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*A Welcoming Congregation*

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**Sunday Services**

June 3 at 9 & 11 am

**A MILESTONE YEAR**

Rev. Margaret Keip, Interim Ministry Team

In a whole service dedicated to the human journey we travel, Margaret's co-minister husband, Fred, will join her this morning to wrap milestones in your personal lives with poetry and reflection. If you've experienced a major event in your life this past year—a birth or death in your family, wedding or separation, commencement, career achievement, life transition or trauma—we will gladly include your name. Let Margaret know by e-mail (mkeip@uuma.org) or phone: 743-0640.

June 10 at 9 & 11 am

**Befriending the River**

Rev. Margaret Keip & Cecilia Kingman Miller, Interim Ministry Team  
All Choirs, Tom Sears, Music Director; Lynn Smith, Pianist  
Together we will reflect on our fleeting time with you, and bid you farewell with full hearts. Shakespeare said it truly; parting is both sorrowful and sweet. It's knit into living, and an inexorable part of the power and potential of change. This morning we will celebrate it all.

**SUMMER SERVICES BEGIN—ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 am**

June 17

**Fathers Day Service**

**"Ecofeminism and Husbandry,  
Different words from Different Genders"**

Dennis Reynolds Minsiterial Student Speaker

Kathleen Dillon Worship Associate

The Seventh Principle of Unitarian Universalism speaks of our place in the interdependent web of all existence. In a time of global climate change and other environmental degradation, change in the behavior patterns of many people is desperately needed. How we act and the language we use to urge others towards actions are equally important. As we celebrate Fathers Day, let us celebrate men and women who work to treasure and preserve our planet and the air we breath.

June 24

**CUUPS**

Speaker: John Burrridge

*“What an exhausting year. What an historic year. What a great bunch of leaders you all are!”* – Those words just came in on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from a member temporarily far away, upon learning of your 131-17 vote the day before to seek a new site for your beloved community.

So true! What you have chosen is to open your arms to others who long to find our way of faith. In poet Marge Piercy’s words, all possibilities begin *“when you say We...and each day you mean one more.”* The negative votes reflect a poignant awareness by some that the church you are destined to become will no longer be the church you recently were.

Actually, this has been true for a while. The April and May votes to call Rev. Steve Landale and to move were deeply considered, conscious choices. The doubling of your membership in less than a decade was, in contrast, a responsive gift of heart, and the changes it entails can be daunting. Yet worthy, truly worthy of you! Missteps and mistakes happen on all paths of change. May you know compassion, kindness, forgiveness and grace, reflecting the size of your hearts.

We’ll be cheering you from a distance.

*Margaret*

What a year this has been! So much has happened here at UUCE, and you all have come through with flying colors. A new minister arriving, a new future unfolding--it's very exciting. You've called a new minister, and now you begin the vital and vibrant work of creating a new space for yourselves. This is a grand journey and requires all hearts and hands. The fruition of your work will be twofold. First, you'll have a church which welcomes all who come to its doors. Second, you'll have a ministry serving all within and beyond your walls. This is indeed a vision for the people--I congratulate UUCE as you embark!

Margaret and I are proud to have served you during this transition year. We're eager to watch from afar your next steps. I have so enjoyed working and worshipping with all of you. My goodbye is wrapped in a genuine affection for this congregation--for both your boldness of spirit and your big hearts. I will always remember UUCE as the church with the best potlucks too!

In faith,  
*Cecilia*

UUCE Calendar, continued

<b>Wednesday 6/20</b>	7 pm 7 pm	<b>UU GA in Portland Begins (June 20-24)</b> CUUPS (Covenant of UU Pagans) Solstice Open Men’s Group	Sanctuary Room 6
<b>Thursday 6/21</b>	10:30 am 2 pm	Newsletter mailing Thundereggs	Social Hall Tsunami Books26th & Willamette
<b>Friday 6/22</b>	7:30 pm	UUCE Singletarians	Social Hall
<b>Saturday 6/23</b>	4 pm	ESSN (Eugene-Springfield Solidarity Network)	Sanctuary-Social Hall
<b>Sunday 6/24</b>	10 am 1 pm 5 pm	Sunday Service Oregon Ki Society Workshop-The Key to Good Health Parent-Child Orientation	Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary
<b>Monday 6/25</b>	7 pm 7:15 pm	OWL (Our Whole Lives) Day Camp k-1st graders week begins Young Adults 4th Monday Book Group	Room 6 meet at Cascade Manor
<b>Tuesday 6/26</b>		no open meetings scheduled	
<b>Wednesday 6/27</b>	6 pm 7 pm	SGM (Small Group Ministry) SPC (Strategic Planning Committee)	Social Hall Breezeway room
<b>Thursday 6/28</b>	2 pm 2 pm	Fourth Thursday Book Club Thundereggs	home of Betts Silver Tsunami Books26th & Willamette
<b>Friday 6/29</b>	5 pm 7 pm	Private Rental CUUPS (Covenant UU Pagans) Full Moon	Sanctuary-Social Hall RE rooms
<b>Saturday 6/30</b>	9am-10pm	Private Rental	Sanctuary-Social Hall

**Deadline for next newsletter: Friday, June 15 at 11 am Send newsletter submissions to: [office@uueugene.org](mailto:office@uueugene.org)**

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## UUCE Calendar—June 2007

Date	Time	Event	Location
<b>Friday 6/1</b>	6 pm	Interweave Potluck & Movie Night	Sanctuary-Social Hall
<b>Saturday 6/2</b>	12noon 6:30 pm	Private Rental Young Adults Dinner Cabaret	Sanctuary-Social Hall Sanctuary-Social Hall
<b>Sunday 6/3</b>	9 & 11 am 9 & 11 am 10:15 am 2:00 pm	Sunday Services Teacher Appreciation Celebration Fair Trade Coffee Store Open Congregational meeting Celebration of Life for George Towe	Sanctuary Sanctuary Social Hall Sanctuary Sanctuary
<b>Monday 6/4</b>	7 pm	Young Adults	Room 6
<b>Tuesday 6/5</b>	6:30 pm	RE Committee	Breezeway room
<b>Wednesday 6/6</b>	5:15 & 7 pm 7 pm	Choir practice (Chamber & Sanctuary) Open Men's Group	Sanctuary Room 6
<b>Thursday 6/7</b>	2 pm 7 pm	Thundereggs Executive Committee	Tsunami Books 26th & Willamette Social Hall
<b>Friday 6/8</b>	12noon 6:30 pm 7 pm	Women's Alliance Potluck Food for Lane County Choir Rehearsal	Social Hall Lane County Warehouse 770 Bailey Hill Sanctuary
<b>Saturday 6/9</b>	9 am 7 pm	Choir Rehearsal Spring Concert	Sanctuary Sanctuary
<b>Sunday 6/10</b>	9 & 11 am	Sunday Services Closing Circle & Graduation for RE	Sanctuary Sanctuary
<b>Monday 6/11</b>	7 pm 7 pm	Green Sanctuary Young Adults	Room 5 Room 6
<b>Tuesday 6/12</b>	10 am 5:30 pm 6 pm	Archive Committee Facilities Council Membership Committee	Social Hall Gallery-Library Social Hall
<b>Wednesday 6/13</b>	7 pm	SPC (Strategic Planning Comm.)	Social Hall
<b>Thursday 6/14</b>	2 pm 7 pm	Thundereggs Board meeting	Tsunami Books 26th & Willamette Social Hall
<b>Friday 6/15</b>	11 am 6:15 pm	Newsletter submission deadline All-Church Potluck	office@uueugene.org Sanctuary-Social Hall
<b>Saturday 6/16</b>	9:30 am	Coordinating Council	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday 6/17</b> <i>Father's Day</i>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Summer Services begin—ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10 am</b> <b>No RE Classes during the summer</b>	Sanctuary
	10 am 11:15 am	Fair Trade Coffee Store Open Interweave Planning meeting	Social Hall Gallery
<b>Monday 6/18</b>	7 pm	Young Adults	Room 6
<b>Tuesday 6/19</b>		no open meetings scheduled	

## UUCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *UUCE Votes To Look For A New Church Home*

On Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, following one last heartfelt discussion of the pros and cons of expanding on our present site or looking elsewhere to accommodate our growth, an overwhelming majority of UUCE members present voted to accept the Strategic Planning Committee's recommendation to search and plan for a new church site and building.

The final tally: 131 Yes and 17 No.

Clearly, this decision was not made quickly or lightly, for we all love our lofty, welcoming sanctuary among the trees. And we all owe tremendous thanks to the Strategic Planning Committee, which has, literally, spent hundreds of hours over the past two years to research, discuss, analyze and publicize the results of the findings that led them to Sunday's recommendation and brought us to this point of decision-making. Thanks also are owed to the many others who carefully studied their reports, and provided ideas and feedback to aid them in their efforts along the way.

Church Says "Aye" To New Board & Nominating Committee Slates

Also on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, the church approved by an overwhelming majority the slates recommended by the Nominating Committee.

Elected for two-year terms on the Board were Sarah Hendrickson, Vice President; Suzanne Whaley, Secretary; and Amber Alexander, David Atkin, Holly Garrow and Elliot McIntire, Members-at-large. Those retiring from the Board are Anita Cowling, Judy Sawyer, and Pam Dillehay. Members continuing on the Board include Olga Turner, President; Marta Powers, Treasurer; and at-large members Sally DeCou and Michael Mattick.

Elected for one-year terms on the Nominating Committee were Rachel Cummings, Julia Fishwick and George Koris. Continuing members are Julia Knowles and Ruth Nelson, who will take over as chair from retiring member, Robbie McCosh.

## *Are We There Yet? No, but we're on our way!*

Members of the Strategic Planning Committee are extremely gratified that a substantial majority of the congregation voted in support of the Board looking for a new location that will better suit UUCE's needs. A Building Oversight Committee will guide this process, and several Working Groups will be charged with accomplishing specific tasks, including developing a sustainability matrix that will ensure proper attention to the triple bottom line (financial, social and environmental), planning a capital campaign, researching financing options, and looking for property that will meet our needs. Some Working Groups will complete their tasks within 4 to 6 months and others will remain active for longer periods, so there are opportunities for many of us to contribute. Wide involvement by the entire congregation will be critical. Although the process of contacting potential members has begun, please contact any member of the Strategic Planning Committee if you are interested in serving on a Working Group.

## *Small Group Ministries—An Appreciation*

This church year's SGM program, which had the theme *Celebrating Continuity, Embracing Change*, has come to a close after having 10 sessions, 2 hours each, since January 2007. Many thanks to the SGM steering committee (Sarah Hendrickson, chair; Dick Loescher, chair elect; Bonnie Phipps; Anna Sontag; and Berry Broadbent), the facilitators (Marilyn Junkins, Brian Lewis, Adelka Shawn, Dick Loescher, Connie Newman, Susan Verner, Bridget Klest, and Sylvia Shaw), and the approximately 41 participants in the groups. Many thanks, too, to all who supported the service projects. The goal of the many groups was to develop significant personal connections, to explore meaningful topics, and to experience personal growth. They've also done a number of service projects within the church and in the larger community—

- Organizing and staffing a book sale to help young adults attend the UUA General Assembly in Portland in June
- Sponsoring a fundraiser lunch to help support New Hope School, a safe haven in Cambodia to prevent exploitation of children
- Gathering items for the Turning Point program of Womenspace
- Helping with registration for UUCE Celebration Sunday
- Collecting art supplies for Page School Art Club
- Helping with ideas and activities related to the UUCE Care Committee

A new SGM program will be planned in the upcoming church year and will be publicized ahead of time. All church members and friends are invited to participate in this program, which both enriches us personally and strengthens UUCE.

## **UU CONNECTIONS AFAR**

### **UU Family Camp**

#### **UU Camp LaForet, Carbondale, CO, July 29<sup>th</sup>--Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>**

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 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](http://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](http://www.projectharvesthope.org).



**Lost-n-Found** – Coats – eyeglasses – keys.  
Please check the box in the kitchen closet by June 30. We'll donate any items left to St. Vincent's Monday, July 2.

## UUCE SUMMER CONNECTIONS

Stay connected over the summer! 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](mailto:webmaster@uueugene.org) UUCE WEBSITE INDEX



## APPRECIATIONS

### *Third Sunday Community Giving*

UUCE collected over \$1500.00 for "LEAD on May 20.

Next Special Collection: Sunday, June 17 for: "Habitat for Humanity"

### *Booking Tickets to GA*

We had a fun time with our book sale for the young adults going to GA—and we raised \$346! We had wonderful helpers in Dorothy Mitchell, Jane Lund, Leora White, Bridget Klest, Luke & Katherine Scott-Hinkle, Shiela Cook, Sylvia Taylor, Anna Sontag, Chris Nunes, Jean Weick, Pam Love, and Sue Craig. They set up the books in neat order and then packed them off to St. Vincent's DePaul. Thanks also go to all donors and buyers. You can expect another book sale in the fall.--Ruth Duemler

### **Thank you Newsletter Helpers:**

Dirk Ten Brinke, Darelle B. Baker, Jane Lund, Bob Taylor, Sylvia Taylor, Phyllis Kesner, Barbara Greenley, Sylvia Taylor, Dennis Galloway, Phyllis Peara. Thank you Bob & Sylvia Taylor for delivering the newsletters to the post office!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>

Calling all members who understand the importance of the church's fiscal security! This is your chance to stand up and be counted at the last congregational meeting of the season. Following the first service on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, a little after 10:00 a.m., we will vote to approve the church budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008. The budget document will be available for review on the church website ([www.uueugene.org](http://www.uueugene.org);) no later than Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Our Budget Committee has labored long and hard, with many other church Committees and with the Board, to craft one of our most ambitious operational budgets ever, based on pledges in hand and other available resources. We owe it to them (and to each other) to honor that work with our voting presence for at least one hour per year. See you there!

## PROXY OR ABSENTIA VOTING

In response to several recent inquiries, we thought it important to remind the Congregation why it is we don't have proxy or absentia voting.

- ~ Proxy voting would be permissible only if it were in our By-Laws, and it isn't.
- ~ It might discourage people from attending the Congregational meetings. The voting members are the "caretakers" of the Church, so we need and want our voting members to be present and to participate in the discussion and the voting.
- ~ The opportunity for full Congregational discourse might be diminished with fewer attendees.
- ~ It might jeopardize our having quorum for a vote which as a reminder, is twenty percent of our voting membership. Without a quorum a vote can not be taken which undermines our Congregational polity at the very least, and more importantly, prevents our voting on, and moving forward with significant Church matters.
- ~ It would be an administrative challenge at the very least. For instance, what would the rules be for the "proxy" and how many "proxies" could any one "proxy" have? Furthermore, there would be challenges in checking the "proxies" against the voting membership roles against the in-person votes.
- ~ A bylaws task force had a long discussion about voting by proxy, voting in advance, in absentia a few years ago. They consulted other UU churches and considered all the pros and cons. The conclusion was that the cons outweighed the pros. So, we look forward to seeing you all at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> between services, just after 10 a

—Your Board of Trustees

## UUCE COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Looking Ahead

The choirs work hard during the year to prepare music for Sunday services and concerts. They will take a much-deserved break during the summer, but will return with a Choir-Kickoff Potluck in late August. Rehearsals begin again in September. A choir retreat is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> at Sky Camp. If you're interested in joining us in the fall, please contact Tom Sears at 686-5972 or [tesears@comcast.net](mailto:tesears@comcast.net)

### UUCE Haiku

*For immediate gratification, Put something in the collection plate.*

*For long-term satisfaction, Put the church in your will.*

Talk to Pam Love or Dick Weick, Planned Giving Committee

### Notes from the Facilities Council

Work is in progress to add impaired-mobility parking at the end of the sidewalk in front of the building. FC member, George Koris, will accompany RE committee member, Glenn Greening, to assess playground equipment in Brownsville for possible purchase. The FC decided not to enclose the porch off the Library. Upcoming agenda items include: beam replacement under the porch off the Social Hall, replacement of the asphalt walkway through the playground, and installation of electric wall heaters in the Library. The FC June meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 12th at 5:30. This is a one-time change from the usual schedule of "first Tuesday." Comments or questions? Please contact the FC Communications Coordinator, Ken Ross (686-1549 or [ruthken@pacinfo.com](mailto:ruthken@pacinfo.com))

### General Assembly News

#### UUCE Delegates to GA

Special thanks goes out to these willing folks who have agreed to serve as delegates to this year's Unitarian Universalist General Assembly in Portland:

Bonnie Romane, Jeff Jackson, Amy Raven, Norma Landy, Sarah Hendrickson Nathan Heldt, Ed Zack.

We still have one delegate slot and four alternate slots open for any voting member of UUCE. If you're interested, contact Sally DeCou at 998-2110 or [sdecou@comcast.net](mailto:sdecou@comcast.net).

### UUCE Singletarians

#### Friday, June 22, 7:30—9 pm, Social Hall

All single men and women are cordially invited! We meet the fourth Friday of each month to socialize, laugh, and have fun as we discuss lighthearted topics and/or participate in lighthearted activities. Questions? Truleen Delgado (729-6655).

#### Real Men with Real Concerns

Come join our open men's group. We meet every first and third Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., room 6. Questions? Jim Kayser at 484-1840 or [kayser\\_j@msn.com](mailto:kayser_j@msn.com)

#### All-Church Camp in August

Interested in helping to plan this?

Call Brian Lewis at 870-6658 or [rustic289@yahoo.com](mailto:rustic289@yahoo.com)

### PAGE TURNERS

**The Fourth Monday Book Group** will meet on June 25th at Cascade Manor at 7:15 p.m. The book to be discussed had not yet been selected when this newsletter went to press. Questions? Mavis Thomas at 434-4123.

**Fourth Thursday Book Group** will meet on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at the home of Betts Silver to discuss *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy. Questions? Dorothy at 345-9114 or [penmit@juno.com](mailto:penmit@juno.com).

### UUCE CONNECTIONS

#### Iraqi Women in Time of War

UUCE artist, Marjorie Tracy, will be exhibiting 15 oil paintings on this theme throughout June. Her show opens on First Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Downtown Initiative for the Visual Arts (DIVA), 110 West Broadway. Marjorie and her husband, Bill, honeymooned in Baghdad in 1988 and have visited the Middle East together four times since then. Previewers have called the paintings thought provoking, moving, and particularly timely.

#### Water Ceremony Alert!

Remember to collect waters from your travels this summer. We will begin our church year on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> with Rev. Stephen Landale for the Gathering of the Waters Ceremony. Bring back a small container of water from your favorite creek, river, pond, lake, or ocean journey. We will mingle all together to reconnect our lives.



## UUCE EVENTS

### *That Ole Blue Moon*

Please come and celebrate this unique event that only happens once every 2.7 years! CUUPS will sponsor a Full Moon Ritual on the Blue Moon of May. Meet in the sanctuary on Thurs., May 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Afterwards, we'll socialize in the social hall. Everyone is welcome. Want to help? Questions? Carolyn Munroe at 654-2988

### *First Friday Dinner and Movie*

Sponsored By Interweave—Everyone welcome!  
June 1<sup>st</sup> Potluck at 6 p.m., large screen movie at 7 p.m.

*Making Love.* Synopsis: Arthur Hiller directed this drama exploring the disintegration of an ideal marriage after the husband discovers he is gay. Kate Jackson is Claire, a successful television producer, and Michael Ontkean is her husband Zack, an equally successful doctor. They enjoy eight years of married bliss until homosexual writer Bart McGuire (Harry Hamlin) appears at Zack's office. As Zack gets to know Bart, he discovers he is attracted to him. He asks Bart out to dinner, one thing leads to another, and soon Zack announces to Claire that he wants to explore his newfound sexuality with Bart. Questions or childcare? Marilyn Junkins at 968-9200 or mdjunkins@comcast.net.

### *Food for Lane County Needs YOU!*

Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., 770 Bailey Hill Road  
Food for Lane County has fewer volunteers during the summer months, but the need remains. We need workers to process donated food as well as to prepare sack lunches for 4000 children, Monday through Friday, all summer long. This is a terrific opportunity for UU's to get involved. Just wear a hat or ponytail, bring a jacket, and wear close toed shoes. We need volunteers every weekday evening, so you don't have to wait for the official UFO night. Questions? Diane Wooldridge at 342-8071 or woolietoys@msn.com

### *All-Church Potluck*

#### *Friday, June 15*

Everyone welcome! Come any time after 6:00 p.m. The dinner bell will ring around 6:30. Bring your favorite dish to share and own service to reduce cleanup. Questions? Contact Phyllis & Edgar Pearsa at 684-8285.

### *Thundereggs Coffee Social*

Women of a certain age meet for discussion and laughter on Thursdays from 2-3pm in the back room at Tsunami Bookstore, 26th and Willamette. Drop-ins and newcomers welcome! Questions? Martha Osgood, 484-1180 or maroz@comcast.net.



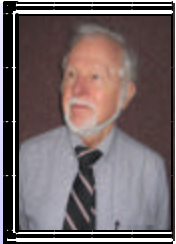
## Wheel of Life

### *Celebration of Life for George Towe*

Sunday, June 3 at 2 pm, Sanctuary

Long-time UUCE member, George Towe, passed away on May 17, 2007. George was an active and involved church member, most recently helping with the important work of the Archive Committee. We miss him already.

You can reach his son and daughter -in-law, Bob and Colleen Towe at 729 -1869



### *UUCE History--Our First Minister*

According to old correspondence, Rev. Stephen Peebles was the founder of our church. He was 65, retired from the Unitarian Ministry, and living on a farm in Goshen. Rev. Peebles wrote to Rev. Wm. Eliot of the Portland Church regarding a liberal movement in Eugene. Mr. Eliot referred him to a Mrs. Osburn in Eugene, who introduced him to Dr. Jean Du Buy who had been giving liberal religious talks at the University of Oregon. Together, they called on such liberals as they could find. They found a few quickly and 16 people met with a Dr. Wilbur and Rev. Peebles at Frank's Hall in downtown Eugene. After several informal meetings, Frank's Hall was rented and Rev. Peebles conducted the first Unitarian service in Eugene. He preached regularly for 3 months and the church began to grow adding a Sunday School, Women Alliance, and an Older People's Class. Every Sunday, Rev. Peebles would walk the tracks in and Mr. Dugald Campbell would drive him home afterwards. His health, however, would not allow him to take a regular position, so a Mr. Sargent was called and appointed. When Mr. Sargent resigned to go back east in October 1912, the Rev. Peebles again served as interim minister. He continued to preach at times and was made Minister Emeritus. In 1918, his wife died and he returned to Colorado. I think his best comment was upon being asked early on for his definition of god replied, after careful thought, "When you see me, you see God, and when I see you, I see God."

--Bob Taylor, Archive Committee

## UUCE COMMUNITY & WORKSHOPS

### *Close Encounters of the UUCE Kind*

You will soon hear from one of your UUCE neighbors. These forty folks from our congregation will be your local contacts. This is a real chance to get to know each other in a smaller group, to care for each other when needed, and otherwise just celebrate being together. Our church community is large and composed of so many wonderful small and tightly knit groups, which deeply support each other in many ways. We hope these neighbor groups will add to those and will find UUs who might otherwise fall through the cracks. So join us and have a great time getting to know each other. Some of you might even come up with neat small group service projects--a great way for parents and kids to get to know each other. Unfortunately, we have some neighborhoods where no one could take on this task; we hope that by now you have been notified of that situation too.

### *Eugene Mayor's Challenge on Global Climate Change*

The reality of global climate change seems finally to have made it to primetime. The recent numerous reports from scientists and a governmental commission seem to have convinced (or, at least silenced) most doubters. That's the good news. The bad news is that global warming is happening faster than we thought. Time for us to pick up the pace!

Eugene can be proud of what it has already accomplished in recycling and energy production and conservation. We can also be proud to have a mayor who last month stepped out in front to challenge the citizens of Eugene, as individuals, to commit to reducing further our carbon emissions.

Each of us is asked to make three changes in three months as our part of this effort. The U of O's Climate Leadership Initiative will record our pledges and our reported actions and will track our collective progress. They've made it really easy. It's all set up for us online. Just go to the website--[climlead.uoregon.edu/checklist](http://climlead.uoregon.edu/checklist) -- or google Eugene Mayor's Climate Challenge.

Online, you can calculate your carbon footprint (the typical Eugene resident adds 13.6 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>equivalent annually!). You can follow the link to calculate your personal greenhouse emissions, with specific deductions for recycling. Then you can follow the link to the Climate Change Checklist, where you can indicate electronically what you are already doing and what you commit to do to reduce your contribution to emissions. Transportation is the biggie for most of us, but you may be surprised to learn what else you can do in your home and yard and with your food and waste. Of the 85 suggestions,

do you think you could find three new ways to commit?

Whether we like it or not, we are all part of the problem. Let's all become a bigger part of the solution! We know now that the problem started before we were born, but we have the moral responsibility of being the last humans who can act to preserve the living planet.

*Your Green Sanctuary Team*

P.S. We'd like to keep track of UUCE's participation in the Mayor's Climate Challenge. Please let us know that you've signed up. For those UUCE's who want to participate but are not able to do it online, please stop by the Green Sanctuary table after services in June and ask to be hooked up with a mentor to assist you.

### *The Key to Good Health, Sunday, June 24*

The Eugene Dojo of the Oregon Ki Society presents an introduction to about Ki Development and Coordination of Mind and Body, from 1 to 2 pm on June 24 in the Sanctuary. 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.

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.

Questions? Contact Anna Sontag at 686-0927 or [anna.sontag@gmail.com](mailto:anna.sontag@gmail.com).

## UUCE CONCERTS

### *UUCE Spring Choral Concert*

Sat., June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Church Sanctuary

All of our UUCE choirs will give their spring concerts in the Sanctuary. The Chalice, Chamber and Sanctuary choirs celebrate their year of making music together by reprising favorite pieces from this year's repertoire. Featuring music by Mozart, Handel, Mendelssohn, Moses Hogan, and many others, we promise something for everyone. Come early to get a good seat. This free concert is sponsored by the Music Committee. Refreshments will be available.