

Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene



February: Learning

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UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, Feb. 4 – 11, 2018

Sunday, 2/4

- 9:15-9:30am **Membership Book Signing (open)**, MO. Erin Troberg.
9:45-11:15am **Childcare: Infants and toddlers**, Rm 4; **preschool**, Rm 3.
10:00-11:00am **Church Service**, Sanctuary, Social Hall.
10:00-11:30am **SpiritJam: Children's RE**, Rms 1, 2, 5, 6, 7.
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. Dr. Sydney Morris.
11:15am-12:15pm **Faith Forward: Beyond Inquirers**, MO. Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris.
11:30am-12:30pm **UU Refugee Sanctuary Project**, Rm 7. Connie N. 541-543-1685.

Monday, 2/5

- 7:00-7:45pm **Monday Meditation**, C. Kimberly W., meditation@uueugene.org.

Tuesday, 2/6

- 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.
7:00-8:30pm **The 12 Steps and UU-Recovery Small Group Ministry**, MO.
7:00-9:00pm **Health Care for All Oregon**, off-site. Kathy Filip, 248-891-9890.

Wednesday, 2/7

- 10:00-11:00am **Moving Meditation (open)**, C (**Childcare** Rm 1). Barbara F.
5:00-8:30pm **Choir Childcare**, Rms 1 & 3. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.
5:15-6:45pm **Chamber Singers Rehearsal**, S. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.
5:30-7:00pm **Harry Potter, Sacred Text**, off-site. Debra E., 541-731-5899.
7:00-8:30pm **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**, S. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.
7:00-9:00pm **Men's Group (open)**, Rm 7. Jim Kayser, 541-484-1840.

Thursday, 2/8

- 2:00-4:00pm **Quilting for a Cause**, Rm 6. Barbara Flitcroft, 503-704-4105.
5:30-7:30pm **Exec Committee UUCE Board (closed)**, Rm 5. Lizzy U.
7:00-9:00pm **Fiber Love**, Rm 2. Taylor Rutledge, taylorjrutledge@gmail.com.

Friday, 2/9

- 9:00-10:30am **Earth EqUuity Food Project Court Program**, K. Berry B.
10:00-11:30am **Mindful Parenting Group**, Rms 1 & 2. Kelsey K., 541-505-1193.

Saturday, 2/10

Sunday, 2/11

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11:30am-12:30pm **Communications Task Force**, Rm 6. Dick L., 541-485-1157.
11:30am-12:30pm **Justice Network**, Room 7. Barb Prentice, 541-302-8151.
1:00-2:00pm **UU Travelogue – Cuba**, C. Connie Newman, 541-543-1685.

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

“What Does a Seed Know?”

Congregational Life Facilitator: Kimberly Wootan

February 4, 2018

Gathering Music	<i>Suite in G Minor</i>	Domenico Zipoli
Hymn Sing		
Interlude	<i>Tranquillo</i>	Beethoven
Welcome		
Prelude	<i>To Shorten Winter's Sadness</i>	Thomas Weelkes
Call to Worship		
Lighting of the Chalice		
Opening Hymn	<i>Gather the Spirit</i>	347
Community of All Ages		
Offertory	<i>Gavotte</i>	J.S. Bach
Responsive Reading		John Soos (adapted)
Hymn	<i>Return Again</i>	1011
Reading	<i>The Hidden Life of Trees</i>	Peter Wohlleben
Meditation		
Anthem	<i>Exultate Deo</i>	Alessandro Scarlatti
Reading		Susan Griffin
Sermon		
Closing Hymn	<i>Earth Was Given as a Garden</i>	207
Extinguishing the Chalice & Closing Words		
Postlude	<i>Pavane et Gaillard</i>	John Craton

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

Ministerial Intern: Sarah Skochko

Congregational Life Facilitator: Kimberly Wootan

Worship Associate: Duana Welch

Music Director: Brad Schultz

Pianist: Susanne Giordano

Choir: Chamber Singers

Director of Lifespan Religious Education: Katy Siefert

HAPPENING TODAY



MEMBERSHIP BOOK SIGNING – If you are ready to become a member of UUCE and sign the membership book, please meet today, February 4, at 9:15am in Rev. Sydney’s office. This opportunity will be available on the first Sunday of each month. Membership Chair Erin Troberg, memb-chair@uueugene.org, 541-870-2054.

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.

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 11:30am. The topic for today will be announced. Katy Siepert, uucedre@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x2.

INFORMATION AND FUNDRAISING TABLES – Earth EqUuity Food Project, Fair Trade Coffee Cart, Justice Network, Kindness Team Greeting Card Project, Lost and Found, Services Auction Planning Team. 11am-noon, Lobby and South Entry.

LOST AND FOUND – Today, February 4, any remaining items in the Lost and Found closet will be displayed on tables across from the Minister’s Office after the service. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity. Martha Snyder, lostandfound@uueugene.org, 541-484-0197.

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 “Pastoral Care and Small Groups.” Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris, minister@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x1.

FAITH FORWARD: BEYOND INQUIRERS – This series takes place on a recurring basis each Sunday in the Minister’s Office from 11:15am-12:15pm. 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 11 – Retreat.” Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris, minister@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x1.

UU REFUGEE SANCTUARY PROJECT – The UU Refugee Sanctuary Project meeting today, February 4, 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 7, will feature an informal talk by Judy Shaw, who spent several months in Oxford, England this past fall. The theme of Judy's presentation is: "Perspective from the UK on the Treatment of Refugees." All are welcome. Snacks will be provided. Connie Newman, refugees@uueugene.org, 541-543-1685.

REQUEST FOR LONG-SLEEVED SHIRTS FOR SPIRITJAM SESSION – Please bring sweaters, sweatshirts, and long-sleeved t-shirts to the Religious Education office by today, February 4, for a SpiritJam session where participants will turn your hand-me-downs into beautiful, functional, warm scarves that will be given to people who need them. Thank you! Katy Siepert, uucedre@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x2.

CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR FEMALE COMING OF AGE MENTORS – The 8-9th grade Coming of Age program is underway, with 7 participants and a solid base of mentor volunteers. We are still looking for women to volunteer for the program. If you are interested, please contact Katy Siepert, uucedre@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x2.

THE 12 STEPS AND UU – RECOVERY SMALL GROUP MINISTRY – The 7/12 Connection in Addictions and Recovery uses the small group ministry model for exploration of recovery from addictions. In these eight sessions, we will explore the connection between our 7 Unitarian Universalist Principles and the 12 Steps of recovery programs, as well as providing a variety of approaches to the 12 Steps. This may prove a helpful tool for those who prefer to explore alternatives to the Judeo-Christian, white male orientation of Alcoholics Anonymous, while retaining the core of what works in the 12 Steps. Tuesdays, February 6-March 27, 7:00-8:30pm. The meeting on February 6 will be in the Minister's Office. Subsequent meetings will be in Room 6. To sign up or for questions, please contact Kimberly Wootan, kwministries5@gmail.com, 541-686-2775.

MOVING MEDITATION, TAI CHI FUSION – This class is a fusion of tai chi and qigong, and its purpose is to create a space of rest and relaxation by incorporating actions with breath, and thus, energy through our bodies. Seated relaxation activities and scenarios are also utilized. Each class is unique, as there is no memorizing or sequencing of movements. A chair is utilized at the beginning and end of each class. If need be, one can stay in the chair as much as necessary. We will not be getting on the floor. No special equipment is required, just comfortable clothes. Shoes are optional. This class is open and will occur weekly, starting Wednesday, February 7, from 10-11am in the Chapel. Childcare will be available in Room 1. Barbara Flitcroft, barwood13@earthlink.net, 503-704-4105.

HARRY POTTER AND THE SACRED TEXT – Based on the podcast hosted by Vanessa Zoltan and Casper ter Kuile (www.harrypottersacredtext.com), we are hosting our very own Harry Potter and the Sacred Text group. We read *Harry Potter*, not just as novels, but as instructive and inspirational texts that will teach us about our own lives. We meet every other Wednesday from 5:30-7:00pm in the upstairs tables area of Market of Choice, 67 West 29th Avenue. Eugene. Our next meeting will be on February 7. Debra Eichner, aceichner@msn.com, 541-731-5899.

TRAVELING WITH UU – Connie Newman and Anne Hohenemser will share experiences from their recent trip to Cuba. Sunday, February 11, 1-2pm in the Chapel. Katy Siepert, uucedre@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x2.

RACIAL JUSTICE FILM AND DISCUSSION – RESCHEDULED to Saturday, February 17, from 4:30-7:30pm in the Sanctuary. Join us for the film "Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise, Part 1." A facilitated discussion will follow. Future racial justice films and discussion will occur on the first Saturday each month. Katy Siepert, uucedre@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x2.

CONNECTING



TOUCHSTONE TUESDAY POTLUCK INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS – On the first Tuesday each month you are invited to bring children or food to an all-church potluck from 5:30-7:30pm in the Social Hall. Grace will be offered at 6pm. Our next potluck will take place this Tuesday, February 6, and will be sponsored by the UU Refugee Sanctuary Project. This

potluck will offer international flavors, as we celebrate some of the savory foods brought to our country by immigrants and refugees. Please feel free to bring food to share from your ancestors' countries, or something from a recipe you find online or in a cookbook. Invite friends who are immigrants. Show up in solidarity with refugees and immigrants, as it has been one year since the government's "Muslim ban." Lizzy Utterback, tuesdaypotluck@uueugene.org, 858-204-3938.

FIBER LOVE – Come knit, crochet, or finger-knit as part of a knitting circle. We'll come together, talk, and enjoy one another's company and expertise. Bring your own projects, we'll supply the company! This open group meets on the second Thursday each month from 7-9pm in Room 2. Our next meeting will be on February 8. Taylor Rutledge, taylorjrutledge@gmail.com.

OUTREACH



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 will be on February 6. For more information or to volunteer, visit the Earth EqUuity table after the Sunday service or contact Berry Broadbent, EEFood@uueugene.org, 541-344-9037.

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL OREGON (HCAO) – HCAO's monthly meeting will be at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St., Eugene, on Tuesday, February 6 from 7-9pm. All are welcome. HCAO is a UUCE Justice Network sponsored volunteer organization. Kathy Filip, healthcare@uueugene.org, 248-891-9890.

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 session will be February 8. Barbara Flitcroft, barwood13@earthlink.net, 503-704-4105 (texting is best).

EARTH EQUITY FOOD PROJECT COMMUNITY COURT JUSTICE PROGRAM – We currently need donations of bottled water, string cheese, and small bags of chips. UUCE makes 45 lunches per month for this restorative justice program. Bring your donations before or after the Sunday service to our table in the Lobby. Our next lunch making session will be Friday, February 9, 9-10:30am in the Kitchen. For questions or to volunteer, contact Berry Broadbent, EEFood@uueugene.org, 541-344-9037 (call or text).

JUSTICE NETWORK – At our next meeting, we will evaluate the recent Night Shelter week at UUCE and plan for the future. All are welcome. Sunday, Feb. 11, 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 7. Barb Prentice, barbprentice1@gmail.com, 541-302-8151.

STEWARDSHIP

SUMMER OF LOVE SERVICES AUCTION AND DINNER SATURDAY, APRIL 7 – We are seeking your favorite fUUn activities, outings, skills or meals. What would YOU like to share with your community? Let's create a Summer of Love full of good times together that will support the work of our church. Visit the website or the auction table after the Sunday Service for more information or to submit your donation form. auction@uueuene.org, Judy Shaw, 541-359-6074 or Phyllis O'Neill, 541-510-2739.

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

WORSHIP

MONDAY MEDITATION – Please join us each week in the Chapel at the new time of 7-7:45pm for reading, discussion, and practice of silent meditation with Kimberly Wootan and others. People of all faiths and secular/spiritual paths are welcome. Kimberly Wootan, meditation@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 – The sermon topic will be “Illumination.” Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris.

SPIRITJAM NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 – The topic is to be announced. In addition, the Middle School group will meet.

ADMINISTRY

COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE (CTF) – The CTF will meet to review current UUCE communications processes, needs, and opportunities to volunteer to help. Sunday, February 11, 11:30am-12:30pm, Room 6. Snacks and childcare will be provided. Dick Loescher, communications@uueugene.org, 541-485-1157.

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: _____