

The Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene
A Welcoming Congregation



September 2007

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Sunday Services 9 & 11 am

September 2 9 am–2 pm
Labor of Love Sunday

Potluck at 12 noon

Everyone is welcome! You're invited to spruce up our building and grounds for the beginning of our new church year. Come to be with old friends and to make new ones. Childcare will be available for young children (5 and under).

(see page 4 for more information)

September 9
A Gathering of Waters

Rev. Stephen Landale; Candee Cole, DRE; Tom Sears, Music Director;
The Sanctuary Choir & All of Us

You are invited to *bring water* from a special place in your life to contribute to our water communion, which—after words of blessing and proper distillation—will be used in rites of passage, such as child dedications. Rev. Steve Landale will reflect on the soft power of water, and the Sanctuary Choir will take us “down in the river to pray”.

September 16
Beginnings

Rev. Stephen Landale; Candee Cole, DRE; Tom Sears, Music Director; The Trio Choir
September, particularly this year, is a time of beginnings here: a new church program year, school year, and, this year, a new ministry. How can we be most receptive to the gifts of this season?

September 23
Trust

Rev. Stephen Landale; The Sanctuary Choir

What is trust: a feeling, or something else? And what role does it play in our liberal religious faith?

September 30
To God or Not To God

Rev. Stephen Landale

During candidating week last April, Rev. Steve Landale promised to preach on the G-word early in his ministry, how and why he uses the word, and its meanings in Unitarian Universalism today. Come for the fulfillment of this promise! All theologies welcome.

 *Minister's Musings*

“Welcome home!” the stranger said, during my second day in Eugene, when in a brief conversation I mentioned to him that I’d just moved here from Rhode Island. “Welcome home”??? My rental house was still bare, as the movers I’d hired had not yet arrived with my possessions, aside from those that fit in the trunk of my car. “Welcome home!” The utilities were still in someone else’s name, I had no local library card, driver’s license, or voter registration. “Welcome home!” I’d just left my home, three thousand miles a way, stopping to visit a couple of other places I had known as home, and only just arrived here!

And yet, when he said this, with a smile, I smiled back, and easily. This is now my home, and I’m glad to be here.

A week later, I came to church, stood to introduce myself, and was greeted with a warm community “Welcome home!” applause that so embarrassed me I quickly made up a story about being Steve’s brother Mark. (For the record, my brothers are named Ed, Louie, and Jim). Smiles a-plenty. It’s so good to be with you.

Beginnings can be wondrous times. They are connected more closely to endings than we tend to realize, and they evoke as well prior beginnings, particularly those of the same sort (new ministries, for instance) and season. For me, they are the light-hearted and most obviously spirit-filled part of the transition process, a potent time for change. “What kind of person do I want to be?” “What kind of community do we want to be?” This is an excellent time to ask these questions and/or to step more fully into a way of being previously chosen but not yet embodied.

I invite you to tend mindfully to this time of beginnings. I know that as a community you’ve been in a transition for a while and are eager to roll up your sleeves with me and get to work. I’m eager for this as well. And yet everything I know about transitions tells me that we’ll be better off in the long

run if we take the time to honor this beginning stage. When I meet with you as individuals and especially in groups, let's take some time to review where you've been, where you are now, and where you might be going –without immediately making decisions. Rather than tumble into the usual monthly tasks of committees, I invite you to stop and say, "Here we are! A new start, a new minister, a new moment."

From a practical perspective, I need more information to understand your culture, your resources, and your expectations, and to compare what I learn with my own resources and expectations. If we take time together to see more clearly *what has been* and *what is* before jumping to create *what will be*, we will reduce misunderstandings and build trust. From a spiritual perspective, by pausing we create space for new insights, for fresh possibilities to emerge from our relationship that neither of us had previously considered.

Times of change can be unsettling, tiring, confusing, raw. We don't know what's next. Major transitions can even leave us feeling that we don't know ourselves. The natural urge is to grasp onto something: a clear plan, a familiar task. Extending or revisiting a time of unknowing may seem a waste of time, or, worse, a dangerous return to chaos. Yet if what you've been waiting for is not just a new minister but a new ministry, a new chapter in the life of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene in which we will be co-creators, then I hope you will tend to the beginning of our ministry together as mindfully as you approached your ministerial search and strategic planning processes in the last two years.

Of course I have some initial plans for my ministry with you, and of course we'll be moving ahead with some things together in these first months. But as much as possible, let's create space for the spirit of beginnings to guide us in ways unforeseen. If we can sit together in the field of unknowing a few months, I predict that Creativity will come creeping into our midst, as silently as a cat.

Welcome home.

In faith,

UUCE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Update on Annual All-Church Labor Day Sunday

Sept. 2nd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Potluck at 12 noon

Everyone is welcome! Many hands will make the work easier, more communal and pleasant. Project area directors are George Koris (building), Erik Fisher (grounds), and Candee Cole (RE). Kathleen Dillon will be potluck organizer.

You're invited to spruce up our building and grounds for the beginning of our new church year. Come to be with old friends and to make new ones. Stay the whole time or drop in for as long as you can. Or, if your specialty is feeding people, bring your favorite food. There's all kinds of projects from sweaty big ones (spreading gravel in the parking lot) to the more refined (painting around the RE shed, in the RE area, or a fence). There's inside and outside clean-up and polishing and many jobs in the cool downstairs rooms. And there's work out in the grounds. We'll also need brainpower to help transcribe catalog information onto a laptop computer using Excel. This project requires two—one to transcribe and one to pull books and reshelv after the info is entered. Or help sort the Braille hymnals. Appropriate jobs will be available for everyone, including kids (6 and over). Childcare will be available for young children (5 and under). Bring work gloves, rakes, clippers, and wheelbarrows. Wear your old comfortable clothes and bring your community building spirit. Coffee, juice, and goodies await the early birds. All are welcome--many hands make the work easier and more pleasant.--Ken Ross, organizer

Interweave Second Annual Family Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 16th, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

RiverPlay Park at Skinner Butte

Please come and bring your family. Everyone is welcome! Children LOVE this park. We will have a BBQ grill, so bring something to cook and something to share. Please join us and enjoy our UU welcoming atmosphere.

Women's Retreat to Belknap Hot Springs Wed. Oct. 3rd

A lovely cabin for 12, healing warm waters, autumn foliage, and the camaraderie of our wonderful women await. Cost for overnight is \$40.

Call Phyllis Kesner 684-4495 to reserve and carpool.

Adult RE Class Announcement

Introduction to The Enneagram

Rev. Steve Landale

Thurs. evenings, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

in the sanctuary

Sept. 20; Oct. 4 & 18; Nov. 1, 15, 29



The Enneagram is a tool for understanding human personality that has long been used in the spiritual formation of religious leaders. Studying it can help you understand yourself and others, pointing you in the direction of spiritual practices best suited to you. The Enneagram is most helpful in learning to appreciate the kinds of people whose behavior you find most perplexing or upsetting. Our time together will be a combination of lecture, discussion, and structured exercises to identify with one of the nine Enneagram personality types. Some of these exercises should give you a good laugh! Reading and regular participation are expected in this class. Since discussion will be part of our learning, it will be limited to fifteen participants who can attend the first class (Sept. 20th) and at least four of the remaining five classes, and to doing an hour's worth of reading and journaling in the two weeks between classes. Please register by signing up in the social hall and begin perusing libraries or your favorite bookstore for a book or two on the Enneagram. Any book describing the nine types will do, but a recommended list will be forthcoming.

Could UU Be An Angel?

Theological considerations aside, the answer is YES! Angel Investors are members and friends willing to shift personal liquid assets *temporarily* so that UUCE can use them. Your assets (\$10,000 +) are pooled to help us quickly exercise a purchase option on property. Angel Investors can hold a desirable property while UUCE makes up its collective mind. Angel Investors do *not* hold property for long; their initial investment is returned to them, with interest, when UUCE actually buys the property. They simply reserve a property while UUCE goes through our process according to our bylaws. Angel Investors do *not* take the place of a congregational decision to purchase a property; neither do they supplant a successful capital campaign to fund the purchase. This is a common technique used by many churches for obvious reasons. If you know any particularly angelic individuals, or if you feel a halo coming on, call either Gretchen Miller (484-5701) or Sheryl Bernheine (343-2575).

Get On Track With Olympic Homestays

From June 27 through July 6 of 2008, the Olympic Track and Field Trials will be held in Eugene. Our hometown will host visitors from all over the country. The eight-day tickets are sold out. Many lodgings are already totally booked. Fans will be renting rooms in Cottage Grove, Oakridge, Roseburg, Corvallis, Albany, Florence, and probably farther afield.

Would you consider participating in a UU Homestay program? It's a way to supplement our own giving by bringing in money from outside our church community. This could be a rare opportunity to make money for our building project and wouldn't cost much. UUCE members and friends would rent a room and donate the proceeds, or as much as possible, to a fund for our new church building. Demand for housing will be high, so it shouldn't be hard to rent rooms with or without a private bath, with or without breakfast, with or without transportation to Hayward Field. Such factors would influence price, but track fans will be delighted to rent a room close by with a shared bathroom, for example, and find their own way to the track. Host participants would commit to providing a clean, private room and specify any other amenities: private or shared bath, approximate location, whether a ride to the closest LTD stop would be available, whether this is a bed and breakfast or bed-and-directions-to-a-restaurant offer, and any other relevant facts.

I'll prepare a database of rooms and will connect prospective renters with prospective hosts, based on the information each provides. If you are interested in finding out more or are ready to sign up, please let me know. If you are one of those really special people interested in helping organize the program, do get in touch right away. Would you be willing to have the connection offered generally (say, on Craig's list) or would your willingness to rent be limited to people found by advertising in the UU World? What else would make you want to participate?

--Gretchen Miller at 484-5701 or gmiller@efn.org

A Musical Treat

Confluence, the Willamette Valley Mixed GALA (LBGTS) Chorus will be giving a benefit outreach concert at UUCE Sunday, Sept. 30th at 4:00 p.m. Under the musical direction of Ray Elliott, *Confluence* has been delighting audiences in Salem, Portland and Corvallis for seven seasons with delightful music that affirms diversity. Please join us as we begin our eighth season of song. Suggested donation is \$10--\$15 (no one turned away). Questions? Contact Amber Lunch at amber@rockegirl.net

“Getting To Know UU”

On the last four Tuesday evenings in October, the UUCE Membership Committee welcomes newcomers, prospective members, and long-time UUCers as we launch our bi-annual Newcomer Orientation Series. These four sessions offer small-group activities, discussions, and a chance to ask questions and get acquainted while learning about UU history and principles. Newcomers are welcome to share aspects of their own journeys. These popular two-hour meetings convene Oct. 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th, from 7:00--9:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The final meeting is a potluck dinner on Oct. 30th. Free childcare is available with advance notice. Sign up at the greeter's table or in the Social Hall on Sunday mornings throughout Oct. 7th. Questions? Marilyn Junkins at 968-9200 or mdjunkins@comcast.net

Will UU Be My Neighbor?

Mr. Rogers may be gone, but we now have neighbor groups. Here's the idea: We will have a contact person who will call or e-mail folks who are in a general neighborhood. First the contact person is to see if you have any special needs--a ride to an appointment, a casserole if you are sick, or just letting others know you could use some help. An added plus is to let you know other UU's who live close by. This is a great way for our friends and members to expand their circle of UU friends. We hope, too, that folks will carpool to church. Many neighbors have already gathered and met. Thanks so much to all the contact persons who have taken their time to greet you. These folks deserve many thanks for their dedication! We are a congregation that is geographically spread all around the area and getting together is really a fun thing to do.-- Bob Coleman, Eve McConnaughey, Laura Stevenson, Martha Osgood, Shelley Zavatt, Jean Coberly, and Sue Craig. Questions? Call Sue at 607-0204.

UUCE COMMITTEE UPDATES

Pledge Secretary Update

With the pledge year ending in June and another starting in July, you may have noticed another transition. Our former Pledge Secretary, Suzanne Whaley, has now gone on to serve as Board Secretary. Barbara Berry is now the new Pledge Secretary. She can be reached at home at 344-5414 or via e-mail at barb@langwith.com. We appreciate your patience during this time. If you haven't received a pledge statement but think that you should have, please be sure to contact Barb. And some good news--our budgeted income from pledges for the 2007-08 pledge year is \$315,000. To date, we have received 269 pledges of time and/or money, totaling \$313,578 in financial contributions. This is only \$1,422 short of our pledge drive goal!

AUGUST MEETING OF COORDINATING COUNCIL

After a summer break, the Coordinating Council met on Saturday, August 18, 2007. There were 22 participants, including the Rev. Stephen Landale and three Ruths. This fine meeting was facilitated by Sarah Hendrickson, Board vice president.

After introductions, Laura Adams, of the Committee on Congregational Ministry, discussed the importance of right relations. She indicated that this time of transition is a good time to set the tone. This means we need to be intentional, to be mindful of how we do things together. We need to pause and determine where we've been, where we are, and where we hope to go.

The Rev. Landale spoke to the group. He thanked everyone for the hard work last year, a year with part-time ministers, some difficult issues, and a time for making major decisions. He invited us to use the beginning of a new ministry as an opportunity to re-examine how we're doing things.

Representatives of twenty-three groups gave reports: Archives Committee, Auction Planning, Board of Trustees, Building Project Oversight Committee, Centennial Committee, FAB (Finance, Audit and Budget), Facilities Council, Green Sanctuary Committee, Interweave, Kitchen Committee, Library Committee, Membership Committee, Music Committee, Neighborhood Groups, Nominating Committee, Religious Education, Small Group Ministry, Social Justice, Sound Group, Strategic Planning Committee, Third Sunday Committee, Women's Alliance, and Worship Associates.

Jean Weick and maria, members of FAB (Finance, Audit & Budget) explained our new reimbursement procedures for the various programs, organizations and committees. A handout of instructions and notes was circulated, as well as sample copies of the Money Request forms. It is important for each group to designate someone who can authorize reimbursement requests with receipts for their group for this fiscal year. For more information about the reimbursement process, contact a FABulous member: maria, Jean Weick or the church treasurer, Marta Powers.

Sarah Hendrickson gave the history of the bulletin board "issues," i.e., who can post what where? And where should the bulletin boards be placed? There are some changes anticipated in the hall off the sanctuary where the bathrooms are, but the space is very limited and more thought is needed.

Ann Fuller has agreed to head a task force which will look again at

these “issues.” All stakeholders will be consulted. Ann plans to report back to the Coordinating Council in September.

It was agreed that the Coordinating Council will meet on the third Saturday of each month, EXCEPT for September when we will meet on September 22 (fourth Sunday of the month). Thus we’ll be meeting 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, September 22, October 20, November 17, December 15, January 19, etc.

Starting Off On The Right Foot

As we embark on our future with the Rev. Steve Landale, your Committee on Congregational Ministry and Safety welcomes everyone to an exciting church year of new transitions. We are excited about our committee’s roles during this time, which include assisting Rev. Landale in having a successful start to the church year. Committee members, as well as Rev. Landale himself, are available to discuss transition and other issues regarding our church’s shared ministry. We are also organizing workshops around the concept of “right relations” and helping to create a memorable Installation Ceremony for Rev. Landale. Exciting times can also be challenging times. Our committee vows to remember how best to engage with members of our beloved community:

- We will speak truthfully, with care and compassion
- We expect that there will be differences among us, and we will accept and care for others despite these differences
- We will honor our responsibilities for upholding the spiritual principles and traditions of our community
- We will cherish the health of the congregation above individual agendas

We hope you’ll let us know if we miss the mark—and that you’ll choose to embrace these goals along with us.



Growing Ever Greener

The first Green Sanctuary meeting of the Fall will be on Mon. Sept. 10th in Room 5. Monthly meetings will always be on the second Mon. and also in Rm 5. We’ll continue through May '08.

Questions? Erik Fisher (343-3608) or Eldon Haines (344-2952).



Choir Notes

The Church year is nearly upon us and I joyfully anticipate making music again at UUCE. Remember the old Hasidic saying: "*Singing is praying twice.*" Singing is also a great way to meet people, have fun, and create something beautiful!

How I Spent My Summer Vacation

This summer I attended a weeklong PSU choral workshop in Cannon Beach led by Rodney Eichenberger. Well over 100 music directors, representing church, school and college, attended. From 9:00-4:00 each day we received conducting "tips," sight-read music from our packet of 150+ pieces, and prepared 20 anthems to present in a Friday concert offered free to the public. Together the students make up the choir. Twenty of us were student conductors who worked with Prof. Eichenberger each day for ten minutes in front of the class. While being videotaped, we conducted our chosen piece. He offered insight on how our conducting gestures influence the sound of the choir and suggested ways to improve. I chose a piece by Joan Szymko, an internationally known composer who lives in Portland. During my third session with Rod I was informed that Joan would be at the concert Friday. Oh, my. . .! She was very kind.

During my stay in Cannon Beach I roomed with two other participants--Barb Wagner, Music Director at UU Buffalo and Don Krehbiel, Music Director at UU Dallas. What a treat that was!

Come Sing With Us!

If you would like to be a part of the music at UUCE, you can be. Do you play an instrument? Please let me know. I am always on the lookout for instrumentalists. Do you like to sing? We have three adult choirs to choose from. All of our choirs are open to members and friends of the church who can provide a high level of commitment to the music schedule. New members are welcome in September and January. Please visit us at a rehearsal. If you enjoy it, come again. It's that simple. From Be-bop to Bach, Canon to Cantata, there will be something that sets you afire.

Join us at a choir rehearsal:

Sanctuary Choir--Wed., 7:00-9:00--beginning Sept. 5

Women's Chalice Choir--Mon., 7:00-8:30--beginning Sept. 10

Chamber Singers--Wed., 5:15-7:30--beginning Sept. 12 (by audition)

--Tom Sears, music director. Questions? Call 686-5972, or contact tesears@comcast.net

Facilities Council Report

The FC met on Aug. 7th. Our big projects are the replacement of the asphalt walkway through the RE area with a concrete walkway and the replacement of a rotten beam holding up the porch off the social hall. The walkway was finished in early Aug., and the beam should be replaced soon. Castile Construction is doing the work.

Base molding in Rooms 1-3 were finished. The refrigerator in the kitchen closet was moved to Room 6 on July 11th. New shelves were installed in the kitchen closet.

We need volunteers to work on the fence along the sidewalk before it falls down.

Some members of the FC will be assisting at the All-church Labor Day weekend work party on Sept. 2nd, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The next meeting of the FC will be on Sept. 4th.

Lost & Found Lost--Two large rectangular tablecloths, blue print with wide, solid blue borders. Please return to the kitchen as soon as possible. Found--One very nice Spanish glass vase, 18" x 8" One box of white T-shirts with "New Hope-Cambodia-etc. in blue print

Coming Soon--A bit of extra storage space, thanks to the Facilities Council. If you need more storage at church, please contact the Kitchen Committee.

Was Your Car Damaged? If your car was hurt in our parking lot 6-8 weeks ago, call Mark Lustica at 344-8161 and tell me exactly where you were parked. Sorry--I was away for 6 weeks.

UUCE EVENTS

Friends of Bill W.

Please join us for our recovery meetings (12-Step Cross-Over meetings), which includes anyone involved in a 12-Step program. We meet Monday evenings from 7:30--8:30 p.m. in the Breezeway Room downstairs at UUCE.

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)

Thundereggs Coffee Social

Women of a certain age meet for discussion and laughter on Thursdays from 2-3 p.m. in the back room at Tsunami Bookstore, 26th and Willamette. Drop-ins and newcomers welcome! Questions? Judie Hansen, at 338-2959 or judie310hansen@comcast.net.

Interweave Potluck & Movie Night

Friday, Sept. 10th at 6: p.m.

Potluck at 6 p.m. Large screen movie at 7 p.m.

This is a change of night (now the second Friday each month) to accommodate those of you who can't choose between Movie Night and the First Friday Art walk. This month the film is *The Birdcage*, originally brought to the big screen in 1978, under the title, *La Cage aux Folles (Birds of a Feather)*.

This Hollywood remake with an all-star cast was directed by Mike Nichols in 1996. It's the story of a flamboyant middle-aged gay couple - Armand (Robin Williams) and Albert (Nathan Lane), who both run and live about the gaudy tranny-packed "Birdcage" nightclub. There's trouble brewing when Val (Dan Futterman), Armand's son from a misguided one-night stand 20 years previously, announces he's set to get hitched to girlfriend Barbara (Callista Flockhart). Unfortunately Barb's dad's a right-wing senator (Gene Hackman) who's leading a Coalition for Moral Order and has a nasty habit of lobbying against same-sex marriages.

Questions, movie suggestions or need childcare? Call Marilyn Junkins at 968-9200 or write to mdjunkins@comcast.net.

Women's Alliance Potluck

Friday, Sept. 14 at 12 noon

All women are welcome! We meet the second Friday of each month in the social hall. Join us for good food and conversation. Bring your favorite dish to share for this special potluck. Questions? Contact Kathleen Dillon (689-1620 or kadydid@juno.com)

Food for Lane County Night

Fri., Sept. 14th at 6:30 p.m.

We rescued hundreds of pounds of Golden Temple Organic Cereal last month! Meet at 770 Bailey Hill Road to process food from dorms, restaurants, and groceries that would otherwise go to the landfill. No need to sign up, just come if you can. Wear a hat or ponytail and bring a jacket (no open-

toed shoes). Youth 14 and up are welcome. Remember, help is needed every night of the week, so feel free to volunteer at other times, too. Contact Diane Wooldridge at 342-8071 or woolietoys@msn.com

Fall Creek Hike Sat., Sept. 15th at 9 a.m.

Easy 5.2 mile round trip, 200 foot elevation gain
This is a lovely wooded hike that follows Fall Creek through old growth forest. Bring a sack lunch, water, rain jacket, and sturdy footwear. We will leave from the church parking lot. Carpool drivers are needed. Hike is limited to 12 participants. No dogs please. Contact Diane Wooldridge at 342-8071 or woolietoys@msn.com

All Church Potluck

Friday, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m.
Everyone welcome! Come anytime after 6 p.m. The dinner bell will ring around 6:30. Bring a dish to share and your own table service to reduce cleanup and trash. If you forget, you won't go hungry! We're grateful for volunteers who help with set up and clean up--many hands make light work and we'll have more time for entertainment.
Questions? Call Phyllis and Ed Peara at 684-8285.

Fall Equinox Ritual

The Women's spirituality circle (Wom'nSpirit), sponsored by The Women's Alliance, is planning a women's ritual for the equinox on Sun., Sept. 23rd at Spring Willow Farm. Call 683-6691 for direction. We will gather at 7 p.m. Want to help with planning early in Sept.? Call Barb Prentice at 302-8151.

Be An Auction Figure

Habitat's annual *Raise the Roof Auction* will take place on Oct. 12th. There are both silent and live auctions taking place that evening. Monies raised from the event support this organization whose purpose is to construct affordable housing for low income residents.

We have a steering committee that's been planning and organizing this year's event, but we need volunteers to help us secure items for the auction. We have some commitments for items to date and are working with donors from previous years. However, we need more volunteers to get the acquisitions into high gear so we can meet our fundraising goal of \$50,000. For more information or to volunteer contact Don Griffin at 741-1707 or don@sehabitat.org.

Upcoming Pagan Calendar

The Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS) group provides ritual events for UUCE. Our purpose is to provide regular earth-based worship to our pagan members and to offer non-pagan members a chance to learn more about the sixth source of Unitarian Universalism. All members of UUCE -- pagan and non-pagan alike--are invited to attend. Rituals usually begin at 6:30 p.m. Those wishing to help with ritual should organize using the CUUPS e-mail list and sign up on the volunteer sheet in the Social Hall. Full Moon rituals typically celebrate times of fruition and increased intuitive faculties. Solar festivals inspire us to observe and honor how we interact with the earth and the seasons.

You may want to save these dates:

Mon., Aug. 27--Full Moon	Wed., Feb 20--Full Moon
Sat., Sept. 22--Full Moon	Wed., Mar 19--Full Moon/Equinox
Fri., Oct. 26--Equinox	Sat., Apr. 19--Full Moon
Fri., Nov. 23-- Full Moon /Mid-Autumn	Thurs., May 1--Mid Spring
Fri., Dec. 21--Full Moon/Winter Solstice	Mon., May 19--Full Moon
Mon., Jan 21--Full Moon	Friday, June 20--Solstice/Full Moon
Sat., Feb 2--Mid-Winter	Thurs., July 17--Full Moon

Questions? Contact Barb Prentice at 302-8151.

Free Flix and Food Thurs., Sept. 27th

The Food for Lane County Canned Food Festival will be held at the new Regal Cinema in Valley River Center. Donate 3 or more nonperishable food items and receive admission to a movie and a small popcorn FREE!

UUCE Singletarians

Friday, Sept 28 at 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).

PAGE TURNERS

Fourth Thursday Book Group will meet on Sept. 27th at 2 p.m. The book is *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky. Questions? Call Dorothy at 345-9114 or contact her at penmit@juno.com

Fourth Monday Book Group will meet at 7:15 on Sept. 24th at Cascade Manor. The book is *One More Day* by Mitch Albom. Questions? Call Mavis Thomas at 434-4123 or contact Eve McConnaughey at evelynm@efn.org

APPRECIATIONS

Music Booster's Fund Update

To help support music at UUCE, a donation of over \$700 was made by member Betty Boyce. This gift will help provide additional instrumentalists and scores for Sunday services. We all will benefit from her generosity.

August Special Offering Collection Result for Breaking Free: \$778.50!

Third Sunday Community Offering

The third Sunday Community Offering began in 2006 when Carolyn Colbert, then minister of UUCE, and the church leadership suggested a pilot program to contribute funds received from a monthly offering to non-profit, local community organizations. This charitable act not only supports our wider community, prompting goodwill in human relations, but also encourages generosity within individuals and within the church.

Our program donates the entire church offering taken on the third Sunday of each month (unless you indicate otherwise on your check) to a pre-selected charitable organization/agency in keeping with UU principles and liberal religious values. Preference is given to smaller, local organizations so that our contributions can make a difference. To date, our community collections have averaged nearly \$1350/month.

The Community Offering Committee oversees the selection of the community agencies/organizations, makes contact with agency representatives, introduces representatives from the selected agency at the third Sunday service(s) and mails the check representing the church's contribution to the selected agency.

To choose recipients for the third Sunday Community Offering, the committee solicits input from church members and friends, draws upon personal experiences, considers Sunday service topics, seasonal celebrations and church traditions. See any one of us if you have a non-profit in mind. We are Rachel Cummings, Gretchen Miller and Marina McIntire.

Thank you Newsletter Helpers:

Dirk Ten Brinke, Jane Lund, Chuck Adams, Bob Taylor, J.K. Rowling, Sylvia Taylor, Barbara Greenley, Dorothy Mitchell, Dennis Galloway, Darelle Baker, Joyce Salisbury.

Thank you Bob & Sylvia Taylor for delivering the newsletters to the post office!

Volunteers welcome and appreciated! Questions? Contact Darelle Baker at 684-0093

Kudos For Our Booth At The Pride Celebration

The Religious Response Network thanks those who responded to my request for mini-treats, and baked either in person or by proxy. These fine folks are Martha Osgood, Marina McIntire, Jeanne-Marie Moore, Sylvia Taylor, Sue Craig, and Holly Garrow. I also thank Beth & Jim Weldy for their help at our booth—setting up, taking down, schlepping, and staffing. I was told this booth saw more traffic than in other years and we still could not give all our goodies away. We should be seeing new faces soon as a result. I have total faith that you will all be as generous with your welcome as these women were with their baking. It is good to be a part of such a generous congregation.
--d. maria

UUCE CONNECTIONS

Rev. Steve's Schedule

Sunday Coffee Hour-- Time to connect with visitors, children, and members & friends not on committees. Please refrain from bringing church business to the minister during coffee hour (or prior to a worship service), as this can be handled at other times. Please do introduce your children and your guests to Steve!

Monday--Day off from all church work, including calls and email. Call only for pastoral emergencies. When possible, Steve takes off late Sun. afternoon and evening too. E-mails or messages left Sun. afternoon or later may not be received until Tues. morning.

Tuesday--Office hours 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., often available in the afternoon as well. Drop-ins welcome, but it's best to call ahead for an appointment.

Wednesday--Office hours 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday--Study day, for reading and writing. Steve checks phone messages and email remotely on his study day and may return messages immediately or on the next day, depending on volume.

Friday--Office hours 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Saturday--Variable--rites of passage, final worship preparation, workshops, etc.

Evenings (other than day off, Mon.)--Variable, often with meetings or classes Tues. through Thurs. nights.

When to call the minister? A column on this will follow in an upcoming newsletter. If you're thinking of calling and are not sure if it's appropriate--call! At church, 686-2775. Call Steve's cell phone, 401-837-8032, for pastoral emergencies or for short-term changes to appointments.



Gwen Hathaway

Celebration of Life

Gwen Hathaway , a UUCE member since 2001, also passed in July. Her granddaughter, Morgan Munro, is also a church member. A Celebration of Life will be held at UUCE on Sat. Sept. 1st at 3 p.m. Rev. Stephen Landale will officiate services.

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RE Needs UU—and Now!

Come share your passion for peace and social justice with our children and youth. Want to help instill a sense of equity in them? Want to help our kids think about their values and choices? Want to help them discover their passions and connect them with social change? Want to watch them become the awesome humans they can be?

Our theme of *What Do YOU Stand For?* is designed to help kids (K--12th grade) explore what matters to them, to empower them to stand up for justice, to create a place for them to practice peaceful interactions, and to help them explore their own characters. Each group will work on a project in support of a cause they choose. They will also participate in Peace Education activities, group games, character development, and team building.

When you volunteer you commit to 2/month for 5-10 months during one service. Once a month you'll be class leader with a provided lesson plan and once you'll assist. Inexperience is no excuse: Candee offers a training/orientation on working with kids and youth, plus there are quarterly volunteer support meetings. In addition, you'll have direct support from the DRE and RE Committee on curriculum and classroom management. The lessons are easy to use, and many give presentation suggestions. We need classroom volunteers who are male, female, elders, young adults (18+), parents and grandparents. We also need anyone in between to offer a safe and diverse program. We need folks to hold babies, hang out with teens, and play with/read to preschoolers.

RE classes begin Sept. 16th . Please contact Candee with questions ASAP. Call 686-2775 or uucedre@gmail.com

UUCE Calendar—Sept 2007

Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday 9/1	3 pm	Celebration of Life for Gwen Hathaway	Sanctuary
Sunday 9/2	9-2 pm	Labor of Love-All Church Labor Day	Church
Monday 9/3		LABOR DAY-Holiday Observed Church Office Closed	
Tuesday 9/4	7:30 pm	12 Step meeting	Breezeway room
	5:30 pm	Facilities Council	Social Hall
	6:30 pm	RE Committee	Breezeway room
Wednesday 9/5	6:30 pm	BPOC (Building Project Oversight Comm.)	Social Hall
	7 pm	Open Men's Group	Room 6
Thursday 9/6	7 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	2 pm	Thundereggs	Tsunami Books26th & Willamette
	5 pm	FAB (Finance)	Social Hall
	7 pm	BPOC ((Building Project Oversight Comm.)	Room 5
	7 pm	Executive Committee	Social Hall
	7 pm	Young Adults	Room 6
Friday 9/7		no open meetings scheduled (church carpet cleaning)	
Saturday 9/8		no open meetings scheduled (church carpet cleaning)	
Sunday 9/9	9 & 11 am	GATHERING OF THE WATERS SERVICE	Sanctuary
Monday 9/10	7 pm	Chalice Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7 pm	Green Sanctuary	Room 5
	7 pm	12 Step meeting	Breezeway room
Tuesday 9/11		no open meetings scheduled	
Wednesday 9/12	5:15 pm	Chamber Singers Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday 9/13	2 pm	Thundereggs	Tsunami Books26th & Willamette
	7 pm	Board meeting	Social Hall
	7 pm	Young Adults	Room 6
Friday 9/14	12 noon	Women's Alliance Potluck	Social Hall
	6 pm	Interweave Potluck & Movie Night	Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Food for Lane County	Lane Co. Warehouse, 770 Bailey Rd
	7 pm	RE Volunteer Orientation (Fri-Sat)	RE Rooms
Saturday 9/15		Board Retreat (Fri-Sat)	off premise
		RE Volunteer Orientation continues	RE Rooms
		Youth Group Retreat Weekend	Sanctuary
Sunday 9/16	9 & 11 am	Sunday Service s RE Classes begin & Volunteer Dedication Ceremony Coffee Store Open	Sanctuary
	12:30 pm	Interweave Planning Committee	Library-Gallery
	2 pm	Interweave Family Potluck Picnic	River Play Park at Skinner Butte
Monday 9/17	7 pm	Chalice Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	12 Step meeting	Breezeway room
Tuesday 9/18	6:30 pm	BPOC ((Building Project Oversight Comm.)	Room 5
	7 pm	Membership Committee	Social Hall
Wednesday 9/19	5:15 pm	Chamber Singers Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7 pm	Open Men's Group	Room 6
Thursday 9/20	7 pm	Adult RE Classes begin "The Enneagram"	Sanctuary
	7 pm	Young Adults	Room 6
Friday 9/21	11 am	Newsletter deadline	office@ueugene.org
	6:15 pm	All-Church Potluck	Sanctuary-Social Hall
Saturday 9/22	9:30 am	Coordinating Council	Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	CUUPS Full Moon	Sanctuary

UUCE Calendar, continued

Sunday 9/23	9 & 11 am	Sunday Services	Sanctuary
Monday 9/24	7 pm	Chalice Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:15	4th Monday Book Group	Cascade Manor
	7:30 pm	12 Step meeting	Breezeway room
Tuesday 9/25		no open meetings scheduled	
Wednesday 9/26	5:15 pm	Chamber Singers Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday 9/27	10:30 am	Newsletter Mailing	Social Hall
	2 pm	Fourth Thursday Book Club	Betts Silver's home
	2 pm	Thundereggs	Tsunami Books 26th & Willamette
	7 pm	Young Adults	Room 6
Friday 9/28	7:30 pm	UUCE Singletarians	Social Hall
Saturday 9/29		no open meetings scheduled	
Sunday 9/30	9 & 11 am	Sunday Services	Sanctuary
	4:30 pm	<i>Confluence</i> Concert	Sanctuary

Deadline for next newsletter:
 Friday, Sept. 21 at 11 am Send newsletter submissions to: office@uueugene.org

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