

Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene

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



May: Centering

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UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, May 20 – 27, 2018

Sunday, 5/20

- 9:45-11:15am **Childcare: Infants and toddlers**, Rm 4; **Preschool**, Rm 3.
10:00-11:00am **Church Service, Community Offering**, Sanctuary, Social Hall.
10:00-11:30am **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. Dr. Sydney Morris.
11:30am-12:30pm **UU Refugee Sanctuary Project**, Rm 7. Connie Newman.
11:30am-1:30pm **Getting Past Ouch! (Session 2)**, Rm 5. Peter P., 541-484-6705.

Monday, 5/21 No open UUCE events listed.

Tuesday, 5/22

- 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, 5/23

- 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.
7:00-7:30pm **Mid-Week Worship Service (open)**, SE. Sarah Skochko.
7:00-8:30pm **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**, S. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.
7:00-9:00pm **Open Men's Group**, Room 7. Emmet Band, 707-327-9386.

Thursday, 5/24

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

Friday, 5/25

- 10:00-11:30am **Mindful Parenting Group**, Rms 1 & 2. Kelsey K., 541-505-1193.
6:30-8:30pm **The Artist's Way (open)**, C. Lynzie Kronheim, 541-228-1033.

Saturday, 5/26 No open UUCE events listed.

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3:00-5:00pm **Marti Berger Memorial Service (Open)**, S, SH.

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

Music Director: Brad Schultz & Ministerial Intern: Sarah Skochko

May 20, 2018

Gathering Music	<i>How Can I Keep from Singing?</i>	Arr. Clif Hardin
Interlude	<i>Devotional #46</i>	Dom Paul Benoit, O.S.B.
Welcome and Call to Worship		
Introit	<i>A Prayer in Spring</i>	Gwyneth Walker
Lighting of the Chalice		
Hymn	<i>Oh, Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers Today</i>	64
Story for All Ages / SpiritJam	Recessional	
Meditation		
Anthem	<i>The Pasture</i>	Z Randall Stroope
The Sound of Trees		
Anthem	<i>The Road Not Taken</i>	Randall Thompson
Offertory	<i>Robert Frost</i>	Jay Leonhart
Congregation Round	<i>Tree at My Window</i>	
Anthem	<i>Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening</i>	Eric Whitacre
Directive		
Solo	<i>Dust of Snow; The Rose Family; The Line-Gang</i>	Elliott Carter
Closing Words		
Anthem	<i>Choose Something Like a Star</i>	Randall Thompson
Hymn	<i>My Life Flows On in Endless Song</i>	108
Extinguishing the Chalice		
Postlude	<i>Fugue a la Gigue</i>	J.S. Bach

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. We wish to celebrate our youngest congregants. The presence of children is a gift to the Church and reminds us that our congregation is strong and growing! Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents. It is good to be together.

COMMUNITY OFFERING GOES WILD IN MAY – Do you cherish wilderness? Are you concerned about policies that threaten the environment? If so, please support Cascadia Wildlands, the Eugene-based conservation organization that is devoted to protecting wilderness and wildlife. It is the recipient of our Community Offering today, May 20. Learn more at www.cascwild.org. Valerie Elliott, community-offering@uueugene.org.

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 topics for today are Mandala Jam, Labyrinth Jam, and Meditation Jam. 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. 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 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 "Social Action and Community Service." Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris, minister@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x1.

UU REFUGEE SANCTUARY PROJECT – All are welcome to attend our bimonthly meeting today, May 20, 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 7. The agenda will include the June 8 reception for the "We Are Neighbors" photo exhibition at the UUCE gallery, NORCOR AND ICE protests, and World Refugee Day on June 20. Connie Newman, refugees@uueugene.org, 541-543-1685.

GETTING PAST OUCH! COVENANTAL REPAIR AND KEEPING – Today will be the final session of this 2-session Adult Religious Education Program workshop, presented by the UUCE Board's Covenantal Conversations Task Force. Learn how to Notice, Engage, and Transform non-covenantal behavior here and at home. Live our UUCE Mission: "Empowered by love, we transform ourselves and serve our world." Presenters will include Peter Powers, Dave DeCou, and Poppy Lochridge. Snacks and childcare provided. Registration is encouraged, but drop-ins are also welcome. Today, May 20 (Session 2) from 11:30am-1:30pm in Room 5. These sessions will be offered again in the fall of 2018, and periodically thereafter, to give all in the church community the opportunity to attend. Peter Powers, 541-484-6705.

OUTREACH

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 on May 24. Barbara Flitcroft, barwood13@earthlink.net, 503-704-4105 (texting is best).

FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY VOLUNTEER NIGHT –Thursday, May 24, 6:30-8:30pm, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene. UUCE volunteers meet on the 4th Thursday each month to repackage 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, 541-344-9037. Or just show up!

SPOTLIGHT ON DONATION CART – The Merry Month of May is not so merry if you are unhoused. Please bring items for Occupy Medical, First Place Family Center, and White Bird Clinic to the donation cart in the hall near the Kitchen. Lists of needed items are on the cart and at the Justice Network table in the Lobby after the Sunday service. Barb Prentice, barbprentice1@gmail.com, 541-302-8151. Ruth Duemler, ruthduemler@gmail.com, 541-484-6145.

CONNECTING

MARTI BERGER MEMORIAL SERVICE – The congregation is invited to a memorial service for Marti Berger on Sunday, May 27, from 3-5pm in the Sanctuary and Social Hall. Marti was a part of the UUCE community for many years.

SECULAR ZEN – Everyone is welcome to these ongoing free sessions in the UUCE Chapel that will offer contemplative tips, especially for those facing serious illness, injury, or terminal diagnoses. The dates and time are to be determined. For more information, please contact Deb Huntley, MA, Contemplative Psychology (Naropa), opencirclezen@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY ART GALLERY – In May, the theme is "Beneath the Surface," and features x-ray images of metal devices inserted in various parts of the body. These images have been assembled by Martha Snyder in appreciation of the benefits these devices provide in enhancing the quality of life for many people. Martha Snyder, msnyder@momentsintimeexhibits.com, 541-484-0197.

ADMINISTRY



NEXT DEVELOPMENTAL MINISTER FOR UUCE – The search for a new developmental minister has been completed. The Board is delighted to announce the name and background of our new minister on Sunday, May 27, during the church service. Barbara Kellogg, president@uueugene.org, 541-510-9795.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS! VOTE AT THE UUCE ANNUAL MEETING, SUNDAY, JUNE 10 –

A reminder: per our by-laws, only members making a financial contribution to the church in the preceding 12 months are eligible to vote. If you have not contributed, get your contribution in now, regardless of amount, in order to vote at this year's meeting. Sunday, June 10, 11:30am-1:30pm in the Sanctuary. For questions, contact membership chair Erin Troberg, memb-chair@uueugene.org, 541-870-2054.

REQUEST FOR INPUT ABOUT UUCE WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA – Recently, there has been some revision of the UUCE website, uueugene.org. We welcome your input regarding our website and our social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube). If you are connected with a church program, please review that web page for its content and for any updates that may be needed. Please send comments to Business Manager Wayne Parker, bizmanager@uueugene.org. Thank you.

WORSHIP



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 27 – “Forward Through the Ages.” Every ministry of this church and the Universalist one that preceded it have brought gifts to this moment in time. This service is one of naming the good that flows in unending line through us and into the next era. There will be an Extended Offertory to burnish the church budget. Rev. Dr. Sydney Morris.

JOIN US FOR SPIRITJAM ON SUNDAY, MAY 27 – The topic will be Whole Group Jam and will feature centering exercises.

MID-WEEK WORSHIP – All are welcome to attend this shorter, mid-week, intergenerational evening worship service on Wednesdays, from 7-7:30pm in the South Entry. The service will include singing, storytelling, and a brief homily. Children are welcome! For more information, contact Ministerial Intern Sarah Skochko, intern@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x5.

CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 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 May 23. All are welcome. For more information, contact Debra Eichner, aceichner@msn.com, 541-731-5899.

COB HOUSE BUILDING – All are encouraged to help complete the construction of the UU Cob House walls. We'll then hire a roofer to finish this project. Join us on the Playground from 10am to 6pm: Tuesday, May 29 through Friday, June 1; the following week from Tuesday, June 5 through Friday, June 8; and on Sundays, June 3 and 10. There are jobs for all ages and abilities. No experience is needed. You are welcome to bring snacks, beverages, and music to share. Details about the project and sign-up sheets are available on one of the tables near the entrance to the Chapel. Drop-in attendance is welcome. If you know of an available cement mixer, we would like to borrow it for this project. Thank you. For questions, please contact Sean Hammond, 2spacyhammonds@comcast.net, 541-349-2454.

“SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE” – Author Ijeoma Oluo will give a free talk on her national bestseller, which the National Review of Books stated “is more than a primer on racism. It is a comprehensive conversation guide.” The UUCE Challenging Racism: Putting Love into Action group is encouraging as many UUs as possible to attend this presentation. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Thursday, May 31, 6pm, at the Downtown Eugene Public Library, 100 West 10th Avenue. For more information, contact Eugene Public Library, www.eugene-or.gov/library, 541-682-5450.

COMING OF AGE CREDO DINNER – All are invited to the Coming of Age Credo Dinner on Saturday, June 9, from 5-7pm in the Social Hall. This event will honor the Coming of Age youth: Megan Lawver, Maddie Heffernan-Moore, Emily Hatfield, Faolan Barrett, Lexi Scanlon, Tom Troberg, and Aidan Margerum. UUCE will provide a noodle bar with sauces, ice cream for dessert, music by the Sanctuary Choir, and the sacred space for our youth to share their Credo Statements. You are asked to bring a favorite potluck dish to share (including ice cream toppings) and a photo of your 13-15-year-old self for our Coming of Age gallery. Katy Siepert, uucedre@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x2.



*Tree at my window, window tree, my sash is lowered when
night comes on;
but let there never be curtain drawn
between you and me.*

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: _____