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UUCE Minister

Minister's Message

Transitions:

As summer begins and we encounter a troubled world, I want to remind everyone to add a sense of play into our daily life. Play is a holy device and needed if we are to stretch ourselves for the hard work at hand. My professor at Boston University School of Theology wrote, "When the moment is right, Spirit breathes new life into dry bones." Play is a way to integrate and learn new things; it is a way to come up with new solutions. When we play well with others, we come to know ourselves better and to push ourselves outside our comfort zones.

Think about children on a playground or in a home made house fort. Play is active; it is not sitting on the couch watching the news endlessly. We come to church to gather ourselves together to explore new ways of being in the world. Through modern sacred text and playfulness, we encounter the holy in ourselves and others.

In this time of transition in the office and ministry, some things will change as we learn to live into a new ministry. As the church and staff catch our breath and figure out how best to move forward, we will piece ourselves together and try new ways of working through the transitions that will happen in a short period of time. As your transitional minister, I look forward to facilitating the shift and holding the sacred space for learning and growth, as we travel into a new era of this community's deeper spiritual, emotional, and physical expressions.

Rev. Kimberly



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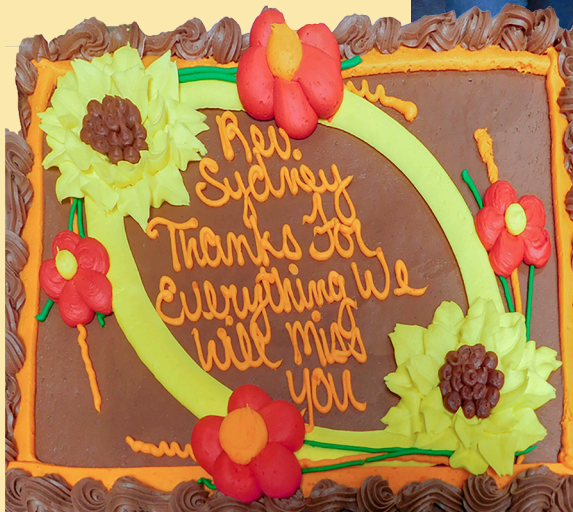
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UUCE Communications



Congratulations to Our Graduating Seniors!
Hannah Brandlow, Cheshire Jones, Amanda Allender, Lily Wilson



UUCE Communications

Coming of Age Program Ends in Celebration Dinner

Aiden Margerum

"My family and my friends are what I value the most. They help me through tough times and they have always taught me to love everyone, no matter their race, age, gender, or class. I also value the people that work hard to make our culture a less violent, more loving community."

Faolan Barrett

"In accepting the fact that I do not believe in any higher power, I turned to the people and relationships around me in order to find answers in life. I have concluded, through interactions with my family and friends, that my meaning in life comes from the good people around me, who have helped me understand others' perspectives and broadened my view on the world."

Maddie Hefferman-Moore

"For me the purpose of life is to be happy, also to feel that you are a member of the community that you want to be in, and knowing that others are in theirs. Also to know you have, can, and will help anyone and everyone in need."

Megan Lawver

"I have observed that, when you spend your time being happy, the people around you feed off of that energy and then they get happier. From there it spreads like a ripple, because then they will go be happy with their other friends, which means that the happiness keeps on spreading."





Back: Tom Troberg, Jon Miller, Erik Troberg, Dick Loescher, Cynthia Munyon
 Front: Merri Carlisle, Barbara Dumesnil, Faolan Barrett, Lexi Scanlon, Maddie Hefferman-Moore, Emily Hatfield, Megan Lawver, Aiden Margerum
 Photos from Rich and Sonya Margerum

Thomas Troberg

"But most importantly, the campfire throughout history has been the main conduit for human connection, and that, ladies and gentlemen, is what I think true spirituality is. If you ask me, true spirituality comes not in churches or cathedrals, but at rock concerts, or when walking downtown, when striking a chord or starting a chorus."

Emily Hatfield

"At this point in my life, I do believe that not all spiritual moments happen in a church but that they happen when we make time for them in our lives. I do believe when you look at the little and big things in life, spiritualness can occur. And I do believe that you can be spiritual and have spiritual experiences."

Lexi Scanlon

"To me, we don't have to listen or hear or obey, but by hoping that we will feel the love and respect from the people we love, we can bring out the best beauty and not the worst horror."

CoA Mentors and Supporters

- Barbara Dumesnil
- Kitty Carlisle
- Rachael Pruitt
- Erik Troberg
- Jon Miller
- Kali Polizzi
- Cynthia Munyon
- Dick Loescher
- Susan Schneider
- Laurel Allender
- Vicky Scheuerell



UUUCE Outreach



New Members

Thomas Romano

Most of my life I lived in California. I was born in Eugene, but moved to California at the age of one or two. I have travelled to a few places, studied art for two months in northern Italy, travelled to Holland, Luxembourg, Belgium, Spain, France and Germany. I've also visited Canada, Hawaii, Alaska, and Mexico. I am a published children's book author and illustrator and have four children's books published on Amazon. In addition, I have collaborated with several other authors in illustrating their book covers and designing book jackets. I currently work for the Lane Country ESD as a classroom teacher's assistant, and hope to get into teaching secondary.

What attracts me most to this church is the fellowship of being with people who are progressive and open-minded (or at least try to be) and in being active with communities. I was formerly very active with the Rogue Valley Unitarian Fellowship of Portland, and the Berkeley Unitarian Fellowship.

Carmen Rodriguez

Most of my life I lived in Salt Lake City, Utah. My interests include paganism, nature, beauty, art, and cats. What attracts me most about this church is the sense of warmth and welcoming I felt when I first came to UUUCE.

Liz Lowery

I grew up in Seattle and spent most of my twenties in Muenster, Germany before moving here to Eugene. I'm interested in theatre, hiking and obsessively listening to the Hamilton sound track.

I'm attracted to this church because of the non-judgmental community and focus on humanism.

Sarah Kordan

I grew up in Connecticut and moved to Oregon in 2001. I am a Certified Financial Planner. When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time with my family, including my three year-old daughter, and friends.

What attracts me most about this church is the community, the open-mindedness of members, and the focus on social justice.

Melody Penzotti

I've lived most of my adult life in Northern California (Kelseyville and Santa Rosa). I was born in Eugene and spent most of my childhood in the Grants Pass area.

My hobbies are reading historical mystery books, cooking and gluten free baking, downhill skiing, visiting historical sites and museums, and gardening.

What I love about UUUCE is how people from all walks of life and at all stages of their journeys are welcome and celebrated.

Cate Dikoff

I moved from Michigan to Seattle in 1977 and lived there for 40 years. I loved it for about 30 of those years, before it started becoming the big, congested techno-center it is today. My husband and I moved to Eugene almost a year ago and we love it here.

I'm a big reader and classical music fan - your basic introvert. Crowds, parties and large social gatherings are tough for me. I've really enjoyed the Small Group Ministry events. I learned a bit about UU over the years from a cousin who wrote his master's thesis on the church. I was most impressed by the commitment to social action and abstention from dogma. When we moved to Eugene, I promised myself to try to become more involved in the community than I have been in Seattle; this church is one of the ways I've chosen to do that.

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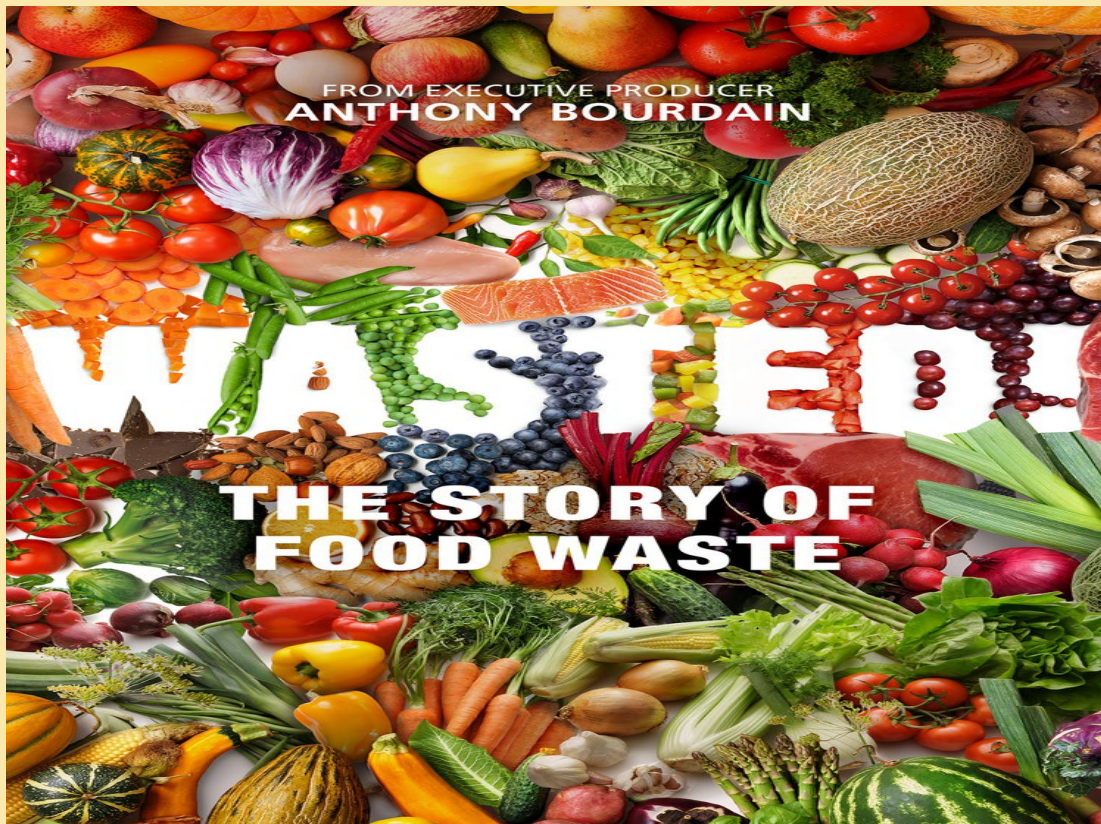
Friday August 10, 2018

Central Lutheran - 1857 Potter Street, Eugene

*Entrance - East Side Parking Lot

6:30pm Popcorn

Movie @ 7pm



Through the eyes of famous chefs, audiences will see how they make the most of every kind of food, transforming what most people consider scraps into incredible dishes that create a more secure food system.

Free to All and
Fundraiser for That's My Farmer
Community Supported Agriculture - Low Income Fund.

UUCE Outreach



Attention
All Book Sale Fans

The next UUCE book sale is tentatively being planned for early October. Now is the time to start setting aside all your lovingly used books, music, DVDs, etc. so you will be ready for the big day(s). Tuck those items away and watch for more information in the fall.

Book Sale Committee
Sue Craig and Judy Sawyer

Seeking UUs Interested in Addressing Girl Trafficking

Kristina Jones is a UUCE member, a life-long UU, a music professional, and a meditation teacher. She is seeking other UUs who might be interested in working with her on addressing girl trafficking in Eugene. Kristina has been working as volunteer in the field for 25 years, beginning in Kathmandu, Nepal where she co-founded the first 501c3 organization in the country and built a safe house. Since then she has worked in Portland, Oregon with various agencies and First Unitarian Church of Portland on this issue. She has been in Eugene for the past 2 ½ years and now wants to find others to work with her to combat this terrible tragedy locally. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kristina Jones, bkristinajones22@gmail.com, 503-880-5086.

Sincerely,

Dick Loescher



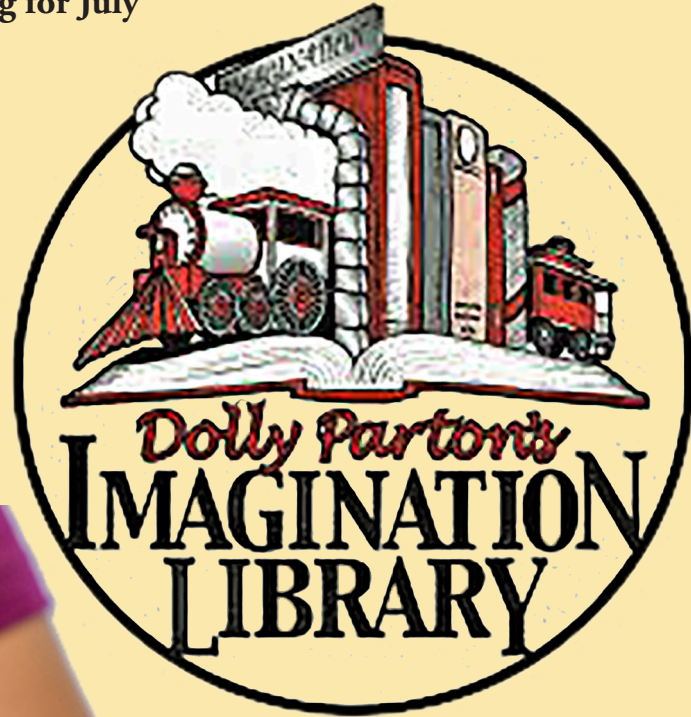
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Third Sunday Community Offering for July

Imagination Library will be the recipient of our July, 2018 Community Offering. Imagination Library is an international program, started by Dolly Parton, to make books more available to young children in her community, because early experience with reading is so important to their futures.

The Eugene chapter, sponsored by the Eugene Public Library Foundation, was formed in 2014, to help local children become "reading ready" by the time they start kindergarten. Families who live in the City of Eugene can sign up their kids, ages birth through four, and Imagination Library will send each child a new book every month. The books are a free gift for the kids to keep. As of October 20, 2017, over 5000 children have benefited from this program.

Our May donation to Cascadia Wildland totaled \$1,333.15.



Celebration of Life for Candee Cole

July 29, 2018, 4 to 9pm

On her birthday with a Halloween theme to honor her playful spirit and favorite holiday! Please bring a potluck dish, wear a costume if desired and let us know if you will need child care. Contact cd_writer@msn.com

Many thanks,

Judy Shaw

We will need about 12 volunteers to assist with set up, greeting, circulating in the social hall and cleanup. We are planning a pot luck, karaoke, costumes and more. There will be out of town guests. Candee had a large community of friends including Elliot, RE friends, Lotsa Helping Hands and folks in Washington and Canada.

Any one who can commit help or food, I would like to develop these lists asap. There may also be need for a few overnight accommodations for folks from out of town.

Thanks in advance for your help in honoring a beloved member of our UUCE Community

Charlotte Writer

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Thursday July 19th, 6:30-8:45pm
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.



**Creative Arts Eliot Camp 2018 for UUs and
their Friends and Family**
Saturday, August 11 through Wednesday, August 15, 2018

"Creative Arts Eliot" takes place at the beautiful Seabeck Conference Center on Hood Canal in Seabeck, Washington and offers opportunities for UUs and friends and relatives to enjoy many wonderful aspects of a multi-generational "summer camp" experience, while also pursuing an interest in one or more artistic or creative endeavors. Talented presenters will delight and inspire during a five-day camp full of learning and fun with morning workshops in Poetry, Small Art Quilts, Paper Maskmaking, Improvisation, Photography, Painting, and Songwriting; and afternoon workshops in Theater Games, Dragon Sculpting, and Intermediate Ukulele.

An additional morning program, "Active Sports," will be available for those wanting a more physical activity, with biking, hiking, kayaking, all possible options based on the interests of those who sign up. Campers choose one or two workshops to focus on while at camp, and spend the rest of their time enjoying waterfront fun, sports, games, walks, campfires, singing, UU community, worship, cards and board games, evening programs and entertainment, and numerous other planned activities including Firelight, music/talent shows/concerts, and an "Extravaganza" on the last day to celebrate the fruits of everyone's creativity. For more information, please contact the Eliot Administrator at Eliotregistrar@gmail.com or visit our website at www.eliotinstitute.org.

UUCE Outreach



Art Gallery Welcomes Megan Dorrah

Megan Dorrah is a local artist who works with oil paint and pastels, photography and fiber art. This month she is presenting her series of paintings, Meditating Ladies. Megan preferred a hands-on approach to create these paintings, often using her fingers to blend oil paint sticks, oil pastels, soft pastels, pastel pencils and lacquers. The women depicted in the paintings are holding positive thoughts and good intentions, and are especially wishing to provide a calming strength for those who are suffering from loss or fear.

Megan and her two children joined the UUCE congregation in 2017.

