

UUCE Connections



UO Organ Finds
Home at UUCE

Sunday Worship

April 1 Jesus as the Holy Fool. On this intersection of April Fools and Easter we will explore how Jesus and Mary embody the ancient archetypes of the holy fools found in ancient religions. Kimberly Wootan

April 8 the famous Unitarian Poet Ogden Nash will come and visit us this morning! Bestowing wisdom and humor for all to share. Kimberly Wootan

April 15th The News Most of us have access to the news 24 hours a day. News about current events is omnipresent in modern life. We are now better connected and better informed than at any time in history, but at what cost? In the face of so much information - much of it concerning - how can we live grounded, non-anxious lives? Sarah Skochko

April 22 Earth Day Celebration Today we honor our sacred evolutionary journey. We'll celebrate the "ground of our being" -- a traditional term which rises again to nourish this new era --and affirm our mutual sustenance. Rev. Sydney

April 29th What Sustains UUCE Worship Associates will conduct this service.



UUCE Minister

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Ministers Message

As our awareness of systemic and personal violence arises in our country, so does our hope and determination. The earth reminds us of resilience: though they look fragile, the sprouts and blossoms of this amazing Eugene spring have weathered the discouragements of freeze and bluster. Seeing the harm to the worth and dignity and the interdependence of our lives, we can choose to face the harsh forces with an uprising of UU theological willingness to name evil. "Missing the mark" etymologically softens the impact of trying to reclaim a traditional term in the service of living faith-filled lives. It calls us to look both within and without. As Carl Jung wrote (with pronouns changed from the original to reflect modern usage): "The individual who wishes to have an answer to the problem of evil has need, first and foremost, of self-knowledge -- that is, in the utmost possible knowledge of their own wholeness. They must know relentlessly how much good they can do, and what crimes they are capable of, and must beware of regarding the one as real and the other as illusion. Both are elements within our nature, and both are bound to come to light...should we wish... to live without self- deception or self-delusion."

This spring our theme is the church intention toward "Embracing transformation that is grounded and sustainable." We learn together the skillful craft of dovetailing our resistance and our vision to the shape of a covenantal life of non violence, sustained effort and flourishing. We are sustained by one another. We are sustained by principled living. We are sustained by hope.



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UUCE Calendar



Music Matters

In worship on the morning of March 18, we heard the first sounds from our new pipe organ. Susanne Giordano and Judy Shaw played a set of flute and organ duets during the offertory, and Brad Schultz played a prelude and postlude.

This instrument is on loan to us from the University of Oregon and was a gift to them from Raymond Anderson, a UO alum and organist in the Portland area. By having the organ in Eugene, the instrument will play a greater part in the education of organ students at the music school, and help forge relationships between UUCE and UO.

The organ was built in 1969 by the German E.F. Walcker organ company, a Stuttgart-based builder with a history stretching back to the 1780s. The organ first lived in the recital hall in the music school at Roanoke College in Virginia for 30 years, before relocating to private residences in Minneapolis, then Mountain Lake, MN before being acquired by Ray and moved to Portland.

Encased in the organ are over 600 pipes of wood and metal alloys, divided amongst 12 registers (or rows of pipes), making 9 distinct sounds. The connections between the keyboards, stopknobs and pipes are all mechanical action; a series of rods and trackers connect the player to the sound being made. This is the most time-tested manner of organ construction and means that the only electrified element of the instrument is the blower which supplies the air.

Disassembly, moving, and reassembly of such an instrument was no easy task. Led by local organ builder Terry Lambert, a skilled group of UUCE volunteers met in Portland to disassemble the instrument. Bob & Ruth Anne Fraley, Eric Swegles, Susanne Giordano, Mary DuBois, and Brad Schultz put in one LONG day, wrapping each pipe, and loading the disassembled organ case onto a truck. They were joined in Eugene by Rob Barnes and Emmet Band in the reassembly project.

We look forward to the many musical possibilities having this instrument presents to us here at UUCE. Those of you who play an instrument, this is an excellent organ to collaborate with, and the same goes for singers and choirs. If you're curious about how things work, I know our organ crew would be happy to tell you all about it. And, if you're ready to put your keyboard chops to the test, just ask Brad for a lesson!

Brad Schultz



UUCE Worship



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

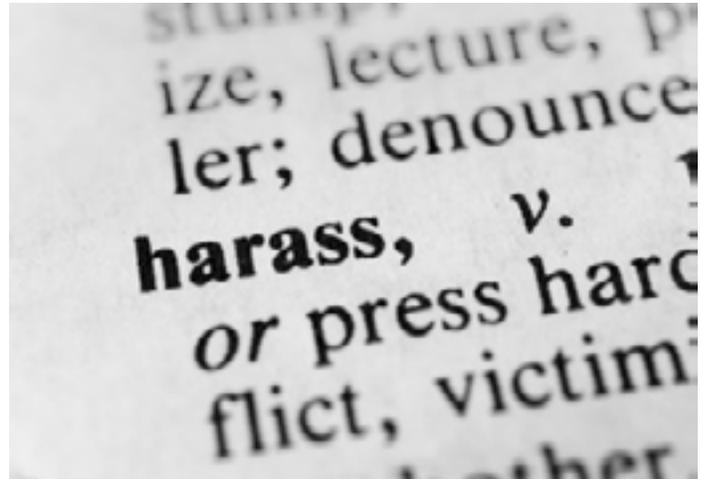
April 2018 - Theme: Sustaining

4/1	Tie-Dye Jam: Last week we tied napkins, and this week we will finish our projects by applying the dye – these napkins will be made into sets and sold during the church auction, to help sustain our beautiful church.	Easter Celebration after service! Join us for crafting, wear bunny ears, make baby chicks out of pom-poms, and of course, the annual Easter Egg Hunt! Turn in your eggs to get a sweet treat, but don't forget to look inside for the fun prizes held within!	
4/8	Mega-Decorate Lunch Sack Jam!! We plan to decorate 100 lunch sacks to get the program through the summer – join us in this sustaining activity, and let your creativity shine!		Middle School Meet Up – Acting from a place of self-acceptance makes us better equipped to engage with the world.
4/15	Candle-stick Jam: Make your own beeswax candle and let your light shine.	Meditation Jam: Join Kimberly and Connie in a time of guided meditation, quiet contemplation, or meditative chant and song (Taize). This is an opportunity to explore different ways to enter into meditative states, sustaining the life force that flows through us all.	
4/22	This Jam is still under construction... check back later.		
4/29	UU Challenge Jam: An opportunity to explore our Principles, those covenantal commitments that sustain us as a people of faith – plus you'll be powered up by your principles talisman.	Meditation Jam: Join Kimberly and Connie in a time of guided meditation, quiet contemplation, or meditative chant and song (Taize). This is an opportunity to explore different ways to enter into meditative states, sustaining the life force that flows through us all.	Middle School Meet Up – How can we make a lasting difference in our communities? How can we ensure that our efforts are sustainable?



Bystander/Upstander Workshop
Saturday April 21st, 9:00-12:00PM
in the Sanctuary at the Unitarian Universalist Church,
1685 W 13th Ave, Eugene

Learn and practice how to intervene when someone is being harassed in a hateful way-without escalating the situation. Experienced teacher Nadia Telsey will lead this workshop where you will learn and practice several ways to appropriately intervene to support a person who is being bullied. This free workshop will include lecture, video, demonstration, handouts and practice. Attendance at the workshop must be limited to 20 participants. UUs will be given priority; online registration will open soon. This event is sponsored by the Refugee Sanctuary Project at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Temple Beth Israel Sisterhood, Sanctuary TBI, and the Springfield/Eugene chapter of SURJ (Showing Up For Racial Justice). For more details, contact Jennifer Rowan-Henry at jenrowan@yahoo.com or Connie Newman at connewm@gmail.com.



JUST FOR FUN
“Servants of the Frontier” Open Mic Event
April 21 5:00 to 7:00
UUCE social hall



*May you treasure the gifts of the mind
Through reading and creative thinking
So that you continue as a servant of the frontier.
John O'Donahue*

The leadership development committee is trying something new and therefore entering a new frontier. You are invited to be a servant of the frontier with us.

Everyone who is interested can participate in this open mic event, either as a performer or audience member.

If you play an instrument, recite poetry, sing or tell stories, please sign up for a 5 minute segment. If you would enjoy hearing from your talented fellow UU's, please come to listen and get to know each other. A light meal will be served and all ages are welcome.

Attendees are asked to bring an item for a dessert potluck. To sign up for a performance spot, contact Christine Santoro at: Cms1969@gmail.com 541-357-0930

Spotlight on Donations Cart

For several years, this donation cart has been in the hallway near the parking lot entrance. Ruth Duemler empties the box every Sunday after church. Recently she has received help from John Roy Wilson and others. She delivers donations to Occupy Medical and first Place Family Center. Justice Network wants to thank Ruth and her helpers for all the work she has done over the years. We are focusing on homelessness this year and would like to add a third donation site, Whitebird Clinic.

You can pick up a short list of needed items for each destination on the cart or at the Justice Network table after services. To find out more about these three non-profit organizations, check out their websites:

<http://occupy-medical.org/>

<https://www.svdpc.us/what-we-do/homeless-services/first-place-family-center/>

<http://whitebirdclinic.org/services/>

Here are some donations that have been requested:

OCCUPY MEDICAL

Socks
Tarps
Toothbrushes
Travel sized Toothpaste
Underwear
Pet food
Ziplock baggies
Wound care (new in sealed packaging)
Band-aids
Medical Tape
Gauze Pads
Antibiotic ointment, small packets (Bacitracin preferred)

FIRST PLACE FAMILY CENTER

Disposable diapers Sizes 4, 5, 6
Diaper Wipes
(Laundry Pods it is easier to control the amount used)
Dryer Sheets
Toothbrushes
Disposable Razors
Combs and Brushes
Deodorant
Shampoo
Conditioner
Twin Sheets, Blankets and Pillows (for our Night Shelter Program)

WHITE BIRD

Men's and women's clothing
Underwear
Pants
Shirts
Jackets
Coats
Shoes
Gloveshats, scarfs, etc.
Personal hygiene products and toiletries
Blankets and sleeping bags
Backpacks
Tarps



UUCE Outreach

Calling Future Leaders

The Leadership Development Committee works with members of the church community to help identify individuals interested in serving in leadership roles on the Board of Trustees, and on the Leadership Development Committee. Both groups carry a two year commitment per term, and a substantial amount of time from members. You can find descriptions of the responsibilities associated with these roles on our website. We are beginning our process of identifying nominees for candidacy for the 2018/2019 year. If you are currently a member of UUCE, and would like to explore whether one of these roles would be a good fit for you, please contact us for more information. LDC chair, Debra Eichner aceichner@msn.com or 541-731-5899 (phone or text)

Appreciation Strategy Humility
Commitment Responsibility Listening
Integrity **Leadership**
Honest Communication
Values Purpose Determination
Passion Principles



2018

Summer of Love Services Auction



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Thank you so much to all who donated so generously to the Summer of Love Services Auction! Please check the auction catalog 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.

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.

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.

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

Sanctuary Wall, Brick Pathway: Building and Grounds Report

The Building and Grounds team will install paneled columns in the corners behind the choir risers as part of our on-going work on sanctuary improvements. According to our acoustician, sound won't get trapped once we convert the 90-degree corners to 45 degrees. To create the new corners, we are using old-growth hemlock left over from remodeling the building. The old hemlock will blend with the new hemlock we installed on the back wall and save us money.

A concurrent project will be painting the short walls that adjoin the paneling. We don't need green on the wall anymore because the hemlock paneling provides warmth and is the focal point. We will change the green to white, which will match the rest of the sanctuary.

We continue to experiment with potential additional elements for the wall, and plans are progressing for a carved chalice to beautify

the sanctuary and identify us as a Unitarian Universalist church.

B+G work in February and March included assisting with installation of the pipe organ, creating the brick walkways outside the east entry, repairing the door on the coffee cart, testing the kitchen stove, supervising electrical work needed in the room used by Sprouts Child Care Center, weeding the yard, responding to door alarms called in to our security company, improving the office of the congregational life consultant, recycling old materials, and hanging a new group of George Carroll's quilts in the sanctuary.

We work on a variety of projects every Tuesday from 9 to noon, and the coffee is always on. Join us!







SGM members for Food Rescue: Nikki, Scott, Cynthia, Susan, Ed, Eileen, and Bob. Joined by regular UUCE volunteers Laurel and Chris.

**Food for Lane County
Food Rescue Night**
Thursday April 26 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.

Joyce Salisbury's 90th Birthday Party Potluck



The family of UUCE's longest duration church member, Joyce Salisbury, invites any interested UUCE folks to attend her 90th birthday party and potluck dinner on Sunday, April 15, between 3 and 5pm in the Social Hall. Please bring an appetizer, entree, or salad to serve eight. Non-alcoholic drinks and cake will be provided. Or just stop by to wish this remarkable woman a very happy birthday! For more information and questions, contact Peg Jennette, peg_j2004@yahoo.com 541-913-3927.

Art Gallery Welcomes Lo Lewis



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“Evoking a feeling is what art means to me. I like to vary my subject matter but my paintings seek to capture: a memory from my childhood, a different culture, a transitional change in my life, or how we are unique and different but similar in meaningful ways. I have no formal art training, but I try, most days, to look at the things/people around me and wonder how I might capture the feeling/essence of what I see.”

I was born in Korea shortly after the war, orphaned and found by missionaries who took me to Holt workers who found adoptive parents for me in the

US. I grew up in Montana and moved to Oregon after graduating from nursing school. My art comes from memories of growing up on the farm, appreciation for the outdoors and a love for wildlife.

Passions: Fitness, art, music, hiking/camping, traveling to other countries/cultures, reading and learning new things.

Education: BA in Business Administration/Marketing, MBA



Eugene Screening of "Human Flow" by director Ai Weiwei

June 7th, at 12 p.m.

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art

World-renowned artist and activist Ai Weiwei's documentary film *Human Flow* (2017, 140 min.) will be screened on June 7th, at 12 p.m. in the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art. The film screening is held in conjunction with the exhibition of Ai Weiwei's "Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads" series, on view at JSMA through June 24th, 2018.

Over 65 million people around the world have been forced from their homes to escape famine, climate change and war in the greatest human displacement since World War II. *Human Flow* is an epic film journey that depicts this global crisis through the lens of human experience. Captured over the course of an eventful year in 23 countries, the film follows a chain of urgent human stories that stretches across the globe in countries including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, France, Greece, Germany, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, and Turkey.

In a media and political context that paints refugees as either distant victims or threatening perpetrators, *Human Flow* film impels viewers to see "real people with real dreams and real needs," to think critically, and feel, their own relation to the reality of displacement, violence and inequality that the film brings into focus.

Join us for a post-film discussion led by Portland Meet Portland director Manuel Padilla.

Organized by University of Oregon student organization Define American, in partnership with the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics,



Oregon Humanities Center, and The Department of Romance Languages, among others.

The UU Refugee Sanctuary Project worked on bringing this film to Eugene for months before we learned that a UO group was doing it first and including a notable speaker. Although we are not direct sponsors, we feel that it is certainly worthy of inclusion in our church newsletter. Please click the link to complete this form.

<https://form.jotform.com/80785637431160>
Thanks!

Jennifer Rowan



Small groups met for deep conversation at General Assembly 2014 in Providence, RI.

Transitions Small Group Ministry (SGM)

This 8-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 5:00-7:00pm on 8 Wednesdays: April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23, May 30, and June 6, 2018. Commitment to

attend each session is requested. Register in the Lobby after the Sunday service on April 1, 8, and 15. A voluntary one-time donation of \$10-\$20 is suggested. This group will be facilitated by Ministerial Intern Sarah Skochko, intern@uueugene.org 541-686-2775x5.



UUUCE is one of the more than one hundred UU congregations participating

Championed by the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth (UUMFE), UUUCE's Earth Day service will be inspired by the Justice for #EachGeneration campaign. This initiative calls for 1,000 sermons in solidarity with the Juliana vs US youth, cumulatively across many faiths including at least 100 UU sermons. It will come as no surprise that UUUCE will be one of those congregations!

The 21 Juliana youth are pressing a constitutional lawsuit against the United States president and federal government for failure to meaningfully address climate change (Juliana vs US). The suit asserts that, "through the government's affirmative actions that cause climate change, it has violated the youngest generation's constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property, as well as failed to protect essential public trust resources."

A part of the Earth Day service, in solidarity with the Juliana youth, the UUMFE and the greater faith community, **UUUCE's community collection for April will go to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth.**

What is the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth: We are a community of Unitarian Universalists who are spiritually nurtured by our relationship with the Earth and who choose to offer the gifts of our love, our time, our energy, and our resources to build a just and enduring Earth home.

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Free Gardening Course at UUUCE

Are you a beginning gardener on a tight budget? Do you want to grow your own healthy food but don't know how? If so, you'll learn just about everything you need to know during the free, six-week Seed to Supper course that will meet at church from 1-3 p.m. on Tuesdays, starting April 3.

The focus is on low-cost ways to create a bountiful garden in containers or in the ground. The course, taught by trained facilitators, Master Gardeners and church members Barbara Dumesnil and Valerie Elliott, is offered by UUUCE's Earth EqUUity Food Project in conjunction with Food for Lane County.

UUUCE is a new site for the Seed to Supper course, which has been presented in Lane County since 2015.

"It's a really popular program that continues to grow," says Jen Anonia, Food for Lane County's Gardens Program Manager. "We're reaching out to people and the feedback has been great."

Participants get a free gardening book, seeds and other goodies. Registration is required. Contact Jen Anonia: jen@foodforlanecounty.org (541) 343-2822. Or sign up online: www.foodforlanecounty.org/gardens

With organic best wishes,
Valerie Elliott

