

Weekly Church Calendar and Announcements

Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene

December 9, 2018



Worship Theme for December: Mystery

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UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, December 9 – 16, 2018

Sunday, 12/9

- 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 **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.

Monday, 12/10 No open UUCE events listed.

Tuesday, 12/11

- 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 **Quilting for a Cause**, Room 6. Barbara Flitcroft, 503-704-4105.

Wednesday, 12/12

- 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.
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, 12/13

- 5:30-7:00pm **TeachOUT**, Room 6. Julie Heffernan, jheffern@uoregon.edu.

Friday, 12/14

- 9:00-10:30am **Earth EqUUity Food Project Court Program**, K. Berry B.
7:00-10:00pm **Choir Concert Rehearsal**, S, SH. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.

Saturday, 12/15

- 10:30am-12:30pm **Poetry Workshop #4 UUs**, Rm 1. Bob Coleman, 541-972-0370.
Noon-3:00pm **Parents Day Out**, C, SH. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.
7:00-8:30pm **UUCE Choir Concert**, S, SH. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.

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. Katy Siepert.
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.

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 9, 2018

Gathering Music	<i>Nigun L'Shabbos V'Yom Tov II (Deep Yearning)</i> arr. Shoshana Michel; Pianist Susanne Giordano
Opening Hymn	<i>#389 Gathered Here</i>
Welcome	Worship Associate Robin Schantz-Mulford
Call to Worship	Intern Minister Sarah Skochko
Lighting of the Chalice	
Musical Invocation	<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i> by Steve Barnett; Chamber Singers, Music Director Brad Schultz
Lighting of the Menorah	
Lighting of Advent Wreath	
Musical Response	<i>#236 O Thou Joyful Day</i>
Story for All Ages	Director of Lifespan Religious Education Katy Siepert
SpiritJam Recessional	
Report from Board of Trustees	Barbara Kellogg
Hymn	<i>#1003 Where Do We Come From</i>
Meditation	
Readings	<i>Welcome</i> by Stephen Dunn <i>i thank You God for most this amazing</i> by e.e. cummings
Anthem	<i>Nowel</i> by Randall Thompson
Sermon	<i>The Voice of God</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> arr. Phil Perkins
Offering & Offertory	<i>The Little Drummer Boy</i> arr. Mark Hayes
Words of Gratitude	
Closing Hymn	<i>#352 Find a Stillness</i>
Chalice Extinguishing / Benediction	
Postlude	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i> arr. Phil Perkins

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 – 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, 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's topic will be "Social Action and Community Service."
Rev. Lois Van Leer, Ivanleer@uuma.org, 541-686-2775x1.

PREPAREDNESS SUPPORT GROUP – Are you prepared for survival in the aftermath of a disaster? Join us for this periodic meeting, where we discuss efforts to improve our preparedness and share ideas for future work. Today, Dec. 9, 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 2.
Bob Fraley, fraley@acm.org, 541-485-0010.

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 today, December 9, or 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 Room 7. More information and registration will be available in the Lobby after the Sunday service.
Katy Siepert, uucedre@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x2.

CONNECTING

POETRY WORKSHOP #4 FOR UUS – This group is open to people who enjoy writing and sharing poetry. We meet from 10:30am to 12:30pm on the third Saturday of each month in Room 1. The next meeting will be on December 15. Bob Coleman, bobbyland36@gmail.com, 541-972-0370.

PARENTS DAY OUT – On Saturday, December 15, from noon to 3pm, parents can bring their children to the UUCE Chapel and Social Hall for day-time childcare to allow parents the time to do holiday shopping or other prep. \$15 per child, sliding scale \$5-\$15 for each additional child per family. You must preregister for this event: <https://goo.gl/forms/5SxeROWIeZHCD5Fh1>. Katy Siepert, uucedre@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x2.

CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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. We next meet on Sunday, December 16, from 11:30am-1pm in Room 5 to discuss the December worship theme “Mystery.” 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

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 – “A Service of Carols.” Ever wonder about the origin our beloved, bawdy carols? You guessed it: Many were drinking songs banned by the church. And of course, now they have become some of our most beloved holiday songs. Come and sing and learn about the history of carols. Rev. Lois Van Leer will be the speaker.

UUCE CHOIR CONCERT – Please join the UUCE Choirs for "Songs for the Journey that Matters," as we celebrate the season in word and song on Saturday, December 15 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Reception to follow in the Social Hall. Suggested donation: \$10. Brad Schultz, ueugenemusic@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x4.

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. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in Room 6 from 2-4pm. The next session will be on December 11.

Barbara Flitcroft, barwood13@earthlink.net, 503-704-4105.

TEACHOUT – This parent and family support group for families with gender creative, gender variant, and transgender youth (preschool through 12th grade) has three basic agreements: confidentiality, anonymity, and voluntary participation. The co-facilitators are educators Julie Heffernan and Tina Gutierrez-Schmich. We meet on the second Thursday each month from 5:30-7pm in Room 6. The next meeting will be on December 13. New members are welcome.

Julie Heffernan, jheffern@uoregon.edu.

EARTH EQUITY FOOD PROJECT COMMUNITY COURT JUSTICE PROGRAM – This month we meet on the second Friday, December 14, from 9-10:30am in the Kitchen, to assemble lunches and then deliver them to the downtown Eugene Public Library where the Community Court Justice Program is held. The recipients are very grateful for this service. In 2019, we will meet on the 4th Friday of most, but not all, months. Check the calendar and announcements for the schedule. For questions or to volunteer, contact Berry Broadbent in the lobby at the Earth EQUity Food Project table after the Sunday service, or at EEFood@ueeugene.org, 541-344-9037.

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. On Sunday, December 16, we'll support First Place with our Community Offering to help defray expenses of their program. Marilyn Milne, community-offering@ueeugene.org.

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, 541-344-9037.

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. Sunday, December 16, from 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 6.

Connie Newman, refugees@ueeugene.org, 541-543-1685.

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. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, December 16, from 11:30am-1:30pm in Room 2.

Steve Kuzma, kuzmaphoto@earthlink.net, 734-678-3732.

OUTREACH (CONT.)

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.

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.

TEXT-TO-GIVE & GIVE PLUS CHURCH APP – 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, download the GivePlus Church App on your smart device, or simply text 541-625-1452 with the amount and fund to get started. Detailed instructions for all methods can be found on our website. For questions, contact

Jen Dondero, accounting@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x6.

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. For more information and questions, please contact Pledge Secretary Dave DeCou, pledges@uueugene.org, 541-513-5360. Thank you.