

# 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. 24-Oct. 1, 2017

### Sunday, 9/24

- 8:00am-noon **Cob House Building**, Playground. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.  
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.  
11:00am-1:00pm **UUCE Book Sale**, C. Judy Sawyer, 541-556-7776.  
11:15am-12:15pm **Faith Forward: Inquirers**, Room 2. Rev. Morris.  
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.

### Monday, 9/25

- 7:00-8:30pm **Chalice Choir (childcare)**, S. and Rm1, Brad S., 541-686-2775x4.

### Tuesday, 9/26

- 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, 9/27

- 5:00pm-sundown **Cob House Building**, Playground. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.  
5:15-6:45pm **Chamber Singers (childcare)**, S. and Rm 1, Brad Schultz.  
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, 9/28

- 2:00-4:00pm **Quilting for a Cause**, Room 6. Barbara Flitcroft, 503-704-4105.  
6:30-8:30pm **Food for Lane Co. Volunteer**, off-site. Berry B., 541-344-9037.

### Friday, 9/29

- 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.

### Saturday, 9/30

No open UUCE events listed.

### Sunday, 10/1

- 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-1:00pm **Ministerial Transition Discussion**, S. Barbara Kellogg.

**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 24, 2017

Gathering Music	<i>Gaudeamus</i>	Jason Shelton
Hymn Sing		
Interlude	<i>Colombine Tanz, Valse</i>	Bohuslav Martinu
Welcome		
Prelude	<i>Waltz in A Flat</i>	Johannes Brahms
Call to Worship & Lighting of the Chalice		
Opening Hymn	<i>My Life Flows On</i>	108
Story for All Ages & Lighting the Family Chalice		
	<i>Recessional for SpiritJam</i>	
	<i>May your mind be open to new learning; may your lips bring truth into the world</i>	
	<i>May your heart know love and your hands do the work of justice,</i>	
	<i>As you go your way in peace, as you go your way in peace</i>	
Meditation		
Anthem	<i>I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing</i>	arr. Howard Helvey
Reflection		
Offertory	<i>I will Arise and Go to Jesus</i>	arr. Mark Hayes
Sermon		
Closing Hymn	<i>There's More Love Somewhere</i>	95
Extinguishing of the Chalice & Closing Words		
Postlude	<i>Heavenly Sunlight</i>	arr. Mark Hayes

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

Student Minister: Sarah Skochko

Congregational Life: Kimberly Wootan

Music Director: Brad Schultz

Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Pianist: Susanne Giordano

Lifespan Religious Education Director: 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 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@uueugene.org](mailto:uucedre@uueugene.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 sessions are Spirit Book Jam, where we will take pictures to make a book to help us get to know one another, and Photo Booth Jam, where we will take pictures in costumes to help us practice inclusivity. Additionally, Middle School Meet-up starts today and will continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month. Katy Siepert, [uucedre@uueugene.org](mailto:uucedre@uueugene.org), 541-686-2775x2.

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

**UUCE BOOK SALE SEPTEMBER 24** – Today is the final day of our annual book sale, which will occur from 11am-1:00pm in the Chapel. Raise money for the church and enrich your library. Book Sale shoppers: Please bring a bag for your purchased items. Thank you. Judy Sawyer, [jsawyer712@comcast.net](mailto:jsawyer712@comcast.net), 541-556-7776; Sue Craig, [sueacraig@gmail.com](mailto:sueacraig@gmail.com), 541-607-0204.

## HAPPENING TODAY (cont.)

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FAITH FORWARD: INQUIRERS – Each Sunday, from 11:15am-12:15pm, 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 miss. Please join us! Today's session will meet in Room 2 and the topic of discussion will be: "Faith Development: Children and Adult Programs." 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 the session today is: "UU Elevator Speech." Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris, minister@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x1.

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:

- **Come to the Ministerial Transition/Quarterly Conversations session TODAY, Sept. 24, from 11:30am-1:00pm in the Sanctuary. This session, hosted by the UUCE Board, will review the plans and timeline and answer questions. Snacks provided.**
- Additionally, there will be a Ministerial Transition discussion each Sunday in the Sanctuary from 11:30am-1:00pm from October 1 through November 5.
- 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.

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

TRANSGENDER ISSUES IN FAMILIES – Join Saro Hendrickson for a discussion on "Families Relate to Transgender Issues" today, 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.

## WORSHIP

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JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, October 1 – The worship theme for the month of October is “Covenant.”

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](mailto:music@uueugene.org), 541-686-2775x4.

## OUTREACH

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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 date is

September 28. Barbara Flitcroft, [barwood13@earthlink.net](mailto:barwood13@earthlink.net), 503-704-4105 (texting is best).

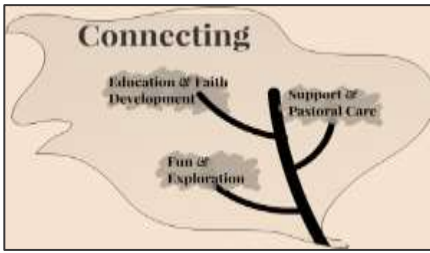
FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY VOLUNTEER NIGHT – Thursday, September 28, 6:30-8:30pm, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene. Did you know that 57% of food box recipients are working or retired? We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month to repack food donated for those in our community who are experiencing food 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](mailto:hunger@uueugene.org), 541-344-9037. Or just show up!

REFUGEE MOVIE – The UU Refugee Sanctuary Project is collaborating with the Refugee Resettlement Coalition of Lane County and the Eugene Public Library to present the Eugene premier of **AFTER SPRING**. This 2016 feature documentary, produced by Jon Stewart, formerly of the Daily Show, focuses on the Syrian refugee crisis. Tuesday, October 3, 6-8pm, Eugene Public Library, 100 West 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Eugene. Admission is free and open to the community. Connie Newman, [refugees@uueugene.org](mailto:refugees@uueugene.org), 541-543-1685.

OCCUPY MEDICAL AND FIRST PLACE FAMILY CENTER – With the weather getting colder, warm clothes, jackets, hats, gloves, and sleeping bags are especially appreciated, along with over the counter medical supplies. Please place donations in the bin by 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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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](mailto:gallery@uueugene.org), 541-731-3412.

## CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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### 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](http://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 began on Sunday, Sept. 17.
- The middle school group begins today, September 24, and will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month.
- 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](http://www.uueugene.org), by following the path CONNECT > Learning > Adults.

Katy Siepert, [uucedre@uueugene.org](mailto:uucedre@uueugene.org), 541-686-2775x2.

COB HOUSE BUILDING – Come join staff and volunteers in the fun outside at our Playground. Help with the roof is especially needed. In September, the days and times are: Wednesdays, 5pm-sundown; Fridays, 8am-noon; and Sundays, 8am-noon. Katy Siepert, [uucedre@uueugene.org](mailto:uucedre@uueugene.org), 541-686-2775x2.

TRANSITIONS SMALL GROUP MINISTRY (SGM) – This 6-session series will provide space to reflect on major life transitions and their personal impact. The SGM model of respectful listening and sharing will be used. This group of up to 12 people will meet from 6:30-8:30pm on 6 Mondays: Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 27, and Dec. 4, 2017. Commitment to attend each session is requested. Register in the Lobby after the Sunday service on October 1, 8, and 15. A voluntary one-time donation of \$10-\$20 is suggested. The co-facilitators will be Lauren Bailey ([rolfsing@msn.com](mailto:rolfsing@msn.com), 541-915-6275) and Susan Bertrand ([idealdance515@yahoo.com](mailto:idealdance515@yahoo.com), 503-490-5148).



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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):