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### April 3

"Prepared for a Pastor"

Rev. Alicia Forsey

It was a strange turn of events that brought the English Universalist John Murray back into a willingness to preach. Someone he had never met had prepared for him to arrive! How will the Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene prepare for your next settled minister?

### April 10

"Get a Life"

Rev. Bjorn Olson

What does it mean to "Get a Life"? What do we mean when we say this to others? How are we engaging in our own lives? Are we present and do we show up when we're needed? We'll explore ideas from philosophy and science as well as sharing our own experiences.

### April 17

"Music Sunday: Harriet Tubman Cantata"

Tom Sears

The Sanctuary Choir will present *They Called Her Moses*, a cantata based on the life of Harriet Tubman. This 25-minute work relates her life through the use of stories and spirituals popular in her time. The cantata is scored for soloists, narrators, choir and piano. Katy Siepert and Jake Walsh our the soloists; Nisco and Marilyn Junkins will share the narration.

### Easter Sunday, April 24

"Sowing the Seeds of Renewal"

Amy Raven, Judy Sawyer, and visiting speaker Phil Bertrand

In honor of both Easter and Earth Day, the Green Sanctuary Committee celebrates the ever-renewing web of life and our commitment to cherish the earth, as we nurture the seeds of our own spiritual renewal.

## MINISTER'S COLUMN

### EASTER AND UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

What can we take from Easter that will inspire us as Unitarian Universalists? Some of us view the story of the resurrection of Jesus, the foundation of the Christian faith, as a metaphor for our own lives – a reminder of the importance of hope, courage and faith in the possibility of beginning anew.

We are not alone in needing to translate the story of Christ's Resurrection into something that makes sense to us. Jehovah's Witnesses observe only the remembrance of the death of Christ, not the resurrection. Early Christians did likewise. The Religious Society of Friends, or Quakers, do not observe Easter, believing that every day is the Lord's Day. Unitarian Universalists, without creed or dogma, will not all be of one mind regarding the meaning of Easter. Some may find no meaning at all, but that is an individual's choice. The expectation is that each one of us will reflect with our gift of reason on matters of faith.

Some of us may believe that Jesus was indeed a real person, a real human being who was a great teacher, who lived and died – perhaps dying because he dared to challenge the status quo of the established practices of his time. Some of us may believe that Jesus was a real human being who was rescued from the cross and escaped to France where he married and had children. Some might think of Jesus as being so evolved that he was indeed above others in the Western Christian tradition and some of us may accept the stories – the parables, but think that what matters is the message, not whether or not it is true or accurate. After all, anything created by human beings, such as the New Covenant, put together in a hurry on command of an Emperor, leaving out the writings of those whose views did not fit the canon, is cause for questioning by anyone seeking what is right for themselves.

So, what do you think about the story of Easter? Speaking for myself, I wouldn't want God to give his only begotten Son in order to cover for my sins. It isn't that I think I never commit something like a sin, or a wrong, or harm of some kind – but as a life-long Unitarian Universalist, I was brought up to believe that I create my own Heaven and Hell, here on this planet, during this lifetime. As a child, I looked forward to Easter because my grandmother made me beautiful dresses for the occasion. Seemed like everybody wore new clothes on Easter.

It didn't occur to me until much later in my life that new clothes were symbolic of a new beginning. Around the time I was majoring in philosophy and religion in college, I realized that, for me, hope was the key to what had seemed an essential but elusive quality of life. I knew that, without hope, I (for one) would not be able to live a life that felt satisfying or fulfilling, much less happy.

Knowing that every moment holds the seed of a new beginning – thinking and feeling this – that every day holds the promise of new understandings, new perceptions, new ways of loving – moving closer to peace within – to a place of quiet depth where clarity reigns, a place we may call the soul, this is where the religious understanding of many Unitarian Universalists is found.

The I-Thou of theologian Martin Buber, the ground of being of theologian Paul Tillich, the living by these principles even in the darkest of hours by Norbert Capek – what better examples can we, as Unitarian Universalists turn to? The story of Easter is a reminder of the possibility of a new beginning, which we may find by seeking and learning within the context of our own Unitarian Universalist faith tradition.

With hope, in faith and love,  
Rev. Alicia



## CHALICE LIGHTERS

Thanks to those who notified me they had never received a Chalice Lighter call. We discovered there are at least 6 people who are not on the PNW District list. I suspect there may be even more, so if you have not received notice from the district asking for a donation recently, and you have not already let me know, please give me a call  
Judie Hansen 541-335-1637.

### ***President's Message***

The Board held two meetings in March, which one might characterize with that well-used phrase "back to basics". In this case, I'm referring to the basics or foundations of life in a noncredal religious community, i.e., covenant and mission statement.

Mission is quite literally our reason for being as an institution. It answers the question: "Why does UUCE exist?" And covenant is the explicit set of promises that we make to each other as members of that community. It sets boundaries on behavior and calls us back to right relations, especially in situations where there is controversy or conflict.

We have completed work on a Board covenant, which you can find on the church website (see next column). This document contains our commitments to each other and to the congregation as a whole. It lists expectations and actions for which we expect to be held accountable. And it also contains what might be called our approach to leadership and Board service.

We have also begun work on a new and shorter mission statement, which, along with a proposed churchwide covenant, we plan to present for discussion and adoption at a congregational meeting later this spring.

In addition to the work on covenants and mission statement, the Board adopted a policy on disruptive behavior, which you can also find printed in this newsletter and on our website. This policy has worked well at churches where Rev. Alicia has served previously. And we appreciate her offering it to us and believe it will assist us in keeping UUCE a safe and welcoming place for all who enter our doors.

-Your Board President, Mary Otten

### **TAKING CARE OF OUR BLESSED EARTH**

- \* Choose an energy-efficient vehicle
- \* Keep car tires inflated
- \* Don't idle car more than 10 sec.
- \* Drive the speed limit
- \* Carpool

- Green Sanctuary



### **PROCEDURE FOR ADDRESSING DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR**

While openness to diversity is one of the prime values held by our congregation and expressed in the values of who we are as Unitarian Universalists, we affirm the belief that our congregation must maintain a secure atmosphere where such openness can exist. Concern for the congregation as a whole must be given priority over the privileges and inclusion of the individual.

The new policy shall guide us in actively and promptly addressing situations in which individuals' behavior threatens the emotional and/or physical security of our members and friends. Our church will follow all applicable state laws and reporting procedures for physical abuse.

The Minister will determine whether he/she wishes to handle the situation privately, or request information on an ad/hoc committee appointed by the Board of Trustees. This committee will include the Minister and two members of the congregation who are not on the Board of Trustees. Further investigation and reflection of the situation will take place at this point. The Minister will meet with the person or persons considered disruptive to the well-being of the congregation to hear their concerns and to let them know that concerns have been raised from others regarding what is being considered a disturbance to the peace of the church.

The complete new policy details are available online at our new website: [www.uueugene.org](http://www.uueugene.org) and click on Our Church then Policies.

### **UUCE Board's New Covenants**

After careful review and discussion, the UUCE Board created the following new covenants. All were unanimously approved at the March 10 Board meeting:

- Practice forgiveness, generosity, and assume positive intent
- Pay attention, listen actively and be open to other perspectives
- Show up, be prepared, do research as needed
- Set aside personal agendas; support board decisions once made
- Respect confidentiality when requested
- Make being a Board member our primary volunteer commitment

## That's My Farmer 12th Annual Celebration

Wednesday, April 6 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

**That's My Farmer** (TMF) is a partnership between 15 farmers and 15 faith communities. It supports local farmers by encouraging members of the congregations and others in the community to purchase Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares.

Gather with faith communities and the general public to celebrate That's My Farmer and kick-off the new growing season.

- Meet the farmers, and learn about each farm and their products.
- Listen to the farmers ask each other thought provoking questions.
- Watch a slide show about the CSAs featuring Robin Cushman's photography.
- Hear live music
- Win a prize supplied by the farmers.

**Suggested donation at the door:** \$5 per person or \$10 per family. This donation exclusively supports a fund to provide fresh produce for low-income families.

By the end of the evening, organizers hope that everyone present will be able to confidently answer the question, "Who's your farmer?"



## NEW HOME NEWS

Things related to our new church home happen so quickly that between the time an article for the newsletter is written and it gets published everything will likely be very out of date. Suffice to say our complete plans have been submitted to the City and just as soon as we have the permits in our hot little hands things will once again be busy for volunteers. One of the first jobs will be to build a swale to handle roof runoff on the southeast portion of the property. The concrete foundation for the northeast addition will be poured and contract framers will build the shell of the building.

Rooms are defined, ceilings and walls framed and contracts will be signed for mechanical and electrical work. The best source of updated information is the daily 400 Days blog. Recently everyone with an efn email address got bounced but not by us. To sign up, send an email to [400days@uueugene.org](mailto:400days@uueugene.org). If you have questions or suggestions about the building, please send them to [newhome@uueugene.org](mailto:newhome@uueugene.org) and a member of the Building Project Oversight Committee will respond.

## Calm Abiding Meditation

Every Thursday at 6 pm in the Library

There will be a brief introduction and instruction offered. To begin the meditation, there will be an optional recitation, in English, of a traditional Tibetan Buddhist aspiration to benefit all beings, which takes about 1 minute, then 30 minutes of silent meditation.

Chairs are available or bring your own meditation cushion.

Facilitator is Jake Walsh

[jakewalsh@msn.com](mailto:jakewalsh@msn.com) or 541-342-6184

No beliefs or religious affiliation needed

*it's better if you leave them all behind*

## Funding our New Church Home

As of March 10, 2011, we have \$1,102,280 in financial commitments for our new church home, with \$891,125 in payments and gifts received!

As many of you know from Judie Hansen's 400 Days daily blog, wonderful work is happening every day at 13th and Chambers, our future site. Gifts are still needed for us to reach our goal of \$1,250,000. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project with their time, talent and treasure. All gifts are important and appreciated!

To make a gift or inquire about the status of your pledge, please contact Karen Gaffney, Capital Campaign Treasurer at (541) 685-1437 or [karengaffney@comcast.net](mailto:karengaffney@comcast.net). Thank you!

**The 400 Days blog is "found on the website under Our Church at 400 Days. Start at [www.uueugene.org](http://www.uueugene.org)**

### SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

We have had some excellent speakers help us with understanding Social Justice issues in relation to our new location.

Paul Conte who is the leader of the Jefferson West neighborhood Association, spoke to us about our being present in the neighborhood as we move into our new abode. He had a lot to tell us about the neighborhood and gave us some ideas about how we might fit in. Rev. Forsey helped us see some of the pitfalls and challenges that face our wanting to be a Community presence. We so appreciated her presence with us! In March we had a presentation from both Tracy Smith and Cosette Rees from Lane Transit. Point to Point is a program through Lane Transit that will help us set up carpooling within our congregation, for a variety of activities, both in the church, and out. Ms Smith will be available sometime in May, between services to further explain to those interested, how this can work. She also informed us of a computer link that LTD is developing that will be carpooling state wide.

Cosette Rees presented the routes considered for EmX . She spoke of the historical process leading up the EmX and especially of the future needs for mass transit. Thanks to Sandi Mann for arranging this.

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, our congregation was involved in working at the Grassroots garden and the Churchill Garden for Food for Lane County. Food For Lane County raised, 170,000 pounds of organic produce to feed the hungry in Lane County last year. It has been our privilege to be part of this wonderful endeavor.

In March, we were able to plan for a presentation by Emily Schick, an International Solidarity Movement activist. We are fortunate to have members of SJUUCE work to bring us these kinds of educational programs. Special thanks to Rob Castleberry and Barb Prentice for working so hard on doing the process twice because of inclement weather cancellation the first time! SJUUCE has many more opportunities in our future as we provide education, advocacy, action and reflection; UUCE's process of SOCIAL JUSTICE.

Do come and join us! We meet the first Monday evening of the month...next meeting is April 4 at 7 pm in the Social Hall, 40<sup>th</sup> and Donald.

Contact: Sue Craig [sueacraig@gmail.com](mailto:sueacraig@gmail.com)

## Candles of Community

On most Sundays, we include "Candles of Community" during the worship services. To include joys and sorrows please contact Rev. Alicia Forsey by noon on Saturday before a given service. Leave your message on the minister's voicemail 541-686-2775 ext.1 Please include your name & phone number.

### Green Sanctuary Workshops

Join us for two thought-provoking and timely workshops, Tuesday, April 5 and Saturday, May 7, sponsored by the Green Sanctuary. Both workshops will present practical ideas and real-life examples for living more people- and planet-friendly. The half-day Saturday workshop will go into greater detail and include a 30-minute interactive group project. The presentations are free and open to the public. Come to either workshop, or both. Young people interested in these issues are encouraged to attend.

Part One of each workshop describes actions you can take in and around your own home to meet more of one's daily needs. Topics include:

- Permaculture
- Converting grass to garden
- Creating edible landscaping
- Catching and using rainwater
- Using the sun to heat your home
- Preserving food for future use
- Aesthetics – designing for uplift.

Part Two of each workshop describes ways to create a safer, more secure and healthier neighborhood & community. Topics include:

- Neighborhood Watch
- Emergency preparedness/neighborhood mapping
- Block planning
- Front yard and neighborhood gardens
- Work parties
- Examples of real life success stories
- Creating a platform
- Role of UUCE and other faith communities.

**Jan Spencer** will lead this workshop, joined by one or more guest presenters. Jan is a Eugene resident who has been active in our community for many years. Since 2000, he has been transforming his River Road property into a community resource and model of sustainable living.

Location: UUCE Sanctuary

Dates & Times: Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 to 8:30 pm  
Saturday, May 7, 1:00 to 5:00 pm

*On Saturday, May 14, Jan will host an **Open House** at his River Road property from 12:00 to 3:00 pm, including a guided tour from 1:00 to 2:00. For dates and locations of other upcoming Jan Spencer presentations in the Eugene area, go to [www.suburbanpermaculture.org](http://www.suburbanpermaculture.org).*

## Music in April

- Apr 3** – Byrdsong Early Music Consort  
Hymns and fantasias played on viols and recorders
- Apr 10** – Chamber Singers  
*Lasciatemi morire* – a haunting piece by Monteverdi's *Il Lamento d'Arianna*
- Apr 17** – Sanctuary Choir – Music Sunday  
*They Called Her Moses* – the life of Harriet Tubman through stories and music
- Apr 24** – Chalice Choir  
*Adiemus* – a vocalize on Karl Jenkins *Songs of Sanctuary*  
*Cantique de Jean Racin* – Faure won first prize with this motet written when he was 19

If you would like more information about our music program please contact:

Tom Sears, Music Director: 541 686-5972,  
or email [tesears@comcast.net](mailto:tesears@comcast.net)

Lynn Smith, Pianist: [violinmomma33@comcast.net](mailto:violinmomma33@comcast.net)



**Choir Notes**  
*Her Moses*, this 25-minute work relates her life through the use of stories and spirituals that were popular in her time. The cantata is scored for soloists, narrators, choir and piano. Katy Siepert will sing the lead soprano; Nisco and Marilyn Junkins will share the narration.

## CHOIR NOTES

Music Sunday

On Sunday, April 17 the Sanctuary Choir will present a major choral work during Music Sunday. This year we are singing a cantata based on the life of Harriet Tubman. Titled *They Called*

### Chamber Singers Still Seeking Two Basses

The Chamber Singers are seeking 2 new basses. If you are interested in a cappella singing, please contact Tom for an audition.

**The Lane Interfaith Alliance** will host the closing ceremony for the **Season for Nonviolence** in our UUCE sanctuary on Sunday afternoon April 3, beginning at 4 pm. There will be several readings at this commemoration of Martin Luther King's giving his life to the service of peace and justice. Also, our Sanctuary Choir will sing, and Daniel Nahmod, Shanti Shivani, musicians from Temple Beth Israel will present, plus more. This will be an interfaith event not to be missed!

### Elections are coming! Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>

On Sun. May 8<sup>th</sup> between services we will have our annual congregational election of leadership positions for this coming year. It will be important that we have a quorum for this important church governance activity. Please plan to stay late after the nine o'clock service and come early before the eleven o'clock service. If you have questions or names you would like to suggest for leadership roles, please contact Nominating Committee chair, Betty Hosokawa at 541-683-1907 or [betty9758@comcast.net](mailto:betty9758@comcast.net)

## UUCE SERVICE AUCTION

DATE: April 30, 2011

TIME: 5:30 pm

PLACE: UUCE 40<sup>th</sup> & Donald

This is our BIG Fundraiser for the year. You will be seeing lots of goodies on line that:

- A.** You will want to bid on (during the auction)
- B.** Will inspire you so much that you will want to think of a fantastic event, dinner, or destination to offer. To offer an item in the auction, please contact Sue or Betty.

So, join us on April 30<sup>th</sup> for great food, fun, and entertainment. Party time.....

Questions, Sue Craig e-mail [sueacraig@gmail.com](mailto:sueacraig@gmail.com) or Betty Hosokawa [betty9758@comcast.net](mailto:betty9758@comcast.net)

## Easter Hunt - Sunday, April 24th

We will hold our annual easter hunt after each service for children and youth who have attended class that day. Our special brand of Easer hunt involves hiding just one egg per child/youth in class. Once they find an egg, they then turn it in for a prize bag at the prize table.



(Please note that toddlers and preschoolers do their hunt during class and we hold them until the older children/youth are finished.)

## 2nd Best Book Sale in Eugene

**April 2nd. 9am-4pm**

Bring Books, CDs, DVDs, Videos, Records the week before and place under Social Hall tables.

**April 1st.** will be sale set-up starting at 2pm---volunteers for setup get first choice! From 7-9pm will be member sale with entertainment---music, games and a movie! Call or email Ruth Duemler 541-484-6145 if you can help! **It's fun!**



## Community Service Projects Chosen By Children & Youth

At the beginning of March, the children and Middle School youth were visited by 4 organizations to educate the children on how they help people, animals or the earth. These four were Pro-Bone-O, 1st PLace Family Center, WREN, and Food for Lane County. After the presentations the children and youth were given the opportunity to vote on where to put their energy. Here is the outcome:

K-5th and Middle School voted to support [Pro-Bone-O](#), a group that helps the pets of people who are experiencing homelessness. Volunteer vets and vet assistants from a local college help to spay and neuter, de-flea, and provide other health services. They have a wish list and needs for money donations to cover the costs of medications and operatons. The children will be sharing the wish list with you and selling pet treats after services. Middle School youth will be supporting this project as well in various ways.

K-5th and Middle school will also be helping [1st Place Family Center](#). During the month of May, the children will be collecting items from the the 1st Place wish list and Middle School will be providing a meal for night shelter in April.

And finally, we will be giving the Family Service offering to another group who visited us that day, "[WREN](#)", West Eugene Wetlands Education Center, to obtain items for their wish list. And, the Middle School youth will be participating in a stream/river clean up in the Spring as well.

High school youth are still considering their service projects, which might include Food for Lane county food repackaging, and/or the grassroots gardens. More to come!

**The next Clutterbusting Garage Sale** is Fri & Sat, April 15 & 16 at the home of Judie and Ed Hansen. They will have their red pickup truck at the church on Sun, April 10 following each service for items that will fit in boxes or bags. You can start dropping off items for the sale on Sunday, April 10. Deadline for dropping off items is 6pm on Thursday, April 14. It's a good idea to call first to be sure there is someone home. We ask that all items be clean and in good repair - this is not a rummage sale. Also, because we are limited on space, we cannot accept large indoor furniture, books, or electronics because if it rains we have to be able to bring everything inside. Items that are always hot sellers: toys, puzzles, outdoor furniture, kitchen items, household goods, gardening tools, and jewelry. Hours of sale 7 AM to 4 PM both days. All proceeds go to the church general fund.

If you have questions, contact Judie 541-335-1637 or [judie310hansen@comcast.net](mailto:judie310hansen@comcast.net)

## Service Project for Pro-Bone-O

by Haley Troberg, Sages Siepert, and Sophie Puetz

We, the children and middle school youth have selected Pro-Bone-O as our service project for the month of April. We picked Pro-Bone-o because of their great service to people who are homeless and their pets. We hope to help them by raising money to pay for spaying and neutering and veterinary treatments and by collecting supplies such as collars, leashes and treats.

You can help us by coming by our table in in the Social Hall during the month of April to buy homemade dog biscuits, donate supplies and make cash donations.

**8:30 - 1:00 Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Sidewalk in Front of Church**

Questions? Contact Marguerite Crew

344-5163 or marggg@comcast.net

*seeds*  
*plants, seedlings*  
*flowers and veggie*  
*starts, books, soil*  
*tools, bulbs, shrubs*  
*trees, pots, herbs*



**Donate your extras!**  
**Celebrate the Earth**  
**and its beauty and bounty!**  
**No need to bring something**  
**in order to take something!**

**Give, Take, Share!**

**CUUPs in APRIL**

**Sunday April 2** - CUUPs Dark Moon - UUCE SH 7pm

**Tuesday April 5** - UUCE S 7pm. Workshops on Creating a Safer, More Secure & Healthier Neighborhood

**Tuesday April 12** - CUUPs - 6:15pm Cuups Business/Planning Meeting - ALL Welcome Metamorphosis Garden

**Tuesday April 19** - CUUPs Discussion - UUCE Rm 5 6:30pm. Discussion: Day Of Silence & LGBT Support

**Saturday April 23** -CUUPs 4th Saturday - 12-4pm. Alternative Energetic & Metaphysical Fair - CUUPs Fundraiser \$3. (get a dollar off for each donation for food for Lane County) \$3 Soup & Bread Lunch, Free 15 min sessions with great healers and practitioners. Check out your local craftspeople, their wares and services.

Metamorphosis Garden is located at 797 Hwy 99 N  
 More Info, Contact - 541-844-2339 (Shale or Elan)



**Interweave**

**Potluck, Discussion & Movie Night**

*InterWeave is a group of Eugene-area Gays, Lesbians, Bi-sexual, Transgender individuals and Allies that gather to eat, then watch and discuss an LGBTQ-themed movie every Second Friday evening.*



**WHEN:** April 8, 2011  
 Potluck at 6pm  
 Movie at 7pm & discussion after

**WHO:** All LGBT folks and allies

**WHY:** Because we're really fun!

**WHERE:** 40th & Donald

**COST:** FREE

**Featured Movie:**  
***The Kids Are All Right***

More info, contact Nisco at  
[niscohappy@comcast.net](mailto:niscohappy@comcast.net)



**Important Notice:**  
**Stewardship needs to hear from some of you.**

The stewardship team thanks all of you that have turned in your pledge cards. In order for our board and budget committee to make plans for next year's budget **WE NEED YOUR PLEDGE CARD.** There are about 100 people who have not contacted us (at the date of this submission), and we hope this is an oversight. Please support our church and its operations by contacting me with your pledge information, Brian Lewis 541 870 6658 or [rustic289@yahoo.com](mailto:rustic289@yahoo.com) Stewardship Chair. Please note it is important for you to have a "contribution of record" as a member.

THE ALMOST CHURCH REVITALIZED  
A three part discussion group coming in April

One of the most talked about books regarding current day Unitarian Universalist churches and ways to increase their odds for survival and flourishing is this one by Michael Durall. All Board members have read it as have members of the Committee on Congregational Ministry. Want to take part in this important discussion about our future? There will be a discussion group starting at 12:30 PM on Thursday April 14 and continuing for the following two Thursdays, April 21 and 28. It will meet for 1- 1/2 hours each date. Copies of the book will be available at cost; some loan copies also will be available. For more info, Contact Betty Hosokawa at 541-683-1907 or at [betty9758@comcast.net](mailto:betty9758@comcast.net).  
Contact the church office to enroll in this group.

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\* **Support UUCE with eSCRIP** \*  
\* To participate, go to <http://www.Escrip.com> \*  
\* and use the code **9615102**. For those without \*  
\* computer access, paper sign-up sheets are \*  
\* available in the office and the social hall. \*  
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**Women of All Ages**  
**Join the Thundereggs on Thursdays**  
This drop-in group has been meeting for many years on Thursday afternoons from 2-4 pm in the back room of Tsunami Books. It is open to all women of the church and is very informal. We allow a time for personal check-in and then discuss some common topic. It's a great way to get to know other women in the church in a small group setting and we welcome newcomers.  
Questions: Judie Hansen 541-335-1637 or [judie310hansen@comcast.net](mailto:judie310hansen@comcast.net).

**OPEN MEN'S GROUP**

7pm, April 23 & 27 in Rm6  
All Men Welcome!  
We meet the 2nd and 4th  
Wed. of each month.



**JUST SHOW UP AND YOU WILL  
BE PART OF THIS  
INTERESTING GROUP!**

Questions? Contact Bob Coleman at  
541-461-0956 or email [milndoc@msn.com](mailto:milndoc@msn.com)

**COME JOIN US!**

**Hobbit Trail to Heceta Head Hike**

Saturday, April 30th  
9 am. 4.2 miles round  
trip, moderate difficulty



Hike the "Hobbit Trail" through an incredibly beautiful coastal forest to the historic Heceta Head Lighthouse. The lighthouse will be open for tours. We will head to the beach on a spur trail through mystical earthen walls. Ocean views, big trees, wildlife, photo opportunities, this hike has it all. Bring: a sack lunch, water, rain jacket and comfortable walking shoes. We will carpool from church at 40th and Donald; drivers are needed. Hike is limited to 12 participants. No Dogs Please.

Contact Diane Wooldridge to sign up  
([woolietoys@msn.com](mailto:woolietoys@msn.com) or 541-342-8071).

Save your ink cartridges . . .  
**Recycle for Rewards for UUCE**

Your empty ink printer and toner cartridges earn us \$3.00 in rewards to use for office supplies at Staples Our Staples Acct #0490063120.

Or just drop them in the box in the copier room at church.



**FAMILY B - I - N - G - O !**



**Saturday, April 9th**  
From 2-4 pm in the Social Hall. \$5 per card.  
Light refreshments and fun prizes.  
All proceeds support the church general fund.

## UUCE CONNECTIONS &amp; APPRECIATIONS

**Celebrating Birthdays in April**

**See the bulletin at church to see who is celebrating birthdays this April**

*Celebrating Anniversaries this month.*

**Martha & Gil Osgood  
Jane & John Wagner**

**Karm Hagedorn & Sheryl Bernheine**

In March we received \$1075.25 for That's My Farmer, Low Income Fund. Thanks for your generosity UUCE!

**Food for Lane County Night**

Thursday, April 28th, 6:30 pm  
770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene

Join us for an evening of fun and service at Food for Lane County. Just wear a hat or ponytail, bring a jacket, and wear close toed shoes. Volunteers are needed every weekday evening, so you don't have to wait for the official UUCE night. Youth ages 12 and up are welcome (with supervision) Contact Diane Wooldridge at [woolietoys@msn.com](mailto:woolietoys@msn.com) or 342-8071 to sign up



**A special THANK YOU to the Newsletter Helpers,  
Dirk Ten Brinke & Darelle Baker**

**Our 3rd Sunday Community Collection**

in April will go to: "City of Refuge"...

A project that offers direct assistance to the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The City of Refuge was founded by Richard Banza Kitumba, who was born and raised in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and lived there until he was in his early twenties. He presently lives in Springfield. The mission of the City of Refuge is to directly serve the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo (D.R.C). They sponsor foster homes for orphans (approximately 100 at this time), offer microloans, offer scholarships for high school students, and provide crisis relief, livestock development, medical services, and food for the hungry.

A couple of specific examples of the hands-on work of City of Refuge: "We have finished the construction of a storage shed, have purchased garden tools and seeds, and have begun an agricultural development project on our land. This project provides many people with practical skills, and food grown will be used to supplement food given to our orphans."

"Our land site is currently a common gathering place for our orphans and their foster families. Now that the security wall is completed, our goal is to begin constructing a Community Crisis Center, where we can begin emergency community feeding programs, medical assistance, environmental disaster relief, and a variety of types of education and skills training. This site is also a gathering place for our orphans and their foster families."

**From your Church Office**

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					1 Book Sale 7pm-9pm, S/SH	2 Book Sale 9am-4pm, S/SH
3 Sunday Services 9 & 11am Family Worship 10:15am Lane Interfaith Alliance 4pm, S/SH CUUPS Dark Moon 7pm, SH	4 SJUCE Meeting 7pm, SH SGM 7pm, Rm5 Men's Group (closed) 7pm, offsite	5 Morning Doves 8am Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm 6 Creating a Healthier Community 7pm, S	6 Choir Rehearsals 5:15 & 7pm, S Aesthetics Committee 6:30pm, B Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm 5	7 Thundereggs 2pm Meditation 6 pm, B RE Committee 6pm, Rm2 Exec. Committee 7pm, SH Newcomer Orientation 7pm S/SH	8 Women's Alliance Potluck 12pm, SH Interweave Potluck & Movie Night 6pm, S/SH	9 Orchestra Rehearsal 9am, S/SH Coordinating Council 9:30am, SH Bingo Party 2pm, SH
10 Sunday Services 9 & 11am	11 Interfaith Prayer Service 6:45pm offsite Chalice Choir 7pm, S Men's Group (closed) 7pm, offsite Green Sanctuary 7pm, B	12 Morning Doves 8am Archive Cmte 10am, SH Staff Mtg 11am, B Stewardship 6:30pm, SH Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm 6	13 Choir Rehearsals 5:15 & 7pm, S Aesthetics Committee 6:30pm, B Men's Group (open) 7pm, Rm 6 Adult RE Committee 5:15pm, B	14 Almost Church Book Discussion 12:30pm SH Thundereggs 2pm offsite Calm Abiding Meditation 6pm, B Wom'nSpirit 7pm, Rm 5 Board Mtg 7pm, SH	15 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> Garage Sale 8am-5pm, offsite	16 Garage Sale 8am-5pm, offsite
17 Music Sunday Sunday Services 9 & 11am SGM 12:30pm, Rm2	18 FOC 8am, SH SGM 7pm, Rm5 Chalice Choir 7pm, S Men's Group (closed) 7pm, offsite	19 Morning Doves 8am Membership Committee 6pm, SH CUUPS 6:30pm Rm5 Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm 6	20 Choir Rehearsals 5:15 & 7pm, S Aesthetics Committee 6:30pm, B Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm 5	21 Almost Church Book Discussion 12:30pm SH Thundereggs 2pm offsite Meditation 6pm, B	22 Newsletter Mailing 10am, SH	23 CUUPS 10am, S
24 Sunday Services 9 & 11am Easter Egg Hunt	25 Music Committee 5:40pm, SH Chalice Choir 7pm, S Men's Group (closed) 7pm, offsite	26 Morning Doves 8am Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm 6	27 Story Writers 9:30am, Rm 5 Choir Rehearsals 5:15 & 7pm, S Men's Group (open) 7pm, Rm 6	28 Almost Church Book Discussion 12:30pm SH Book Club 2pm offsite Thundereggs 2pm offsite Meditation 6pm, B FFLC 6:30pm	29	30 UUCE Service Auction 6pm S/SH

**K** B: Breezeway room  
BPOC: Building Project Oversight Cmte  
**E** CC: Coordinating Council  
**Y** COCM: Cmte on Congregational Ministry

FOC: Finance Oversight Cmte  
L: Library  
NL: Newsletter

RE: Religious Education  
SC: Sandburg Center  
S: Sanctuary  
SH: Social Hall  
SGM: Small Ministry group

SJUCE: Social Justice at UUCE  
SPC: Strategic Planning Cmte  
T: Tentative meeting  
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