

Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene



September: Inclusivity

"To be hopeful in hard times is not just foolishly romantic... If we remember those times and places - and there are so many - where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us the energy to act, and at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world in a different direction.

And if we do act, in however small a way, we don't have to wait... The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory."

Howard Zinn

This month, let us include the worth and dignity of every individual within the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, Sept. 17-Sept. 24, 2017

Sunday, 9/17

- 8:00am-noon **Cob House Building**, Playground. Katy Siepert. 541-686-2775x2.
8:30-9:30am **Sunday Meditation**, SE. Deb Huntley, meditation@uueugene.org.
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**, C. Rev. Morris.
11:15am-12:15pm **Faith Forward: Beyond Inquirers**, MO. Rev. Morris.
11:30am-12:30pm **UU Refugee Sanctuary Project**, Rm 7. Connie Newman.

Monday, 9/18

- 5:00-5:45pm **Monday Meditation**, C. Deb Huntley, meditation@uueugene.org.
7:00-8:30pm **Chalice Choir Rehearsal (childcare)**, S. Brad S., 541-686-2775x4.

Tuesday, 9/19

- 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 Broadbent.

Wednesday, 9/20

- 5:00pm-sundown **Cob House Building**, Playground. Katy Siepert. 541-686-2775x2.
5:15-6:45pm **Chamber Singers Rehearsal (childcare)**, S. Brad Schultz.
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, 9/21

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

Friday, 9/22

- 8:00am-noon **Cob House Building**, Playground. Katy Siepert. 541-686-2775x2.
10:00-11:30am **Mindful Parenting Group**, Rms 1 and 2. Kelsey K., 541-505-1193.
1:00-8:00pm **Book Sale Set-up/Book Drop-off**, C. Judy Sawyer, 541-556-7776.

Saturday, 9/23

- 9:00am-4:00pm **UUCE Book Sale**, C. Judy Sawyer, 541-556-7776.
4:30-7:30pm **"13" Film, Facilitated Discussion**. S. K. Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.

Sunday, 9/24

- 8:00am-noon **Cob House Building**, Playground. Katy Siepert. 541-686-2775x2.
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11:15am-12:15pm **Faith Forward: Beyond Inquirers**, MO. Rev. Morris.
11:30am-1:00pm **Ministerial Transition: Quarterly Conversations**, S. B. Kellogg.
11:30am-1:00pm **Transgender Issues in Families**, Rm 6. Saro Hendrickson.

Legend: C=Chapel; Cmte=Committee; EE=East Entrance; JN=Justice Network; K=Kitchen; Lo=Lobby; MO=Minister's Office; RE=Religious Education; Rm=Room; S=Sanctuary; SE=South Entry; SH=Social Hall.

ORDER OF SERVICE

September 17, 2017

Equinox

Gathering Music *Behind the Waterfall/
Desert Rain Medley* David Lanz

Interlude *#26 from Fifty Elevations* Dom Paul Benoit, OSB

Welcome

Prelude *Golden Sunlight,
from Songs of Nature, Op. 63* Antonin Dvorak

Call to Worship & Casting the Circle

Lighting of the Chalice

Opening Hymn *Chant for the Seasons* 73

Story for All Ages

Recessional for SpiritJam

*May your mind be open to new learning; may your lips bring truth into the world
May your heart know love and your hands do the work of justice,
As you go your way in peace, as you go your way in peace*

Anthem *The Time for Turning* Craig Courtney

Meditation

Chanting

Homily

Offertory *Flowers on the Water* Kostia

Closing Words

Extinguishing of the Chalice & Opening the Circle

Closing Chant

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

Ministerial Intern: Sarah Skochko

Congregational Life Consultant: Kimberly Wootan

Worship Associate: Shane Nelson

Music Director: Brad Schultz

Choir: Chamber Singers

Pianist: Susanne Giordano

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 go to Room 4 (babies) where they can learn and play with Teachers Emily and Mattie, and 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@ueeugene.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 session is:

Welcome Back Jam, with music, dance, story, and song. Katy Siepert, uucedre@ueeugene.org, 541-686-2775x2.

COMMUNITY OFFERING – Junction City Local Aid (JCLA) is the recipient of our Community Offering today. This organization provides assistance with many basic needs, and serves as a referral source for area resources. JCLA relies entirely on donations from the community to fund its operations and greatly appreciates our support. Tasha Ashworth, community-offering@ueeugene.org.

INFORMATION AND FUNDRAISING TABLES – Earth EqUUity Food Project, Fair Trade Coffee Cart, Justice Network, Kindness Team Greeting Card Project, Ministerial Search Process Information, Religious Education Registration of Children. 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.

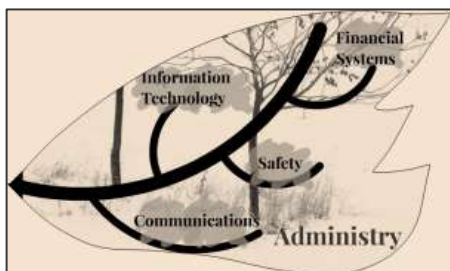
FAITH FORWARD: INQUIRERS – Each Sunday, from 11:15am-12:15pm, we host a session in the Chapel designed for visitors, new church members, and inquirers, as part of an 8-week series of introductory classes about our church that will be repeated throughout the year. You can drop in at any time, and later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

HAPPENING TODAY (cont.)

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: “Is This a New Religion?” Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris, minister@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x1.

UU REFUGEE SANCTUARY PROJECT – We will meet today, September 17, in Room 7 from 11:30am-12:30pm. The focus of the meeting will be to discuss plans for this church year, including educational objectives and refugee populations to be served. Connie Newman, refugees@uueugene.org, 541-543-1685.

ADMINSTRY



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

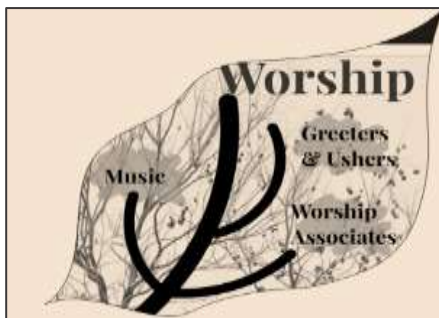
be considered as our settled minister. Your Board of Trustees, in conjunction with our congregation and the Unitarian Universalist Association, is beginning the process to find a new minister.

Here are the next steps for the congregation:

- Drop by the Ministerial Search Process table in the lobby after the Sunday service on September 17 for more information.
- **Come to the Ministerial Transition/Quarterly Conversations session in the Sanctuary, hosted by the UUCE Board, on Sunday, Sept. 24 from 11:30am-1:00pm to 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.
- Additionally, there will be a Ministerial Transition discussion each Sunday in the Sanctuary from 11:30am-1:00pm from October 1 through November 5.

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

WORSHIP



JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 – Addressing the topic “Including,” Rev. Sydney and our new Ministerial Intern Sarah Skochko will inquire into the scope and limits of our noncreedal faith. The Sanctuary Choir will sing.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

UUCE BOOK SALE SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24 – Back by popular demand, our annual book sale will occur in the Chapel on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 9am-4pm, and on Sunday, Sept. 24 from 11am-1:00pm. Bring your donations of books, puzzles, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, and records on Friday, Sept. 22 from 1 to 8pm. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the sale, and snacks will be available in appreciation of this help. Book Sale shoppers: Please bring a bag for your purchased items. Thank you. Judy Sawyer, jsawyer712@comcast.net, 541-556-7776; Sue Craig, sueacraig@gmail.com, 541-607-0204.

CONNECTING



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 date is September 21. Laramie Palmer, spiritedsisters@uueugene.org, 541-343-6536.

COMMUNITY ART GALLERY – In September, come see our 3rd annual all-comers photography show. This year’s theme is “Cityscapes.” Scott Hovis, gALLERY@uueugene.org, 541-731-3412.

CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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. You can also register in person at the registration station in the Lobby after each Sunday church service in September.

- SpiritJam (for kindergarten through adults) and the high school group will begin on Sunday, Sept. 17.
- The middle school group will begin on Sunday, Sept. 24.
- 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.

“13” FILM AND FACILITATED DISCUSSION – This film and discussion are about the 13th Amendment to the US Constitution that abolished slavery and involuntary servitude. However, forced labor is allowed as long as the laborer is a convict. Saturday, Sept. 23, 4:30-7:30pm in the Sanctuary. Katy Siepert, uucedre@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x2.

OUTREACH



EARTH EQUITY FOOD PROJECT PRODUCE PLUS – UUCE has been approved to be a Produce Plus site with Food for Lane County, providing fresh produce to income-qualified families. People who need food just show up and sign in to indicate that they qualify. Our site will be open on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 3-6pm in the East Entrance to the church. The next date is Sept. 19. For more

information and to volunteer, visit the Earth EqUUity table in the lobby after the Sunday service. Berry Broadbent, EEFood@uueugene.org, call/text 541-344-9037.

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

TRANSGENDER ISSUES IN FAMILIES – Join Saro Hendrickson for a discussion on “Families Relate to Transgender Issues” on Sunday, Sept. 24, 11:30am-1:00pm in Room 6. Snacks provided.

Saro Hendrickson, millerhendrickson@gmail.com, text 541-731-3366 or call 541-953-0708.

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.

REQUEST TO SUBSCRIBE TO UUCE-NEWS

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 (street, city, state, zip code):