

Weekly Church Calendar and Announcements

Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene

April 28, 2019



Worship Theme for April: Wholeness

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ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday, April 28, 2019

Prelude	<i>Fragrant Fields</i> , Art Lande; Susanne Giordano
Children's Choir	<i>This Pretty Planet</i> , Tom Chapin
Welcome	Worship Associate Taylor Rutledge
Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting	Intern Minister Sarah Skochko
Opening Song	#1065 <i>Albanza</i> ; Special Guests: Andrew Emmott-Vocals, Kristen Cure-Clarinet, Yvonne Lyles-Viola, Chris Hannegan-Celtic Harp, David Clark-Bass
The Story	<i>The Book Tree</i> , Paul Czajak & Rashin Kheiriyeh; Sarah Skochko
Instructions	
All-Community SpiritJam	
Re-Gathering Music	
Re-Centering & Song	#188 <i>Come, Come Whoever You Are</i>
Offering	Taylor Rutledge
Offertory	<i>Pasaje Numero Uno</i> (Traditional Venezuelan Piece), Alfredo Rolando Ortiz; performed by Chris Hannegan on Celtic Harp
Closing Song	#305 <i>De Colores</i>
Closing Words & Chalice Extinguishing	Taylor Rutledge
Benediction	Sarah Skochko
Postlude	<i>April Showers</i> , Michel Corrette; Susanne Giordano

All-Community SpiritJam

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Storybook Time - *Sanctuary*

Participants will have a chance to listen to and read aloud from a selection of story books centered on the theme of wholeness.

Leaf Rubbings - *Social Hall*

Book: "Red Sings From the Treetops" by Joyce Sidman and Pamela Zagarneski. Connecting with the natural world is a spiritual practice. Enjoy the outdoors, bringing back a leaf or flower with which to make rubbings to decorate the Sanctuary.

Chalk Mandalas - *South Entrance facing 13th Ave.*

Book: "The Mountains of Tibet" by Mordicai Gerstein. This activity will take us outside to create beautiful but impermanent chalk mandalas on the sidewalks and walls around our church.

Matching History with Herstory - *East Entrance Atrium facing the Conestoga Huts.*

Books: "Rad Women Worldwide" and "Rad American Women A-Z" by Kate Schatz, and "Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls" by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo. Women hold up half the sky. Complete your understanding of history by sharing moments from herstory, reading their stories aloud.

Making Bee Houses - *Patio facing Chambers St.*

Books: "Big Bugs" by Seymour Simon, "Bees and Wasps" by Sally Morgan, and "Bugs, Bugs, Bugs" by Mary Reid. Mason bees are industrious insects, playing a part in the interconnected web of which we are a part. Help out the mason bees in your neighborhood by creating a welcoming environment for them.

Moving Meditation - *Chapel*

Books: "The Barefoot Book of Children." We are each made up of Mind, Body, and Spirit. Move your body in celebration of and reverence for the diversity of physical, using movements designed to be inclusive for all.

Seated Meditation - *Room 1*

Books: "All The World" by Liz Garton Scanlon and Marla Frazee and "Mindful Kids" by Whitney Stewart and Mina Braun. Using the meditations found in the Mindful Kids cards, you will have a chance to lead or be led in guided meditation.

One Minute Stories of Wholeness - *Room 2*

Book: "Voices in the Park" by Anthony Browne. We all have a story to tell, and finding our commonalities helps us to connect to ourselves and one another. Similar to "The Moth" storytelling hour, participants will each have one minute to tell a story from their own life about wholeness.

Seed Bombs - *Room 5*

Book: "The Seeds of Peace" by Laura Berkeley and Alison Dexter. Spring is a time of renewal, completing the circle and cycle of the seasons. In celebration of this ongoing wholeness, we will be using soil, clay, and seeds to make seed bombs.

Book of Life - *Room 6*

Book: "Beautiful Oops" by Barnie Saltzberg. Make a simple book, filling the pages with the stories, images, poetry, or other expressions that capture the different seasons of your life.

Black Out Poetry - *Room 7*

Poetry arises as much from what is left unsaid as what is expressed through words. Practice what it means to choose your words carefully.

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.

WORSHIP SUNDAY, APRIL 28 – In this spirited intergenerational service, we will celebrate “Children’s Day/Book Day” with activities for children and families with reading, stories, music, and fun. Intern Minister Sarah Skochko.

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. 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.

COMMUNITY ART GALLERY – In April, we feature the artwork of UUCE artist Ellen Gabehart. She will be available for conversation in the art gallery after the church service on Sunday, April 28. Scott Hovis, gallery@ueeugene.org, 541-731-3412.

ACCESSIBILITY MEETING – This is an open meeting time for folks in our congregation with disabilities to meet up, socialize, share concerns and hopes, and collaborate to make our congregation even more accessible and welcoming to all. Sunday, April 28, 11:15-11:45am in the South Foyer. Jones David Hollister, jo@robarthq.net, 541-999-2957.

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 21 will be “UU History, Principles and Sources.” Rev. Lois Van Leer, ivanleer@uuma.org, 541-686-2775x1.

UU EARTH ACTION – Thank you to the many people who helped with the recent plastics roundup, That’s my Farmer, Music for Mother Earth, and other projects. All are welcome to attend our next meeting to learn of our progress and plans, including a presentation by Rev. Dennis Reynolds about a great process to use when working on justice issues. We welcome your ideas. Sunday, April 28 from 11:30am to 12:30pm in Room 5. Sue Craig, sueacraig@gmail.com, 541-607-0204.

STEWARDSHIP

MOTHER'S DAY BASKETS FOR SALE – Beautiful seasonal flowers in 10" hanging baskets will be available for presale on Sundays, April 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 – 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 party for everyone! **Important dates:**

After Sunday services: Visit the Thrift Store Prom table in the Lobby to volunteer. Sign up to help with meal prep or service, clean-up, making a dessert, or contributing to a theme basket.

You can also volunteer online. Pre-Prom Clothing Rumpus:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094FADA628A1FB6-thethrift>

Prom: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094FADA628A1FB6-2019>

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! All proceeds benefit the general fund.

Sunday, May 12: Deadline to request on-site child care for the Prom.

Saturday, May 18, 5-9pm: The Big Event, the Thrift Store Prom. Be prepared to enjoy a potato (russet or sweet) dinner (\$15), dancing (music selection by DJ Brad), the Post-Prom auction and a basket raffle, a little magic, a little surprise, and a lot of fun. To volunteer or ask questions, email prom@uueugene.org or see Molly mae Culligan, Linda Krenicky, or Judy Shaw.

2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET UPDATE – Thank you for your amazing support during this year's pledge drive. Our estimate for this year's pledges is up from last year and our overall income is positive. There are still a few individuals who have not yet turned in pledge cards. Please visit <https://uueugene.org/giving/> to increase or submit your pledge. We were not able to meet all of our aspirations this year and have made some adjustments to our budget. Instead of paying our full dues to the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) next year, we intend to pay 25%.

Additionally, we will take incremental steps towards paying all staff at the level of UUA guidelines. We also reduced funds for the future of our facility and towards our future minister. But to make these reduced goals happen, we still need another \$61,000 increase to our budget. Why are these goals so important? In order to secure a minister in 3 years, we must be able to offer a reasonable financial package. We also want to provide any future staff with the support they will need. Please visit the website to review our budget in advance of the upcoming town hall meetings: <https://uueugene.org/budget/>. Thank you. Katy Colburn, treasurer@uueugene.org, 989-415-8686.

HAPPENING TODAY (CONT.)

SOUL MATTERS – Join us in small group discussions that are designed to help you engage more deeply with the sermons, readings, and other thematic material that are being discussed in our church throughout each month. A skilled facilitator will lead the group, giving you space and time to “dig more deeply.” Bring your curiosity, your questions, and your open mind. On Sunday, April 28, from 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 2, the topic will be “Wholeness.” Katy Siepert, uucedre@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x2.

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.

ADMINISTRY

UUCE PROFESSIONAL STAFF SCHEDULES TO BE AWARE OF – Minister Rev. Lois Van Leer recently had knee replacement surgery. She will be out of the office until an expected return on June 3. 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 IS NOW PART OF AMAZON SMILE – Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to the UUCE! [Smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0511478) offers almost all the same products and shopping experience as Amazon, but part of the proceeds are donated to the church. Simply go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0511478> to get started, or check out our website, www.uueugene.org, in the drop-down menu under SUPPORT UUCE for more info.

OUTREACH

UU Refugee Sanctuary Project – At our next meeting, we will put together hygiene packets for migrants at the southern border. All are welcome to attend. Sunday, May 5 from 11:30am-12:30pm in Room 5. Connie Newman, refugees@uueugene.org, 541-543-1685.

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

CONNECTING

KINDNESS TEAM GREETING CARD PROJECT – Condolence, get-well, blank, and other kinds of cards for members of our community who are in need of support are available for signing at the table in the Social Hall after the service each Sunday. Often there are cards for the whole congregation to sign. The Kindness Team also wants to hear from friends and family if a person is ill or in need of an encouraging word so we can send a card. You may leave a message with Charlotte Writer, kindnessteam@uueugene.org, 541-935-1170, or with Frankie Hill and Jean Marie Stine, jmstine@aol.com, 510-604-4000.

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 on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7pm, with the next meeting on May 1. 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, contact Sharon Roberts, boomer1220@gmail.com, 334-750-9722.

WORSHIP

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5 – “Searching for Meaning.” Our 4th Principle calls for us, as Unitarian Universalists, to affirm and promote “a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.” What prompts us to engage in such searching? What might we be looking for? Are there search strategies that might help us on our quest? Let's ponder possibilities. Rev. Dennis Reynolds, a retired UU minister who was previously a lay member of UUCE, will be the speaker.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS FOR SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES – Summer is nearly upon us, and we need your musical talents to enhance the worship services during the months of June, July, and August when the choirs are not in session. If you sing or play an instrument, and would like to offer up your talents in worship this summer, we would love to hear from you. See Director of Music Brad Schultz or a member of the Music Committee. uueugenemusic@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x4.

UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, April 28 – May 5, 2019

Sunday, 4/28

- 9:45-11:15am **Childcare: Infants and toddlers**, Room 4; **Preschool**, Room 3.
10:00-11:00am **Church Service**, Sanctuary, Social Hall.
11:00am-noon **Information and Fundraising Tables**, Lobby, Social Hall.
11:00am-1:00pm **Sunday Social**, Social Hall.
11:15-11:45am **Accessibility Meeting**, SF. Jones Hollister, 541-999-2957.
11:15am-12:15pm **Faith Forward: Inquirers**, Chapel. Rev. Lois Van Leer.
11:30am-12:30pm **Soul Matters**, Room 2. Katy Siepert, 541-686-2775x2.
11:30am-12:30pm **UU Earth Action**, Room 5. Sue Craig, 541-607-0204.
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 **Congregational Town Hall Meeting**, S. Barbara Kellogg.

Monday, 4/29 No open UUCE events listed.

Tuesday, 4/30

- 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.
6:00-8:00pm **UUCE Board (Open)**, Rm 6. Lizzy Utterback, 858-204-3938.

Wednesday, 5/1

- 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, 5/2 No open UUCE events listed.

Friday, 5/3 No open UUCE events listed.

Saturday, 5/4 No open UUCE events listed.

Sunday, 5/5

- 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 5. 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.

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