, taylorjrutledge@gmail.com.

POETRY WORKSHOP #4 FOR UUS – This group is open to people who enjoy writing and sharing poetry. We meet from 10:30am to 12:30pm on the third Saturday each month in Room 1. The next meeting is December 16. Bob Coleman, bobbyland36@gmail.com, 541-972-0370.

UUCE CHRISTMAS CONCERT, "LIGHT IN DEEPEST NIGHT" – Come hear the Chamber Singers, Sanctuary Choir, and Chalice Choir, directed by Brad Schultz. Suggested donation \$10. Saturday, December 16 from 7-8:30pm in the Sanctuary. Brad Schultz, uueugenemusic@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x4.

COMMUNITY ART GALLERY – The relief printmaking of Diane Sandall is featured in December. Scott Hovis, gallery@uueugene.org, 541-731-3412.

COMMUNITY ART GALLERY CALL FOR YOUTH ART – March is national Youth Art Month. It's not too early to save art work for our 4th annual youth art show, featuring work of kids age 17 and younger, whether members or not. Scott Hovis, gallery@uueugene.org, 541-731-3412.

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



CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MAKING ANGELS FOR THE ARCHITECTURE – Join Katy, Susan, Cynthia, and friends in making large scale angels representing a wide and beautiful variety of people, cultures, lifestyles, and beliefs to reflect our UU values. These angels will grace our architecture during December. The church will provide basic supplies, and you are welcome to bring collage materials. Saturdays, Dec. 16 and 23 from 1-3pm in the Chapel. Katy Siepert, uucedre@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x2.

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: _____