

# Weekly Church Calendar and Announcements

*Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene*

January 6, 2019



Worship Theme for January: Possibility

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# UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, January 6 – 13, 2019

## Sunday, 1/6/19

- 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-noon **Artist's Reception**, Community Art Gallery. Scott Hovis.  
11:00am-1:00pm **Sunday Social**, Social Hall.  
11:15am-12:15pm **Faith Forward: Inquirers**, Chapel. Rev. Lois Van Leer.  
11:30am-12:30pm **Adult Our Whole Lives Intro**, Room 5. Katy Siepert.  
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-1:00pm **Challenging Racism: Putting Love into Action**, Rm 2. Steve K.

**Monday, 1/7** No open UUCE events listed.

## Tuesday, 1/8

- 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**, Rm 6. Barbara Flitcroft, 503-704-4105.  
7:00-9:00pm **Health Care for All Oregon**, Off-site. Kathy Filip, 248-891-9890.

## Wednesday, 1/9

- 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 Eichner, 541-731-5899.  
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, 1/10

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

**Friday, 1/11** No open UUCE events listed.

**Saturday, 1/12** 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

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
*Sunday, January 6, 2019*

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| <b>Gathering Prelude</b>                         | Variations from <i>Suite Breve Opus 894</i> , Carson Cooman, with <i>'Tis Winter Now, the Fallen Snow, Danby</i> , adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams; Organist/Pianist Susanne Giordano |
| <b>Gathering Song</b>                            | <i>#1000 Morning Has Come</i> ; Music Director Brad Schultz   |
| <b>Welcome</b>                                   | Worship Associate Kris Olsen  |
| <b>Chalice Unveiling</b>                         | Martha Snyder   |
| <b>Lighting of Chalice</b>                       | Shel Silverstein; Minister Rev. Lois E. Van Leer  |
| <b>Call to Worship</b>                           | <i>Another Direction</i> , Rev. Sandra Fees; Kris Olsen   |
| <b>Musical Invocation</b>                        | <i>The Road Home</i> , Stephen Paulus; All Comers Choir, Brad Schultz   |
| <b>Story for All Ages</b>                        | Director of Lifespan Education Katy Siepert   |
| <b>SpiritJam Recessional</b>                     |   |
| <b>Reading</b>                                   | <i>God Says Yes to Me</i> , Kaylin Haught; Kris Olsen   |
| <b>Sermon</b>                                    | <i>New Year's Resolutions- Not!</i> ; Rev. Lois E. Van Leer   |
| <b>Musical Response</b>                          | <i>#95 There is More Love Somewhere</i> ; Brad Schultz  |
| <b>Meditation</b>                                | Lucille Clifton; Rev. Lois E. Van Leer  |
| <b>Musical Interlude</b>                         | <i>Theme for a Futuristic Movie</i> , Michael Roth  |
| <b>Offering</b>                                  | Kris Olsen  |
| <b>Offertory</b>                                 | <i>Reconciliation, from Dona Nobis Pacem</i> , arr. Len Rhodes; Susanne Giordano  |
| <b>Words of Gratitude</b>                        | Kris Olsen  |
| <b>Closing Hymn</b>                              | <i>#1017 Building a New Way</i>   |
| <b>Chalice Extinguishing &amp; Closing Words</b> | Margaret Wheatley; Rev. Lois E. Van Leer & Kris Olsen   |
| <b>Postlude</b>                                  | <i>Choral Song</i> , Samuel Sebastian Wesley; Susanne Giordano  |

## 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 – 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.

SANCTUARY WALL WOOD CHALICE UNVEILING – This Sunday, January 6, congregants will notice draping on the Sanctuary wall to the right of the screen behind the choir. The material is covering a wood chalice that will be unveiled during our service. The chalice is being installed as a symbol to identify our space as a Unitarian Universalist church to all attendees, renters, and visitors. Martha Snyder, artist and congregant, carved the chalice out of basswood. She also carved a diamond-shaped slab of mahogany wood that sets off the chalice from the hemlock wall. Both pieces have been stained to complement and contrast with the wood wall and the overhead beams. Please join us to celebrate this beautiful addition to our Sanctuary! Marilyn Milne, [mm@prpr.com](mailto:mm@prpr.com), 541-344-7989.

COMMUNITY ART GALLERY RECEPTION TODAY – In January, we feature the artwork of Naomi Meyer, a watercolor artist, mother, and foster parent living in Eugene, OR. Her work explores the individuality, tenacity, and resilience of the youth in her community. Naomi captures the human spirit of young people, embracing their race, culture, gender expression, and visible and invisible disabilities. Please meet Naomi in the gallery after the service today, January 6, for a reception, questions, and conversation. Scott Hovis, [gallery@uueugene.org](mailto:gallery@uueugene.org), 541-731-3412.

INFORMATION AND FUNDRAISING TABLES – Adult Our Whole Lives (OWL) Registration, Earth EqUuity Food Project, Fair Trade Coffee Cart, 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! The topic today, January 6, 2019, will be “UU History, Principles and Sources.” Rev. Lois Van Leer, [ivanleer@uuma.org](mailto:ivanleer@uuma.org), 541-686-2775x1.

## HAPPENING TODAY (CONT.)

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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 today, January 6, from 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 5. The course will take place Sundays, Jan. 13 through March 31, from 3-5pm in the Chapel. Register in the Lobby after the Sunday service. Katy Siefert, [uucedre@gmail.com](mailto:uucedre@gmail.com), 541-686-2775x2.

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

## OUTREACH

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INTERFAITH NIGHT SHELTER WEEK IS HERE! – Thanks to all who are donating food and/or volunteering services for UUCE's week supporting families at St. Vincent de Paul's Night Shelter Annex, located at 4060 West Amazon Drive in Eugene. Our week of service begins this Monday, January 7, and concludes the following Monday, January 14. SignUp.com will send you an email reminder about your contribution two days prior to each day you are signed up. To those who've obtained Food Handler's Certificates: Please have a copy of your certificate with you while you are working your shift at the shelter. Thanks again for helping UUCE live out our values through service! Barb Prentice, [barbprentice1@gmail.com](mailto:barbprentice1@gmail.com), 541-302-8151.

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 January 8. Barbara Flitcroft, [barwood13@earthlink.net](mailto:barwood13@earthlink.net), 503-704-4105.

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL OREGON (HCAO) – HCAO's monthly meeting will be at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St., Eugene, on Tuesday, January 8, 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@uueugene.org](mailto:healthcare@uueugene.org), 248-891-9890

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. New members are welcome. Educators Julie Heffernan and Tina Gutierrez-Schmich co-facilitate this group. The meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month from 5:30-7pm in Room 6. The next meeting will be on January 10. Julie Heffernan, [jheffern@uoregon.edu](mailto:jheffern@uoregon.edu).

## ADMINISTRY

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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](mailto: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 is sent near mid-week and combines 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](mailto:publications@uueugene.org) by Tuesday night, although in the future, the submission deadline may be moved to an earlier day in the week. We welcome feedback. Stay tuned for further developments. Dick Loescher, Communications Task Force Chair, [communications@uueugene.org](mailto:communications@uueugene.org), 541-485-1157.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS AVAILABLE BY CLICKING TITLE ON WEB CALENDAR – You often can get further details about events by clicking the title of the event on the web calendar (click “CALENDAR” near the top of the UUCE homepage [www.uueugene.org](http://www.uueugene.org)), which may be helpful if you do not have an announcement to refer to.

## STEWARDSHIP

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PLEDGE SECRETARY MESSAGE – Pledging is often confusing for our members. Automatic withdrawals from a congregant’s checking or credit card account have confused some. Once the church has that confidential information, we set up the automatic withdrawal through a third-party processor. Each setup has a start date and an end date. Once the end date arrives the church does not take any further funds from any congregant’s account until the church has further authorization. No one’s annual pledge amount continues beyond the pledge year, which always ends on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

If anyone new to our church or recently returned would like to pledge for the current year, fiscal year 2018-19, you can pick up a pledge form on the wall near the North (Main) Entrance on the right as you come in. Just fill it out, sign it, and place it in the drop box to the left of the office door. For questions, please contact Dave DeCou, Pledge Secretary, [pledges@uueugene.org](mailto:pledges@uueugene.org), 541-513-5360.

*Empowered by love, we transform ourselves  
and serve our world.*

## WORSHIP

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 – “What Will You Do with Your One Precious Life?” Members in different decades of their lives will share their response to Mary Oliver’s question of all of us.

CHOIRS RESUME REHEARSALS JANUARY 9 – The UUCE choirs are on hiatus after Christmas and will regroup on Wednesday, January 9. That makes this a great time to join us! Singing ability and music reading are secondary to your willingness to help us create something beautiful. The Sanctuary Choir is open to all, and rehearses Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30pm. The Chamber Singers requires a brief audition and rehearses Wednesdays from 5:15-6:45pm. Schedules for the winter and spring can be found outside the Music Director's office. Brad Schultz, [uueugenemusic@gmail.com](mailto:uueugenemusic@gmail.com), 541-686-2775x4.

## CONNECTING

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MARCH IS NATIONAL YOUTH ART MONTH – The UUCE community art gallery will have its 5th annual youth art show this March. We encourage parents, friends, and youth age 17 and younger to save and share youth art for this show. For more information and questions, please contact Scott Hovis, [gallery@uueugene.org](mailto:gallery@uueugene.org), 541-731-3412.

LUNCH EVENT FOR SENIORS OVER 70 – UU folks over age 70 are welcome to gather for lunch on Thursday, January 17. We will meet at 11:30am in the Kirei Room at Cafe Yumm, 730 East Broadway, Eugene. We hope that more group activities will be generated from this event. This might be the start of something big! For more info and to RSVP, please contact the sponsor, Ruth Duemler, [ruthduemler@comcast.net](mailto:ruthduemler@comcast.net), 541-484-6145.

## CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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MOVING MEDITATION – This class is a fusion of tai chi and Qigong. The purpose is to create a space of rest and relaxation by incorporating actions with breath, and thus, energy through our bodies. Seated relaxation activities and scenarios are also utilized. There is no memorizing or sequencing movements. Each class is unique. We will not be getting on the floor. No special equipment is necessary, just comfortable clothes. Shoes are optional. The class is open, free, and occurs every Wednesday, from 10-11am in the Chapel.

Barbara Flitcroft, [barwood13@earthlink.net](mailto:barwood13@earthlink.net), 503-704-4105.

HARRY POTTER AND THE SACRED TEXT –Based on the podcast “Harry Potter and the Sacred Text,” we come together to read the books we love, looking deeper into the texts for their sacred meaning. We meet next on Wednesday, January 9, from 5:30-7:30pm, and then every two weeks thereafter, off-site. For meeting location and topic, contact Debra Eichner, [aceichner@msn.com](mailto:aceichner@msn.com), 541-731-5899.