

Weekly Church Calendar and Announcements

Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene

April 14, 2019



Worship Theme for April:
Wholeness

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Prelude	<i>Sicut Cervus</i> , Jason Shelton; Susanne Giordano
Hymn Moment	Brad Schultz
Welcome	Worship Associate Robin Schantz-Mulford
Opening Hymn	#134 <i>Our World is One World</i>
Chalice Lighting	
Call to Worship	Sarah Skochko
Musical Invocation	<i>Gartan Mother's Lullaby</i> , Neil Ginsberg; Sanctuary Choir
The Story	Katy Siefert
SpiritJam Recessional	
Meditation	
Musical Meditation	<i>Eel River Chant</i> , Meredith Buck
Reading	Robin Schantz-Mulford
Sermon	<i>Spiritual Laughter</i> ; Sarah Skochko
Musical Response	<i>Sicut Cervus</i> , Giovanni di Palestrina; Sanctuary Choir
Offering	Robin Schantz-Mulford
Offertory	<i>Jesu Kreuz, Leiden und Pein</i> , Wilbur Held; Susanne Giordano
Words of Gratitude	Robin Schantz-Mulford
Closing Hymn	#311 <i>Let It Be a Dance</i>
Chalice Extinguishing & Benediction	Sarah Skochko
Postlude	<i>Flower to the Sun</i> , Clif Hardin; Susanne Giordano

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.

INFORMATION AND FUNDRAISING TABLES – Earth EqUUity Food Project, Fair Trade Coffee Cart, Justice Network, Kindness Team

Greeting Card Project, Mother's Day Basket Presale, Thrift Store Prom, WrenSong. 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 on Sunday, April 14 will be "Membership 101." Rev. Lois Van Leer, ivanleer@uuma.org, 541-686-2775x1.

UU REFUGEE SANCTUARY PROJECT – The agenda of our next meeting will include discussion of a spring project assembling hygiene kits for distribution to migrants at the Mexican border, a film presentation for the UU congregation, local efforts to support drivers' licenses for all in Oregon, and the Lane County Sheriff's Office collaboration with ICE in flagrant disregard of the Oregon State sanctuary law. Sunday, April 14 from 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 6. Connie Newman, refugees@uueugene.org, 541-543-1685.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR PERSONAL RESIDENCE – Find out how to improve the energy efficiency of your personal residence to enhance health, comfort, durability, savings, sustainability, and reduce your carbon footprint. Come to the UU Earth Action table in the Lobby after the church service on Sundays, April 14 and 21 until 11:50am for information and to learn of benefits and investment payback. Phil Bertrand, Harmony@PhilBertrand.com, 503-490-9491.

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. 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 off-site every two weeks from 5:30-7pm on Wednesday, with the next meeting on April 17. Contact Debra Eichner for meeting location and topic: aceichner@msn.com, 541-731-5899.

WRENSONG – WrenSong is a new adult program at UUCE for those who find a spiritual home in Nature. This year-long covenant group is designed to foster an eco-spiritual worldview in a community of likeminded individuals. This ministry seeks through experience and sharing to develop a deep connection of the heart and spirit with the natural world around us. The tentative start date will be in May 2019. To learn more and to sign up, stop by the information table in the Lobby on Sundays, April 14 and 21 after the service, or contact Sharon Roberts, boomer1220@gmail.com, 334-750-9722.

EASTER CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED – Please bring individually wrapped hard candies to the RE office or the main office of UUCE prior to April 21 to be used for our All Ages Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 21 after the service. No peanuts please, to protect those who might have allergies. Thank you for your generosity! Katy Siepert, uucedre@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x2.

STEWARDSHIP

MOTHER'S DAY BASKETS FOR SALE – Beautiful seasonal flowers in 10" hanging baskets will be available for presale on Sundays, April 14, 21, 28, and May 5 in the Lobby after the church service. Purchases can be made with cash, check, or card for \$30 each, with all proceeds going to UUCE. The baskets and flowers are being supplied by local Peoria Gardens, and the number of baskets is limited. They will be available for pick up before and after church on Sunday, May 12. Generosity Network, Janell Heidenreich, jhpp@msn.com, 541-607-9110.

THRIFT STORE PROM AND AUCTION – This is the prom you never went to, the prom you wished could be. Bring the family, bring a friend or partner, or find friends there. It's a FUNdraiser and a party for everyone! Visit the Thrift Store Prom table in the Lobby after Sunday services to volunteer to help. Sign up for meal prep or service, clean-up, making a dessert, or contributing to a theme basket.

Important dates: Sunday, April 28: Theme basket commitments due.

Sunday, May 5: Pre-Prom Clothing Rumpus. When you come to church, bring your duds that no longer fit your body or your style, and prepare to go home with new-to-you clothes, for the Prom or other fun!

Saturday, May 18: The Thrift Store Prom in the evening. Enjoy a modest dinner for purchase, dancing, the Post-Prom auction, a little magic, a little surprise, and a lot of fun. To volunteer or ask questions, email prom@ueeugene.org or see Judy Shaw, Molly mae Culligan, or Linda Krenicky.

CONNECTING

SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH – All seniors are welcome to gather for lunch at Ta Ra Rin Thai Cuisine, 1200 Oak Street, Eugene 97401 on Tuesday, April 16 from 11:30am-1pm. RSVP appreciated. You can also just show up. Ruth Duemler, ruthduemler@gmail.com, 541-484-6145.

SPIRITED SISTERS – This ongoing discussion group is open to all who identify as women. We meet on the third Thursday each month from 2-4pm in the Chapel. Our next meeting will be on April 18. Laramie Palmer, spiritedsisters@uueugene.org, 541-343-6536.

YOUNG ADULTS OF UUCE EASTER EGG DYEING PARTY – Young Adults (age 18 to 35ish) are invited to come dye Easter eggs with Intern Minister Sarah Skochko. Eggs and dyes will be provided. There will be snacks and scintillating conversation. Children of young adults are welcome to attend! Friday, April 19 from 7-9pm in the UUCE Kitchen. Sarah Skochko, intern@uueugene.org, 856-261-6442.

HENDRICKS HIKE – All are welcome to gather at 10am at Hendrick's Park to take a hike through the woods or a saunter through the rhododendron garden - whatever your speed, there is something for you. We'll end around noon and perhaps go grab a bite to eat afterwards. Carpooling is encouraged. Saturday, April 20 from 10am-noon at Hendricks Park, Summit Avenue and Skyline Boulevard, Eugene 97403. Robin Schantz-Mulford, wascawywobin@gmail.com, 541-954-8582.

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 April 20. Bob Coleman, bobbyland36@gmail.com, 541-972-0370.

COMMUNITY ART GALLERY – In April, we feature the artwork of UUCE artist Ellen Gabehart, who has had an interesting career as an artist, teacher, court portraitist, and activist. She will be available for conversation in the art gallery after the service on Sundays, April 14 and 28. Scott Hovis, gallery@uueugene.org, 541-731-3412.

WORSHIP



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21 – “Easter: A Celebration of Hope Through Words and Music.” Rev. Lois Van Leer and Intern Minister Sarah Skochko.

ADMINISTRY

NEW MEMBER WELCOME SUNDAY, APRIL 21 – Are you ready to become a member of UUCE? We'd love to welcome you during the service on April 21. If you'd like to take part, please contact Membership Chair Erin Troberg, erintroberg@gmail.com, 541-870-2054. If you are interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and what it means to be a member, please join us in the Chapel for Faith Forward: Inquirers, offered every Sunday after the service from 11:15am-12:15pm. Eight topics are covered on a rotating schedule. On April 14, the topic will be "Membership 101."

UUCE PROFESSIONAL STAFF SCHEDULES TO BE AWARE OF – Minister Rev. Lois Van Leer will be having knee replacement surgery on April 23. She will be out of the office for at least 4 weeks (at least through May 21). Sarah Skochko and the rest of the staff will be covering for her. Thank you also to Rev. Dennis Reynolds, who will preach during this time as well.

UUCE TOWN HALL MEETINGS – Please come to one of our two informational town hall meetings to ask questions and provide feedback about the 2019-2020 budget and proposed bylaw changes that will be voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 2, from 11:30am-1:30pm in the Sanctuary. Attend an informational meeting on either Sunday, April 28 from 11:30am-1:30pm, or on Tuesday, May 7 from 6-8pm in the Sanctuary. Barbara Kellogg, kellogg89@gmail.com, 541-510-9795.

MUSIC DIRECTOR CHANGES – Brad Schultz, our Music Director since September 2018, will be leaving UUCE this summer to join the staff of First United Methodist Church in Eugene. We have been fortunate to have Brad with us. We so appreciate his enrichment of our music program and we and wish him well on the next stage of his career. We will welcome a new Music Director in the fall.

OUTREACH

COMMUNITY OFFERING – The Community Offering on Sunday, April 21 will be given to Trans*Ponder, a grassroots, completely transgender founded and led non-profit, based in Eugene. This organization provides support, education, and advocacy for the Trans/Gender Diverse community and its allies. <https://transponder.community> Gretchen Miller, community-offering@uueugene.org.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FREE GARDENING COURSE AT UUCE – To learn to grow veggies on a budget, register for Seed to Supper, the free gardening course offered at UUCE by the church's Earth EquUity Food Project, in conjunction with Food for Lane County. Guided by trained facilitators Valerie Elliott and Steven Marks, you'll learn low-cost ways to create a bountiful garden in containers or in the ground. The six-week class will meet on Tuesdays, from April 23 through May 28, from 1-3pm in Room 5. To register, contact Jen Anonia, jen@foodforlanecounty.org or 541-343-2822, x114. Valerie Elliott, homelliott@gmail.com, 541-505-7183.

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Sunday, 4/14

- 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 2, 5, 6.
11:00am-noon **Information and Fundraising Tables**, Lobby, Social Hall.
11:00am-1:00pm **Sunday Social**, Social Hall.
11:00am-1:00pm **Library Open**, Library.
11:15am-12:15pm **Faith Forward: Inquirers**, Chapel. Rev. Lois Van Leer.
11:30am-12:30pm **UU Refugee Sanctuary Project**, Rm 6. Connie N., 541-543-1685.
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, 4/15

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

Tuesday, 4/16

- 8:00-10:00am **UU Birders**, Off-site. Mike Berg, 541-357-3145.
9:00am-noon **Church Building Work Party**. Eric Swegles, 414-339-8156.
9:00am-noon **Landscaping Gathering**, O. Saro Hendrickson, 541-953-0708.
11:30am-1:00pm **Senior Lunch Bunch**, Off-site. Ruth Duemler, 541-484-6145.
3:00-6:00pm **Earth EqUuity Food Project Produce Plus**, EF. Berry B.

Wednesday, 4/17

- 10:00-11:00am **Moving Meditation**, Chapel. Barbara Flitcroft, 503-704-4105.
5:00-8:30pm **Choir Childcare**, Room 3. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.
5:15-6:45pm **Chamber Singers (Closed)**, S. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.
5:30-7:00pm **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 **Men's Group 1**, Room 7. Jim Kayser, 541-484-1840.

Thursday, 4/18

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

Friday, 4/19

- 7:00-9:00pm **Young Adults Easter Egg Dyeing Party**, K. Sarah Skochko.

Saturday, 4/20

- 10:00am-noon **Hendricks Hike**, Off-site. Robin Schantz-Mulford, 541-954-8582.
10:30am-12:30pm **Poetry Workshop #4 UUs**, Rm 1. Bob Coleman, 541-972-0370.

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