

Weekly Church Calendar and Announcements

Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene

May 5, 2019



Worship Theme for May: Curiosity

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Prelude	<i>Allemande</i> , Jean-Philippe Rameau; Susanne Giordano
Welcome	Reverend Dennis Reynolds
Chalice Lighting	<i>My Tribe</i> , Alberto Blanco
Hymn	#1003 <i>Where Do We Come From</i>
Call to Worship	By E.E. Cummings; Worship Associate Robin Schantz-Mulford
Invocation	<i>Knowledge They Say</i> , Arthurs Noyes & Cyril Taylor; Sanctuary Choir
The Story	<i>Fish is Fish</i> , Leo Lionni: Rev. Dennis Reynolds
SpiritJam Recessional	
Meditation	In Words: <i>The Peace of Wild Things</i> , Wendell Berry In Silence In Song: <i>The Peace of Wild Things</i> , Joan Szymko
Reading	<i>Finisterre</i> , David Whyte; Robin Schantz-Mulford
Sermon	<i>Searching for Meaning</i> ; Rev. Dennis Reynolds
Hymn	#1003 <i>Where Do We Come From</i>
Offering	Robin Schantz-Mulford
Offertory	<i>Happy Together/Valses Poeticos N.3</i> , arr. Christine Brown; Susanne G.
Words of Gratitude	
Closing Hymn	#356 <i>Will You Seek in Far-Off Places</i>
Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing	Rev. Dennis Reynolds
Postlude	<i>Kas dziedaja</i> , Latvian folk tune, arr. J. Wayne Kerr; 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. Pre-Prom Clothing Rumpus. 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.

PRE-PROM CLOTHING RUMPUS – On Sunday, May 5, 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 from the \$10 donation will benefit the general fund. In the Lobby after the church service.

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, May 5 will be “UUCE History and Campus Tour.” Rev. Lois Van Leer, ivanleer@uuma.org, 541-686-2775x1.

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

CONNECTING: LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 like-minded individuals. Through experience and sharing, this ministry seeks 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.

CONNECTING

SISTER CIRCLE ON FIRST TUESDAY EACH MONTH – If you identify as a sister and want to explore the spiritual side of a variety of topics, you are welcome to join us. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 2-4pm in the Chapel, with the next meeting on May 7. Barbara Flitcroft, barwood13@earthlink.net, 503-704-4105.

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 May 7. Lizzy Utterback, tuesdaypotluck@ueeugene.org, 858-204-3938.

COMMUNITY ART GALLERY – In May, we feature the artwork of Carol Martin. After retiring from teaching elementary school in Springfield five years ago, Carol has enjoyed creating art by working with watercolor, pastel pencils, and colored pencils, both individually and by fusing them together in one piece to create a unique look. She has also experimented with “rock and roll” and “pushing colors together,” which blend colors on the paper, giving a fresh look to the painting. Scott Hovis, gallery@ueeugene.org, 541-731-3412.

HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE IN SANCTUARY AND SOCIAL HALL – To access the hearing loop, switch your hearing aid to telecoil. www.hearingloop.org.

UUCE BIRDERS – We meet on Tuesday mornings from 8-10am for birdwatching and breakfast. Please join us! Contact Mike Berg, forthebirds@ueeugene.org, 541-357-3145, to learn where we will meet each week.

WORSHIP

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12 – “Do Plants Have Feelings?” Many UUs find spiritual inspiration in the natural world, of which we are all a part. This kind of reverence can lead to curious questions. Do plants have feelings? Do mice have rights? In this service, we will explore religious and philosophical understandings of our human relationship with the natural world. Intern Minister Sarah Skochko.

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. ueeugenemusic@gmail.com, 541-686-2775x4.

STEWARDSHIP

MOTHER'S DAY BASKETS FOR SALE – Beautiful seasonal flowers in 10" hanging baskets will be available for presale on Sunday, 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 where you can sign up to help with meal prep or service, clean-up, making a dessert, or contributing to a theme basket. **You can also sign up online to help with the Prom:**

www.signupgenius.com/go/508094FADA628A1FB6-2019

Sunday, May 5: Pre-Prom Clothing Rumpus. See announcement under Happening Today.

Sunday, May 12: Deadline to request on-site child care for the Prom via the Prom Dinner Registration form: <http://bit.ly/2Z3zsBU>

Saturday, May 18, 5-9pm: The Big Event, the Thrift Store Prom. Be prepared to enjoy a potato (russet or sweet) dinner (\$15) starting at 6pm, dancing (music selection by DJ Brad), the Post-Prom silent auction, a basket raffle, a little magic, a little surprise, and a lot of fun. **Pre-registration for the Prom Dinner is encouraged, but not required. Use this link to pre-register:** <http://bit.ly/2Z3zsBU>

For questions, email prom@uueugene.org or see Molly mae Culligan, Abby Rhoden, or Linda Krenicky.

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 meeting: <https://uueugene.org/budget/>. Thank you.

Katy Colburn, treasurer@uueugene.org, 989-415-8686.

ADMINISTRY

UUCE TOWN HALL MEETING – Please come to our remaining informational town hall meeting on Tuesday, May 7 from 6-8pm in the Sanctuary, 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. Barbara Kellogg, kellogg89@gmail.com, 541-510-9795.

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.

PLEASE NOTIFY OFFICE OF ANY CHANGE IN MEETING SCHEDULE OVER THE SUMMER – If your group will have any change in the web calendar listing of its usual meeting schedule during the summer (June, July, August), please send an email to office@uueugene.org with “web calendar change” in the subject line, and in the body of the email describe the changes for your group meeting plans. If the group will cancel for part or all of the summer, please indicate when the meetings will resume. If the restart date is not known, indicate this. If, in the future, the group resumes meeting, submit a Room Request Form on the drop-down menu under CALENDAR on the church website, www.uueugene.org. Thank you. Jody Monegan, office@uueugene.org, 541-686-2775x3.

OUTREACH

EARTH EQUITY FOOD PROJECT PRODUCE PLUS – This Food for Lane County program provides fresh produce and bread to income-eligible individuals and families. Produce Plus is open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month from 3-6pm in the East Foyer of the church. The next session will be on May 7. For more information or to volunteer, visit the Earth EqUuity table in the Lobby after the Sunday service or contact Berry Broadbent, EEFood@uueugene.org, 541-344-9037.

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL OREGON (HCAO) – HCAO's monthly meeting will be at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St., Eugene, on Tuesday, May 7 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, 248-891-9890.

MOVIE NIGHT AT UUCE: *HUMAN FLOW* – This film by Ai Weiwei, a Chinese dissident, examines the staggering scale of the refugee crisis and its profoundly personal human impact. The screening is free and open to all. Hosted by UU Refugee Sanctuary Project, Thursday, May 16 from 6:30-9:00pm in the UUCE Chapel. Connie Newman, refugees@uueugene.org, 541-543-1685, and Jennifer Rowan-Henry, jenrowan@yahoo.com, 541-345-0543.

UUCE Weekly Church Calendar, May 5 – 12, 2019

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.

Monday, 5/6

No open UUCE events listed.

Tuesday, 5/7

- 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.
2:00-4:00pm **Sister Circle**, Chapel. Barbara Flitcroft, 503-704-4105.
3:00-6:00pm **Earth EquUity Food Project Produce Plus**, EF. Berry B.
5:30-7:30pm **Touchstone Tuesday Potluck**, SH, K. Lizzy Utterback.
6:00-8:00pm **Congregational Town Hall Meeting**, S. Barbara Kellogg.
7:00-9:00pm **Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO)**, Off-site. Kathy Filip.

Wednesday, 5/8

- 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.
7:00-8:30pm **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**, S. Brad Schultz, 541-686-2775x4.
7:00-9:00pm **Men's Group 2**, Room 7. Emmet Band, 707-327-9386.

Thursday, 5/9

No open UUCE events listed.

Friday, 5/10

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Saturday, 5/11

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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