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A Welcoming Congregation

November 2007

Sunday Services 9 & 11 am

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Remember to **Fall Back** Saturday p.m., Nov. 3 (turn your clock back one hour) 

November 4

Our First Principle

Rev. Stephen Landale

Dorothy Clark, pianist; Sue Craig will give a Personal Reflection at both services
Upholding and affirming the worth and dignity of each person is a foundational value and practice of Unitarian Universalism. Let us make this First Principle the foundation of our ministry this year.

November 11

On Being Educated, Religiously

Rev. Stephen Landale

The Chalice Choir; Tom Sears, Music Director

Religious education doesn't take place only in the classroom. Everything we do, and don't do, educates. What does it mean, in our context, to be religiously educated, and to educate? We'll explore this oft-overlooked dimension to church life, and to our individual and family lives.

November 18

Thanks-Giving (intergenerational)

Rev. Steve Landale and Candee Cole, Director of Religious Education

The Sanctuary Choir; Tom Sears, Music Director

Join us for a Unitarian Universalist cornbread and cider Thanksgiving communion service for all ages. Let's give thanks to the bounty of the earth and to the wondrous love we experience when we allow the "Community-Forming Power" (James Luther Adams) to weave her magic.

November 25

ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 11:00 AM

Thanksgiving - Starved for Community and Full of Fear

Worship Associates: Holly Garrow, August Sabini, and David Bockoven

Byrdsong Early Music Consort; Tom Sears, Music Director

Like many national holidays, Thanksgiving is a powerful ritual we use as a cultural metaphor for representing to ourselves what it means to be an American. Because its historical/mythological origins involve relations between Native Americans and early English settlers, it's a holiday fraught with complexities. If we're serious about coming to terms with our past, what should we keep? More importantly, can we be conscious of its dynamics in our present lives?

Advent Garden Service at 6 pm-8 pm, Sanctuary

Everyone welcome! (see RE Newsletter for more information)

Here's a question that is curiously not asked often in church: How goes it with your spiritual life?

And so I ask you now: How goes it with your spiritual life? You, the reader, yes, you!

What helps you slow down, so that you can truly experience your life, rather than buzz through it, preoccupied with worries, regrets, or a to-do list? When was the last time something small and ordinary became a source of wonder or meaning for you? How is your relationship with Creativity? With Story? With Silence? What creates in you a space for pure, unadulterated Joy?

When was the last time you took yourself to your horizon, met and faced a fear, or sat with the suffering of another?

What brings you more deeply to yourself? What brings you out of yourself? What helps you smile and be your best?

What role does service play in your life—joyful service?

How do you greet the morning? How do you let go of the day, and welcome sleep? When do you count your blessings, or offer thanks?

How are you doing with your doubts, your regrets? Are they pushed down, and festering? Or can you sit with them, perhaps with someone else?

If you are actively involved with this church, how does your involvement relate to your spiritual growth? What kind of activity here would assist your spiritual growth?

Do you sense that participating in this community could be more of a spiritual practice for you, but you are unsure of how? If so, call me.

This season of Thanks-giving, for what or whom are you truly grateful?

In faith,
Rev. Steve Landale

Helping Build Your Spiritual Community

1. Adult religious education coordinators. We need more for adults, like the Enneagram class! Would you like to help recruit and support class leaders, with help from Rev. Steve?
2. Adult religious education class leader. Interested in offering a class, with support?
3. Leadership development supporters. Are you a people person who enjoys learning what makes people tick? Would you like to help volunteer jobs be paths for spiritual growth? Would you like to help match UUCers talents and desire for growth and service with the needs of our community?
4. If your answer is "Yes" or even "Maybe" to any of the above, please call Rev. Steve Landale at 743-0640.

Sunday 11/18	9 & 11 am Sunday Services Coffee Store Open	Sanctuary
	12:30 pm Interweave Planning Committee	Library-Gallery
	7 pm Green Sanctuary Film: "Green: the New Red, White and Blue" Sanctuary	White and Blue" Sanctuary
Monday 11/19	7 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:30 pm 12 Step meeting	Breezeway room
Tuesday 11/20	7 pm Membership Committee	Social Hall
Wednesday 11/21	No Choir Rehearsals	
Thursday 10/22	Happy Thanksgiving! (church office closed Thurs & Fri) Rev. Steve on holiday break thru Mon., 10/26	
	2 pm UUCE Thanksgiving Dinner	Sanctuary
Friday 11/23	6:30 pm CUUPS (Covenant of UU Pagens) Full Moon Dance	Sanctuary
	7:30 pm UUCE Singletarians	church
Saturday 11/24	no open meetings scheduled	

Sunday 11/25	ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 11 am Sunday Services	Sanctuary
	6 pm Advent Garden Service	Sanctuary
Monday 11/26	5:40 pm Music Committee	Social Hall
	7 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:15 pm 4th Monday Book Group	see NL for location
	7:30 pm 12 Step meeting	Breezeway room
Tuesday 11/27	6:30 pm BPOC ((Building Project Oversight Comm.))	Room 5
	7 pm Social Justice Committee	Social Hall
Wednesday 11/28	5:15 & 7pm Choir Rehearsals	Sanctuary
	7 pm, SPC (Strategic Planning Committee)	Breezeway
Thursday 11/29	2 pm Thundereggs	Tsunami Books 26th & Willamette
	3 pm Private Rental	Room 3
	7 pm Adult RE Class "The Enneagram"	Sanctuary
Friday 11/30	9 am OWL (Our Whole Lives) District Training	Sanctuary

EARLY Deadline for next newsletter: Friday, Nov. 9 at 11 am
Send submissions to: office@uueugene.org

The Unitarian Universalist Church **Rev. Stephen A. Landale**


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UUCE Calendar—Nov 2007

Date	Time	Event	Location
Thursday 11/1	3 pm	Private Rental	Room 3
	2 pm	Thundereggs	Tsunami Books26th & Willamette
	5 pm	FAB (Finance)	Breezeway room
	7 pm	Adult RE Class "The Enneagram"	Sanctuary
	7 pm	Executive Committee	Breezeway room
Friday 11/2	7 pm	Shared Values Matrix-BPOC ((Building Project Oversight Comm.)	Room 5
Saturday 11/3		Reminder: NL early deadline next Friday, 11/9 no open meetings scheduled	
REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE BED 			
Sunday 11/4	9 & 11 am	Sunday Services	Sanctuary
	10:20 am	Family Worship Service	Sanctuary
	12 pm	Town Hall Meeting hosted by BPOC (Building Project Overseer Comm)	Sanctuary
Monday 11/5	2 pm	Coming of Age (COA) Class	Room 6
	7 pm	12 Step meeting	Breezeway room
Tuesday 11/6	5:30 pm	Facilities Council	Social Hall
	6:30 pm	RE Committee	Breezeway room
Wednesday 11/7	4 pm	Membership Committee	Social Hall
	5:15 & 7 pm	Choir Rehearsals	Sanctuary
	6 pm	CPR Communications & Public Relations of BPOC- (Building Project Oversight Comm.) Rm 5	Breezeway room
	7 pm	Nominating Committee	Breezeway room
	7 pm	Open Men's Group	Room 6
Thursday 11/8	2 pm	Thundereggs	Tsunami Books26th & Willamette
	3 pm	Private Rental	Room 3
	7 pm	Board meeting	Social Hall
Friday 11/9	11 am	Early Newsletter deadline	office@uueugene.org
	12 noon	Women's Alliance Potluck	Social Hall
	4:30 pm	Membership Task Force	Social Hall
	7 pm	Wom'nSpirit	Sanctuary
Saturday 11/10	6:30 pm	Food for Lane County	Lane Co. Warehouse, 770 Bailey Rd
	9 am	Covenanting-Ministry Startup Workshop	Sanctuary
Sunday 11/11	9 & 11 am	New Member Welcome Sunday	Sanctuary
Monday 11/12	10&12 am	Cambodia Benefit after services	Social Hall deck
	7 pm	Chalice Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7 pm	Green Sanctuary Committee	Room 5
Tuesday 11/13	7:30 pm	12 Step meeting	Breezeway room
	10 am	Archive Committee	Social Hall
Wednesday 11/14	6:30 pm	BPOC ((Building Project Oversight Comm.)	Room 5
	5:15 & 7 pm	Choir Rehearsals	Sanctuary
	7 pm	SPC (Strategic Planning Committee)	Breezeway room
Thursday 11/15	7 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Newsletter mailing	Social Hall
	2 pm	Thundereggs	Tsunami Books26th & Willamette
	3 pm	Private Rental	Room 3
	7 pm	Adult RE Class "The Enneagram"	Sanctuary
Friday 11/16	7 pm	UUCE Centennial Committee	Room 5
	7 pm	Young Adults	Room 6
	6:15 pm	Coming of Age Retreat Weekend	Sanctuary-Social Hall
Saturday 11/17	6:15 pm	All-Church Potluck	Sanctuary-Social Hall
	9:30 am	Coordinating Council	Sanctuary
	6 pm	Interweave Potluck & Movie Night	Sanctuary

UUCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Building 102 Sunday, Nov. 4th

Back on Oct. 7th at our last congregational meeting, we overwhelmingly approved UUCE's five-year plan, developed by the Strategic Planning Committee. That vote built on last May's vote to find a new home for UUCE. Now we're all set to explore how we'll actually get there! We invite you to a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, Nov. 4th at 12:30 p.m., presented by The Building Project Oversight Committee (BPOC). Please do plan on attending. We promise you'll learn a lot about the exciting work going on, have a chance to ask questions, and find out how you can help.

Before we begin the presentation, you can help yourself to a hearty lunch (donations accepted). Just fill a plate, take a chair, and settle in for a bit. While you eat, BPOC members will introduce the people in the working groups, explain what their missions are, and go over the processes they'll use. Please plan to come with empty stomachs and open minds; we guarantee you'll leave with both filled. See you there! --*Communications and PR Working Group*

Coordinating Council Report

Twenty-two church leaders, including the Rev. Steve Landale, attended the Oct. 20th meeting of the Coordinating Council. Steve reminded us that the special focus for the church for this year is the First Principle of Unitarian Universalism, which is why RE is incorporating emphasis on the "worth and dignity of all people" into this year's program. Steve suggested things that committees can do to further the First Principle. This included taking time for a brief check-in at the beginning of meetings and taking intentional time to discuss what's meaningful to each person about the work in the committee and church. Steve noted that conflict can be viewed as an opportunity to grow. He also offered groups a mini-retreat with him, in place of a meeting and perhaps in conjunction with a potluck.

There were several committee reports, many of them reminding the group of exciting events this fall. David Gilmartin mentioned that the Accessibility Committee is being formed and has already had one meeting. Cindy Pitcairn serves as secretary.

The Coordinating Council is still working on determining its role in the church, under the guidance of the Board. This may include more formal responsibilities for committees. In this spirit, the council is currently updating the 2004 Manual for Committee Chairs. Also, following a suggestion from Steve, the council will recommend that the Board create an Events Committee.

What Do UU Stand For?

What: Social Justice Committee (SJUUCE)

When: Tues., Nov 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

Why: Unitarian Universalism is a religion of engagement. Many of us who attended General Assembly in Portland this summer came back eager to put our faith into practice by expanding our social justice program. Together with Rev. Steve, we have begun meeting to assess our previous work and to develop a vision of a more effective social justice ministry, one that plays a more vital role in the overall life of the congregation. In addition to possibly holding some smaller forums or discussions in the coming year, we are considering sponsoring a UUA-facilitated Social Justice Empowerment Workshop. The empowerment process will help us develop a deeper understanding of the basic elements of an effective social justice program and identify the issues that are of most concern to the congregation. The challenge will then be to select one or two projects that UUCE feels strongly enough about to commit to through sustained action in all areas of church programming. Please join us in this exciting endeavor! We normally meet the fourth Tuesday of every month. Questions? Contact Jeff Jackson at 484-3960 or jjacksonsmoses@msn.com

Green On The Silver Screen

What: Green: The New Red, White and Blue

When: Sun., Nov. 18th at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Think of this movie as a follow-up to An Inconvenient Truth. The subject is what we can do both as individuals and as a country to meet global warming head-on. There will be lots to discuss afterwards. This event will be open to the public; donations gratefully accepted at the door.

--Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Committee

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at UUCE-Thursday, Nov. 22 at 2 pm

* Tired of hosting or being hosted? Come gobble some turkey at church on Thanksgiving Day! You'll be thankful, not just for the delicious food, but also for the fellowship other UUs. You can volunteer to bring a dish, set up or take down tables, or cook one of three turkeys. Social gathering at 2 p.m., dinner bell at 3 p.m. We usually have around 40 delightful folks. Questions? Contact either Bob Taylor (744-8049, bobticetaylor@aol.com) or Martha Osgood (484-1180, maroz@comcast.net).

discuss your preferences. You can also call Mary during the day at 253-884-4690. We'd love to hear from you right away!

It's Time For UUA Matters Have you seen *Time's* Oct. 15th issue? There is a full-page ad for Unitarian Universalism—possibly the first UU ad campaign, ever, in a major magazine. Others will follow.

I am excited that we seem to be getting our light out from under that notorious “bushel” we used to sing about in my old Sunday School days. (“This little light of mine”—“Hide it under a bushel? No!”) Our embracing faith has so much to offer, and there are so many people out there who don't know about us and would feel very much at home in our congregations.

The UUA Board is excited about our getting the word out, and glad that President Bill Sinkford and staff are making it a priority. Did your congregation participate in “Association Sunday,” Oct. 14th, celebrating our faith and contributing to a very specific financial campaign?

On another note, lots of people are asking about the results of the Open Space breakout sessions held at General Assembly in Portland last June. Stay tuned: We on the UUA Board have just received our packet of information and the Open Space information will be discussed very shortly.

Please feel free to call me at the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-3 Mountain Time (208-658-1710) or email me at egreene@uua.org.

--Rev. Elizabeth L. Greene, PNWD trustee

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. Please 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.

Call Steve at church, 686-2775. For pastoral emergencies or for short-term changes to appointments call Steve's mailbox 743-0640.

Rev. Steve will be off visiting family during Thanksgiving, Thurs., Nov. 22-25.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) CORNER

Who Needs You? O.W.L. Does! UUCE is hosting a district training for facilitators of the UU faith-based sexuality program, *Our Whole Lives* (O.W.L.) here on Nov. 30th--Dec. 2nd. About 20 people from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and even (maybe) Alaska will be O.W.L. volunteers with middle and high school youth in their home congregations. These folks will be at UUCE for an intensive weekend training. We need to find homestays for them for the weekend and provide meals. It's a great way for you to meet other UUs from across the district!

Here's what you do: Provide a bed in a private space as well as breakfast on Sat. and Sun. mornings. The O.W.L. leaders are at the training until about 10:00 Fri. night, and all day on Sat. 'til about 9 p.m. They depart on Sun. afternoon. Hosts may need to drive participants to and from UUCE if they are need rides.

We'll also need a couple coordinators for meals. We provide lunch on Sat. and Sun., morning and evening snacks, and dinner Sat. night. In the past, we've had one menu coordinator who called volunteers to bring either ingredients or fully cooked dishes. Questions? Call Candee Cole, DRE at 743-0641 or uucedre@gmail.com

UUCE UPCOMING UU EVENTS



Hold The Date For Our UUCE Celebration

What: *Installation of the Rev. Stephen Landale*

When: Sun., Jan. 27th, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

Where: First Christian Church, 1166 Oak Street.

Reception to follow.



Interested in a Xmas dinner on Christmas Day at UUCE?

Contact Sandra Mann (687-4753) or Sue Craig (607-0204, suenarlen@mindspring.com)

FROM PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Leap Into Action

Here in the PNWD, we will celebrate the leap year by holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the weekend of Feb. 29-March 2, 2008. It will be held in Tacoma at the newly renovated Sheraton Hotel, now redubbed Hotel Murano, and it looks to be wonderful. Read all about it in the registration material due out in November.

As always, we need cheerful folk to help register, guide, organize, take tickets, work with workshop leaders, and staff the bookstore. The earlier you volunteer, the better your job choice will be. Two-hour shifts are the norm. Please indicate your willingness to help by emailing Mary Watson (mwatson@harbornet.com) or Joan Benderson (joan.benderson@nventure.com). Include your phone number so we can



Step Up And Join!

Nov. 11th is "New Member Sunday"

If you now feel that UUCE is your church home and that we are your spiritual and religious community, we invite you to be part of our Welcome and Recognition Ceremony for new members. We will observe this at both services, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Since membership in this Unitarian Universalist Church is both a privilege and a right of passage, it's important to take your time when deciding to join. Membership is a deliberate choice. As a member you can vote on congregational decisions, chair a committee, or hold office. And most importantly, we know that you stand with us.

Here are the recommended steps to becoming a member of UUCE:

- Have an understanding of the purposes and principles of Unitarian Universalism. You're invited to attend one of the Orientation Sessions, four meetings each, held in October or March.
- Speak with Rev. Stephen Landale or Marilyn Junkins, the Membership Committee Chair, to clarify any questions you may have.
- Sign up for New Member Sunday at the Greeters' table or in the Social Hall beginning Oct. 14th. Identify the service you usually attend and the names of any children registered in the Religious Education (RE) Program.
- Complete a Pledge and Membership Affirmation Card for the balance of the 2007-2008 pledge year.
- Answer some biographical questions and have your photo taken. Attend New Member Sunday, sign the Membership Book, and be recognized.

We want the membership process to unfold for you comfortably. You may call Marilyn Junkins, our Membership Committee chair, at 968-9200 (cell) or e-mail her at mdjunkins@comcast.net to ask about membership. You may also call the church office at 686-2775 or sign up at the greeters' table at church.

Back By Popular Demand—SGMs!

The Small Group Ministry will start up next January, with a total of 10 sessions, 2 hours each, from January through May. This program, available to members and friends of the church, provides an opportunity to share deeply with a small group (up to 10 people) to explore values and meaning, to find friendship and a community of trust, and to provide service to the church or larger community. Registration began on Oct. 14th and is on going, with a chance to sign up after each service, through Nov. 18th.

Registration can also be done by obtaining a form from the church office or printing the form from the SGM web page on the church website and turning the form in to the office by Nov. 25th. The registration fee is \$10. Further info about the program is available from the church web site, from the SGM pamphlet in the church lobby, and from the SGM steering committee: Berry Broadbent (344-9037), Sarah Hendrickson (484-5701), Rev. Stephen Landale (743-0640), Brian Lewis (870-6658), Dick Loescher (chair, 485-1157), Adelka Shawn (344-6262), and Anna Sontag (686-0927).



Food for Thought During the Holidays

Clearance sale— now only \$7. We're discounting the UUCE cookbook published in 2004. Pick up an extra copy for your friends and future grandkids. Contact Diane Wooldridge (342-8071 or woolietoys@msn.com) or George Koris (gkoris@comcast.net)

Have A Cambodian Holiday – Sundays, Nov. 11 & Dec. 2

Friendship With Cambodia, a local non-profit organization, will offer attractive and typical Cambodian-made crafts both before and after services. Items are reasonably priced and most are made by disabled Cambodians, victims of landmines, AIDS and the effects of 50 years of war and Khmer Rouge genocide. *Friendship With Cambodia* supports orphanages, makes low interest loans to women, and offers scholarships through local organizations. Cambodia is one of the poorest nations on earth. Come help while doing your holiday shopping!

Holiday Wreathes – \$30 Orders for the wonderful wreathes made by Woodburn farm worker women (*Mujeres Luchadoras Progresistas-Women Fighting for Progress*) are being taken after each service on Sun., Nov. 18th on the deck outside the social hall. You can pick them up at the church after both church services Dec. 2. Questions? Call Joyce Thomas at 726-2412 or email her: ajt@efn.org.



Thank you Newsletter Helpers:

Dirk Ten Brinke, Bob Taylor, Chuck Adams, Barbara Greenley, Conrad Grosenick, J.T. Wolf, Dennis Galloway, Sylvia Taylor, Darelle Baker, Jane Lund, Phyllis Pears

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

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

Please note: Newsletter Mailing for Nov & Dec is planned for Friday Nov. 16 & Dec 21 at 10:30 am.

UUCE CONNECTIONS



Circle of Life

Dorothy Van Allen, a UUCE member since 1997, passed in October. A Celebration of Life will be planned later by her family.

Weave Yourself into the Interdependent Web

As UUCE gallops along, you don't want to miss any exciting news. Stay informed about church-related decisions, activities, and events. To receive weekly announcements, including links to more info, details of upcoming elections, and the scoop on what's up at church, sign up for the UUCE-News email listserv. Here's how:

Go to <http://www.uueugene.org/web/Lists.html> and follow the directions. If you have problems, contact the webmaster who will walk you through subscribing, and if it's too much info once you are on a listserv, it's easy to unsubscribe.

Of course, you can also view this weekly UUpDate on the web at <http://www.uueugene.org/UUpDate.html>, as well as the Technicolor version of our monthly Newsletter on the web at <http://www.uueugene.org/Newsletter.html>

Questions? Write to webmaster@uueugene.org

♥ APPRECIATIONS

Congratulations! UUCE collected and sent \$2345.70 to the UUA for Association Sunday!

Special Offering Collection Result for *GLBTQ Youth*: \$1447.58

November's Special Collection

This month will be for Sponsors, a local non-profit group. They have been offering re-entry services to ex-offenders since 1973. Here are some facts to keep in mind while making out your check:

- 40-50 people are released monthly from state custody and return to Lane County.
- About 65% of all offenders will return to prison within 3 years.
- 95% percent of the people who are incarcerated will one day be released.
- Cost to the Oregon Dept. Corrections is about \$65/day to house a prisoner.
- Cost to the Lane County Jail is about \$112/day to house a prisoner.
- Cost to Sponsors is \$25/day to provide transitional services--food, housing, case management, access to medical care, help finding work, money management.
- Sponsors provides residential services to about 400 men and women annually.
- For the past 10 years, 60–70% of clients each year have successfully completed our program.

People who successfully complete our program work, pay taxes, child support, court-ordered fines and become productive, law abiding members of our community. Sponsors is based on the belief that people can and do change, and that a strategic intervention at the appropriate moment can serve as a catalyst in that change.

See any one of us if you have a non-profit in mind. We are Rachel Cummings (rachelcummings@comcast.net), Gretchen Miller (gmiller@efn.org) and Marina McIntire (marina.mcintire@comcast.net).

Note Of Thanks

"Thanks to the generous support of our UUCE friends, Jim Ellison raised nearly \$4,000 for our local Alzheimer's Association chapter. You sent us a strong, clear message of loving care, one that lifts our spirits and eases our lives. Thank you to everyone who helps us along this journey every week. We are especially grateful for Bob and Sylvia Taylor's enthusiasm and creativity!"

—Jim Ellison and Julie Aspinwall-Lamberts



Choir Notes

Christmas Concert—Saturday, Dec 8th

The Chamber Singers will present *A Renaissance Christmas Concert* Dec. 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The concert will feature sacred and secular music from the renaissance featuring works by Praetorius, Sermisy, Mouton, Henry VIII and others. Joining the Chamber Singers will be Byrdsong Early Music Consort performing on viols, recorders, flute, violin and harpsichord. Tickets will go on sale beginning Nov. 25th at \$5.00. You can buy them between Sunday services and from the church office M-F between 9:00 and noon.

Open-Choir

Nov. 18th is open-choir Sunday in which members and friends of the church are invited to sing with the Sanctuary Choir in a one-time presentation. We will be singing Scarlatti's *Exsultate Deo*, a beautiful motet from the Baroque period. The music is challenging and will require attending three Wed. rehearsals beginning Oct. 31st at 8:00 p.m.

Appreciations

Many thanks to George Koris for solving the storage problem of the Braille hymnal sheets. George has built a wooden cart that keeps the sheets protected, organized and easily accessible. Plus, an additional shelf offers extra storage space. Thank you George!

Music Schedule in November

11/4 — Dorothy Clark, pianist

11/11 — Chalice Choir

Cantate — An up-tempo contemporary setting of the traditional Latin text

11/18 — Sanctuary Choir

For the Beauty of the Earth—John Rutter's gorgeous setting of this well-loved text

Exsultate Deo—a Baroque masterpiece of contrapuntal writing by A. Scarlatti

11/25 — Byrdsong Early Music Consort--Instrumental music for viols and recorders

Looking Ahead

12/8 — *A Renaissance Christmas Concert* presented by the Chamber Singers. Tickets available beginning 11/25 (see above)

UUCE COMMITTEE UPDATES

Sound Bites

Our church community is trying hard to make all our programs as accessible as possible for everyone, including those who are hearing impaired. At present, the only spaces where amplified sound is available is the Sanctuary, the Social Hall, and Library. We would like to be able to provide amplification, if needed, for every church group that holds meetings in that space. To this end, we are asking that each committee or other entity who reserves this space for a meeting or program have one or more members of their group trained to do basic sound. Even folks who do not think of themselves as hearing impaired sometimes have a hard time hearing in a meeting, but they wouldn't think to inquire about whether amplification would be available. We'd like to train someone at these meetings to step in and provide basic sound. This is less complicated than providing sound for Sunday services. It's quite straightforward and easy to learn. Please consider getting trained to do this useful service.

Info: Ruth Ross at 686-1549 or ruthken@pacinfo.com

Your Facilities Council, Hard at Work

Our own worker bees have been at it again! A few of the many things they've done:

- Fixed the playground gate, which frequently gets out of whack (Ed Zack)
- A new bulletin board near Sanctuary bathrooms is coming (Ann Fuller & George Koris)
- Committee bins were moved (George Koris)

And here's what they plan to do next:

- RE bathrooms—Replace flooring, cove bases, and toilets (Fuller & Koris & others)

And here's what they'd like from you:

- A higher kitchen faucet with a built-in spray head on the sink in the Social Hall

If anyone has a spare faucet like this in good working condition, and if you're willing to donate it, contact George Koris at 681-9066 or gkoris@comcast.net.

UUCE Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans CUUPS UPDATES

Come Dance With Your Shadow

What: A series of five rituals over a period of five months as participants explore and re-member the lost and hidden aspects of their individual selves.

Where: Here at UUCE

When: On the Dark Moon, Nov-March starting Thurs. Nov. 8th at 6:45 p.m.

Why: In life we find ourselves moving through times of light and darkness. In the light half of the year the days are long and nights are short. In the dark half of the year the days are short and the nights are long. We also reside in both light and shadow. What do you fear? Who do you hide from? What mask do you wear? What shape does your shadow take? When we face the sun we cannot see our shadow, but turn around and there it is.

Questions/Info? Call Elan at 541--686-2778

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Thankful For The Full Moon

Fri., Nov 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

In Wiccan tradition, the full moon is seen as a time of fruition, a time when past actions unfold their consequences. We'll borrow a Wiccan structure, dancing and singing in the four quarters, deity, and the full moon. All UUC-Ers are invited to come dance with us--bring a drum or shaker, and light a candle of thanks. Folks wishing to bring items for four directional altars are invited to do so. If you can walk, you can dance; if you can talk, you can sing. Children are welcome to this friendly event. Questions/RSVP/Childcare? Contact John Burrige at burrige.john@gmail.com by noon Nov. 20th

Page Turners

Fourth Thursday Book Group will meet on the fifth Thursday, Nov. 29th at 2 p.m. in the home of Betts Silver. The book is *March* by Geraldine Brooks. Our December meeting will be on the 27th and will be a potluck (more details to follow). No book is assigned for December. Questions? Call Dorothy 345-9114 or penmit@juno.com

Fourth Monday Book Group will meet on Monday, Nov. 26th at 7:15 p.m. in the Solarium at Cascade Manor. The book is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortensen. Questions? Call Mavis Thomas at 434-4123 or contact Eve McConnaughey at evelynm@efn.org



All Church Potluck

Friday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m.

Our potlucks are a great place for prospective and new members to make

new friends. Come join us! 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!

After dining, stay for a sing-a-long with Grace Keller, Palmer, and Gail. And you guitar players please come and bring your instruments and voices.

Questions? Call Phyllis and Ed Peara at 684-8285.

Dinner And A Movie

What: Interweave potluck and film

When: Sat., Nov. 17th dinner at 6 p.m. and large screen movie at 7 p.m.

Wedding Wars: Love, family, politics and the right to marry intersect.

This hysterically funny romantic comedy stars John Stamos, Eric Dane, and James Brolin. A gay party planner agrees to organize the nuptials for his straight brother, who is marrying the Governor of Maine's daughter. After the party planner finds out that his brother, a campaign manager for his future father-in-law, is behind the governor's speech against gay marriage, he decides to go on strike for equal rights.



Calling All Poets!

We need more members of our UUCE Evening Poetry Group.

We've been meeting for more than five years now to encourage each other in writing poetry by supportive suggestions, discussion, and the sharing of ideas and resources. Suggested assignments are given to inspire or "jump-start" those who are experiencing writer's block or just want to try writing something different, fun, or challenging. We now have openings for a few new poets to join the group.

We currently meet in a member's home in south Eugene on the fourth Wed. evening of each month for workshops from 7 to 9 p.m., during which members present their poems for detailed discussion. If you write poetry, or want to get back to writing it, please give us a try. Questions? Contact Cindy Pitcairn at lucindap@comcast.net

On Oct. 16th, the Facilities Council met with Rev. Steve. The meeting was well attended, interesting, and useful. One of the many results of that meeting is our newfound resolve to make UUCE more accessible. We're communicating with the new Accessibility Group and will install a tall ADA-compliant toilet in one of the RE bathrooms. We're working on improving access to the entire RE area. In fact, we already have a new, more user-friendly, sidewalk to the area.

—Ken Ross

Neighbor Groups Enter Hibernation

Neighbor Groups were set up at UUCE to give help when help was needed, such as rides to appointments, help for special needs, and to get to know each other better. In some of the Neighbor Groups, this has already happened. But there are many UUCERs who have such busy lives that they can't make a formal commitment. Still, much is done quietly in this wonderful congregation. In fact, I can't give so much time to this operation either! So, I'll step back, and let it find its own path. There were so many involved in so many ways! Thanks to all who put such effort into this program, especially the Committee members, Bob Coleman, Jean Coberly, Martha Osgood, Laura Stevenson, and Eve McConnaughey. You have been a delight to work with, and your care and love for this congregation are a joy!

--Sue Craig

UUCE Governance Info Available

A binder in the Social Hall, labeled *Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene Bylaws, Policies & Minutes*, contains Board minutes and some committee reports since January, and also the latest (2005-2006) Annual Report. There's also another binder, *Newsletters of Unitarian Universalist Congregations Across the Pacific Northwest District*.

UUCE History, continued

After Rev. Higginbotham and the break-up of the congregation that followed, the little church on the corner was almost non-existent for several years. About 10 of the members managed to reorganize the church around 1942 when a letter was sent out to everyone asking them to rejoin. From 1942-1947 the UU church was more of a fellowship than anything else until the end of the war years.

On April 6, 1948, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bryant started "Friendly House" in the fireside room at the church. Over 100 friends, students, and towns-

people gathered to “express their faith and interest in the project.” People played games, conversed, engaged in folk dancing, and had a general good time. In a quote from the Eugene Unitarian newsletter, “Since then the program is developing well...We want it to be a place for wholesome recreation, serious discussion with the best minds of the community meeting to talk over the most important problems of making and preserving our democracy.” In this they succeeded as many of the returning G.I.s who were going to the university came often and many became members.

As members began to expand their horizons in 1948, they called for Rev. Sidney Peterman to serve as minister in exchange for rooms at the manse while he continued his studies at the university here. In May of the same year, he accepted. “Our new minister will arrive in Eugene about 15 of July and will immediately undertake his church work. It is expected that in our next issue we shall present a definite program for the future” said the Eugene Unitarian.

Of course, I have a special feeling for Syd Peterman as he was my first contact with the Unitarian Church in 1959. At the time, he was again a professor of philosophy at San Jose State College and the minister of the lovely 100-year-old San Jose Unitarian Church. In August of that same year, he performed the wedding ceremony for Sylvia and me, encouraging us to write our own vows (a new idea at the time). I only wish he could still be around so I could tell him what an influence he had on my life.

To quote from a 1970’s history of the church, “He remained in the church for four years during the time the G.I.s were returning from the service and matriculating at the University..... There developed a warm feeling of fellowship during those years with an active morning program, a Beacon Press book sales table, and an active Women’s Alliance. It was with true regret that we finally saw Sidney Peterman leave.”

--Robert Taylor, *History Comm.*

UUCE EVENTS

Let's Open UUCE To All

What: An open meeting on accessibility matters
When: Tues., Nov. 6th, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

With October being declared "Disability Awareness Month" by the Centers for Disease Control, what better time could there have been than Oct. 15th for a small enthusiastic group at UUCE to meet and discuss ways of

meeting accessibility needs here? While the acronym TAB is sometimes ironically applied to those who are "temporarily able-bodied," two in our group identified themselves by a new acronym, PAB, for "partially able-bodied," while the rest of us were, well, disabled.

We want to think of the limitations to which we are prone in a new light, and we hope others at UUCE will do so, as well. We are making plans to present a mix of facts and fun, in words and events, during the coming year. We will meet on the first Tuesday night every month. Come, whoever you are! Questions? Call Mary Otten (684-4717), David Gilmartin (349-9094), Leslie Gilbert (520-2624), or Jeanne-Marie Moore (729-1264, leave message).

Make A Theatre Date

What: Dinner and a show
When: Thurs., Nov. 8TH

A most poignant, touching musical is Jacques Brel Is Alive And Well And Living In Paris at the Very Little Theater. Also, if you like, dinner at Irali's before the performance. Questions? Phyllis Kesner, 684-4495

Food for Lane County Night

Fri., Nov. 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Get into the spirit of Thanksgiving! Meet at 770 Bailey Hill Rd. to process food from dorms, restaurants, and groceries that would otherwise go to the landfill. No need to sign up, just come. Wear a hat or ponytail and bring a jacket (no open-toed shoes). We would love to have the energy and enthusiasm of our Youth, too! Questions? Diane Wooldridge at 342-8071 or woolietoys@msn.com

Witches New Year, A Wom'nspirit Ritual

What: A celebration of lunar Samhain
When: Fri., Nov. 9th at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

We will begin in darkness, and in silence. The altar of the dead will be in the North, and if you feel called to come as your favorite goddess or witch, please feel free to express yourself in this way. We will also have extra masks & veils for your use. As usual, bring drums, candles, finger food to share (perhaps the favorite food of a loved one who has passed) and your own dishes/napkins in a spirit of change and compassion. Questions? Contact d. maria (mariah@efn.org) or Barb Prentice (302-8151, barbprentice@comcast.net)