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we transform ourselves and serve our world.

## Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene

### WORSHIP

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**MONDAY MEDITATION** – Join us each Monday in the Chapel from 5-5:45pm for a meditative practice. On December 18, come celebrate an “unholiday” meditation. We will hold the space open with contemplative music and poetry to support those who find the holidays challenging. People of all faiths and secular/spiritual paths are welcome. Kimberly Wootan, [meditation@uueugene.org](mailto:meditation@uueugene.org).

**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24** – We will have three different services.  
-10-11am. "SERVICE SERVICE." All hands are needed to fill bags and boxes to distribute to homeless folks. Come join the fun as we sit at tables in the Sanctuary, where we will work, sing and enjoy! Please see the December newsletter for a list of items to contribute to fill these bags. This is an intergenerational service and there will be no childcare or SpiritJam sessions.  
-4:30-5:30pm. ALL AGES PAGEANT REVELS SERVICE. St. George and the Dragon will invoke old traditions with dancing and caroling. There will be lovely choir music and candle lighting. This is an intergenerational service and parents are asked to keep their children with them. There will be no childcare.  
Kimberly Wootan and Sarah Skochko.  
- 8-9pm. CONTEMPLATIVE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE. This service will be filled with the beauty and mystery of this season, and will include readings, candlelighting, and carol singing. This is an intergenerational service and parents are asked to keep their children with them. There will be no childcare.

**SPIRITJAM AND CHILDCARE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 OR 31** – The services on those days will be intergenerational and parents are asked to keep their children with them. On December 31, there will be a craft table in the back of the Sanctuary for those who would enjoy that activity.

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**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): \_\_\_\_\_

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December: Transformation

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## UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, Dec. 17 – Dec. 24, 2017

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

### Monday, 12/18

- 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, 12/19

- 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.  
3:00-6:00pm **Earth EquUity Food Project Produce Plus**, EE. Berry B.  
6:00-8:00pm **Egan Warming Centers New Volunteer Training**, off-site.

### Wednesday, 12/20

- 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 **Men's Group (open)**, Room 7. Jim Kayser, 541-484-1840.

### Thursday, 12/21

- 1:45-3:15pm **Spirited Sisters (open)**, Chapel. Laramie Palmer, 541-343-6536.  
5:30-7:00pm **TeachOUT**, Room 5. Julie Heffernan, jheffern@uoregon.edu.  
5:30-7:30pm **UUCE Board (open)**, Chapel. Lizzy Utterback, 858-204-3938.

### Friday, 12/22

- 10:00-11:30am **Mindful Parenting Group**, Rm 1, 2. Kelsey Khatter, 541-505-1193.

### Saturday, 12/23

- 1:00-3:00pm **Making Angels for the Architecture**, Chapel. Katy Siepert.

### Sunday, 12/24

- 10:00-11:00am **Church Service, "Service Service,"** Sanctuary, Social Hall.  
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.  
4:30-5:30pm **Intergenerational Pageant Service**, Sanctuary.  
8:00-9:00pm **Contemplative Christmas Eve Service**. Sanctuary.

**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.

## OUTREACH (cont.)

**TEACHOUT** – This parent and family support group for families with transgender and gender expansive children has three basic agreements: confidentiality, anonymity, and voluntary participation. Childcare is available. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:30-7:00pm in Room 5. The next meeting is December 21. Julie Heffernan, jheffern@uoregon.edu.

**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. Sign up in the Lobby after the church service through Sunday, January 7, 2018. You can also sign up online, <http://signup.com/go/LpZgUtP>. Sponsored by Justice Network. For more information, see the December newsletter, or contact Barb Prentice, barbprentice1@gmail.com, 541-302-8151, or Sue Craig, sueacraig@gmail.com, 541-607-0204. December newsletter and at [mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school](http://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school). Connie Newman, [refugees@uueugene.org](mailto:refugees@uueugene.org), 541-543-1685.

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING WILL BENEFIT REFUGEE CHILDREN OVERSEAS** – A special offering at our 4:30pm and 8pm Christmas Eve services will support the production of school supply kits for children living in refugee camps in Jordan, Greece, Lebanon, Turkey, and other countries. The UU Refugee Sanctuary Project's December goal is to make 100 colorful cloth bags and collect sets of basic school supplies to fill them. UUCE's Quilting for a Cause and SpiritJam kids are also participating in this chance to help refugee kids. You can bring donations of supplies up through December 31 to the table in the Lobby after the Sunday service. More information is in the newsletter and at [mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school](http://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school). Connie Newman, [refugees@uueugene.org](mailto:refugees@uueugene.org), 541-543-1685.

**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](mailto:coffeecart@uueugene.org), 541-343-6536.

**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.

## STEWARDSHIP

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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 may donate online by clicking on the Donate / Pledge button near the top right corner of the home page of the UUCE website, [www.uueugene.org](http://www.uueugene.org). If you wish to 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](mailto:pledges@uueugene.org), 541-513-5360.

## CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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MAKING ANGELS FOR THE ARCHITECTURE – Join Katy, Susan, Cynthus, 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 throughout December. The church will provide basic supplies, and you are welcome to bring collage materials. The final session is on Saturday, Dec. 23 from 1-3pm in the Chapel. Katy Siepert, [uucedre@gmail.com](mailto:uucedre@gmail.com), 541-686-2775x2.

## OUTREACH

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EARTH EQUITY FOOD PROJECT PRODUCE PLUS – This Food for Lane County program provides fresh produce and bread to income-eligible individuals and families. Produce Plus is open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month from 3-6pm in the East Entrance of the church. The next session is December 19. For more

information or to volunteer, visit the Earth EqUuity table after the Sunday service or contact Berry Broadbent, [EEFood@uueugene.org](mailto:EEFood@uueugene.org), 541-344-9037.

EGAN WARMING CENTERS NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING – Egan Warming Centers are open to our homeless neighbors between November 15 and March 31 when the temperature falls below 30 degrees. More volunteers are needed. New Volunteer Training will be held on Tuesday, December 19 from 6-8pm at First Christian Church, 1166 Oak Street, Eugene 97401. For more information, visit [eganwarmingcenter.com](http://eganwarmingcenter.com). Supported by UUCE Justice Network, Barb Prentice, [barbprentice1@gmail.com](mailto:barbprentice1@gmail.com), 541-302-8151.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

“Solstice”

Congregational Life Facilitator: Kimberly Wootan  
December 17, 2017

Gathering Music		William Zeitler
Hymn Sing		
Interlude		
Opening Words		
Centering and Purifying	<i>Fresh Aire</i>	Chip Davis
Calling the Directions	<i>Rise Up, O Flame</i>	362
Casting of the Circle	<i>Gathered Here</i>	389
Story for All Ages	<i>Adaption of The Way to Start a Day</i>	Brad Baylor
Diving into the Dark	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	arr. Bill Wolaver
	<i>Find the Stillness</i>	352
Awakening the Light	<i>May Your Life Be as a Song</i>	1059
Turning the Wheel		
Focusing Our Intention		
Bringing our Intention Out into the World	<i>Come Sing a Song with Me</i>	346
Offertory	<i>From You I Receive</i>	402
Opening the Circle	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	413
Blessing		
Music for Dispersing	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	

Developmental Minister: The Rev. Dr. Sydney A. Morris  
Ministerial Intern: Sarah Skochko  
Congregational Life Facilitator: Kimberly Wootan  
Worship Associate: Shane Nelson  
Music Director: Brad Schultz  
Pianist: Susanne Giordano  
Guest Musician: Judy Shaw, Flute  
Director of Lifespan Religious Education: Katy Siepert

## HAPPENING TODAY

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**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](mailto:uucedre@gmail.com), 541-686-2775x2.

**COMMUNITY OFFERING ON DECEMBER 17** – As the nights grow colder, a place to stay becomes even more crucial. Our Community Offering today will be donated to Community Supported Shelters, which provides a wide range of support for people without homes. Learn more about this organization at [www.communitysupportedshelters.org/](http://www.communitysupportedshelters.org/). Valerie Elliott, [community-offering@uueugene.org](mailto:community-offering@uueugene.org).

**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 School Kit Jam and Pageant Craft Jam. Katy Siepert, [uucedre@gmail.com](mailto:uucedre@gmail.com), 541-686-2775x2.

**INFORMATION AND FUNDRAISING TABLES** – Calendar Sales Fundraiser, 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: "Membership 101." Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris, [minister@uueugene.org](mailto: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 4 – Prayer." Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris, [minister@uueugene.org](mailto:minister@uueugene.org), 541-686-2775x1.

**QUARTERLY CONVERSATIONS** – Join us in the Sanctuary today, 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](mailto:president@uueugene.org), 541-510-9795.

**UU REFUGEE SANCTUARY PROJECT** – Topics for today's meeting will include education and outreach, local efforts to support refugee resettlement in our community, and a current UU project to assemble kits of basic school supplies that will be distributed to refugee camps overseas. Sunday, December 17, 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 7. Connie Newman, [refugees@uueugene.org](mailto:refugees@uueugene.org), 541-543-1685.

**UUCE END-OF-YEAR CALENDAR SALES FUNDRAISER** – After the church service today, 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](mailto:carylguisinger@gmail.com), 541-459-4254.

## CONNECTING

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**SPIRITED SISTERS** – This ongoing discussion group is open to all women. We meet on the third Thursday each month from 1:45-3:15pm in the Chapel. The next meeting is December 21. Laramie Palmer, [spiritedsisters@uueugene.org](mailto:spiritedsisters@uueugene.org), 541-343-6536.

**COMMUNITY ART GALLERY** – The relief printmaking of Diane Sandall is featured in December. Scott Hovis, [galleries@uueugene.org](mailto:galleries@uueugene.org), 541-731-3412.

