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Weekly eBulletin
Friday, February 9, 2018
Sunday, February 11, 2018
"Illumination"

We may have moments of intense clarity, but sometimes they pass as quickly as a blink. How do we help one another weave enlightening insights and experiences throughout our everyday lives, encouraged by the many shades of religious and spiritual perspectives in our midst?

Rev Dr. Sydney Morris.



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February 11, 2018 Sunday

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UUCE Connections
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including articles and
news about UUCE,
the Minister's message,
Education plans, the
recent travels and

Sunday Worship

Our theme this month is “Embracing Transformation” from our year’s goals: to weave multiculturalism into our church culture, embrace transformation that is centering and sustainable, and to live in covenantal community. Last fall, we thought about what community means, from local to universal, and launched the Covenantal Conversation curriculum which is now offered to all as adult education. We looked at the many diversities of culture we represent and welcome, committing ourselves to learning beyond our comfort and into our faith through lifelong growth. We explored the tapestry woven of our aspirations and inspirations, the beauty of our life together. This spring brings the earthly eternality of new life nourished by what has gone before and emboldened to go forward. Ours is a faith which “reverses the past, but trusts the dawning future more” as we embrace the transformations necessary to meet the asking years.

March 4 Our Many Selves Throughout our lives, we change and grow. Can we still say we’re the same people we were five years ago, or ten, or twenty? Or is each of us more like a succession of related people with shared memories? Who can we say we are, really? Ministerial Intern Sarah Skochko considers the transience and permanence of our inmost selves in a world that is itself in constant motion.rah Skochko

March 11 Pledging Sunday Our gala celebration of the free church tradition will hear the choir singing “Don’t Fence Me In.” As we rejoice in our spiritual rights, we will take this moment to insure our future. This is the moment to pledge your financial support for the next church year starting this coming July. Fun, food, and finances -- please come prepared to make your pledge, and celebrate our Unitarian Universalist life!

March 18 Equinox Celebration Come an join in the celebration of warming of the earth and our hearts. Kimberly Wootan

March 25 New Formations Across Divides Can we imagine the joyous, painful transformations required to re-form our philosophies and institutions toward whole and healthy lives for all peoples? What vision and what tiny step must we, can we, might we nurture? As UUs we say we’ve come this far by faith; what progress do we see, and what’s next?

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The voices of the youth are heard in our land; come, rise up, be counted and be strong. The inspiration and hope our young people bring this weary world cannot be calculated or commodified - it is the voice of life itself, determined to live. I feel so grateful. But not surprised. Just as all the work we have done as Unitarian Universalists on equality -- all the intentional inclusion and the exposure of exclusion, all the marches, the preaching, the education, the prayers and intentions, the songs and the visions -- all this work created a new climate of racial justice in our movement, so too the empowerment and amplification of courageous and principled people will bring a saner and safer day. We may find turbulence and danger ahead, but the moral foundation affirmed by the intersections of justice through cooperation and collaboration, is providing s ground on which to build the future. But we must be prepared to be in it for the long haul.

That's why we have a religious movement, and a beloved community of congregations, and programs of learning, singing, worshipping, sharing our space, sharing our lives: to provide foundation for the world we build with every act of our simple daily lives. It is for this that we ledge our recious time, our unique and vital talent, and what treasure we most generously can give. This month, please make your mark on the life of the church with your financial pledge. This act is both a sign and a symbol. It is a sign, a banner lanted: here I stand -- with these folks, in this



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place! And it is a symbol, an act which carries forward the hopes and sacrifices of our religious ancestors who dreamed for us a future. Your pledge is a symbol of your hope for the future of this church and its children to carry the chalice of change and comfort forward.

And while we're at it, do add your picture to the Photo Directory. Take a selfie, or get a formal portrait, let someone catch you being beautiful: it doesn't matter. Only the name you designate will be attached to your photo. The directory will be publically available on the UUCE website. Send to: photodirectory@uueugene.org. Perhaps you will find it a way to stand up and be counted, or to weave the fabric of community, or just plain fun.

See you in church!
Rev. Sydney

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UUCE Worship

Music Matters

We are offering an all-comers choir with more regularity this spring. If you like to sing, but can't make a Wednesday rehearsal, or are curious about singing in choir, why not give this a try. On selected Sundays, we meet at 9, warm-up and learn one piece, and then sing at the beginning of that same service. There are no extra practices, no dress code, and you can sit in your usual spots as soon as we finish singing. A High Voice choir of Soprano and Altos sang on January 28. Tenors and Basses, your turn is coming, and there will also be opportunities for all singers later on this spring. We will always publicize this in the bulletin and social media the week before, but if you'd like to be on an email list for these sorts of events, let Brad Schultz know: uueugenemusic@gmail.com

The organ is coming! Disassembly of a pipe organ coming to us on loan from the University of Oregon will begin February 5 at the organ's current home in a Presbyterian Church near Beaverton. Over the weeks that follow, the organ will undergo a bit of restorative maintenance, and slowly take shape in our sanctuary. Watch for news of inaugural events to come, including a recital in April. More information about the instrument can be found in the [worship/music menu on www.uueugene.org](http://www.uueugene.org)

Brad Schultz

Hello fellow UUCE congregants,

Happy March - Daffodils popping up everywhere. They are such a happy flower and have absolutely nothing to do with this article other than they make me smile. Enjoy!

Since March is a month of transition, it seems fitting to share a quick report on our ministerial transition process. Please come to our next Quarterly Conversations with the Board, Sunday, March 18, at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary to learn the latest and share your ideas for interview questions for the candidates. As always, snacks will be served.

Here's what we know so far. Nationally there are eight congregations, including ourselves, in search for a developmental minister this cycle. Our application has been posted and the UUA Transitions Office will provide information about potential applicants between now and the end of March. We haven't heard anything yet, but Rev. Sarah Schurr, our UUA Regional staff person, says "she feels really good about our application". When we receive information on candidates, each will be evaluated and interviewed by our board search committee, composed of Daniel Blades, Abby Tuttle-Shamblin, Bob Fraley, Katy Colburn, Treasurer, and myself. UUA guidelines require the board to maintain strict confidentiality during



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the selection process, but we will share as much information as we can. Since Rev. Sydney will be leaving us at the end of June, Kimberly Wooten has agreed to serve as our summer minister starting July 1st.

I also want to use this space for a put plug about the UUA Regional Assembly, April 27-29 at the Doubletree Hotel in Portland. This is a gathering of UU congregations throughout the West, including Alaska and Hawaii. The theme this year is "Stories of Hope, Courage, Resistance & Resilience". Here is a link for more information:

<https://www.uua.org/pacific-western/regional-assembly>

Although our congregation is entitled to four delegates (see below), you do not need to be a delegate to attend. Everyone is welcome. The agenda looks amazing. Check out the link above for info on workshops, worship, plenary sessions and an off-site experiential learning fieldtrip hosted by the Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice, as well as the family-friendly kids' camp, childcare and youth program.

I am particularly excited to hear the keynote speaker on April 28, Pramila Jayapal, an immigration and labor activist from Washington State who is the first Indian-American woman elected to the U.S. Congress.

If you are interested in serving as a delegate from our church to UUA events, including the District, Regional or General Assemblies, please contact me, or any board member to express your interest. The number of delegates for each congregation is based on membership and is determined before each event. This year, General Assembly is being held from Wednesday, June 20 through Sunday, June 24 in Kansas City, MO. More information will be available on the UUA website later this Spring.

Our UUCE Delegates to April's Regional Assembly are Katy Siepert, DRE; Kimberly Wooten, CLF; Katy Colburn, Treasurer; and Barbara Kellogg, President

Save the date: Annual Fund Drive Begins: Sunday, March 11

Quarterly Conversations: Sunday, March 18, 11:30 to 1 pm, Sanctuary

Service Auction: Saturday, April 7, 5 pm

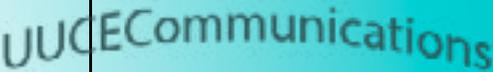
Annual Meeting: Sunday, June 10, 11:15 am, Sanctuary.

If you have a question about the Board or a topic you would like addressed, please let me know. I am always looking for ideas for this column.

Barbara Kellogg, President, UUCE Board of Trustees

Join us for SpiritJam: A program of worship and exploration for people of all ages

March 2018 - Theme: Transformation

3/4	Kids Are Changing the World Jam: From Parkland, FL, to Eugene, OR, kids and youth are taking action, making their voices heard, and transforming the world we all live in! What are you passionate about?	Kids Are Changing the World Jam: From Parkland, FL, to Eugene, OR, kids and youth are taking action, making their voices heard, and transforming the world we all live in! What are you passionate about?	Middle School Meet Up – self portraiture and exploring the concept of beauty – inside and out.
3/11	Recycle Town, U.S.A. Jam: What if we lived in a town that recycled everything? What would that look like? How would it work? Come learn about recycling in Eugene, and help to build our very own Recycle Town, U.S.A. out of recyclable materials!		
3/18	Water Cycle Jam: Water transforms based upon its environment – learn about the water cycle and the science behind how it all happens!	Pokemon Jam: Pokemon evolve, which is another way to say they transform. Bring your own deck, trade with friends, and create your own Pokemon with its own unique, transformable, characteristics!	Middle School Meet Up – Acting from a place of self-acceptance makes us better equipped to engage with the world. If you could change one thing, what would it be?
			
3/25	Tie-Dye Tying Jam: We are creating tie-dyed napkins to auction off at as sets at the Silent Auction (April 7th – it's going to be fun!). Pre-tie some napkins for the cause... we'll add dye on April 1st).	Imbolc Jam: This Gaelic traditional festival marks the beginning of spring, and is usually celebrated in early February. To honor Brigid, we'll plant bulbs and water them with milk, as the Ancient Celts do!	

Dear UUCE,

The month of March is gearing up to be a great one at UUCE – spring is in the air, flowers are blooming, bees are buzzing, and the halls of the church are buzzing with activity, too!

We had a successful day of training young witches and wizards at Hogwarts Charter School in Eugene, with wand-making, potions-brewing, and the acquisition of our animal familiars! Children learned about ancient herb-craft, combining powerful

herbs with healing and magical qualities into talismans they can wear around their necks or sleep with under their pillows. We learned about the wizarding world while bringing a little more magic into this one.

SpiritJam will continue to bring fun, engaging, and exciting lessons to our youngest congregants in the days to come – look for the SpiritJam grid of activities on the pamphlet rack and in the e-bulletin!



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Youth in the middle school youth group continue to meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. We are looking into ways to expand that time, so that middle school youth could potentially meet each Sunday... we would need an additional volunteer for that to work.

Coming of Age is underway, with mentors and youth meeting at regular intervals in the coming months. That program will culminate in the Credo Dinner on Saturday, June 9th, and all church members are invited and encouraged to attend! Last Credo Dinner, we had 90 people participate – I hope we can beat that number this year!

High School Youth Group is chugging along, talking about important issues such as race relations, gender norms, and

social justice each Sunday morning. Many of our youth will be headed to Con this Spring – those dates are March 23-25. I am sure they will have a wonderful experience – Con never fails to enrich, enliven, and encourage our young people to live lives of depth and meaning. This year's theme is ProUUD!!

Springtime means another seasonal shift, another turn of the liturgical year. This year, we will again celebrate Passover, Tennebrae, and Easter as part of our cycle of seasons. These high holy days, canonized in the Christian faith traditions, but equally meaningful in Jewish and Pagan settings, are a wonderful way to sign, mourn, celebrate and laugh in the spring.

Holy Days:

March 30, 5:30-7:30pm – 1st Day of Passover – Seder Dinner. During this Friday evening event, we will celebrate one of our sources, the Jewish tradition, in an all-ages feast. The Passover Seder recognizes and ritualizes the Exodus – the flight of the Children of Israel from slavery in Ancient Egypt. As we read from the Haggadah, together we will retell the ancient tale and eat from the Seder Plate. Come join in our intergenerational evening of ritual and observance as part of our Spring Holy Days series.

March 31, 8:00-9:00pm – Tenebrae. Latin for "shadows" or "darkness," this Saturday evening, we will explore more deeply the meaning of death and deep sorrow. The distinctive ceremony of Tenebrae is the gradual extinguishing of candles – the leaving of the light - while readings and psalms are chanted or recited. A late evening meditative service.

April 1 – Easter – April Fools Day is a wonderful overlap with Easter, as if God or Jesus or the holy What-Have-You had been hiding around the corner like a small child, laughing, calling out "just kidding!" as Jesus arose back into life... that is, if we are to follow the Christian script and read it with a bit

of humor and humility. As the final installation in our Spring Holy Days series, this will be an intergenerational service with a fun for all ages celebration afterward. Hunt for Easter eggs, create fun Easter crafts, and revel in the coming of Spring!!

Leading up to our Easter celebration, we do hope you will bring donations of peanut butter and/or jelly for the annual "Jelly Roll." These donations ensure that we have enough sandwich makings for the coming year in making lunches during Lunch Sack Jam, and in support of an Earth Equity initiative to provide food for homeless men and women in the local justice system.

This month, Bonnie Koenig has put together a list of must-see places along the Camino, and I cannot wait to read about them, and integrate them into my trip! Keep reading to see what else is happening here at UUCE – this place, this community, this church thrives on your participation, engagement, and enthusiasm!

Ultreia!
Katy

The Churches of the Camino

Our DRE, Katy Siepert, is making plans to walk the Camino de Campostena this summer. In order to share the excitement of her

adventure, we offer some information about the Camino.

Eunate

No one knows who built this little 12th-century octagonal church, which is one of the highlights of the Camino. Its arched cloister surrounds the chapel like the rings of Saturn and its beauty is further accentuated by the solitary hill on which it stands, surrounded by rolling green meadows dotted with grazing sheep and swaying wildflowers. The church's engravings show enigmatic characters that speak of mixed esoteric traditions and the diversity of the medieval masons who built it.



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Torres del Rio Dome

Like Eunate, Torres del Rio's 12th-century Holy Sepulcher church is octagonal and beautifully harmonious. Inspired by the architecture from Islamic Spain and borrowing the cross ribbing of Cordoba's mosque dome in the south, it is worth the one euro the chapel caretaker asks from visitors. Enjoy the space's acoustics and look up to take in the overall architectural magnificence. Note the carved capitals and their menagerie of fantastical creatures.

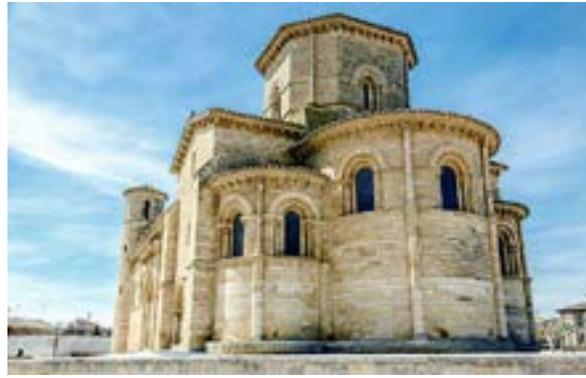


Burgos

Burgos is justifiably famous for its immense 13th-century Gothic cathedral, one of the largest in Spain, and its beautifully preserved, walled medieval town where El Cid was a native son. Across the Arlanzón river is the new world-class human evolution museum



showcasing Europe's earliest human remains. But for the ultimate experience of Burgos, head to the colorful main square, the Plaza Mayor, to join the locals in the evening ritual of enjoying tapas and a glass of wine with friends.



Fromista Church

Considered one of the earliest and purest forms of French Romanesque architecture in Spain, with its animated, folkloric sculptures capturing the medieval world of the 11th century, Frómista's church of San Martín embodies the Romanesque's ideals of harmonious physical and acoustic proportions. The church is set in the central square of a welcoming and small Castilian town with good food and wine, which adds to the magic of coming here.

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Leon

Roman garrison town in the 1st century, León has a 13th-century Gothic cathedral that steals the limelight. Built over old Roman baths, this cathedral is considered one of Spain's most French Gothic churches and possesses an unusual lightness and lyricism. But the treat is in stepping inside to stunning stained glass windows of saturated colors, especially the electric cobalt blue. This is so pronounced that the building appears as if it is made entirely of light and color, not stone. The old town surrounding the cathedral is a food and wine lovers' delight with medieval pedestrian paths leading to numerous taverns serving the best of hearty Leonese cuisine.



Santiago de Compostela

Medieval Santiago de Compostela's gray stone buildings turn mossy green when it rains, while its cathedral—the pilgrim's ultimate goal—holds the radiant center. All around, stone-arcaded cobbled streets, with a lone musician playing a medieval tune, transport visitors to another time, while the farm-to-table food scene and the daily market, Mercado de Abastos, brings you right back to the present. The cathedral's beauty is not its ornate façade, but just inside, at its original 12th-century engraved gateway that leads in to an airy and harmonious space where Saint James reigns. Excavations under the cathedra

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Come meet your local growers, find a farm to partner with this season & learn the delicious tastes of seasonal eating!

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SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH 11A-2P

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All donations go directly to That's My Farmer low income fund, subsidizing food shares for those who can least afford them.

For more information, call 541-607-0106



THAT'S MY FARMER presents Eugene's First CSA Food Share Fair
Saturday, March 17, 2018 – First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive Street – 11 am – 2 pm



Come join fellow faith groups and local farmers March 17th for Eugene's first Annual That's My Farmer Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Share Fair!

Find out about local farms and their CSA Harvest Share Programs.... Fun for the whole family! We'll have baby animals, kids' activities such as face painting, veggie costume contest, a magician, and tasty farm snacks. You will have a chance to chat with the farmers and learn about their CSA programs. Other community food related groups will be tabling as well. All donations at the door go directly to help raise funds for the That's My Farmer Low Income Fund in creating access to great food for all families! Please share this with your friends, and the community. For further details contact 541-607-0106.

Food for Lane County Food Rescue Night

Thursday March 22 from 6:30-8:45

**Food for Lane County facility at
770 Bailey Hill Rd**

Did you know that 36% of food box recipients water down their food or drinks to make them last longer. Here's one way you can help. We meet to repackage food donated to those in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old OR 12-13 if accompanied by an adult. Wear a hat/ponytail and closed toe shoes. Contact Berry Broadbent, Justice Network, at 541-344-9037 or hunger@uueugene.org OR JUST SHOW UP!

Don't forget our FFLC donation barrel at church, which is now located across from room #1 at UUCE.

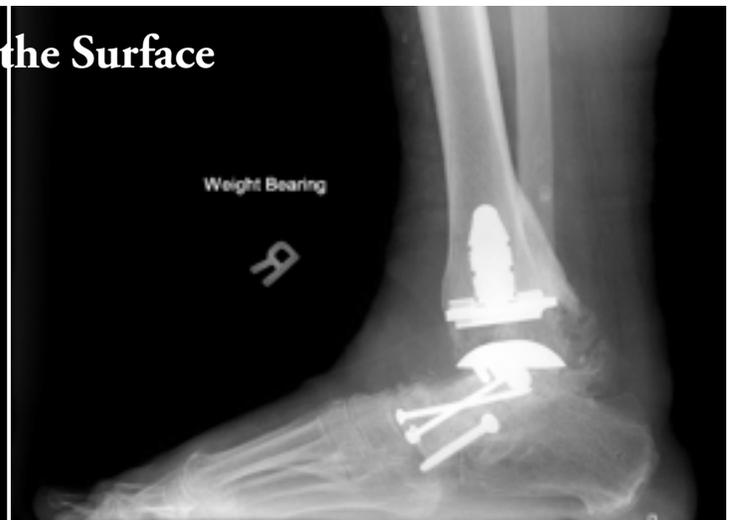


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Beneath the Surface

What's under your skin? Is there a medical device, a prosthesis, a plate, a staple, pace maker? Do you have an ex-ray of it you'd be willing to loan for an exhibit in our gallery during May. This exhibit will celebrate the wonders of medical technology and will inform us of the many humans amongst us whose pain may have been eradicated or whose lives have been altered or extended through the many medical devices offered. I know I have gotten DVDs of some of my x-rays and I will need to print black and white copies of them. Some are accessible from your on line medical "Records". Please feel free to talk to me after the service....or please call Martha Snyder , 541-484-0197 to let me know if you'd be willing/ interested to take part.

Thank you,
Martha



Art Gallery Welcomes the Youth Show



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Scott working with UUCE kids

Be sure to wander back to the art gallery to enjoy the 4th Annual National Youth Art Month show, featuring the works of our talented young people.

For any questions about the art gallery, contact Scott Hovis: scotthovisfineart@gmail.com



Welcome UCCE New Members

Kaiven Twospirit I have lived in New England, California and in Springfield since 2002 I am interested in gardening and am attending the Master Gardening classes. I first became a UU in 1980 in California. I attended regularly at the old location on Donald Street and I am slowly getting used to this very large congregation and wanted to join again.

Bronwyn Williams Most of my childhood was spent in Littleton Colorado. Most of my adult life has been spent in Eugene. My interests are fiber arts (sewing, knitting, weaving) and science fiction. What attracts me most about the church is the inter-religious tolerance.

Crystal Clack and Scott Clack Scott and I have lived many places but have found our home here in Oregon for seven years. Scott is a RN in the OR at RiverBend and I am a Department director at McKenzie Willamette. We do not have any children but have a couple of cats, and many rabbits. I raise and show two different breeds of rabbits in the Pacific NW.

We have belonged to four different UU churches over the years. We are drawn to the compassion, the acceptance and love of all people and religions.

Anne Turner I've lived in Eugene since 1969, when my late husband and I moved here from St. Louis to start our family in the beautiful Pacific northwest. Some of my interests are birding, hiking, volunteering, being a grandmother. What attracts me to this church is the warmth of the welcome from new friends. I grew up in the St Louis Unitarian Church, and am happy to be reconnected with UU.

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Steve Kuzma I spent most of my life in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Some of my interests are photography, handyman work, and community service. I've been a UU since 1999 and love the the welcoming community that I find here at UUCE.

Laurel Schwingel I'm from California but moved here from Maine 2 years ago. I am passionate about healthcare as a right not a privilege, equal rights for all, alternative education options, attachment parenting, Osteopathic Medicine, reading, and nature. I love the acceptance of UUCE: of different beliefs and definitions of Higher Power, and of different people.

Dave Fountain I'm originally from Chicago and later moved to San Diego, where I helped create one of the nation's largest cable-TV Educational Access Channels. My wife Mary and I lived and traveled for many years in an RV. We also toured overseas, including a UU pilgrimage to Transylvania where I touched the stone upon which Francis David stood in 1565 to proclaim the principles of the Transylvanian Unitarian Faith. Mary and I settled in Eugene five years ago and we love it here.

I am interested in travel, gardening, history, philosophy, politics, writing, food and the camaraderie of the Church maintenance and landscaping crews. I have been known here as "old paint."

This church attracts me because this is the home of my religious liberal beliefs.

Michele Wyckoff

Sharon Roberts I grew up in Reno, NV and various university communities in California. I have always considered the West my home, even though I spent most of my adult life in the South. Now that I am retired it is so very good to be home.

My interests include exploring Oregon and its natural history, volunteering at the Museum of Natural and Cultural History, birdwatching, cooking and gardening. I am looking forward to gardening in a very different climate after all those years in the South.

I have really appreciated the variety and vibrancy of Sunday mornings at UUCE, the opportunities for spiritual exploration and the wonderful community of people engaging in justice issues. It's a great group of folks!

Cynthia Munyon



We Were There

This was the rally at our State Capitol for the Clean Energy Jobs Bill. The House version HB4001 and Senate version SB1501 were supported by well over 400 people from all over the state. This was the largest rally ever seen in Salem on one issue. On the far left is our green Oregon UUVoices for Justice banner with Rev. Katie Larsell helping to cheer us on. It was so good to see all our UU folks from so many of our Congregations/Fellowships.

Another great rally supported by OUUVfj was one for Health Care for all Oregon. Thanks to Kathy and Ed Filip, plus Pat Bitner for all their hard work to move this forward.

All three bills are out of committee. After our Newsletter has gone to print, we will know outcomes.

We would love to have you join us for all our endeavors for all Justice and Equality issues. Please contact Sue Craig at 541-607-0204 sueacraig@gmail.com

Auction News



2018 Summer of Love Services Auction



Thank you so much to all who donated so generously to the Summer of Love Services Auction! The auction catalog is scheduled to be on the church website as of March 22 – please check it out to see all of the wonderful experiences you’ll be able to bid on. You’ll also find the evening’s schedule of events there.

There will be a no-host wine and beer bar. ID’s required for people who look under 30. If you can’t be in town that weekend, find someone to act as your proxy. All you need to do is register as a bidder, communicate well with your proxy about your goals (use item titles as item numbers could change) and send them with a form of payment.

This is a family friendly event - we’ll have kid care with special activities and possibly a movie, but please let us know BY NOON ON APRIL 1 that the kids are coming so we can plan.

If you need child care for your infant or toddler, please let us know BY NOON ON APRIL 1. No foolin’! We will provide this level of child care only if you tell us you need it.

We accept cash, check, and cards as payment. We ask you to pay for your successful bids before leaving the auction.

All activities that are auctioned by the seat have already been scheduled and are listed in the Auction Events Calendar at the beginning of the auction catalogue. You can bid for as many seats as you want. Note that some scheduled items are auctioned per family. Be sure to check your personal calendar before bidding.

It’s more than an auction! While the kids enjoy a Mad Hatters Tea Party, adults can play the Love Beads Game, buy raffle tickets, run the Dessert Dash or win a prize for “Best Dressed for the Summer of Love.”

If you’re up for more involvement, volunteers are still welcome. Can you set up on Friday or early Saturday or clean up afterwards? E-mail us at auction@uueugene.org

On Saturday evening, April 7, don your tie-dye and bell-bottoms, and bring along your sunny and generous spirit. The Summer of Love Auction

begins at 5pm with a silent auction and preview of the desserts for the Dessert Dash. Dinner is at 6. Here’s how you can participate:

First, register as a bidder. It is free! You can register online via the UUCE website. Registering now will significantly speed check-in on auction day.

Please register in advance for dinner at the auction. This can be done online and also at the auction table after service. Dinner is “hippie food” – rice, savory beans, grilled chicken, and toppings of all kinds. Choices are available for diets from Vegan to Paleo and most in between. Cost is \$15/person, free for kids in child care.



Communications at UUCE

Managing communications within UUCE and from UUCE to the wider community is a collaborative process involving church volunteers on the Communications Task Force (CTF), Business Manager Wayne Parker, and office staff Jen Del Rosario and Jody Piquet. The goal of the communications is to inform and connect us in support of implementing the mission of the church: Empowered by love, we transform ourselves and serve our world.

Components of the communications include the Sunday Handout, Weekly eBulletin, Weekly Meeting and Event Calendar, monthly Connections newsletter, the website (including the web calendar), social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube), church bulletin boards and signs, listservs, church directory, and various ways of publicizing UUCE matters to the wider community.

Current CTF church volunteers include: Dick Loescher, Chair of the CTF and lead editor of the Sunday Handout/Weekly eBulletin; Janet Barnes, Julia McAloon, and Frankie Hill as proofreaders for the Sunday Handout/Weekly eBulletin; Bonnie Koenig, newsletter editor; Nisco Junkins, newsletter graphics and layout; Megan Dorrah, Liam McAloon, and Maria Smithson as helpers with the website. Also, some of these folks help with social media postings.

If you would like to learn more and to volunteer to help with communications, please contact Dick Loescher, communications@uueugene.org, 541-485-1157 (landline).



Wayne and Dick



Nisco, Dick, Julia, Bonnie and Megan

Quilters for a Cause Presents Quilts to Youth House

After the quilters of 2016 had presented ten handmade quilts to Sponsors to be given to women transitioning from prison, there were quilters who were eager to continue their gift of service.

Barbara Flitcroft stepped up to regenerate the group of former and new quilters around a new project. The group had just learned of a new home for homeless teen girls being built by St. Vincent DePaul, and that became the perfect project - quilts for the girls. The 2016 quilting group had left us with about 20 pieced log cabin-pattern tops made by Bonnie Koenig and Rouanna Garden, which gave us a head start to have them ready for the January opening of the home. We began to work on borders, backing and batting. Everyone contributed their talents and expertise in choosing the perfect matching fabrics for each quilt.

Our project received a great boost when a group of professional quilters volunteered to do the quilting on their long arm machines. The resulting quilting was beautiful designs harmonized to the theme of the fabric. We were so pleased! Bev Harrison of Yoder Quilting also invited us to tour her studio and graciously demonstrated her equipment and techniques. Many thanks to Bev, Ray Yoder, and Pamela Reim for their contribution.

After the quilting step, all that remained was binding and labeling the quilts. Nita White and Sigrid Jones were the experts on this step and taught the rest of us. Barbara kept us on track and the work progressed: in our church workroom, at our homes and Bev's studio. As the deadline closed in, the work was coming together and the bins of completed quilts grew. Betty Ehrlich offered an

idea of adding a small knitted, felted heart as a finishing touch and donated the hearts that she had made.

On January 4, our group met with Paul Neville, Director of Communications, who accepted the quilts on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Youth House. Paul gave us a tour of the beautiful new space that will be home for teen girls. The quilts are a colorful and homey addition to the girls' new bedrooms, and we are thrilled that our contribution has been so well received.

On behalf of all the Quilters for a Cause,
Bonnie Koenig

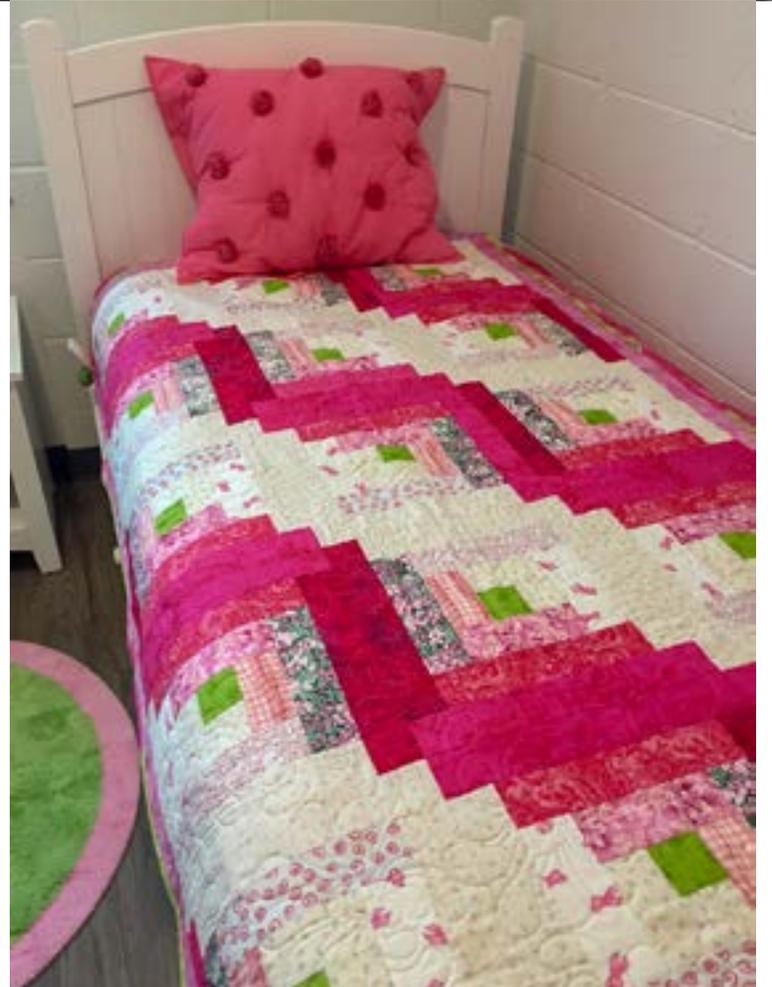


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Bonnie Koenig, Ann Fuller, Anne Turner, Nita White, Theresa Giffin, Carolyn Moss, Barbara Flitcroft, Laramie Palmer; also Sigrid Jones and Glenna Johnson not present.



Community Offering for March



The recipient of our Community Offering on March 18th is The Eugene Mission, our area's only full-service wellness center for the homeless. The Eugene Mission provides a safe and loving shelter for 400 people per night, serving over 900 nutritious meals per day, along with providing free clothing, furnishings, social services for homeless men, women and

children of the Eugene/Springfield community.

The Eugene Mission relies completely on donations from individuals and community organizations and greatly appreciates our support.

Tasha Ashworth community-offering@uueugene.org



UUCE Outreach

Food for Lane County Food Rescue Night Thursday March 22 from 6:30-8:45 Food for Lane County facility at 770 Bailey Hill Rd

Did you know that 36% of food box recipients water down their food or drinks to make them last longer. Here's one way you can help. We meet to repackage food donated to those in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old OR 12-13 if accompanied by an adult. Wear a hat/ponytail and closed toe shoes. Contact Berry Broadbent, Justice Network, at 541-344-9037 or hunger@uueugene.org <<mailto:hunger@uueugene.org>> OR JUST SHOW UP!

Don't forget our FFLC donation barrel at church, which is now located across from room #1 at UUCE.

