



The Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene
A Welcoming Congregation

May 2007

Newsflash from the UUCE Press

Landale Next Minister

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EUGENE, OR --- On Sunday, April 29, the Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene (UUCE) called the Rev. Stephen Landale as its next settled minister.

This followed an intensive week of sermons and meetings with congregants. Dozens of church members pitched in to make the busy week a resounding success.

At a packed Congregational Meeting, the motion to call Landale came from the Ministerial Search Committee, chaired by Karen Gaffney. Landale was selected from an original list of 21 candidates who expressed interest in the UUCE. After 14 minutes of discussion, 214 voting members voted near unanimously in favor of the motion.



Landale is pleased to be called

After the vote, Landale, currently minister at the Bell Street Chapel in Providence, RI, returned to the church. He was enthusiastically welcomed back with the song, "Welcome, Rejoice, and Come In."

Landale responded, "I am honored to receive your offer to be your minister, to minister to you and with you, and to live out our values in the larger community. And I look forward to meeting with Thundereggs!" Landale plans to move to Eugene this August. His term as minister will begin August 13th.

The previous settled minister was the Rev. Carolyn Colbert, Minister Emerita, who served UUCE from 1998 to 2006. Reached at her interim home in Los Gatos, CA, Colbert said, "Congratulations to my beloved former congregation! I'm excited for you all, but especially for Rev. Landale. He will soon experience the joy, the enthusiasm, the energy and the love that makes UUCE the best. Of course, I'm prejudiced." She also added, "My love to you all! I'm looking forward to catching up with some of you at General Assembly."

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Sunday Services 9 & 11 am

May 6

Can Someone Say Amen?

Cecilia Kingman Miller, Interim Ministry Team
 Personal Reflection: Martin Sage
 Lynn Smith, Musician

Unitarian Universalists value diversity and pluralism, yet there are some in our midst who have felt silenced for their spiritual practices and theological beliefs. Come find out who--you might be surprised!

May 13

GREEN MOTHER

Rev. Margaret Keip, Interim Ministry Team
 with Green Sanctuary members; Lorna Baldwin, Worship Associate
 The Sanctuary Choir, Tom Sears, Music Director; Lynn Smith, pianist
 Children of the earth, we are. On Mothers Day this year, let us cherish the ancient mother of us all.

May 20

Youth/Young Adult Sunday- "Bridging"

Candee Cole, DRE; Dennis Reynolds, Worship Associate
 The Chalice Choir, Tom Sears, Music Director; Jean Weick, pianist
 "Bridging"...a yearly tradition is one of our most moving rituals. We will hear from those youth who are moving into adulthood and on to new adventures. Graduating Seniors Kat Schmidt, Leah Milne-Wright and Nick Reynolds will share with the congregation what Unitarian Universalism has meant to them and what they are bringing with them into the world. We will also hear from our UU Young Adult community, appreciate our youth advisors, and honor the participants of the Our Whole Lives program. A reception for the Bridgers will be held after each service as well as a luncheon after the 2nd service for the congregational meeting, put on by our Young Adults group.

May 27

ONE SERVICE ONLY at 11 am

Still the Moon Increases

Cecilia Kingman Miller, Interim Ministry Team
 The Sanctuary Choir, Tom Sears, Music Director; Lynn Smith, pianist
 Change and loss are constant companions all our days. Our feel-good culture denies us the time and practice of mourning, yet the task of maturity is to learn to grieve well. On this Memorial Day, we honor all the losses of our lives.

Sunday, June 3

A MILESTONE YEAR

Rev. Margaret Keip, Interim Ministry Team
 (See invitational note on page 7)

UUCE Calendar, continued

Tuesday 5/22	no open meetings scheduled	
Wednesday 5/23	5:15 & 7 pm Choir practice (Chamber & Sanctuary) 7 pm SPC (Strategic Planning Committee)	Sanctuary Breezeway room
Thursday 5/24	10:30 am Newsletter mailing 2 pm Fourth Thursday Book Group 2 pm Thundereggs 7 pm Archive Comm. Kick-off Centennial mtg	Social Hall Betts Silver's home Tsunami Books26th & Willamette Social Hall
Friday 5/25	7:30 pm UUCE Singletarians	Social Hall
Saturday 5/26	no open meetings scheduled	
Sunday 5/27	11 am Sunday Services— <u>ONE SERVICE ONLY</u> No RE Classes	Sanctuary
Monday 5/28 Memorial Day	Church office closed 7 pm Chalice Choir 7 pm Young Adults 7:15 pm 4th Monday Book Group	Sanctuary Room 6 meet at Cascade Manor
Tuesday 5/29	no open meetings scheduled	
Wednesday 5/30	5:15 & 7 pm Choir practice (Chamber & Sanctuary) 7 pm SGM (Small Group Ministry)	Sanctuary Room 5
Thursday 5/31	2 pm Thundereggs 7 pm CUUPS (Covenant of the UU Pagans) Full Moon 7 pm NVC (Nonviolent Communication)-closed	Tsunami Books26th & Willamette Sanctuary Room 5

Deadline for next newsletter: Friday, May 18 at 11 am Send newsletter submissions to: office@uueugene.org

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Custodian:	Matt Kosanke

UUCE Calendar—May 2007

Date	Time	Event	Location
Thursday 5/3	2 pm	Thundereggs	Tsunami Books26th & Willamette
	6 pm	OWL (Our Whole Lives)	Room 5
	7 pm	Executive Committee	Social Hall
	7 pm	NVC (Nonviolent Communication)-closed	Room 2
Friday 5/4	6 pm	Interweave Potluck & Movie Night	Sanctuary-Social Hall
	6 pm	Youth COM Sleepover	RE-Sanctuary-Social Hall
Sunday 5/6	9 & 11 am	Sunday Services	Sanctuary
Monday 5/7	10 am	Workshop-Creating an Illustrated Journal	Social Hall
	7 pm	Young Adults	Room 6
Tuesday 5/8	10 am	Archive Committee	Social Hall
Wednesday 5/9	5:15 & 7 pm	Choir practice (Chamber & Sanctuary)	Sanctuary
	7 pm	SPC (Strategic Planning Committee)	Breezeway room
Thursday 5/10	2 pm	Thundereggs	Tsunami Books26th & Willamette
	6 pm	OWL (Our Whole Lives)	Room 5
	7 pm	Board Meeting	Social Hall
Friday 5/11	9 am	Church office closed	
	6:30 pm	Food for Lane County	Lane County Warehouse 770 Bailey Hill
	6 pm	OWL Sleepover	RE-Sanctuary-Social Hall
Saturday 5/12	5 pm	UUCE Young Adults Sleepover	RE-Sanctuary-Social Hall
Sunday 5/13 <i>Mother's Day</i>	9 & 11 am	Sunday Services-Intergenerational Dedication Ceremony for the lil' ones	Sanctuary
	12:30 pm	GA Tea Social	Social Hall
	5 pm	Concert-Fundraiser for the church	Sanctuary
Monday 5/14	7 pm	Chalice Choir	Sanctuary
	7 pm	Green Sanctuary	Room 5
	7 pm	Young Adults	Room 6
Tuesday 5/15	6 pm	Membership Committee	Social Hall
Wednesday 5/16	5:15 & 7 pm	Choir practice (Chamber & Sanctuary)	Sanctuary
	7 pm	Open Men's Group	Room 6
Thursday 5/17	2 pm	Thundereggs	Tsunami Books26th & Willamette
	6 pm	OWL (Our Whole Lives)	Room 5
	6 pm	Stewardship	Social Hall
	7 pm	NVC (Nonviolent Communication)-closed	Gallery
Friday 5/18	11 am	Newsletter submission deadline	office@ueugene.org
	6:15 pm	All-Church Potluck	Sanctuary-Social Hall
Saturday 5/19	TBA	Book Sale-benefit Young Adults for GA	Sanctuary-Social Hall
	9:30 am	Coordinating Council	Sanctuary
Sunday 5/20	9 & 11 am	Sunday Services-Candidate	Sanctuary
	9 & 11 am	Fair Trade Coffee Store Open	Social Hall
	12: 15 pm	Congregational meeting & Luncheon	Sanctuary-Social Hall
	12:30 pm	Interweave Planning meeting	Gallery
Monday 5/21	5:40 pm	Music Committee	Social Hall
	7 pm	Chalice Choir	Sanctuary
	7 pm	Young Adults	Room 6

From Your Interim Ministry Team: *Rev. Margaret Keip*

I'm writing this column from home in Grants Pass, imagining you high with bright visions for UUCE's future and soaring with hopes for Rev. Steve Landale, that his ministry with you, and your own sharing of that ministry together with him, will be durable and enduring.

And I know of some lingering concern among you that even though you are full and overflowing now, the rocky road you traveled with earlier clergy in the past thirty years may have flung some gravel under your feet. Did your growth-filled years with Carolyn Colbert, *minister emerita*, really sweep all that away? Worry surfaced when this current interim year hit rough times and Jeanne Melis Mills felt a deep need to depart. Memories arose of prior ministries falling apart in negotiated resignations with Oren (Pete) Peterson and Sally Bryan, haunting echoes of errors and ineptitudes on all sides, and wounds that still ache in stormy weather.

In "Hiding and Seeking" on Sunday, February 25 (available on request from the office), I encapsulated those two break-ups, in their sequence and consequence and context, to help clear your way. But I didn't speak of how that history affected Jeanne. She was aware of most of it and it truly worried her. She did not feel ready or able to manage well or to fulfill her vision of interim ministry in a setting that could be contentious. And her style was authoritative and strong, which mismatched with UUCE's collaborative way of doing church. The Executive Committee and Board responded with diligent efforts to follow standard procedures. The mismatch took its toll, as the E.C. and Jeanne each sought to serve from their disparate strengths and hang in, disconnecting even more in the process.

Skill and resources to manage conflict with grace, care, and courage are still very young here at UUCE. Jeanne herself undertook to combine Committee on Ministry and Safe Congregation functions. This was a brilliant move and a blessing for your future. That team has been serving you well already, even while it's still in formation. I foresee it guiding you, cheerleading you, facilitating communication, calling folks into right relationship, and sweeping pebbles from paths as your church pursues a bright destiny, no longer haunted by ghosts from the past. You deserve nothing less than a brilliant future!

—Margaret

From Your Interim Ministry Team: *Cecilia Kingman Miller*

As I write this, Steve Landale is arriving for candidating week. By the time you read this, that week will have whirlwinded by, and you will be one step closer to your future. How exciting these days are!

And there are more steps yet to come this spring. The Board and Strategic Planning Committee have placed before you an important vote on the future building needs of this congregation. This is a momentous decision in the life of the church, and you can be assured that your church leaders have worked very hard to consider all factors and possibilities.

The glad reality of your growth is this: You have deepened and matured as a congregation during Carolyn Colbert's ministry, and your light is shining very brightly in Eugene. People are coming—those who, like yourselves, seek a spiritual community. They see the light of love and freedom and justice shining out from your worship, from your religious education programs, from your community offerings—from your very faces!

And this growth, in both depth and numbers, calls you to examine the resources of the congregation. The building of the church, so well and deservedly loved, has been a good home for many years. It's painful to think about leaving it behind. And yet *the building* is not *the church*. The people are the church, and the mission is the church, and the vision of the community you are always striving to be—that is the church. You—all of you—are the church!

As you face the many changes ahead and as you navigate these many decisions, I hope you will remember the foundation of this congregation: the love which you share and the trust which is at the core of a covenantal church. Though the changes may be painful at times, though good people may disagree about certain aspects of these changes, please walk in respect and kindness together. Trust one another, be good to one another, and you will find your way into a vibrant and joyful future.

In faith, *Cecilia*

Joys and Sorrows for May

Throughout the interim time, we have been trying out different ways to honor life's happy and sad times. This month we will bring the silent candle lighting that has been available out in front of the sanctuary into the circle of worship. During the service, there will be a time when all who wish will be invited to come forward and silently light a candle, while held in the loving embrace of the community. The worship leaders will then offer a closing prayer. We hope you will enjoy trying out this particular form of Joys and Sorrows, and that each of these different ritual forms has been thought provoking for you.

program led by experts, and a special haven for teens and young adults. Workshops might offer music, massage, yoga, poetry, drama, mindfulness, nutrition, dance, meditation, and more. Afternoons are free for hiking, rafting, trips to surrounding areas, massage, games, and the gifts you bring to share. Evenings feature such activities as Dances of Universal Peace, Talent Night, and the Friday Night Party. Of course, there will be plenty of time to see old and new friends and just hang out, too. Come join the fun! We'll be celebrating Camp LaForet's 50th anniversary in 2008!

Please explore our website for more information or to register:

www.CAMPLAFORET.COM



UU Can Go Home Again—To Transylvania

Early October 2007

Cecilia Kingman Miller, Trip Leader

Worship and reflection, feasting, singing and dancing, come and share all on this transformative journey. You will journey deep into the heart of Unitarian history while visiting the birthplace of religious freedom. Come and travel with other American UUs under the dual leadership of experienced local guides and Project Harvest Hope staff. Enjoy legendary village hospitality, witness the traditional life of our brothers and sisters in faith, as you live in the homes of families and work alongside our partners. Seminars led by local scholars and experts will include religious and cultural history, sustainable agriculture and globalization, post-communist economics and development, and women's and children's issues. All proceeds benefit Project Harvest Hope's efforts to protect the Unitarian homelands in Transylvania. For more information and an application, visit www.projectharvesthope.org.

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are a compassionate, welcoming community

that promotes spiritual growth, ethical living

and social justice in our church and in the world.

London's home (now a state park), the Culinary Institute of America, and the diRosa Art and Nature Preserve.

Tours are offered from mid-May through mid-October. Plan for two days of touring and a two or three night stay with all local transportation provided. Home hospitality without tours is also available. Our fees are below market rates for similar services. All proceeds help our Fellowship grow and purchase property in this expensive real estate market. We have limited openings, so contact us now for details. Questions? Call Iris Barrie at (707) 265-6926 or barrie001@comcast.net



Fun In The Sun!

Eliot Institute, the Northwest's much loved UU summer camp, has sessions in June, July and August. The July session, at Seabeck on the Hood Canal, is full for this year, but space is available for the late June session, on Lake Okanagan in B.C. and for August at Seabeck. Come and enjoy! For more info, call 206-374-2497 or visit EliotInstitute.org

Hear the roar! Feel the mist! See the mighty Falls! July 15-17

Come experience the wonder of Niagara Falls including some great educational opportunities while being taken care of like royalty. The UU Church of Niagara is conducting a four day UU Niagara Experience which is a lifetime opportunity to encounter the Falls up close from every perspective, even safely riding beneath a tethered balloon. Spend four days with us exploring the rich historical and natural wonders around the Falls. For information visit our web site : <http://www.uunex.net/>
Email : info@uunex.net Telephone : (716) 791-4453

UU Family Camp

UU Camp LaForet, Carbondale, CO, July 29th--Aug. 4th

Ever thought about going to a UU summer camp or spending a week in Colorado during the summer? Why not combine the two and come to Camp LaForet in Carbondale? Located at the foot of Mt. Sopris between the hot springs in Glenwood Springs and the music festival in Aspen, Camp LaForet has activities for all: workshops and support groups for adults, a children's



UUCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Elections To Be Held On May 20th

There will be a Congregational Meeting on May 20th, after the second service and after lunch. The Nominating Committee will present the slate for Board of Trustees and the 2007-2008 Nominating Committee. The Strategic Planning Committee will also be conducting a meeting on SPC business.

In accordance with Bylaw 070.4, this newsletter article serves as the UUCE Nominating Committee's formal notice for the elections. The 2006-2007 Nominating Committee consists of Julia Knowles, Robbie McCosh, and Ruth Nelson.

Nominees for the board are as follows: For vice president, Sarah Hendrickson, who would move from at large member status. For secretary, the Nominating Committee recommends Suzanne Whaley. Nominees for members at large are: Amber Alexander, David Atkin (who has served as a replacement for Patrick Phillips since mid-term in the 2006-2007 cycle), Holly Garrow, and Elliot McIntire. Officers continuing on the board will be president Olga Turner and treasurer Marta Powers. Sally DeCou and Michael Mattick are continuing as members at large. Information about and pictures of the candidates will be posted in the Social Hall. Unless otherwise specified, board terms are for two years beginning on June 1, 2007.

Members may make additional nominations from the floor at the Congregational Meeting provided the nominee has given prior consent. If anyone is nominated for an at-large position, then each voting member of the congregation may vote for any of the listed candidates unless the person making the nomination from the floor explicitly requests otherwise. A written ballot with the above slate and space for additional nominees will be provided.

In accordance with bylaw 080.3, the current 2006-2007 Nominating Committee recommends the members for 2007-2008; all one-year terms begin on June 1, 2007.

The continuing members are Julia Knowles and Ruth Nelson. To fill the remaining three Nominating Committee positions, the Committee recommends Rachel Cummings, Julia Fishwick, and George Koris.



MAY 20th – Another Important Congregational Vote

At the congregational meeting on May 20th, we will be asked to vote by secret ballot on the following Board resolution: “The Congregation of UUCE resolves to vigorously pursue finding and obtaining a new location for our physical church in accord with our principles.”

This resolution reflects the unanimous recommendation of the Strategic Planning Committee to the Board of Trustees, who unanimously approved writing it as a resolution to bring before the congregation for approval. A **YES** vote on this resolution means that you want the Board to begin the process of looking for a new location for the UUCE, one that will allow us to create a physical space that will accommodate our needs and will provide room for growth for the next 40 to 50 years. A **NO** vote, on the other hand, means that you want UUCE to stay on its present site, and either remodel / expand our present building, or tear it down and build a new church on this site.

The Strategic Planning Committee and your Board of Trustees both urge a **YES** vote on this proposal for a number of reasons, but foremost among them is the fact that, to create a larger facility at our current location would mean the removal of most of the trees to provide parking, and transforming our current building into something very different, probably destroying much of what we hold dear about it. Even then, within a very few years we would have no room for further growth, and would need to seek a new location.

Looking for a new location presents many challenges, but if we pool our talents we're optimistic UUCE will locate a property that suits our values and principles as well as, or better than, our present site, and provides room and inspiration for UU's for several generations

If you have questions about the resolution or the consequences of a YES or NO vote, please ask any member of the Strategic Planning Committee: Linda Anson, Larry Cummings, Betty Hosokawa, Elliot McIntire, Gretchen Miller, Diane Wooldridge, Bonnie Phipps (ex officio).

The Congregation of UUCE resolves to vigorously pursue finding and obtaining a new location for our physical church in accord with our principles.

EMAIL CONNECTIONS

For the selection of local UUCE email lists available, visit <http://lists.uueugene.org/mailman/listinfo/> and consider the "from the heart" topics on UUCE-Share or the political discussions (and bad jokes) on UUCE Chat. Click on the list title for the subscription page for that listserv, or ask for help at webmaster@uueugene.org UUCE WEBSITE INDEX

APPRECIATIONS

Thanks and Appreciation

To Estelle Singleton for the extra funds donated to purchase 30 new chairs for the sanctuary. This was part of Estelle's larger gift to the church and was initiated by Marta Powers and her brother to honor their mother Estelle's wishes.

Third Sunday Community Giving

UUCE collected \$1589.22 for “The Center for Community Counseling” on April 15.

Thank you Newsletter Helpers: Darelle Baker, Jane Lund, Dirk Ten Brinke, Elizabeth Weber, Phyllis Kesner, Barbara Greenley, Sylvia Taylor, Chuck Adams, Joyce Salisbury.
Thank you Darelle for delivering the newsletters to the post office!

UU CONNECTIONS AFAR

Wine Country Excursions

An hour north of San Francisco are the lush vineyards, world class wineries and picturesque small towns of the Napa and Sonoma Valleys. We invite all UUs and friends to share the beauty of our “home” through the UU Fellowship of North Bay's “Wine Country Excursions.”

We offer small customized two day tours of our valleys, which can include wine tastings, art galleries, museums, scenic trails and much more. We provide private rooms with baths in the homes of our members and experienced guides to conduct tours in their cars.

Napa itself is alive and vibrant with, galleries, boutique shops, world-class restaurants, wine tasting rooms and entertainment. Sites of special interest include COPIA (The American Center for Food, Wine and the Arts), Jack

All-Church Camp in August Interested in helping to plan this?

Call Brian Lewis at 870-6658 or rustic289@yahoo.com



PAGE TURNERS

The **Fourth Thursday Book Group** will meet on May 24th at 2 pm, at the home of Betts Silver. Our book will be "The Glass Castle" by Jennette Walls. Questions? Call Dorothy 345-9114 or penmit@juno.com

The **Fourth Monday Book Group** will meet on May 28 at 7:15 pm at Cascade Manor. The book is Digging to America by Ann Tyler. Questions? Call Mavis Thomas at 434-4123.

UUCE CONNECTIONS

Personal Reflection

Martin Sage will present a Personal Reflection at both services on May 6th. Don't miss your last chance this church year to get past volumes of Personal Reflections (\$3.00 each, such a deal!) on sale after both services on May 6th.

Birthday Bash

Come celebrate April and May birthdays. We will gather at the Marche' UO Art Museum on May 26th at noon. Checks are separate. Expect perfect weather and a sunny lunch on their beautiful patio--the food is great! Questions? Call Ruth Duemler at 484-6145, ruthd@efn.org.

May Anniversaries: Alice & Peggy Marcus 5/1/04, Betty & Garry Ehrlich 5/4/85, Pam Dillehay & Marshall Moseley 5/13/90, Laura & Aquene Amarys 5/21/94, Jake Walsh & Elaine Erwin 5/24/93.

May Birthdays: Tim Hood 5/1, Beth Maurer 5/1, Sandi Mann 5/2, Sue Archbald 5/5, Tom Phillips 5/5, Truleen Delgado 5/6, Kris Kelson 5/6, Gene Okins 5/9, Phyllis Pears 5/10, Ric Berry 5/11, Betty Hosokawa 5/11, Martha Snyder 5/13, Fanchon Blake 5/15, George Koris 5/17, Jean Ridone 5/17, August Sabini 5/18, Lesley Sabini 5/18, Marilyn Mauer 5/20, Suzanne Durland 5/21, Kurt Engelmann 5/21, Patti Hansen 5/21, Julie Aspinwall-Lamberts 5/24, Diane Steiner 5/24, Ethyl Villeneuve 5/25, Chris Hohenemser 5/29, Eric Faulk 5/30, Doug Hintz 5/30.

Lost-n-Found – Coats – eyeglasses – keys.
Please check the box in the kitchen closet.

Welcome New Members!

On April 15th, we welcomed 20 new members into our church during morning services and joined them afterwards for coffee and cake. A poster in the social hall features photos and bios of each new member or family. Take a moment to familiarize yourself with these names and faces. They are a fascinating and gifted group of individuals! During orientation seminars in March, we in the Membership Committee have been privileged to get to know many of these folks. We appreciate the time and interest they have taken in UUCE, and we thank each of them for their commitment to our principles. Please welcome into our church community:

AlecSandra Bihlmaier

Morgan Munro

Alan & Melody Clark

Jeanette Ruel & Douglas Turvey,
and child: Austin

Bob Coleman

Kate Savannah

Sheila Cook

Katherine Sloan,
and children: Aubra & Trinity

Joel Figen

Jet Harris & Katherine Swem,
and children: Gillian & Connor

Erin & Erik Troberg,
and children: Hayley, Tommy & Jack

Joy Hatch & Jett Nilprabhassorn,
and child: Roscoe

Valerie Willman,
and children: Aubrey & Joey

Rena Kriegh

Shelley Zavatt

A MILESTONE YEAR

with Rev. Margaret Keip, Interim Ministry Team

Sunday, June 3

Wrapped in poetry and reflection, we'll uplift milestones in our personal lives in a whole service dedicated to this human journey we travel.

If you've experienced a major event in your life this year—a birth or death, wedding or separation, commencement, career achievement, or life transition—Rev. Margaret would like to include your name in the Milestone Year service on June 3. Please let her know via e-mail (mkeip@uuma.org) or by phone to the ministers voice mailbox (743-0640).

Music in May

5/6 - Lynn Smith, pianist

5/13 - Sanctuary Choir

Let Me Be the Music - a beautiful tribute to the music of love

Noche de Lluvia - "Wait, do not sleep. . . All my heart is listening. . ."

5/20 - Chalice Choir

Woyaya - "We are going, heaven knows where we are going, but we know within."

Everything Possible - a celebration of who we are, what we can become and what matters most

5/27 - Sanctuary Choir

Fences - "Hope is born when we decide there shall be no fences. . ."

Song of the Open Road - Walt Whitman's epic poem in a contemporary setting

6/9 - Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

NEW GUIDELINES FOR OFFICE SUPPORT

As our programs and membership grow, so does the workload on our UUCE Administrator, Kim Harris, and on the rest of our program and support staff. We have come not just to enjoy, but to expect a nearly limitless service from our staff. But this is an unrealistic expectation--the current load is unsustainable. In order to protect and honor the limited time Kim and Sherry have in any given week to do their jobs, we are instituting new office guidelines.

REDUCE--Before calling or "dropping in," please think hard about what you need or want. Could you or someone on your committee or working group do it?

SCHEDULE--If you still need office help, e-mail or call and make a Mon. or Tues. appointment with Kim.

PLAN AHEAD--For large or labor intensive jobs, confer with Kim two weeks out.

ORGANIZE--Have just one representative arrive with your project ready to go.

Your consideration, planning, partnership, and care will help our programs thrive and church life go more smoothly.

The Board of Trustees and the Interim Team

UUCE EVENTS

Getting Hammered at Church

All-Church Potluck on May 18th / Habitat for Humanity Info

Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. The program starts at 7 p.m.

Don Griffin, the executive director of Habitat for Humanity will make a presentation about how UUCE can get involved with his organization this summer. We need people to do all sorts of things, including landscaping, office work, picking up store supplies, preparing meals for the work crew, and actually swinging a hammer! Our high school students can also get involved. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. I want to see record breaking attendance at this potluck! Questions? Contact Diane Wooldridge at woolietoys@msn.com or 342-8071 or the Peara's at 684-828

Food for Lane County Volunteer Night, Friday, May 11th at 6:30 pm

770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene

End waste! Every day dozens of area facilities donate food to FFLC that would otherwise be thrown away. Our group repackages this food for distribution to the hungry all over Lane County. Just wear a hat or ponytail bring a jacket, and wear close-toed shoes. Open to anyone over the age of 18. Volunteers are needed very weekday evening, so you don't have to wait for the official UFO night. Questions? Contact Diane Wooldridge at woolietoys@msn.com or 342-8071.

UUr Life Cycle, Sunday, May 13th 12:30 pm

UFO Bike Ride - Sunday, May 13th at 12:30 p.m.

20 miles--from UUCE to Greenhill and back. Join us for a bike ride along the Willamette River. We will leave from church. Bring your bike, a helmet, water, lunch or snacks, sunscreen, and personal repair and first aid supplies. Ages 18 and up, not suitable for pets. Event is limited to 10 participants. To sign up call Diane Wooldridge at 342-8071 or woolietoys@msn.com or

GA On Their Minds, Saturday, May 19

A small group ministry will help our young adults raise money to send them to UU General Assembly in Portland this June. They'll work together to hold a book sale on May 19th. Start saving your books, CDs, videos and DVDs. Questions? Call Ruth Duemler at 484-6145, ruthd@efn.org.

parking also will be available on site, along with tents, toys and childcare for very young children, gloves and tools for workers, and refreshments for all. Make happy memories with your muscles, support urban biodiversity and your community, and enjoy your brother and sister UUs in the great Eugene outdoors—rain or shine.

Look for the sign-up sheet and directions at the Green Sanctuary table in the Social Hall. Or call Lorna Baldwin at 683-1155 or Judy Sawyer at 685-0731.



Earth Friendly Workshops

A group of nine UUs just finished taking a five-week course using the curriculum on Global Warming offered by the Northwest Earth Institute. You may recall other courses being offered through our church on Voluntary Simplicity, Deep Ecology, and Healthy Planet - Healthy Children. This is the first time a course was offered during the day and it attracted a large group of avid attendees. We were all pleasantly surprised to find ways that each of us can make a difference about global warming. We examined our energy use, transportation habits and shared print and electronic information about reducing our carbon footprint. So many times we get frustrated with hearing only doom and gloom and trying to figure out what one person can do. Judy Newman and Erik Fisher have been coordinating the registration and organization of these courses and are willing to organize repeats of all these classes. The Deep Ecology curriculum has recently been updated and the Global Warming book is fresh off the press. If you are interested in learning more about when and where these courses will be offered, please contact Judy Newman directly at jnewman@uoregon.edu or call 747-2001.

The Key to Good Health, Sunday, June 24

The Eugene Dojo of the Oregon Ki Society presents an introduction about Ki Development and Coordination of Mind and Body, from 1 to 2 p.m. on June 24th in the Sanctuary. This free seminar will be appropriate for adults and youth at least 15 years old who are interested in increasing relaxation, calmness, concentration, better health, and more positive personal interactions. Participants will learn to coordinate mind and body and the basics of extending Ki. The primary focus of Ki classes is learning how to coordinate mind and body in daily life, both when quiet and in the midst of motion. The purpose of Ki Development is to help students improve the quality of their lives by improving health and performance and increasing the flow of living energy in our daily lives. Questions? Contact Anna Sontag at 686-0927 or anna.sontag@gmail.com.

UUCE COMMITTEE UPDATES

UUCE Centennial Nearing

Our church started meeting in September 1909, so we will soon be 100 years old! To celebrate, the Archives Committee will publish a book detailing our first 100 years. We're also planning a large birthday bash--after all, you're on 100 once! We're forming a Centennial Celebration Committee to mark this auspicious occasion. If you'd like to join, the first meeting will be Thurs., May 24th at 7 p.m. in the social hall. Please contact any one of us. We'd love to see you there!

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Check Out What Year It Is

Thank you for your pledges! Now please help us keep your records straight. This is the time of year when pledges can very easily be credited to the wrong fiscal year. Please help us by noting on the "Memo" line on your checks if this is a pledge for 2006-07 or 2007-08. Reminder--our 2006-07 pledge year concludes on June 30th. Our 2007-08 pledge year begins on July 1, 2007. Everyone who deposits your pledge checks will be extremely grateful!

Facilities Council

Your worker bees have been hard at work. Here's some of what they've done recently--

1. Entrances to Rooms 2 and 5 have improved, impaired-mobility-friendly thresholds
2. A feasibility assessment on closing in the porch off the library has been completed
3. Paint-with-sand for traction has been applied to the ramp to the front door
4. The gate to the playground has been re-aligned so it latches
5. Ken Ross will become FC's Communication Coordinator beginning June

UUCE CONCERTS



Mother's Day Concert—Sunday May13th at 5 pm

Bring your mother to an evening of Shakespeare songs for voice, lute and piano, performed by Karen Kumley, Raleigh Williams and Ariel Lynch. The program includes settings of Shakespearean texts from the 16th to the 21st century with pieces by Morley, Haydn and Vaughn Williams. Light refreshments will be provided.



Spring Concert — Sat., June 9th at 7 pm

Our UUCE choirs will present their annual Spring Concert Sat., June 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Drawing on their favorite pieces from Sunday services, the Sanctuary, Chamber and Chalice choirs will offer a variety of choral music. From classical anthems to Tin Pan Alley, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Admission is free but come early as this event fills up quickly. Refreshments will be available.

UUA & GA UPDATES

Help Halt HIV/AIDS

The Unitarian Universalist Global Aids Coalition and the UUA, in cooperation with numerous health care advocacy organizations, are working to urge the passage of federal legislation to end ineffective limitations on funding to fight HIV and Aids. Cards urging the Oregon congressional delegation to support the PATHWAY Act (Protection Against Transmission of HIV for Women and Youth) will be available in the social hall after services in May.

The UUA legislative office and their advocacy partners are hoping that, nationwide, thousands of messages to Congress will help remove "abstinence" restriction currently placed on funding to address HIV/AIDS in Africa. Locally we are hoping to encourage Congressman Defazio to co-sponsor this legislation. Dennis and Suzanne Reynolds will have the cards available in the social hall after services through May 20th.

Around the world, 40 million people are living with HIV. Each year an additional 4.3 million are newly infected. Our advocacy can make a difference in reducing the spread of this deadly virus. For more information go to www.uua.org/uuawo or www.pepfarwatch.org.

Teatime, My Dears

Learn about General Assembly, ask questions, drink tea, eat cucumber sandwiches--. does life get any better? Don't forget that this year's GA will be in Portland in June. If you are curious to hear from folks who have attended before, then come to our tea and discussion on May13th in the social hall at 12:30 - 2:00 pm. If you have a special tea, teapot, or service you would like to use, or if you care to make or bring delicious vegetables and lit sandwiches please RSVP to Linna linnam@efn.org or 684-8015. If you want to preview this year's events for the Portland, GA please google uua.org/ga and click on the topics of your interest in the dark blue box.

UUCE WORKSHOPS & WORK PARTIES

This Is Your [Illuminated] Life

Judie Hansen is leading a workshop on Mon., May 7th from 10 a.m. to noon in the social hall. She'll share the illustrated journals she has created over the past 18 years, showing how she's used graphics, printing, and simple artwork to record the daily events of her life. Come and try--you don't need to be an artist! Judie will explain how various books, pencils, pens, etc. provide variety and fun. Cost of the workshop is \$5.00, with the fee going to the UUCE general fund. Reservations suggested so we'll know how many chairs, tables, and materials to provide. Questions? Call Judie at 338-2959 or judie310hansen@comcast.net

UU Stream Team Work Party, Sat., May 12th

All those who are willing and able are invited once again to don your mudders and mackinaws (or boots and T-shirts if it's sunny) and join Matt McRae, Lorna Baldwin, Judy Sawyer and the Eugene Stream Team work party at the Native Plant Nursery in Alton Baker Park. Every year, the nursery supplies plants for restoration projects that improve both water quality and fish and wildlife habitat in our beautiful community. In just the last two years, our church contributed more than 360 work hours to those efforts Let's add another 100!

This year we'll need carpenters to build eight raised beds instead of four, as well as volunteers to fill them with soil. As always, there'll be lots of seedlings to transplant, though (good news!) not as much weeding and maintenance as before.

The nursery is right on the bike path, so come that way if you can. However