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May 1 - MERCY AND TRUTH ARE MET TOGETHER, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE HAVE KISSED EACH OTHER
"New Member Sunday" Rev. Alicia Forsey; Anna Sontag, Worship Associate
The title to the sermon is from the Hebrew Bible, but mercy is also prominent in Islam and Christianity. This morning we will focus on the meaning of mercy, in our time and in times gone by, in our culture as well as others.

May 8 - MOTHERING IS A VERB

Rev. Alicia Forsey; Jane Wagner, Worship Associate

What does it mean today to be a mother? What will it come to be? What did it mean in the 19th and 20th Centuries? This morning you may discover you are a mother in a new kind of way!

May 15 - BRIDGING SUNDAY & YOUTH SERVICE

Candee Cole, DRE; Youth and Advisors

Join us to witness two of our "Bridging" youth who are graduating this Spring and entering the next phase of their journey. Serena Agterberg and Nathan Engelmann will share with us their thoughts on being Unitarian Universalists and what from this faith tradition they will take with them on their journey. We will celebrate this milestone in this service that is filled with youth-led music, story and poetry!

May 22 - DEALING WITH THE FACTS OF LIFE

Rev. Alicia Forsey; Robin Schantz-Mulford, Worship Associate

Most of us find our own mortality the most difficult fact we live with. Is it the fact that we must die, or is it not knowing HOW we will die, or when, that is most disturbing? What is your response to individuals who take this matter into their own hands?

May 29 - THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH

Rev. Alicia Forsey; Jeanne-Marie Moore, Worship Associate

How do we come to understand ideas? Do we gather ideas from listening to public radio, reading books, being in conversation with people we admire? During the Sixteenth Century in Europe, ideas trickled down from on high, becoming less potent as they made their way to the peasant class.

How could a peasant come up with ideas about God all by himself?

How were his thoughts received and what happened to him?

Join us for a thought-provoking morning.

MINISTER'S COLUMN: ARE YOU WILLING TO FOLLOW?

The opening to a sermon in March was a question: do you want to be led? This question could only be answered in the affirmative if your leaders have your trust. Fortunately, we are not considering the leadership of the politicians who have collectively led this country into war, unemployment, illegal foreclosures, the bailout of criminals on Wall Street, gross neglect and mismanagement of funds intended for victims of the Katrina disaster and much more.

We are paying for the political decisions that have negatively impacted our lives. The problems we face because we are not being led to a place we would want to be are compounded by a sense of having no real say, no voice in seeking change that matters. It is more than a little frustrating. We can talk about democracy all we like, but that won't make our government democratic. Our politicians, with rare exception, are not in power to truly represent the people they represent. So, who wants to follow anyone who gains power with false promises in order to cut deals, compromise, and adhere to a private agenda?

Perhaps there is a way to make the job of a politician very unattractive, so that only individuals who are true leaders will step up to serve. They will step up because they care more about the good of the whole country than they care about the power, the perks and the notoriety that come with the job.

Looking for an example of how to make leadership unattractive does not take us far. Check out the Board of Trustees here at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene. They deliberate at great length about every decision that impacts the congregation as a whole. They have no perks and no notoriety. They receive your concerns with a seriousness that reflects a Board of Trustees in service to the church. They tend to the work of the Board because they care deeply about the good of the whole congregation.

I wonder if the frustration felt by not being heard by our politicians is, in part, surfacing in our tendency to think we can't trust the leaders we elect to represent us in our congregations. Trust is the one most important thing we have to give to the brave souls who have stepped up to take a position on the Board. I bring this up here because I, as your Interim Minister, think it is an important ingredient to UUCE's ability to move forward through a time of major transition.

Warm regards, Rev. Alicia

TAKING CARE OF OUR BLESSED EARTH

- * Plant a garden
- * Start a compost heap
- * Support local farmers
- * Capture rain water for gardens
- * Fertilize with grass clippings



- Green Sanctuary

Help Begin a Conversation

With Reverend Alicia's assistance we are opening a conversation about including mental illness among those issues of importance to our Church. Plans for several points of entry into the conversation are underway. One is for those members who are mental health professionals to meet and provide their points of view. Others will be announced later.

If your work involves assisting the mentally ill and you would be able to attend a discussion with your colleagues, please contact Lesley Rex at rex@umich.edu. Helpful comments, suggestions and recommendations are also welcome.

Concerned About UUCE Changes?

UUCE is going through a period of change which, while exciting, can also be unsettling. Rev. Forsey and members of the UUCE Board will be in the library after the 2nd service on Sunday, May 1. We invite you to stop by with questions or comments about topics of concern related to our church. This will not be a formal town hall; it is just a chance to come by to engage in dialogue with the Minister and other church leaders. We want to hear your comments and concerns.

President's Message

Recently, I was privileged to attend two of the newcomers' orientation classes, where I got to meet some of the people who will be joining our church on New Member Sunday, May 1. I enjoy the newcomer sessions, especially the parts where the people say something about themselves and how they came to our church. I also enjoy the discussions that arise from their "burning questions."

In addition to welcoming the newest members of our church community, New Member Sunday offers us the chance to reflect on what the church has meant to each one of us. Has your heart been moved or have you been challenged to grow because of Sunday worship? Have you felt the joy of working together on a project? Do you participate in a choir? Or do you have kids who are learning and growing in the religious education program? I could go on, because our church offers many ways to make connections, avenues for growth and projects that allow us to walk our talk in the greater community. All of these activities and programs are possible because we, the members and friends of UUCE give of our time, our talent and our treasure, so that we may be, as one of our hymns says "gathered here in one strong body."

Besides being the month when we welcome new members, May is also the month when the Board must approve the budget for the coming church year, so that we may bring it to the congregation for a vote on the first Sunday in June. Because of an unusually early deadline this month, I'm writing this in mid-April. At this time, there is great news and some not so great news about the stewardship campaign which will provide the vast majority of funding for the next church year. Many individuals and families have turned in their pledge cards, and the average pledge is up significantly. I am sure I speak for the entire Board in expressing gratitude to those of you who have (cont...)

generously given of your resources to support your church community.

Unfortunately, there are a significant number of households who pledged last year and have not yet done so this year. I am sure that there are some people in our church community whose circumstances are such that they can't make a financial pledge at this time. I want to emphasize that this appeal is not directed to those people. I am asking those of you who have not yet pledged to think about what the church means and has meant in your life. If you have financial resources, and have not yet made your fair share pledge, and you benefit from participating in church programs, I ask you to reflect on what it would mean to you if those programs did not exist; if you had not been able to make the connections you've made because the church was not here for all of us.

If each of us reflects on the meaning of membership, what the church has meant to us thus far and on our dreams for our future in our new location; and if each of us offers a financial pledge that reflects a fair exchange for what we have received; I believe we will have the resources to allow us to go forward with strong programs, paying fair wages to our dedicated staff and looking towards a bright future in our new church. But it will take each and every one of us to make that happen. This year, there will be no special appeals to our larger donors, upon whose generosity we have depended to avoid the worst cuts in the past couple of years. Instead, I ask each one to reflect on our UU principles and the meaning of membership in this church. We will build the budget based on the results of our collective reflection.

-Your Board President, Mary Otten

Social Justice News

Social Justice is continuing to explore our role in the church and in our community.

We have voted to support and sponsor several groups who are working on a variety of issues. We will sponsor The Eugene Coalition for Better School Food which is in turn sponsoring an event on May 19, 2011.

We also voted to be sponsors of the Eugene School tax proposal, as well as offering to help Basic Rights Oregon to campaign for Marriage Equality for LGBTQ people.

We are pleased to have 3 new members with us, and find their participation and ideas to be a wonderful addition to our committee. Welcome Ceila Levine, Scott Tuttle Sharublin, and Lisa Raleigh.

For those thinking of joining us, please mark your calendar for May 2, 2011 at 7pm. We meet in the UUCE Social Hall, and would be delighted to have you. — Sue Craig, Chair Social Justice



Gifts for Room to Bloom!

As of April 14, 2011, we have \$1,101,850 in financial commitments for our new church home, with \$943,537 in payments and gifts received!

Exciting progress is being made every day at 13th and Chambers, the site of our future church home where we will have Room to Bloom!

Gifts are still needed for us to reach our goal of \$1,250,000. Thank you to everyone who has and continues to contribute to this once-in-a-lifetime 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. Thank you!

THE MOMENTUM IS BUILDING! AND WE NEED YOU, OUR PRECIOUS VOLUNTEERS, TO KEEP IT GOING.

With our eye on an October Grand Opening, the big push is on at the BUUB (the Beautiful Unitarian Universalist Building) at 13th & Chambers. The more volunteers we have each day—even for an hour or two per person—the more we can stretch our dollars to make our new church home what we want it to be. We are about to choose and install three essential systems that will set the big spending wheels in motion: HVAC (heating and cooling), electrical, and lighting.



To be able to afford this complex infrastructure we need as many volunteers as we can get—*daily*.

Examples of current needs:

- Power wash building exterior
- Scrape, sand, and prime siding
- Paint 'til you faint! (once prep work is done outside)
- Remove and clean bricks (about 2,000 of them)
- Sand overarching laminated beams—after 4 pm weekdays, all day on weekends
- Demo work in south lobby
- De-nail studs and beams

The work is a moving target, with varied jobs each day and something for every skill level. Project manager Ed Zack says, “Please don’t let us have to hire paid pros to do what volunteers could easily do.”

WE MUST NOT LET THAT HAPPEN!

So, despite our busy spring agendas, we ask that you give this your highest priority. This renovation is so much more than bricks and mortar: It represents the work of our hands and hearts, and our bonding in community. How powerful it will be on move-in day to gaze at our beautiful new surroundings and be able to say, “I was a part of this amazing adventure. I helped do that!” Dear sister and brother UUs, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us all.

Judy Sawyer
Volunteer Coordinator

KEEP UP TO DATE ON OUR WEBSITE
READ THE 400 DAY BLOG ONLINE



UUCE Board Covenant with the Congregation (Job of Board Members)

We covenant together to:

- Be mindful that the owner of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene is our Mission and that the Board is its fiduciary: we have duties of care, loyalty, and service to the Mission.
- Recognize that churches that reach out will thrive; those that focus primarily on their own members will eventually decline.
- Model generous giving of time, talent and treasure; and commit to reach the 5 – 10% charitable giving level as soon as possible.
- Ensure that our actions and statements embody the belief that the congregation embraces an attitude of abundance.
- Encourage younger members to bring forth new ideas and assume leadership roles.
- Work with local faith communities.
- Read writings of prominent religious leaders to understand more fully the nature and character of faith communities.
- Take risks to enhance congregational life.
- Recognize that a Leader's role is not to please everyone.
- Say "YES" to new ideas.
- Make being a Board member our primary volunteer commitment.
- Remember that our relationship with our minister is one of shared ministry, a covenantal relationship.

NEWS FROM THE BUUB!

—TIME CAPSULE!—

We will be incorporating a time capsule into the bones of our new church building, to be opened 50 years hence. What should be in it? Suggestions from both groups and individuals are welcome. Please send your ideas to Wanda Kuenzli at wmkuenzli@earthlink.net.

GREEN SANCTUARY WORKSHOP scheduled for Saturday, May 7 at UUCE is CANCELED

Green Sanctuary Announces an Open House

Saturday, May 14 from noon to 3 pm
At the home of Jan Spencer, 212 Benjamin St.,
off River Rd. near Horn Lane.
Free guided tour from 1pm to 2 pm.

Since 2000, this residential property has been undergoing transformation into a community resource and model of sustainable living.

For dates and locations of other upcoming Jan Spencer presentations in the Eugene area, please go to www.suburbanpermaculture.org



Music in May

May 1 – Sanctuary Choir

Where the Earth Meets the Sky – the simplicity of Frost’s poem is captured beautifully in Stroope’s setting

I Dream A World – Joan Szymko’s powerful setting of this Langston Hughes poem

May 8 – Chamber Singers

Lullabye (Goodnight My Angel) – Billy Joel wrote this for his young daughter – a perfect Mother’s Day tribute

Calling My Children Home – the bitter and the sweet of parenthood

May 15 – UUCE youth will provide music

May 22 – Chalice Choir

What Wondrous Love – traditional American spiritual

Ave verum corpus – this Mozart motet is a loved by nearly all



CHOIR NOTES

In addition to our choral music, we will have a special musical treat on May 22. Violinist Alice Blankenship will share instrumental accompaniment in a presentation of Heinrich

Bach’s *Ach, das ich Wassers*. The piece is scored for violin, 4 viola da gambas and counter-tenor. Leading the ensemble will be gambist Joanna Blendulf.

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

Tom Sears, Music Director: 541 686-5972, or email tesears@comcast.net

Lynn Smith, Pianist: violinmomma33@comcast.net

ELECTIONS ARE COMING....MEET THE CANDIDATES

VOTE MAY 8th!

The following are candidates for various elected leadership roles within our church. Brief biographical information for each can be found on the UUCE website and on posters at the church. Don’t forget to attend the congregational meeting between services on May 8 and vote! (We must have a quorum of members in order to hold an election.)

Board positions

Vice President: Susan Verner

Secretary: Norma Landy

Member-at-large: Jason Dedrick

Member-at-large: Bob Kaeser

Member-at-large: Danial Blodgett

Member-at-large: Paul Pattison

BPOC

Judie Hansen

Dave DeCou

Judy Sawyer

Nominating Committee

Leora White

Sonya Margerum

Sally DeCou

Our Mission Statement: A Work in Progress

In April’s newsletter Board President Mary Otten described what our church’s mission statement should be: “Mission is quite literally *our reason for being* as an institution. It answers the question: “Why does UUCE exist?” She went on to explain that the Board of Trustees (BOT) had begun work on a shorter mission statement, which will be offered to our membership for a vote.

What is the BOT hoping to achieve with this new statement? The BOT realizes our membership, staff, and committees must all embrace UUCE’s mission statement. That’s a tall order! How, then, to begin to wrap our collective mind around crafting a new, shorter mission statement? Here’s what the BOT hopes the new mission will do:

- Be easy to remember
- Suggest *spiritual* action and dynamism
- Be *short* enough to fit on a bumper sticker, T-shirt, or coffee mug
- Make instant sense to both church old-timers and newcomers
- Be an important *guideline* to committees
- *Distinguish* UUCE from other churches and non-profits

So the BOT is working on our new mission statement, and will keep on working on it, and all UUCErs will get a chance to respond to it at a congregational meeting. Until then—*careful*—BOT at work!

—Mission Statement Task Force, BOT

UUA General Assembly (GA) 2011

June 22-26, Charlotte, North Carolina



GA 2011 marks the 50th anniversary of the merger of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America.

The WARE Lecturer this year is theologian Karen Armstrong.

Other speakers include:

- *Rev. Jacqui Lewis, Ph.D., author and sought-after speaker on the multiracial/multi-cultural congregation
- *Nick Page, composer, conductor, author, and song leader
- *Linda Stout, activist, visionary, author and director of Spirit in Action
- *Tim Wise, prominent anti-racism writer and activist
- *Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed, retired UU minister, author and scholar
- *Enrique Morones, internationally acclaimed human rights activist and founder of Border Angels

We also welcome Feisal Abdul Rauf, an American Sufi imam, author, and activist whose stated goal is to improve relations between the Muslim world and the West. Since 1983, he has been Imam of Masjid al-Farah, a mosque in New York City. Rauf is Chairman of Cordoba Initiative, which has recently received national attention for its involvement in plans for Park51, an Islamic community center being developed two blocks from Ground Zero in Lower Manhattan. <http://park51.org/>

Registration fees for this year's General Assembly will increase as of May 1, so if you're planning to go you should register soon.

Link to the on-line registration site.

<http://www.uua.org/ga/registration/index.shtml>

2nd Annual Ali Akbar Khan Birthday Celebration

May 15th. UUCE Sanctuary. 7pm.

The Ali Akbar Khan Birthday Celebration honors one of India's greatest musicians who passed away in 2009. This year we will feature sarode player David Trasoff, a senior disciple of Maestro Ali Akbar Khan. He will be accompanied on the tabla by Doug Scheuerell. This will be a rare opportunity to hear the classical music of North India in its deepest and purest form. Refreshments will be served.

Ali Akbar Khan: <http://www.ammp.com>
 David Trasoff: <http://www.davidtrasoff.com>
 Doug Scheuerell: <http://www.dougmusic.info>

For more information please contact Doug Scheuerell dougsch@uoregon.edu or by phone (541) 484-9305

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.



Food for Lane County Night

Thursday, May 26th, 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 closed 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 to sign up. woolietoys@msn.com or 541-342-8071.

8:30 - 1:00 Sunday, May 1st
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!

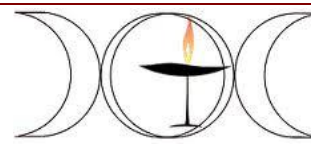
Give, Take, Share!

NEW SISTER CIRCLES FORMING

Are you interested in meeting in a small group of women, as a sister circle? Sister circles can be many things, including involvement in our church events, support, activities, discussion, coffee and tea and much more. New circles are forming. Please fill out an interest form (found on our table at church) or send an email to Laura@dunholly.com.

Laura Keys, Sister Circle coordinator

CUUPs in May



Monday, May 2 – Dark Moon
 Rose Garden @ Gazebo

Friday- Sunday, May 6-8th CUUP, WEBS,
 Community Beltaine Campout


Saturday, May 28th CUUPS Metaphysical Fair
 11am, UUCE Sanctuary

The CUUPS group provides ritual events for the UUCE congregation as a way to provide regular earth-based worship to its pagan members and as a way to offer non-pagan members opportunities to learn more about the sixth source of Unitarian Universalism. All members of the congregation – pagan and non-pagan alike – are invited to attend CUUPS events.

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: May 13th, 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:
Coming Out Under Fire (2005)

More info, contact Nisco at
niscohappy@comcast.net

Last month, UUCE's Social Justice Committee and its Board voted to endorse Measure 20-182, the school-funding measure that will be on the May 17 ballot. Here is further information about the campaign, Strong Schools Eugene.

You have, by now, read and heard about the school funding crisis in Oregon and how it is affecting Eugene's public schools. Because of crippling budget cuts, 4J and Bethel face \$30 million in proposed cuts for next school year. That's on top of \$50 million in cuts that have been made over the past few years. These cuts upon cuts upon cuts threaten to undermine our children's chances of getting a decent education, graduating from high school, and finding good jobs and being accepted to high-quality colleges.

What you may not have heard is how bad it will be when the kids go back to school in September. You may think that a class of 30 is large, but our kids can expect classes larger than that if we don't find additional revenue. Kindergarten classes are expected to *average* 31. Think about 31 5-year-olds and 1 teacher. Middle-school students will be in classes in the 30s, some in the 40s. In high school, kids will have 50 other kids in their classes—forcing them to sit on radiators or the floor.

And that's just size. Numerous programs are about to be cut—PE in many schools, 6th grade social studies in most schools, AP classes in some high schools, and music. Libraries are already operating on limited capacity. More than 100 teachers have received their pink slips. Oregon already has the second-shortest school year in the country.

But we don't have to sit and watch this train wreck happen. As Unitarians who value education and understand the need to reach out when our community is in trouble, we can take action. Vote Yes on the May 17 ballot for Measure 20-182, which would raise \$16.8 million a year for four years.

Passing Measure 20-182 will not solve the problem—the district will still have to make cuts—but it will minimize the damage to our children. The measure is temporary (just four years) and it's fair and progressive—those below the federal poverty level won't have to pay.

The time to act is now. We can't wait for Salem to fix the problem, because with a \$3.5 billion state deficit, it will take years. The federal government can't help, either. It's up to us, as Eugene citizens who care about education and know its value, to ensure strong schools for our kids and our community.

If you'd like to help out with the campaign for Measure 20-182, please visit www.StrongSchoolsEugene.org

Volunteer Teachers Needed for World Religions Year!

We are recruiting NOW for the wonderful team of adults who will be with our children and teens next year...September 2011-June 2012! The World Religions year is a great time to be with our kids! Rich with learning, celebrations, and visitors who practice Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Paganism, Native American spirituality and MORE! We need people who enjoy spending time with preschoolers ages 3-5, Elementary grades K-5th, Middle School and High School! Volunteers sign up for two Sundays per month at one service. Easy to follow lessons, training, support meetings, and fellowship with others on the teaching team is included!!

To find out more or to sign up for an age group, contact Candee Cole at uucedre@gmail.com or stop by the S.U.N.N.Y. Sunday Table (Sign Up Now for Next Year) during the months of May and June.

Religious Education Activity Calendar

May 1-29 Collecting Items for 1st Place Family Center
 May 6-7 High School Youth Group "Bake Over"
 May 7 Volunteer Teacher Meeting 10:00-12:00
 May 8 Mother's Day Service and Child Dedication
 Youth Group Bake Sale After Each Service
 May 15 Youth Bridging Service
 May 22 RE Open House 10-10:30am & 12-12:30pm

Religious Education Curriculum Calendar

May 1

Preschool - May Day Activities
 K-5th grade - Community Building Day
 Middle School - The Call for Peace

May 8

Preschool - Mother's Day Activities
 K-5th grade - Mother's Day Activities
 Middle School - Community Building /Mother's Day Activities

May 15

Preschool - Friends -Of All Kinds!
 K-1st grade - The Gift of Helping
 2nd-5th grade - Generosity and Abundance
 Middle School - *Attend the service*

May 22

Preschool - Accidental vs. On Purpose
 K-1st grade - The Gift of Ourselves - Being there for others
 2nd-5th grade - Making a Difference
 Middle School - Understanding Poverty and Privilege

May 29 - No Religious Education Classes for Memorial Day

Religious Education Open House

On Sunday, May 22, the whole congregation is invited to visit the children and youth downstairs in the Religious Education classrooms.

Have you ever wondered what we do downstairs?

There is a lot of wonderful creation, conversation & community-building (the three "C"s) that we want to share with YOU!

Coffee, tea, juice and goodies will be served by the kids and tours of the classrooms will be given as well.

Open House runs from 10am-10:30am and again at 12pm-12:30pm.

The Child Dedication Ceremony A UU Tradition

We will be offering a child dedication ceremony for children of members of the church on Mother's Day, May, 8 at 9am and 11am services. The ceremony is open to infants-age 12. This lovely tradition is a chance for members to "name" their child(ren) in front of their spiritual community and speak aloud their hopes and dreams for their child(ren), dedicating them in the church. The congregation in return pledges their support of the members parenting and being mentors of the child(ren).

If you are a member of the church and would like to participate, please send the full name of your child(ren), birthdate(s), and the names of relatives who may stand with you in the ceremony, to Candee Cole at uucedre@gmail.com or call 541-743-0641.

Community Service!! Elementary and Middle School Group Supporting 1st Place Family Center

The Elementary and Middle School youth are collecting donations for 1st Place Family Center, an organization of St. Vincent de Paul, that provides a variety of services to families with children who are experiencing homelessness. There are a variety of items on their wish list that are very helpful to these families. **During the month of May**, bins will be in the front entryway to hold your donations.

Items needed:

- Laundry soap and dryer sheets
- Personal hygiene items
- Disposable diapers, sizes 4,5,6 and wipes
- Bed linens and pillows
- Towels and blankets
- Feminine care products
- Disposable razors
- Trash and garbage bags



Pro-Bone-O Update!!! During the month of April, the children collected items for Pro-Bone-O, a non-profit organization that offers veterinary care to pets of people who are homeless. The congregation brought in a large amount of goods from the wish list, including carriers, dog coats, leashes and more! We also want to thank those of you who made, sold or bought dog cookies (or made a cash donation); we made about \$200 to go toward spay and neuter operations!



Register now for another offering of the new Adult RE Class:

The Almost Church Revitalized by Michael Durall

Because the first class filled quickly we are offering another class in May. Join the discussion of this provocative and thoughtful book about the qualities needed in UU churches in order to survive and thrive in the future. Sign up in the office. Books are available for either purchase or loan. Enrollment is limited.

Three sessions on Tues. 5/3, 5/17 & 5/24 from 2:30-4pm OR three evening sessions on Thurs. 5/12, 5/26 & 6/2 from 5:30-7pm.

Questions? Betty Hosokawa 541-683-1907

BASIC RIGHTS OREGON (BRO) HOUSE PARTY @ UUCE

Friday, June 3, 2011.

BRO is on the way to a successful campaign for Marriage Equality. That is "Marriage" for all, regardless of Life-Style. As a Welcoming congregation and a member of the Religious Response Network (RRN) we have been asked to host a House Party to help get the word out & raise some funds to get BRO started. Please save this date on your calendars, FRIDAY, JUNE 3rd, 2011! We will begin at 6pm with fancy finger foods provided by INTERWEAVE & SJUUCE, and some light entertainment. Bring your friends; your LGBTIQ cohorts and allies, you won't be sorry. (childcare provided on request) More Info: 541.683.6691

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.

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.

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Calm Abiding Meditation

Every Thursday at 6 pm in the Library

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, followed by 30 minutes of silent meditation.

Chairs are available or bring your own meditation cushion.

Facilitator is Jake Walsh

jakewlsh@msn.com or 541-342-6184

No beliefs or religious affiliation needed

it's better if you leave them all behind

OPEN MEN'S GROUP

May 11 & 25 at 7pm, 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

COME JOIN US!

UUCE CONNECTIONS & APPRECIATIONS

See the postings at church to view upcoming Birthdays.

Our 3rd Sunday Communiy Collection

**Celebrating Anniversaries
in May**



Betty & Garry Ehrlich

Pam Dillehay & Marshall Mosely

Laura & Aquene Amarys

Jake Walsh & Elaine Erwin

May 15th will benefit:
Committed Partners for Youth



CPY is a non-profit mentoring agency serving youth in the Eugene/Springfield community. They work with Eugene/Springfield elementary schools and middle schools, social service agencies, and the juvenile court system to identify youth in need, then match them with adult mentors who agree to spend a few hours with the youth regularly, doing some pleasant activity.

CPY's research shows that mentored youth measurably decrease their drug and alcohol use, increase school attendance, reduce negative peer relationships, and increase their trust in parental relationships.

Notes from the church office:

Church Calendar

Calendaring, setups or questions, Contact:

Office Assistant, Tonya Cates at
assistant@uueugene.org

Last minute setups or cancellations,

Contact: Matt Kosanke, custodian at
custodian@uueugene.org

AND...Copy to office assistant
(Note: Matt is off on Wednesdays.)

May Office Schedule

Church Admin., Kim Harris off week of May 2-5

Office Assistant, Tonya Cates off:

Fri., May 13. office will be closed

Due to break time: (short of staff): please call the office if planning on arriving between lunch hours (12noon-12:45pm)

Remember to send your newsletter submissions to Ishbel Lane, our publications specialist at publications@uueugene.org by May 20th.

Weekly submission for OOS and e-Bulletin are due each Wednesday by 12 noon.

We collected an amazing total of \$2214.50 for "City of Refuge" Community Outreach for April's Community Collection!

\$70 provides 1) full monthly sponsorship of a child
2) provides a goat to a family caring for orphans
or 3) will provide school for a child.

Thank you for your generosity!

**A special THANK YOU to the
Newsletter Helpers,
Darelle, Bob & Sylvia**



MAY 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <i>New Member Sunday</i> Plant & Seed Share 8:30am-1pm Sunday Services 9 & 11am Family Worship 10:15am	2 SJUUCE Meeting 7pm, SH SGM 7pm, Rm5 Men's Group (closed) 7pm, offsite	3 Morning Doves 8am Almost Church Class 2:30pm SH Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm 6	4 Choir Rehearsals 5:15 & 7pm, S Aesthetics Committee 6:30pm,SH Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm 5	5 Thundereggs 2pm Meditation 6 pm, B RE Committee 6pm, Rm2 Exec. Committee 6pm, SH	6 Youth Sleepover/Bake Party	7
8 <i>Mother's Day</i> Sunday Services 9 & 11am Coffee Store Open After Services Bake Sale After Services, SH Elections 10am, S	9 Green Sanctuary 7pm, B Men's Group (closed) 7pm, offsite Chalice Choir 7pm, S	10 Morning Doves 8am Archive Cmte 10am, SH Sfaff Mtg 11am, B Almost Church Class 2:30pm SH Stewardship 6:30pm,SH Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm 6	11 Choir Rehearsals 5:15 & 7pm, S Adult RE Committee 5:15pm, B Men's Group (open) 7pm, Rm 6 Interfaith Prayer Service 6:45pm offsite	12 Thundereggs 2pm Almost Church Class 2:30pm SH Meditation 6 pm, B Wom'nSpirit 7pm, Rm 5 Board Mtg 7pm, SH	13 <i>Office Closed</i> Women's Alliance Potluck 12pm, SH Interweave Potluck & Movie Night 6pm, S/SH	14 Coordinating Council 9:30am, SH Youth Practice 10am, S Memorial Service Phyllis Peara 2pm, S
15 Sunday Services 9 & 11am Ali Akbar Khan Birthday Celebration 7pm, S	16 FOC 8am, SH SGM 7pm, Rm5 Chalice Choir 7pm, S Men's Group (closed) 7pm, offsite	17 Morning Doves 8am Almost Church Class 2:30pm SH Membership Committee 6pm, SH Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm 6	18 Choir Rehearsals 5:15 & 7pm, S Aesthetics Committee 6:30pm, SH Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm 5	19 Thundereggs 2pm offsite Calm Abiding Meditation 6pm, B	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21
22 Sunday Services 9 & 11am Coffee Store Open After Services RE Open House After Services SGM 12:30pm, Rm2	23 Music Committee 5:40pm, SH Chalice Choir 7pm, S Men's Group (closed) 7pm, offsite	24 Morning Doves 8am Almost Church Class 2:30pm SH Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm 6	25 Story Writers 9:30am, Rm 5 Choir Rehearsals 5:15 & 7pm, S Men's Group (open) 7pm, Rm 6	26 Thursday Book Club 2pm, Offsite Thundereggs 2pm offsite Almost Church Class 5:30pm SH Meditation 6pm, B FFLC 6:30pm	27 Newsletter Mailing 10am, SH	28 CUUPS Metaphysical Fair 11am, S/SH
29 Sunday Services 9 & 11am Worship Volunteers 12:30pm, L	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i> Chalice Choir 7pm, S Men's Group (closed) 7pm, offsite	31 Morning Doves 8am Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm 6				

- K** B: Breezeway room
- E** 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
- SJUUCE: Social Justice at UUCE
- SPC: Strategic Planning Cmte
- T: Tentative meeting
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Best Wishes to you
on Mother's Day



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