

# Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene



December: Weaving a Tapestry of Transformation

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# UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, Dec. 31, 2017 – Jan. 7, 2018

## Sunday, 12/31

- 10:00-11:00am **Church Service (all ages)**, 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.

**Monday, 1/1/18** **HAPPY NEW YEAR** No open UUCE events listed.

## Tuesday, 1/2

### 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.  
3:00-6:00pm **Earth EqUUity Food Project Produce Plus**, EE. Berry B.  
5:30-7:30pm **Touchstone Tuesday Potluck**, SH, K. Lizzy U., 858-204-3938.  
7:00-9:00pm **Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO)**, off-site. Kathy Filip.

## Wednesday, 1/3

- 7:00-9:00pm **Men's Group (open)**, Room 7. Jim Kayser, 541-484-1840.

**Thursday, 1/4** No open UUCE events listed.

## Friday, 1/5

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

**Saturday, 1/6** No open UUCE events listed.

## Sunday, 1/7

- 9:15-9:30am **Membership Book Signing**, MO. Erin Troberg, 541-870-2054.  
9:45-11:15am **Childcare: Infants and toddlers**, Rm 4; **preschool**, Rm 3.  
10:00-11:00am **Church Service**, Sanctuary, Social Hall.  
10:00-11:15am **SpiritJam, Children's RE**, Rms 1, 2, 5, 6, 7.  
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11:30am-12:30pm **Brainstorm Jam**, Room 6. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.  
11:30am-12:30pm **UU Refugee Sanctuary Project**, Rm 7. Connie N., 541-543-1685.  
11:30am-noon **Presentation about an Organ**, S, Brad Schultz.

**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

“Reflections”

Guests: Robin Schantz-Mulford & Sam Rutledge

December 31, 2017

Gathering Music	<i>Albumblatt</i>	Max Reger
Welcome		
Interlude	<i>Waltz in A Major</i>	Brahms
Call to Worship		
Prelude	<i>Souvenir Dououreux</i>	Cesar Cui
Chalice Lighting		
Hymn	<i>Come, Come, Whoever You Are</i>	188
Story for All Ages		
Meditation		
Hymn	<i>Faith is a Forest</i>	194
Responsive Reading	<i>For Nothing is Fixed</i>	James Baldwin
Offertory	<i>Waltz of the Flowers</i>	Tchaikovsky
Reflection by Sam Rutledge		
Anthem	<i>Valse-Improptu</i>	Max Reger
Reflection by Robin Schantz-Mulford		
Hymn	<i>Spirit of Life</i>	123
Extinguishing the Chalice & Closing Words		
Postlude	<i>Auld Lang Syne &amp; Let There Be Peace on Earth</i>	

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

Ministerial Intern: Sarah Skochko

Congregational Life Facilitator: Kimberly Wootan

Worship Associate: Robin Schantz-Mulford

Music Director: Brad Schultz

Pianist: Susanne Giordano

Guest Pianist: Valerie Elliott

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.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE** – This service will be for all ages, and will feature reflections on Beginnings and Endings at the turning of the year. Parents are asked to keep their children with them. There will be no

childcare or SpiritJam, but there will be a craft table at the back of the Sanctuary for those who would enjoy that activity. Robin Schantz-Mulford, Chair of Worship Associates.

**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: "UU History, Principles, and Sources." 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 6 – Mindful Walking and Eating." Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris, [minister@uueugene.org](mailto:minister@uueugene.org), 541-686-2775x1.

**REFRIGERATOR ALERT** – Please remove any food from both church refrigerators that does not need to be there. Label any food that should be kept. Today, 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](mailto:barbprentice1@gmail.com), 541-302-8151.

## ADMINISTRY

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**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](http://www.oregonsprouts.com) or contact Director Angel Chunn, [childcare@oregonsprouts.com](mailto:childcare@oregonsprouts.com), 541-600-6186.

## STEWARDSHIP

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SCENTS: GENTLE REMINDER – We invite your courtesy in refraining from wearing scents at church. Some attendees are highly sensitive and even allergic to them. Thank you for helping to increase access to our space.

## WORSHIP

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MONDAY MEDITATION – There will be no Monday Meditation on January 1, 2018. Kimberly Wootan, [meditation@uueugene.org](mailto:meditation@uueugene.org).

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 – "Concentric Circles of Community." Rev. Sydney will reflect on the ripples we make when, like a stone tossed into a pond, the water moves in response. The worship

theme for January will be Community.

SPIRITJAM NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 – SpiritJam will resume from 10-11:15am. Attendees of all ages 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.

POSSIBLE PIPE ORGAN AT UUCE – Music Director Brad Schultz will give a presentation in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 7, from 11:30am-noon about the possibility of UUCE housing a small pipe organ that has been donated to the University of Oregon, which currently lacks sufficient space for the organ. Having this instrument at UUCE has the potential to provide unique opportunities for our choirs and our worship service music, and the chance to engage with the greater public through performances and recitals. Brad will outline the possibilities further, complete with pictures and sound recordings.

INVITATION TO JOIN UUCE CHOIRS – Music Director Brad Schultz invites all interested singers to join one of our two choirs in 2018. Both choirs will rehearse on Wednesdays, beginning January 10, and childcare will be available. The Chamber Singers will rehearse from 5:15-6:45pm, and an informal singing audition with the Music Director is required to sing with this group. The Sanctuary Choir will rehearse from 7-8:30pm, and is open to all singers. For questions, please see or contact Brad Schultz, [uueugenemusic@gmail.com](mailto:uueugenemusic@gmail.com), 541-686-2775x4.

## 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 January 2. 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.

## **OUTREACH (cont.)**

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HEALTH CARE FOR ALL OREGON (HCAO) – HCAO's monthly meeting will be at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St., Eugene, on Tuesday, January 2 from 7-9pm. All are welcome. New attendees, please arrive at 6:30pm to be greeted. HCAO is a UUCE Justice Network sponsored volunteer organization. Kathy Filip, [healthcare@uueugene.org](mailto:healthcare@uueugene.org), 248-891-9890.

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](mailto:barbprentice1@gmail.com), 541-302-8151.

UU REFUGEE SANCTUARY PROJECT – Topics for this meeting will include review of the school kit project and plans for 2018. Sunday, January 7, 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 7. Connie Newman, [refugees@uueugene.org](mailto:refugees@uueugene.org), 541-543-1685.

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](mailto:ruthduemler@gmail.com), 541-484-6145; John Roy Wilson, [jrw45@comcast.net](mailto:jrw45@comcast.net), 541-687-6728.

## **CONNECTING**

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TOUCHSTONE TUESDAY POTLUCK – On the first Tuesday of each month, you are invited to bring a kid or a dish to a church-wide potluck in the Social Hall. The next potluck is January 2, 5:30-7:30 pm, with Grace offered at 6pm. For more information, contact Lizzy Utterback, [tuesdaypotluck@uueugene.org](mailto:tuesdaypotluck@uueugene.org), 858-204-3938.

MEMBERSHIP BOOK SIGNING – If you are ready to become a member of UUCE and sign the membership book, please meet next Sunday, January 7, at 9:15am in Rev. Sydney's office. This opportunity will be available on the 1st Sunday of each month. Membership Chair Erin Troberg, [memb-chair@uueugene.org](mailto:memb-chair@uueugene.org), 541-870-2054.

UUCE BIRDERS – We meet on Tuesday mornings from 8-10am for birdwatching and breakfast. Please join us. Contact Mike Berg, [forthebirds@uueugene.org](mailto:forthebirds@uueugene.org), 541-357-3145 to learn where we will meet each week.

## **CONNECTING (cont.)**

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COMMUNITY ART GALLERY – The black and white photography of Ron Dobrowski will be featured in January. Ron strives to produce contemporary artwork that shows a unique vision, emphasizes content, and evokes a response on various levels. 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.

KINDNESS TEAM GREETING CARD PROJECT – Condolence, get-well, blank, and other kinds of cards for members of our community in need of support are available to be signed at the table in the Lobby after the service each Sunday. Often there are cards for the whole congregation to sign. The Kindness Team also wants to hear from friends and family if a person is ill or in need of an encouraging word so we can send a card. You may leave a message with Charlotte Writer, kindnessteam@uueugene.org, 541-935-1170, or with Frankie Hill and Jean Marie Stine, jbstine@aol.com, 510-604-4000.

## **CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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BRAINSTORM JAM – On the first Sunday of each month, we meet to engage the power of your imagination and your creative passions to create and present exciting, fun, and engaging new material for our children. No matter your interest, I guarantee there are kids who would benefit from learning about it from you. We welcome all ages and all ideas. You can learn more on the UUCE website, www.uueugene.org, > CONNECT > Learning > SpiritJam > Brainstorm Jams. The next session will be Sunday, January 7, 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 6. Katy Siepert, Director of Lifespan Religious Education, uucedre@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x2.

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 Khatter, mindfulparenting@uueugene.org, 541-505-1193.

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



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

Email address (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_