

Weekly Church Calendar and Announcements

Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene

December 16, 2018



Worship Theme for December: Mystery

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ORDER OF SERVICE

December 16th, 2018

Prelude	<i>Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas</i> , arr. Mark Hayes; Pianist Susanne Giordano
Minding the Gap	Minister Rev. Lois E. Van Leer
Introduction to “Deck the Halls”	
Gathering Song	#235 <i>Deck the Halls</i>
Welcome	Worship Associate Sam Rutledge
Lighting of the Chalice & Lighting of Advent Wreath	Rev. Lois E. Van Leer
Call to Worship	Chaim Stern; Sam Rutledge
Introduction to “The Holly and the Ivy”	Rev. Lois E. Van Leer
Invocation	<i>The Holly and the Ivy</i>
Story for All Ages	Director of Lifespan Religious Education Katy Siepert
SpiritJam Recessional	
Introduction to “Wassail Song”	Rev. Lois E. Van Leer
Carol	<i>Wassail Song</i>
Homily	<i>Here We Come A’ Caroling</i>
Introduction to “King Wenceslas”	
Carol	<i>King Wenceslas</i>
Musical Meditation	<i>Nouveau Livre de noels</i> by Michel Corrette; Susanne Giordano & Judy Shaw
Community Offering	First Place Night Shelter; Marilyn Milne
Offertory	<i>Mystery</i> by Bruce Cockburn; Sung by Kris Olsen & Sam Rutledge, accompanied by Jordan Dewein
Words of Gratitude	Sam Rutledge
Introduction to “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”	Rev. Lois E. Van Leer
Carol	<i>We Wish You a Merry Christmas</i>
Chalice Extinguishing / Benediction	Adapted from Charles Dickens; Sam Rutledge & Rev. Lois E. Van Leer
Postlude	Variations on <i>Puer Nobis</i> by Jean-Francois Dandrieu /Michael Burkhardt; Susanne Giordano

UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, December 16 – 23, 2018

Sunday, 12/16

- 9:45-11:15am **Childcare: Infants and toddlers**, Room 4; **Preschool**, Room 3.
10:00-11:00am **Church Service, Community Offering**, 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**, Room 6. Connie Newman.
11:30am-1:00pm **Soul Matters**, Room 5. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.
11:30am-1:00pm **Middle School Group**, Room 1. Ezra Black, 541-686-2775x2.
11:30am-1:00pm **High School Youth Group**, Rm 7. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.
11:30am-1:30pm **Challenging Racism**, Room 2. Steve Kuzma, 734-678-3732.

Monday, 12/17

- 5:00-7:00pm **Financial Oversight Review Cmte**, Rm 2. Phyllis, 541-510-2739.

Tuesday, 12/18

- 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.
3:00-6:00pm **Earth EquUity Food Produce Plus**, EE. Berry B., 541-344-9037.
6:00-8:00pm **UUCE Board**, Room 6. Lizzy Utterback, 858-204-3938.

Wednesday, 12/19

- 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, 541-686-2775x4.
7:00-9:00pm **Men's Group (Open)**, Room 7. Jim Kayser, 541-484-1840.

Thursday, 12/20

- 2:00-4:00pm **Spirited Sisters**, Chapel. Laramie Palmer, 541-343-6536.

Friday, 12/21

- 6:30-8:30pm **Solstice Spiral**, Sanctuary. Connie Newman, 541-543-1685.

Saturday, 12/22 No open UUCE events listed.

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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

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.

SPIRITJAM: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES – 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.

COMMUNITY OFFERING – St. Vincent de Paul's First Place Night Shelter Program has its own building, which provides stability for the unhoused people it serves. Our church, along with other community groups, support the residents by providing dinner, breakfast, and companionship. Today, December 16, we'll support First Place with our Community Offering to help defray expenses of their program. Marilyn Milne, community-offering@uueugene.org.

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, 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.

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, December 16, the topic will be "Pastoral Care and Small Groups" Rev. Lois Van Leer, 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 16, from 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 6. Connie Newman, refugees@uueugene.org, 541-543-1685.

SOUL MATTERS – Join us in small group discussions on the sermons, readings, and other themes. Sign up in the Lobby or online, <https://goo.gl/forms/N2HkUieQGkRX5tSN2>. Drop-in attendance is also welcome. Today, December 16, we meet from 11:30am-1pm in Room 5 to discuss the December worship theme "Mystery." Katy Siepert. uucedre@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x2.

HAPPENING TODAY (CONT.)

CHALLENGING RACISM: PUTTING LOVE INTO ACTION – Please join us as we commit to engaging in anti-racism work in ourselves, the church, and the world. Today, December 16, from 11:30am-1:30pm in Room 2. Steve Kuzma, kuzmaphoto@earthlink.net, 734-678-3732.

STEWARDSHIP

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, 541-343-6536.

MATCHING OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW OR INCREASED PLEDGES – As indicated in a recent letter to UUCE members and friends, any new or increased pledges for this church year will be matched up to \$30,000, which will help towards the goal of an additional \$37,000 that is needed to fund our budget for this church year. Thank you. Pledge Secretary Dave DeCou, pledges@uueugene.org, 541-513-5360.

ADMINISTRY

UUCE EMERGENCY TEXT ALERTS – If you would like to receive cellphone text alerts by instant messaging in the case of church closure due to weather or other church-related emergencies, leave your name, cell phone number, and cell service provider on the list at the Welcome Table, or email that information to Rob Barnes, thebugeye@comcast.net.

UUCE COMMUNICATIONS EVOLVING: *WEEKLY CONNECTIONS* – Like all of life, communications processes at UUCE are evolving. We have initiated a weekly email communication, *Weekly Connections*, that will be sent near mid-week and will combine features of the previous monthly *Connections* Newsletter and the Weekly eBulletin, both of which have now been retired. We express deep appreciation and thanks to Nisco Junkins, Bonnie Koenig, and Maryka Bhattacharyya for their work on the monthly *Connections* Newsletter. We are learning as we evolve and expect continued adjustments to the processes. For now, any announcements are still to be sent to publications@uueugene.org by Tuesday night, although the submission day may be moved earlier in the future. We welcome feedback. Stay tuned for further developments. Dick Loescher, Communications Task Force Chair, communications@uueugene.org, 541-485-1157.

UUCE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 THROUGH TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019 – The office will reopen on Wednesday, January 2.

CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

HARRY POTTER AND THE SACRED TEXT – We read and discuss the books we love, looking deeper into the texts for their sacred meaning. We meet every two weeks from 5:30-7:30pm, as follows, with a break for the winter holidays: Dec 19, Jan 9, Jan 23, and every two weeks thereafter. Contact Debra Eichner for the meeting location and topic: 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. To participate in the course, please attend an introductory session on Sunday, January 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 the Chapel. Register in the Lobby after the Sunday service. Katy Siepert, uucedre@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x2.

CHALLENGING RACISM COMMITTEE PRESENTS EXAMINING WHITENESS: A UUA ANTI-RACISM CURRICULUM – Join us for this learning experience, where trained facilitators will lead discussions about this course material from the UUA. See 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, 734-678-3732.

WORSHIP

SOLSTICE SPIRAL – A quiet ritual to mark the Solstice, the darkest day of the year and the start of winter, but also the beginning of the sun's return. To soft music, each person can take a candle and walk the spiral, adding their spark of light to the path. Friday, December 21, from 6:30-8:30pm in the Sanctuary. Connie Newman, connewm@gmail.com, 541-543-1685.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 – “Service Project Sunday.” During this special worship service, we will be putting together blessing bags full of snacks and personal care supplies for the homeless. Like last year, you will be able to take a few bags with you to hand out whenever you have a chance. Intern Minister Sarah Skochko will lead the service.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 – 4-5pm in the Sanctuary. Christmas Eve Family Service. This service is meant to be inclusive of all ages from cradle to sage. There will be singing and storytelling celebrating the Christmas Story. Director of Lifespan Religious Education Katy Siepert and Rev. Lois Van Leer.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 – 7-8pm in the Sanctuary. A quiet service of stories, music, and meditation on this season of the inbreaking of light. Intern Minister Sarah Skochko and Rev. Lois Van Leer.

CONNECTING

SPIRITED SISTERS – This ongoing discussion group is open to all women. We meet on the third Thursday each month from 2-4pm in the Chapel. Our next meeting will be on December 20. Laramie Palmer, spiritedsisters@uueugene.org, 541-343-6536.

OUTREACH

SIGN UP NOW TO FEED HUNGRY FAMILIES - MANY SPOTS OPEN! – UUCE is part of the Interfaith Night Shelter coalition that feeds families through St. Vincent de Paul's new Annex shelter at 4060 W Amazon Drive in Eugene. The week of January 7-14, 2019 we are feeding 20 families!

-To volunteer, sign up at our table in the Lobby on Sunday, or at: <http://signup.com/go/KrVdazw>.

-If you are providing food or ingredients, you *do not* need a background check or a food handler's license.

-If you will be helping to serve or cook on-site, please complete a very short volunteer application, which can be picked up at our table in the Lobby on Sunday or downloaded here: <https://www.svdp.us/get-involved/volunteer/>.

-We need one person on site with a food handler's license for each meal. You can obtain this license for \$10 at: www.orfoodhandlers.com/eMain.aspx?State+Oregon.

THANK YOU for helping UUCE live out our values through service!

Barb Prentice, barbprentice1@gmail.com, 541-302-8151.

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@uueugene.org, 541-344-9037.

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 distribution of food will be on December 18. For more information or to volunteer, visit the Earth EqUUity table in the Lobby after the Sunday service or contact

Berry Broadbent, eefood@uueugene.org, 541-344-9037.

DONATION CART FOR OCCUPY MEDICAL, FIRST PLACE FAMILY CENTER, AND WHITEBIRD CLINIC – Lists of needed items are on the cart near the Kitchen. Thank you. Ruth Duemler, ruthduemler@gmail.com, 541-484-6145. John Roy Wilson, jrw45@comcast.net, 541-687-6728.