

Weekly Church Calendar and Announcements

Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene

December 23rd-30th, 2018



Worship Theme for December: Mystery

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ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday, December 23, 2018

Gathering Prelude	<i>Adagio, from Symphony No. 5, by Charles-Marie Widor;</i> Organist Susanne Giordano
Opening Hymn	#253 <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>
Welcome & Call to Worship	Intern Minister Sarah Skochko
Hymn	#73 <i>Chant for the Seasons</i>
Lighting of the Chalice & Advent Wreath	Worship Associate August Sabini
Hymn	#226 <i>People Look East</i>
Homily	Sarah Skochko
Anthem	<i>A Christmas Pastorale (Sussex Carol)</i> by Charles Callahan; Organist Susanne Giordano, Flutist Judy Shaw
Offering	Special Collection: Pastoral Care Fund
Offertory	<i>Watchman, Tell Us of the Night</i> , arr. Mark Hayes
Words of Gratitude	August Sabini
Service Project	
Closing Hymn	#233 <i>Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella</i>
Chalice Extinguishing & Benediction	
Postlude	<i>Gabriel's Message</i> (trad. Basque carol) by Todd Beaney; Susanne Giordano

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Christmas Eve 2018 ~ 4pm Family Service

Prelude	<i>A Charlie Brown Christmas, Vince Guaraldi;</i> Music Director Brad Schultz
Welcome	Minister Rev. Lois E. Van Leer
Hymn	<i>#225 O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>
Chalice Lighting	Rev. Greg Ward; Intern Minister Sarah Skochko & Lifespan Religious Education Director Katy Siepert
Advent Wreath Lighting	
Call to Worship	<i>The Camels Speak, Lynn Ungar; Rev. Lois E. Van Leer</i>
Invocation	<i>#244 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>
Time for All Ages	Katy Siepert
Bison	Rev. Lois E. Van Leer
Hymn	<i>#243 Jesus, Our Brother, Kind and Good</i>
Mouse	Katy Siepert
Hymn	<i>Away in a Manger</i>
Owl	Rev. Lois E. Van Leer
Hymn	<i>#245 Joy to the World</i>
Offering	Special Collection for the Pastoral Care Fund; Sarah Skochko
Offertory	<i>What Child is This, Vince Guaraldi</i>
Words of Gratitude	Sarah Skochko
Christmas Prayer	Katy Siepert
Candle Lighting	Ellen Johnson Fay; Sarah Skochko
Instructions	
Hymn	<i>Silent Night</i>
Benediction & Chalice	<i>The Work of Christmas; Rev. Lois E. Van Leer & Sarah Skochko</i>
Extinguishing	
Postlude	<i>The Twelve Days of Christmas, Ron Di Salvio</i>

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Christmas Eve 2018 ~ 7pm Candlelight Service

Prelude	<i>In Dulci Jubilo, BTW 751, J.S. Bach</i>
Welcome	<i>Rhosymedre, Ralph Vaughan Williams; Susanne Giordano</i> Ellen Johnson Fay; John Wagner
Opening Hymn	<i>#244 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>
Chalice Lighting	Minister Rev. Lois E. Van Leer
Advent Wreath Lighting	Intern Minister Sarah Skochko
Call to Worship	Edward Searl; Lifespan Religious Education Director Katy Siepert
Invocation	<i>#254 Sing We Now of Christmas</i>
Story	<i>'Twas the Night Before Christmas; Sarah Skochko</i>
Hymn	<i>#249 On This Day Everywhere</i>
Story	<i>The Stolen Infant, Carl Scovel; Rev. Lois E. Van Leer</i>
Anthem	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful, Dan Forrest; Choir</i>
Story	<i>Wombat Divine, Mem Fox; Katy Siepert</i>
Hymn	<i>#231 Angels We Have Heard on High</i>
Story	<i>The Christmas Tree Man, Cynthia Rylant; Rev. Lois E. Van Leer</i>
Anthem	<i>Flight Song, Kim André Arnesen; Choir</i>
Offering	Special Collection: Pastoral Care Fund; Sarah Skochko
Offertory	<i>O Holy Night, arr. Christine Brown</i>
Words of Gratitude	Sarah Skochko
Christmas Prayer	Rev. Lois E. Van Leer
Candle Lighting	Katy Siepert
Instructions	
Anthem	<i>Night of Silence, Dan Kantor; Choir</i>
Candle Lighting	<i>Silent Night</i>
Benediction	<i>I will Light Candle This Christmas, Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman;</i> Rev. Lois E. Van Leer
Postlude	<i>Carol of the Bells, Mykola Leontovych/arr. Christine Brown</i>

ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday, December 30, 2018
Burning Bowl Service

Gathering Song	<i>Rise Up O Flame</i>
Welcome	Worship Associate Kris Olsen
Chalice Lighting	Minister Rev. Lois E. Van Leer and Lifespan Religious Education Director Katy Siepert
Call to Worship	Rev. Lois E. Van Leer
Invocation	Kris Olsen
Story for All Ages	Rev. Lois E. Van Leer
SpiritJam Recessional	
Opening Hymn	<i>Earth my body, water my blood, air my breath and fire my spirit</i>
Explanation of Today's Service	
Ritual of the Burning Bowl	Altar Attendants: August Sabini, Taylor Rutledge, Robin Schantz-Mulford, Leslie Wallace
Fire Reading	
Water Reading	
Intention Reading	
Candle Reading	
Closing Words	Rev. Lois E. Van Leer
Anthem	
Offering	Kris Olsen
Offertory	
Words of Gratitude	
Closing Hymn	<i>#1057 Go Lifted Up</i>
Chalice Extinguishing & Benediction	Rev. Lois E. Van Leer & Kris Olsen

HAPPENING SUNDAYS



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.

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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 – “The Burning Bowl Ritual.” As we begin the new year, it is good to let go of the old year and all that has weighted us down. This is a service of letting go, setting one’s intentions, and sending those intentions out to be witnessed by something greater than ourselves. Rev. Lois Van Leer.

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.

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. 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!

On Sunday, December 23, the topic will be “Membership 101.”

On Sunday, December 30, the topic will be “Q and A with the Minister.”

Rev. Lois Van Leer, Ivanleer@uuma.org, 541-686-2775x1.

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.

CONNECTING

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 Jan. 1, 2019. Lizzy Utterback, tuesdaypotluck@uueugene.org, 858-204-3938.

CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

STEWARDSHIP

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. Taking advantage of this match will help us reach our goal of raising an additional \$37,000 needed to fund this church year's budget. Pledge Secretary Dave DeCou, pledges@uueugene.org, 541-513-5360.

WORSHIP

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. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. 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.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 – “New Year’s Resolutions- Not!” We all make them. And we all break them. What if we focused on possibilities instead of resolutions for the new year? Rev. Lois Van Leer.

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

OUTREACH

FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY (FFLC) VOLUNTEER NIGHT – Are you looking for a fun volunteer activity that can include family and friends? UUCE volunteers at FFLC on the 4th Thursday each month to repackage food donated for those in need. 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. Thursday, December 27, 2018, 6:30-8:30pm, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene. Contact Berry Broadbent, Justice Network, eefood@uueugene.org, 541-344-9037. Or just show up!

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

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. Sunday, January 6, from 11:30am-1:00pm in Room 2. Steve Kuzma, kuzmaphoto@earthlink.net, 734-678-3732.

UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, December 23 – Jan. 6, 2019

***UUCE OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 25th-JANUARY 1st**

Sunday, 12/23

- 9:45-11:15am **Childcare: Infants and toddlers**, Room 4; **Preschool**, Room 3.
10:00-11:00am **Church Service (Service Project Sunday)**, S, SH.
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-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.

Monday, 12/24

- 4:00-5:00pm **Christmas Eve Family Service**, S. Rev. Lois Van Leer.
7:00-8:00pm **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**, S. Rev. Lois Van Leer.

Tuesday, 12/25 No open UUCE events listed.

Wednesday, 12/26

- 7:00-9:00pm **Open Men's Group**, Room 7. Emmet Band, 707-327-9386.

Thursday, 12/27

- 6:30-8:30pm **Food for Lane County Volunteer**, Off-site. Berry Broadbent.

Friday, 12/28- Saturday, 12/29 No open UUCE events listed

Sunday, 12/30

- 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.
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Monday, 12/31 No open UUCE events listed.

Tuesday, 1/1

- 8:00-10:00am **UU Birders**, Off-site. Mike Berg, 541-357-3145.
5:30-7:30pm **Touchstone Tuesday Potluck**, SH, K. Lizzy Utterback.

