

# Weekly Church Calendar and Announcements

*Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene*

December 2, 2018



**Worship Theme for December: Mystery**

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# UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, December 2 – 9, 2018

## Sunday, 12/2

- 9:45-11:15am **Childcare: Infants and toddlers**, Room 4; **Preschool**, Room 3.  
10:00-11:00am **Church Service**, Sanctuary, Social Hall.  
10:00-11:30am **SpiritJam: RE for People of All Ages**, S, Rms 1, 2, 5, 6, 7.  
11:00am-noon **Information and Fundraising Tables**, Lobby, Social Hall.  
11:00am-1:00pm **Sunday Social**, Social Hall.  
11:15am-12:15pm **Faith Forward: Inquirers**, Chapel. Rev. Lois Van Leer.  
11:30am-12:30pm **UU Refugee Sanctuary Project**, Rm 6. Connie Newman.  
11:30am-1:00pm **Middle School Group**, Room 1. Katy Siepert.  
11:30am-1:00pm **High School Youth Group**, Rm 7. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.  
11:30am-1:00pm **Soul Matters**, Room 5. Katy Siepert.

## Monday, 12/3

- Noon-1:30pm **Book Group: *Tears We Cannot Stop***, Room 2. Steve Kuzma.

## Tuesday, 12/4

- 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.  
2:00-4:00pm **New Open Sister Circle**, Rm 5. Barbara Flitcroft, 503-704-4105.  
3:00-6:00pm **Earth EqUuity Food Project Produce Plus**, EE. Berry B.  
5:30-7:30pm **Touchstone Tuesday Potluck**, SH, K. Lizzy Utterback.  
7:00-9:00pm **Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO)**, Off-site. Kathy Filip.

## Wednesday, 12/5

- 10:00-11:00am **Moving Meditation**, Chapel. Barbara Flitcroft, 503-704-4105.  
5:00-8:30pm **Choir Childcare**, Rooms 1, 3. Katy Siepert. 541-686-2775x2.  
5:15-6:45pm **Chamber Singers Rehearsal**, S. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.  
5:30-7:30pm **Harry Potter & Sacred Text**, Off-site. Debra E., 541-731-5899.  
7:00-8:30pm **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**, S. Brad Schultz.  
7:00-8:30pm **Interfaith Shelter Team**, Rm 6. Kay Crider, 541-685-1437.  
7:00-9:00pm **Men's Group (Open)**, Room 7. Jim Kayser, 541-484-1840.

**Thursday, 12/6** No open UUCE events listed.

## Friday, 12/7

- 7:00-9:00pm **Holiday mUUvie Night**, S, SH. (Doors open at 6:30pm.)

## Saturday, 12/8

- 9:30am-12:30pm **Choir Concert Rehearsal**, S. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.

## Sunday, 12/9

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11:00am-1:00pm **Sunday Social**, Social Hall.  
11:15am-12:15pm **Faith Forward: Inquirers**, Chapel. Rev. Lois Van Leer.  
11:15am-12:30pm **Preparedness Support**, Rm 2. Bob Fraley. 541-485-0010.  
11:30am-12:30pm **Adult Our Whole Lives (OWL) Intro**, Rm 5. Katy Siepert.  
11:30am-1:00pm **Middle School Group**, Room 1. Katy Siepert.  
11:30am-1:00pm **High School Youth Group**, Rm 7. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.

**Legend:** C=Chapel; Cmte=Committee; EE=East Entrance; JN=Justice Network; K=Kitchen; Lib=Library; Lo=Lobby; MO=Minister's Office; O=Outside; P=Playground; RE=Religious Education; Rm=Room; S=Sanctuary; SE=South Entry; SH=Social Hall

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Sunday, December 2, 2018*

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Chaconne</i> by Georg Bohn; Susanne Giordano
<b>Gathering Song</b>	#1003 <i>Where Do We Come From</i> ; Brad Schultz
<b>Welcome</b>	Sam Rutledge
<b>Lighting of Chalice</b>	By Rev. David Bumbaugh
<b>Lighting of Advent Wreath</b>	<i>Rev. Lois Van Leer &amp; Sarah Skochko</i>
<b>Musical Response</b>	#225 <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> (Stanza 1)
<b>Call to Worship</b>	By Rev. Gordon B. McKeeman
<b>Musical Invocation</b>	<i>A-Wassailing</i> by Daniel Hughes; Sanctuary Choir
<b>Story for All Ages</b>	Adapted from <i>Oskar and the Eight Blessings</i> by Richard Simon and Tanya Simon; Katy Siepert
<b>Lighting of the Menorah</b>	
<b>SpiritJam Recessional</b>	
<b>New Member Ceremony</b>	
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>The Stars are with the Voyager</i> by Eleanor Daley
<b>Reading</b>	<i>Knowledge as an Island in a Sea of Mystery</i> by Chet Raymo
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Why is There Something Instead of Nothing?</i>
<b>Musical Reflection</b>	<i>Courante</i> by Dietrich Buxtehude
<b>Meditation</b>	
<b>Hymn</b>	#92 <i>Mysterious Presence, Source of All</i>
<b>Offering &amp; Offertory</b>	<i>Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming</i> , arr. Mark Hayes
<b>Words of Gratitude</b>	
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	#414 <i>As We Leave This Friendly Place</i>
<b>Chalice Extinguishing &amp; Benediction</b>	<i>Adapted from Sarum Primer</i>
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Lullaby</i> by Jim Chappell

# HAPPENING TODAY

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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: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES – The topics today will be announced. We start in the Sanctuary at 10am, then leave for the classrooms when the children are sung out at about 10:15am. Parents, please pick up your children at 11:15am.

INFORMATION AND FUNDRAISING TABLES – Adult Our Whole Lives (OWL) Registration, Earth EquUity Food Project, Fair Trade Coffee Cart, Interfaith Shelter Week Committee, Justice Network, Kindness Team Greeting Card Project, Prepaid Wreath Pickup, Soul Matters Discussion Group Registration. 11am-noon, Lobby and Social Hall.

SUNDAY SOCIAL – Join us today from 11am-1pm in the Social Hall for refreshments and visiting with old and new friends.

PREPAID WREATH PICKUP – Pick up your preordered holiday wreath made by the Woodburn farmworker women (MLP) before or after church today, Dec. 2. Please check in with Joyce Thomas in either the north covered walkway area or at the Justice Network table to pick up your wreath and a colorful bow so she will know you got your order. Thanks.  
Joyce Thomas, [ajt@efn.org](mailto:ajt@efn.org), 541-729-1496.

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 and Unitarian Universalist principles. The series 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 will be "Worship and Seasons of the Year."  
Rev. Lois Van Leer, [Ivanleer@uuma.org](mailto:Ivanleer@uuma.org), 541-686-2775x1.

UU REFUGEE SANCTUARY PROJECT – Join us as we discuss our ongoing work on behalf of refugees, asylees, and immigrants in our community, across the state, and beyond. All are welcome. Today, December 2, from 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 6.  
Connie Newman, [refugees@uueugene.org](mailto:refugees@uueugene.org), 541-543-1685.

SOUL MATTERS – Join us in small group discussions on the sermons, readings, and other themes. Today's topic is "Memory." Sign up in the Lobby or online, <https://goo.gl/forms/N2HkUieQGkRX5tSN2>. We meet today, Dec. 2 from 11:30am-1pm in Room 5, and again on Sunday, Dec. 16 (topic "Mystery"). Drop-in attendance is also welcome.  
Katy Siepert, [uucedre@gmail.com](mailto:uucedre@gmail.com), 541-686-2775x2.

# OUTREACH

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**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. Our next date is December 4. For more info or to volunteer, visit the Earth EqUuity table in the Lobby after the Sunday service or contact Berry Broadbent, [EEFood@ueeugene.org](mailto:EEFood@ueeugene.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, December 4 from 7-9pm. All are welcome. New attendees, please arrive at 6:30pm for greetings and orientation. HCAO is a UUCE Justice Network sponsored volunteer organization.

Kathy Filip, [healthcare@ueeugene.org](mailto:healthcare@ueeugene.org), 248-891-9890.

**PREPAREDNESS SUPPORT GROUP** – Are you prepared for survival in the aftermath of a disaster? Join us for this periodic meeting, where we will discuss what we are doing to improve our preparedness and share ideas for future work. Sunday, Dec. 9, 11:15am-12:30pm in Room 2. Bob Fraley, [fraley@acm.org](mailto:fraley@acm.org), 541-485-0010.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE** – Look for the holiday barrel in the hallway through Sunday, December 16. Requested items include broth, gravy, canned olives, canned vegetables, canned yams/sweet potatoes, canned pumpkin, protein such as tuna and peanut butter, soups with protein, and treats/desserts. No glass containers, please.

Berry Broadbent, [EEFood@ueeugene.org](mailto:EEFood@ueeugene.org), 541-344-9037.

**SIGN UP FOR INTERFAITH SHELTER WEEK** – This year we'll be serving up to 20 families in need at St. Vincent de Paul's night shelter, which is now located at 4060 West Amazon, Drive, Eugene. Our dates of service will be Monday, January 7 through Monday, January 14, 2019.

1) Please use <http://signup.com/go/KrVdazw> to sign up to bring food and/or volunteer onsite. You can also sign up at church on Sundays at our table.

2) **Please complete a volunteer application ASAP** if you plan to volunteer onsite at the shelter in any capacity (food service, kitchen help, hospitality). Applications can be picked up at the Interfaith Shelter Week table in the Lobby or downloaded at [www.svdp.us/get-involved/volunteer/](http://www.svdp.us/get-involved/volunteer/), via the link "First Place Night Shelter (Annex Building) Volunteers."

Return completed applications to our table or to any UUCE Annex Team member, identified by red "Ask Me" ribbons.

3) We will need one person each shift with a Food Handler's Certificate.

Please consider getting one of these certificates, which lasts for three years, at [www.orfoodhandlers.com/eMain.aspx?State=Oregon](http://www.orfoodhandlers.com/eMain.aspx?State=Oregon).

Thank you! Barb Prentice, [barbprentice1@gmail.com](mailto:barbprentice1@gmail.com), 541-302-8151.

## STEWARDSHIP

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**FAIR TRADE COFFEE CART GIFT SUGGESTIONS** – Holiday shopping suggestion: Help UUCE and Help the World. Fair Trade organic coffees, teas, chocolates and cocoa make the perfect gift for your socially conscious friends. UUCE receives part of the sales price and your gift helps support small farm growers around the world through direct trade via Equal Exchange. Visit the UUCE Fair Trade Coffee Cart every Sunday after the service to make your purchase. Free gift wrap provided. Look for us at our new location near the north entrance.

Laramie Palmer, [coffeecart@uueugene.org](mailto:coffeecart@uueugene.org), 541-343-6536.

**HARVEST ONLINE AUCTION** – Our auction is in full swing through December 2, and so many items are waiting for your bid. Shout out to families: there are a few items especially made for you. Be sure to check them out! To register to bid, send a message to [auction@uueugene.org](mailto:auction@uueugene.org). If you do not have a computer, you can get help with bidding after church at the Harvest Holidays Events table.

**HELP US GROW: GIVE ELECTRONICALLY** – There are now two new ways to give electronically. These methods are fast and secure, and they reduce administrative costs. Give anytime, anywhere. Schedule and manage recurring donations, make one-time donations, or pay for events, programs, and activities. Make donations using a debit/credit card or checking/savings account. To give electronically, visit our website, [www.uueugene.org](http://www.uueugene.org), and download the GivePlus Church App, or simply text 541-625-1452 with a dollar amount to get started.

For any questions, contact Jen Dondero, [accounting@uueugene.org](mailto:accounting@uueugene.org), 541-686-2775x6.

## CONNECTING

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**KINDNESS TEAM REQUEST: OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE** –The Kindness team is looking for a few new members. We are here to offer a helping hand in times of medical and social need. People joining our team need to be members of UUCE for one year, willing to have a security clearance, and able to attend the orientation and update session on Thursday, December 13 from 6-9pm in Room 2. Current members, please bring your folders for updated materials.

Charlotte Writer, [cd\\_writer@msn.com](mailto:cd_writer@msn.com), 541-935-1170.

**NEW OPEN SISTER CIRCLE ON FIRST TUESDAY EACH MONTH** – If you identify as a sister and want to explore the spiritual side of a variety of topics, you are welcome to join us. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 2-4pm in Room 5. The next meeting will be on December 4. Barbara Flitcroft, [barwood13@earthlink.net](mailto:barwood13@earthlink.net), 503-704-4105.

**TOUCHSTONE TUESDAY POTLUCK** – On the first Tuesday of each month, we have a potluck from 5:30-7:30pm in the Social Hall with grace offered at 6pm. Adults with children can take the night off from cooking and be our guests. The next potluck will be on December 4.

Lizzy Utterback, [tuesdaypotluck@uueugene.org](mailto:tuesdaypotluck@uueugene.org), 858-204-3938.

## CONNECTING (CONT.)

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HOLIDAY MUUVIE NIGHT – Join us for a FREE holiday movie, the hilarious *Elf*, starring Will Ferrell. All ages are welcome. Grab your family, friends and some comfy clothes (pajamas are welcome). Popcorn, soda, and candy will be available for purchase. Friday, December 7, 7-9pm, in the UUCE Sanctuary and Social Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm.

## CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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HARRY POTTER AND THE SACRED TEXT – We read and discuss the books we love, looking deeper into the texts for their sacred meaning. It's Harry's second year at Hogwarts, and we are thrilled to join him and explore his world through the themes of innocence, shame, recognition, belonging and more! We meet every two weeks on Wednesday, from 5:30-7:30pm, as follows, with a break for the winter holidays: Dec. 5, Dec. 19, Jan. 9, Jan. 23, and every two weeks thereafter.

Contact Debra Eichner for meeting location and topic: [aceichner@msn.com](mailto:aceichner@msn.com), 541-731-5899.

ADULT OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) – This comprehensive sexuality education curricula models caring, compassion, respect, and justice in all our relationships. OWL addresses topics typically excluded from sexuality education and health classes, including sexual expression, identity, orientation, and life issues for adults of all ages. Join us to gain information, boost self-knowledge, enhance sexual safety, and strengthen social skills. This course will be interactive, inclusive, welcoming, and fun! To participate in the course, please attend an introductory session on Sunday, Dec. 9 or on Sunday, Jan. 6, from 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 5. The course will take place each Sunday, Jan. 13 through March 31, from 3-5pm in Room 7. More info and registration will be available in the Lobby after the Sunday service.

Katy Siepert, [uucedre@gmail.com](mailto:uucedre@gmail.com), 541-686-2775x2.

CHALLENGING RACISM COMMITTEE PRESENTS EXAMINING WHITENESS: A UUA ANTI-RACISM CURRICULUM – Join us for this learning experience, with trained facilitators leading discussions about this course material from the UUA. See [www.uua.org/racial-justice/curricula/whiteness](http://www.uua.org/racial-justice/curricula/whiteness) for more info. We will form two small groups: One on a weekday evening and one on a weekday afternoon. Each group will meet twice a month for four months beginning in January 2019.

Please fill out a registration form after the Sunday service at church.

Steve Kuzma, [skuzmaphoto@icloud.com](mailto:skuzmaphoto@icloud.com), 734-678-3732.

## WORSHIP

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 – “The Voice of God.” Throughout history, people have reported hearing direct revelations and instructions from the divine. Some religious scriptures are said to be inspired by the word of God as well. How can Unitarian Universalists - including those who do not believe in God - interpret and understand these mystical experiences? Intern Minister Sarah Skochko will be the speaker.