

Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene



December: Weaving a Tapestry of Transformation

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UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, Dec. 24 – Dec. 31, 2017

Sunday, 12/24

- 10:00-11:00am **Church Service (all ages) - "Service Service,"** S, SH.
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 **Pageant Service (all ages),** Sanctuary.
8:00-9:00pm **Contemplative Christmas Eve Service (all ages),** Sanctuary.

Monday, 12/25 MERRY CHRISTMAS No open UUCE events listed.

Tuesday, 12/26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 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, 12/27

- 7:00-9:00pm **Open Men's Group,** Room 7. Bob Coleman, 541-972-0370.

Thursday, 12/28

- 6:30-8:30pm **Food for Lane Co. Volunteer,** off-site. Berry B., 541-344-9037.

Friday, 12/29

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

Saturday, 12/30 No open UUCE events listed.

Sunday, 12/31

- 10:00-11:00am **Church Service (all ages),** Sanctuary, Social Hall.
11:00am-noon **Information and Fundraising Tables,** Lo, SE.
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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.

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.

THREE CHURCH SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS EVE

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 all ages 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 candlelighting. This is an all ages 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 all ages service and parents are asked to keep their children with them. There will be no childcare.

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.

HAPPENING TODAY (cont.)

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 December newsletter and at mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school. Connie N., refugees@ueeugene.org, 541-543-1685.

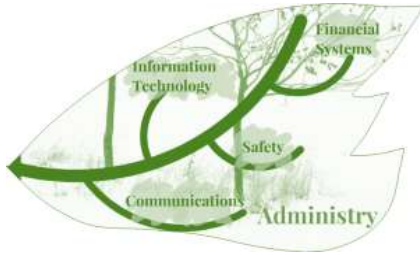
FAITH FORWARD: INQUIRERS – Each Sunday, from 11:15am-12:15pm in the Chapel, we host a session designed for visitors, new church members, and inquirers, as part of an 8-week series of introductory classes about our church that will be repeated throughout the year. You can drop in at any time, and later on pick up classes you have missed. Please join us! Today's topic is: "Q and A with the Minister." Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris, minister@ueeugene.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 5 – Meditation." Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris, minister@ueeugene.org, 541-686-2775x1.

CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MINDFUL PARENTING DISCUSSION GROUP – This group meets each week and provides community and support for parenting. Parents, parents-to-be, and other guardians of children are welcome to attend regularly or on a drop-in basis. Babies and children of all ages are welcome. Fridays, from 10:00-11:30am in Room 2, with childcare in Room 1. Kelsey K., mindfulparenting@ueeugene.org, 541-505-1193.

ADMINISTRY



SPROUTS CHILD CARE CENTER AT UUCE – Now enrolling! Did you know we have a full-time, licensed childcare center on site, renting space at UUCE? Care is available Monday-Friday from 7am-6pm. 20% off your first month! View their website

at www.oregonsprouts.com or contact Director Angel Chunn, childcare@oregonsprouts.com, 541-600-6186.

CONNECTING



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 artwork for our 4th annual youth art show, featuring the work of kids age 17 and younger, whether UUCE members or not. Scott Hovis, gallery@uueugene.org, 541-731-3412.

LAY PASTORAL ASSOCIATES – Lay Pastoral Associates (LPA) are available to visit people who would benefit from a caring presence to listen to concerns, or from a friendly visit due to being housebound. If you or someone you know would benefit from this service, please talk to a Lay Pastoral Associate any Sunday at church; they'll be wearing name tags with green ribbons. Or visit the LPA webpage at uueugene.org (click CONNECT > Support Groups > Lay Pastoral Programs) and fill out and submit a request form. Contact: Kimberly Wootan, laypastoralassociates@uueugene.org.

UUCE MEN'S GROUPS – Two men's groups meet at UUCE and both are open to all men. One group meets on the 1st and 3rd and the other on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights from 7-9pm. Come by and be part of open discussions on topics that change each week. More information is available on the Men's Groups web page on the UUCE website (CONNECT > Support Groups > Men's Groups). The coordinators are Jim Kayser, 541-484-1840, and Bob Coleman, 541-972-0370, men@uueugene.org.

OUTREACH



FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY VOLUNTEER NIGHT –Thursday, December 28, 6:30-8:30pm, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene. We meet on the 4th Thursday each month to repackage food donated for those in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. Wear a hat or ponytail and closed toe shoes. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old, or 12-13 years old and accompanied by an adult. Contact Berry Broadbent, Justice Network, hunger@uueugene.org, 541-344-9037. Or just show up.

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 – We are one of more than 25 churches who work in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul to provide a safe, warm place for homeless families to sleep and be served dinner and breakfast for a week. Our week is January 8-15, 2018, when we will host up to 10 families. We need many volunteers, and over 60 people have signed up to cook, bring food, and offer hospitality. We still need Early Birds to make breakfast, people to drive a van, and Night Owls to stay overnight. If you are able to help, please sign up online, <http://signup.com/go/LpZgUtP>, or at the Justice Network table in the Lobby after the church service through Sunday, January 7, 2018. For more information, see the December newsletter, or contact Barb Prentice, barbprentice1@gmail.com, 541-302-8151.

REFRIGERATOR ALERT – Please remove any food from both church refrigerators that does not need to be there. Label any food that should be kept. On Sunday, December 31, all unidentified food will be removed to make room for supplies for our First Place Family Shelter Program, January 8-15, 2018. Barb Prentice, barbprentice1@gmail.com, 541-302-8151.

OUTREACH (cont.)

OCCUPY MEDICAL AND FIRST PLACE FAMILY CENTER – With the arrival of cold weather, warm clothes, including clothing for children, are especially appreciated. Please place donations in the bin near the kitchen. Thank you. Ruth Duemler, ruthduemler@gmail.com, 541-484-6145; John Roy Wilson, jrw45@comcast.net, 541-687-6728.

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 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. 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, 541-513-5360.

WORSHIP



MONDAY MEDITATION – There will be no Monday Meditation on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. 2018. Kimberly Wootan, meditation@uueugene.org.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 – 10am New Year's Eve Service. Reflections on Beginnings and Endings at the turning of the year. The service will be for all ages, and parents are asked to keep their children with them. There will be no childcare, but there will be a craft table at the back of the Sanctuary for those who would like that activity. Robin Schantz-Mulford, Chair of Worship Associates.

SPIRITJAM AND CHILDCARE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 31 – The service will be intergenerational and parents are asked to keep their children with them. There will be a craft table at the back of the Sanctuary for those who would like that activity.

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



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: _____