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October 2 | Mental Health Matters

Speaker: Rev. Barbara Meyers, Worship Associate: Rev. Alicia Forsey,
Music: Sanctuary Choir

Learn more this morning, and in the workshop this afternoon, about how we are not alone if we are touched in some way by mental health issues. What can we do to get beyond worn-out attitudes that keep this area of concern one that is not openly discussed? Understanding mental health matters will lead to less silence and shame and more acceptance of ourselves and others.

October 9 | Columbus Who?

Speaker: Rev. Alicia McNary Forsey, Music: Susanne Giordano, piano

Why is it we celebrate Columbus Day? What did Columbus initially think he could achieve, and what did he end up doing? What is our response to learning history as it is told by emerging research of previously unknown people? What information had been lost to us, but is now being found? And, where does this new understanding leave us with some of our heroes, such as Columbus?

October 16 | "Jackhammer'n Buddha" Spiritual Practice in the "Loud and Fast"

Dharma Student: Jake Tenpa Walsh, Worship Associate: Robin Schantz-Mulford
Personal Reflection by Rev. Bjorn Olson, Music: Sanctuary Choir

Although we have images of Spiritual Teachers sitting serenely, many encourage "becoming unstuck", as the Great Path. Diving into Creative Transformation helps get us out of our small self, partly because we have to leave our familiar ways, and into our greater potential. Our work transforming the dark, closed Masonic Lodge into an open and welcoming Sacred and Social Center gives us many opportunities for spiritual practice... with and without Jackhammers.

October 23 | Festival of Lights

Speaker: Rev. Alicia McNary Forsey, Music: Chamber Singers

The Festival of Lights as observed by the Hindus is a celebration that relies on a strong community. How do we celebrate our community, and what is it that binds us together?

October 30 | Worshipful Harvest

Speaker: Katy Siepert, Music: Chalice Choir

The medieval Irish festival of Samhain marked the end of the harvest; an end of the "lighter half" of the year and the beginning of the "darker half". It was celebrated over the course of several days and included a kind of Festival of the Dead. As it turns out, this practice, and the concepts of lightness and dark, sorrow and celebration, are found in traditions all around the world. Come enjoy an interactive, inter-generational, inventive time as we explore these concepts together.

Minister's Column

There was a lot of excitement about our move to the new location when I left for the summer. Everybody seemed to be anticipating a new environment with wider possibilities for opening our doors to the larger community. I was especially looking forward to having room for all of us, in one Sunday service, as well as enough space for all of our meetings and religious education programs.

The lesson for me in adjusting to the delay was in figuring out what we could do during this waiting time in order to be truly prepared for our new home. This adjustment is based on personal expectations as well as considerations about what is required in building community.

The personal part asks what good is time spent not doing what I thought was important. Whenever I am not actively pursuing something I find useful in some way, there is a voice in my head that tells me I am wasting precious time. I am committing some kind of misdemeanor against myself and humankind. Maybe this is connected in some way to having a grandmother who said that idleness is the Devil's workshop. The "good" voice in my head says that down-time is necessary in order to be balanced and healthy. These two voices, in balance, say that this is not a time of idleness for UUCE. The question is how we continue moving forward together.

Our shared balancing act will be in working together to refine, experiment and focus on what will be helpful in building community regardless of where we are. We will be making some changes in the first Sunday service in hopes of becoming more engaging for young adults and teens. We want to be more participatory and informal. Everything we try will be in the spirit of experimentation with the expectation that what works well will be incorporated into what we offer at the new location. Watch for announcements regarding the changes we will be making.

The Chair of the Adult Religious Education program, Barb Prentice, is working on the start-up of a Forum that will take place prior to the first service on Sundays. Our Music Director, Tom Sears, is considering how the choirs can adapt and what more may be possible, and Katy Siepert, our Acting Director of Religious Education, is working with plans for what is best for our RE program.

In addition to changes in our Sunday offerings, we have a new mission statement to think about, a governance model that gives committees both responsibility and authority with a Board that will not micro-manage, a covenant of right relations that will remind us how we have decided to be together and a history wall to construct. The wall will be made up of everything members can contribute, what is held in our archives at the church and in public records. And more.

We are not where we thought we would be, but we are not idle. We have been given an opportunity to do what we can to be fully prepared for our new church home.

Love to all of you, Rev. Alicia Forsey

New Mission Statement Debuts Sunday, October 23rd

Last month's missive from the Mission Task Force of the Board promised the late September unveiling of UUCE's new Mission Statement, followed by a church meeting to discuss it. But joyous news intervened, and the Sunday we had planned to introduce our Mission Statement was spent discussing the pending sale of our current church.

We will now be unveiling, explaining, and answering questions on UUCE's new Mission Statement on Sunday, October 23rd.

During the service that day, Rev. Alicia and the Mission Statement Task Force members will offer thoughts on how this new church mission statement is **clear, brief and unambiguous**. Together, we will elaborate on how our new mission statement answers the question of **why UUCE exists** at all. And we will illustrate how it fits into our evolving governance structure, emphasizes proper respect for all, and helps the church get on solid financial ground.

As a reminder, criteria for UUCE's new mission statement were that it:

- Be **easy** to remember
- Suggest **spiritual** action and dynamism
- Distinguish** UUCE from other faith groups and secular non-profits
- 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

We think you will agree this new statement projects a clear vision of all UUCE is now and hopes to be soon. Please do come on Sunday, October 23rd to hear UUCE's new mission statement, discuss it with your church family, and question your Board. We welcome your enthusiastic participation.

--The Mission Statement Task Force, Board

President's Message

There is an old saying that begins: "Patience is a virtue". I won't quote the rather unflattering remainder of that saying, but it does seem to me that the first part bears remembering, especially in times of uncertainty and change. And there is no denying the fact that our church community is living in a time of great change.

We have entered our second year of interim ministry with Rev. Alicia and are moving forward in our transition to a more public church. The Board is continuing to explore a new, more appropriate governance structure for a church of our size. And then there is the big move to our new home, and all the stress of deadlines, financial concerns and the sheer amount of work involved with this process.

Change, even exciting and positive change, causes stress. And with all that is going on in our community this year, it is inevitable that we will occasionally fall short of each others' expectations. Decisions will not be made as quickly as some might wish or may not go the way we wished. Emails will get lost in the shuffle or not be answered as promptly as one might desire. Misunderstandings will occur. Of course, all of these things are a normal part of our lives as imperfect human beings. But in times of heightened stress, disappointments, unmet expectations and mistakes that might have seemed easy to overlook in calmer times can seem intolerable and become occasions for hurt feelings, angry retorts or worse.

I started this column with a reference to patience. I appeal to all of us to cultivate this quality, especially in these times of extra stress. I also appeal to each of us to think twice before hitting the "send" key on that hastily written email or passing on that rumor heard from a friend. Finally, let us all remember to take time for ourselves to rest and replenish our energy and encourage each other, especially those under the most stress and pressure, to do so as well.

-Mary Otten, Board President

Small Group Ministry (SGM) Sessions Begin Again in January 2012

Would you like the opportunity to meet multiple times with a small group of people to share deeply and explore topics related to values and meaning? To find friendship and a community of trust? If so, the Small Group Ministry (SGM) program may be for you. Many people have expressed that some of their closest connections with others in the church have occurred through participating in this experience.

This program has been occurring annually at our church since 2003. For this church year the groups will meet for two hours twice a month from January through May 2012, for a total of 10 sessions. Each group has a trained facilitator, an agreed upon covenant (guidelines) for interaction, and a structured format with readings and questions focused on a particular topic for that session. The majority of the time is spent sharing and listening. Each group does a service project for the church or the larger community. The SGM program is available to members and friends of the church. The overall theme for the SGM program this church year is "Building Community". Some topics being considered for individual sessions are: core values and community; understanding and living with differences; neighborhood, building bridges and building fences; and social justice passions.

Registration will be available in the social hall after Sunday church services from Oct. 23 through Nov. 13, 2011. You can also register by obtaining a registration form from the church office, or printing the form from the SGM web page, and turning the form in to the church office by November 13, 2011. There is a voluntary registration fee of \$10.

Further information about the program is available from: the church SGM web site, www.uueugene.org (click on "GROUPS & COMMITTEES" and "Small Group Ministry"); the SGM pamphlet in the church lobby; and from members of the 2011-2012 SGM steering committee (Laura Adams, 541-343-3830, chiromom@addlebrain.com; Dick Loescher, chair, 541-485-1157, richardloescher@q.com; Sandy Moses, 541-484-3960, jjacksonsmoses@msn.com; Leora White, 541-337-5001 gotoleo2@hotmail.com).

We invite you to participate in this enriching & meaningful experience.

We're Getting There —Here's the Plan ...

Our future church home is transforming daily into the building of our dreams! The plan to finish the funding needed for this project is multi-faceted and the following methods are being analyzed and pursued: (1) use of some of the proceeds from the potential sale of our current building; (2) short-term bridge loans from members and friends; (3) a district grant; (4) green building rebates and/or loans; (5) fundraisers; (6) potential liquidation of other cash church assets; (7) additional *stretch* gifts from members and friends and more! It will take a coordinated symphony of many of these options to allow us to finish the project in the new projected time frame. Please consider whether you can make an additional gift either this fall or early in 2012 (a new tax year!) so that the funds can be used to finish our renovations.

To give a gift you can:

- (a) Bring or mail a contribution to the church with “capital campaign” in the memo line.
- (b) Contact Karen Gaffney at 541-344-2073 karengaffney@comcast.net or Kay Crider at 541-968-9988 or kaycrider@me.com.
- (c) Fill out an additional gift form, available from the church office or the capital campaign webpage.

All gifts of time, talent and treasure are appreciated — many thanks to everyone who is part of this amazing project!



October Promises to be a Pull-Out-The-Stops Production Month at the BUUB

Our Beautiful Unitarian Universalist Building at 13th & Chambers is looking better and better every day.. But we can't stop now. In October we'll need dozens of you, our wonderful volunteers, to provide the finishing touches that will transform the building from a construction site into a useable building. Yes, folks, the time has finally come. With the sprinkler system installed and inspected, we need to move about 240 more bundles of insulation into every wall and ceiling space with all deliberate speed. With six marvelous new insulation knives to cut it with, the slicing and installation will be easier than ever before.

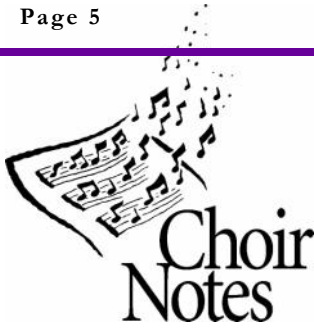
As the walls and ceilings are insulated, we'll need “rockers” to cut and screw in sheetrock, followed by tapers, mudders and sanders to prepare those walls for painting. And then the painting of the interior can begin! If none of those projects grab you, perhaps you'd like to grind away the mastic on the concrete floor and polish it until it gleams like marble. As we have only one easy-to-handle grinding machine, we'll institute a sign-up sheet for this one-person-at-a-time, meditative job. Just bring your favorite earphones and music and have at it! Or perhaps tiling and wainscoting in one of our five bathrooms are more to your liking. We'll need crews for that, too.

There will also likely be painting of the exterior—if it hasn't already been completed by the time you see this message. And the beautiful, decorative cinderblock that outlines our landscape will need several coats of sealer.

And who knows what will need to be done to the landscaping by October? The “lasagna garden” along the strip east of the parking lot should already be composting away in preparation for planting next spring. But we may be ready to install the fencing around the children's playground to the west. And there may be plantings to put in the bioswales or other parts of the landscape.

And there is always Mama's table to supply with energy-sustaining food and drink, daily clean-up and dishwashing, and all kinds of impromptu tasks that are too hard to predict. But whatever your passion, chances are you'll find an outlet for it at the BUUB this October!

For comments, questions and suggestions contact Judy Sawyer at jsawyer712@comcast.net 541-302-0944 or Judie Hansen at judie310hansen@comcast.net or 541-338-2959.



The Sanctuary Choir has been invited to sing at the **Interfaith Prayer Service** on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at the First Christian Church on Oak St. in Eugene. The theme of the service is "Sacred Sounds for Universal Peace". These services have been offered regularly on the 11th of each month in the aftermath of the tragedy of September 11, 2001. I hope you can join us as we gather together with a variety of faiths to affirm our connectedness.

Looking ahead to November, the Sanctuary Choir will be hosting an **All-Comers Choir** at our Thanksgiving service, Nov. 20. If you would like to sing with the choir at this service we invite you to attend three Wednesday rehearsals leading up to Nov. 20. Rehearsals are from 7-9 p.m. and will take place Wednesdays, Nov. 2, 9 and 16. For the service we will sing Bach's *Sheep May Safely Graze*, and *Gracias a la Vida*. To reserve your sheet music, please contact our music director Tom Sears.

In December the Chamber Singers will present their annual **Renaissance Christmas Concert** in collaboration with Byrdsong Renaissance Consort. The concert will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are \$10 and will be available for purchase beginning Nov. 6.

Music in October

Oct 2 – Sanctuary Choir

Amazing Grace – a beautiful arrangement by UO professor Hal Owen

The Stars Above the Hill – David Dickau's dramatic setting of one of Canada's best-known poets, Bliss Carman (1861-1929)

Oct 9 – Susanne Giordano, piano

Oct 16 – Sanctuary Choir

Open Chant – an evocative and wordless chant written by Carolyn McDade

Tournez, tournez – "Turn around, turn around", an up tempo anthem by one of my favorite composers Z. R. Stroope

Oct 23 – Chamber Singers

Cantemus – a contemporary piece extolling the benefits of singing. "Let us sing, for to sing is good."

Lux Aurumque – Eric Whitacre's 8-part impressionistic tone poem evoking Light and Gold

Oct 30 – Chalice Choir

Breaths – by Sweet Honey in the Rock

Lorica – A lorica is a protective invocation or prayer as practiced by the Celts here set by Portland composer, Joan Syzmko

Tom Sears, Music Director

541 686-5972 or tesears@comcast.net

Lynn Smith, Pianist

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Additional information about our Music Program is available online at <http://www.uueugene.org>.

Mental Health Matters... A Workshop by Special Guest Rev. Barbara Meyers

We are most fortunate to have a special guest at UUCE. On October 2nd, Rev. Barbara Meyers will be giving her sermon at the two services and will also lead an afternoon workshop. Her subject is mental health, specifically how as UUsers we can think about mental health matters for us and our loved ones, as well as for those we encounter in the community. Rev. Meyers has a long and well-respected history of community ministry, especially with those dealing with mental illness. Her work and that of her UU congregation at Mission Peak in California is an inspiration and will help us consider what we can learn and do in our own congregation. You can learn more about it at the web site: <http://www.mpuuc.org/mentalhealth/mentalintro.html>

Her workshop, which will be held from 1-4:30pm after the service on Sunday, October 2nd, will provide an overview of mental health and explain common disorders—depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety, psychosis, co-occurring. She will also address what families go through, as well as take up the issues of suicide and treatment. She will conclude by helping us discuss the congregation's role and what it means to build a mental health ministry.

Please sign up for the workshop by emailing Lesley Rex at rex@umich.edu or phone her at 541-636-3093.

Dear UUCE Parents,

I am pleased to be addressing you again through our monthly newsletter – this is my second writing to you as your DRE, and I want to thank you again for the opportunity to serve my community in this way and for the support I've received.

The RE Program is bustling with children and volunteers. We have all but one volunteer position filled. That final position is in the preschool room, and I have decided to go ahead and hire an instructor who will be working with the preschool children on a weekly basis – as a support for our volunteer team, or as lead teacher if needed. I will also be hiring a “roamer” who will be able to fill in any cracks should one of our volunteers call in sick, or if a classroom needs additional support on any given day. The two new paid staff down in RE are Kara Huntermoon and Beth Hoyt. You will be hearing more about them in the coming months, once they are trained and step into their positions officially. And a huge “Thank You!” to all the volunteer teachers who will be working with our kiddos for the coming year!

On September 18th, our first day of full RE Programming, we had approximately 70 children in attendance. It was a huge, wonderful, filled to overflowing sort of day, and reminded me, and the teacher volunteers, why a larger space is needed to accommodate our numbers. Be sure to come to the meeting on September 25th to vote on the sale of our current building and financing our move to the BUUB! The meeting is 10:00 to 12:15, and childcare will be provided.

In other news in RE, I want to take a moment to tell you about the upcoming **OWL Program for 7th-9th graders.** *Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education* is a program designed by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ. As people of community who love our children and want to give them the best possible start to their young lives, we face the challenge of creating environments that support and nurture sexual health. Young people need sexuality education programs that model and teach caring, compassion, respect, and justice. A holistic approach, one that acknowledges the many facets and aspects of our human growth and sexuality, must move beyond the intellect in order to address the attitudes, values, and feelings that youth have about themselves and the world.

Coming up in just two weeks is an opportunity for middle school parents who are interested in providing OWL for their 7th-9th graders. There will be two required parent orientations: September 29th and October 6th from 7:00-8:30pm. You do not need to decide right away whether or not OWL is the right program for your child – there will be time to process information and to ask any questions you might have about the material. I strongly encourage both parents to attend the orientation meetings so that you can make a decision as a family about entering your child into the program. OWL will begin for middle schoolers on October 27th. OWL will run from 6:30-8:00pm or 7:00-8:30pm (we are open to input on the timing, but it will be a late-evening offering to give time for dinners and completion of other extra-curricular activities) every Thursday, from late October to some time in May.

Our Whole Lives helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, *Our Whole Lives* not only provides facts about anatomy and human development, but also helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality. In essence, *Our Whole Lives* covers topics and skills that both parents and students want available but schools are less likely to cover.

High School OWL will be provided beginning in January. More information will be made available as the time to begin draws more near. There is some possibility of providing OWL for our younger ages after the new year rolls over. I will keep you informed as we move forward, and I encourage you to be in contact with me if you are a parent of a younger child who you would like to see do the OWL program.

Copies of the *Our Whole Lives* curricula can be found in the DRE office. Parents are welcome to look through it at any time. If you think you might like your 7th-9th grade child to participate in OWL, please come to the parent orientation meetings. If you know of a family who would be interested in OWL, but who are not members or friends of the church, please forward me their email address, and I will send out an introductory email. Any other questions or concerns can be directed to me at uucedre@gmail.com or uucedre@uueugene.org.

Thanks for a great start to a great year! RE is a bustling place to be! Sincerely, Katy Siepert, Director of Religious Ed



New Sister Circle 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. Please fill out an interest form attached to the [Sister Circle](#) web page or send an email to Laura@dunholly.com.
Laura Keys, Sister Circle coordinator

THANK YOU CHALICE LIGHTERS!

Congratulations and thanks to all those who are Chalice Lighters. We have surpassed our goal with a total of 151 people. We are preparing a grant application to submit to the district by mid October. The Community UU Church of Pasco, Washington is the recipient of a grant to be used to purchase a good heating, cooling, and ventilation system in their recently acquired building. Like Eugene, they are embarking on expanded community outreach programs. On September 10, we received the following: "*Congratulations - You just put Eugene over 41% participation, making it the large (over 300 member) congregation with the best rate. You guys are fantastic!*"

If you have not yet signed up to become a Chalice Lighter, let Judie Hansen know and she will fill out the paperwork. As a Chalice Lighter, you will be asked to donate at least \$15, no more than three times a year. Your donation supports growth projects for the 59 UU churches in the Pacific Northwest District.

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Morning Doves UU Birds & Breakfast Group

Meets each Tuesday Morning at 8am.

For more info contact Judie Hansen
judie310hansen@comcast.net
or call 541-338-2959

CLUTTERBUSTING SALE



October 14 & 15
7AM to 4PM
Ed & Judie
Hansen's at
310 Brae Burn.

The Hansens will have their truck at the church on Sunday, October 9 after both services to accept items for the sale. This is not a rummage sale - all items should be gently used and in good working order. We cannot accept TV's, computer equipment, books, or large furniture. Popular items are jewelry, tools, outdoor furniture, household goods, kitchen ware, sporting equipment, and collectibles. If you have questions, contact Judie at 541-335-1637 or judie310hansen@comcast.net. If you are dropping off items at their home it must be by 6pm Thurs, Oct 13. All proceeds support the church general fund.

THUNDEREGGS SOCIAL



For Women Of A Certain Age
(And Their Younger Friends)
Meets Thursdays at 2pm
Tsunami Bookstore.

A great way to get to know women in the church.

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: Oct 21, 2011 (3rd Friday this month)
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: *Edie & Thea: A Very Long Engagement* (2009)

More info, contact Nisco at 541-915-0097
or nisohappy@comcast.net.



Adult Religious Education Forum

Sunday mornings 9:00-10:15
October 9, 16, 23, 30

The Adult Religious Education (RE) committee invites you to join us for an Adult RE forum/discussion group at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings downstairs in room 6, beginning Oct. 9, 2011. Simply show up and attend any sessions you wish. This format is intended to appeal to those who gain sustenance from rich conversation about thought-provoking topics, and to build understanding and relationships by sharing your ideas and learning from others. There is no children's RE program at 9 this fall, so we are offering an Adult RE Forum/discussion group in anticipation of having regular Sunday Adult RE sessions when we move to the new building.

For more information or to suggest a program contact Barb Prentice barbprentice1@gmail.com or put a note in the Adult RE mailbox in the church foyer.

Topics for October 2011:

- **Oct. 9: Atheism & the Problem of Suffering.** Gil Osgood, facilitator.
- **Oct. 16: Celebrate the Creative Process.** Share a favorite poem, song, short reading or artwork that touches your spirit. Connie Newman, facilitator.
- **Oct. 23: Your Money or Your Life.** We will discuss a variety of concepts and practices: mindfulness, simplicity, frugality, that we use to keep our minds and spirits strong during these difficult times. Fred Schultz, facilitator.
- **Oct. 30: How do we apply the seven UU principles in our day-to-day lives?** Share with others your ideas and curiosities. Maren Peterson-DeGross, facilitator.

Adult Religious Education Committee
(Brian Lewis; Dick Loescher; Barb Prentice, chair; and Lesley Rex)



Food for Lane County Night

Thursday, October 27 at 6:30pm
770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene

Please plan to volunteer at Food for Lane County. We will meet at the facility to process food from dorms, restaurants, and other groceries that would otherwise go to the landfill.

Wear a hat or ponytail; no open-toed shoes please. We would love to have the energy and enthusiasm of our Youth, too! At least 6 volunteers are needed.

Please sign up with Diane Wooldridge
541-342-8071 or woolietoys@msn.com

UUCE BAZAAR

December 3, 2011

WORKSHOPS

Social Hall

October 11, 25 & November 8, 22

Drop-In 1 - 4 pm

Calling All Artisans, Crafters & Artists!!

WE WANT YOUR:

Refreshments, Music, Demos, Jellies,
Baked Goods, Candy, Jewelry, Totes,
Place-mats, Pot Holders, Fine Quilts,
Hand-Woven Goods, Glassware, Knitted Hats &
Scarves, Note-cards, Photography, Flowering Bulbs,
Yard Ornaments, Miniatures, Felted Items, Wind
Chimes, Soup, Chili, Dessert,
Hand-crafted BUUB "Trophies",
Junque & Other Arts & Crafts



IT'S BOOK SALE TIME!

Set up October 21st at 2pm.

Sale October 22 and 23rd.

We will raise money for the general fund. It's a fun time so do sign up to help! Ruth Duemler 484-6145 or ruthduemler@comcast.net.

Next time it will be in the new church and we will invite the new neighborhood.

OPEN MEN'S GROUP

Meets October 12 & 26 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? Bob Coleman at 541-461-0956 or
email milndoc@msn.com



On Friday, Oct. 28th from 6:00-9:00 we'll be having our annual Halloween party! Games, crafts, fortunetellers, cakewalks, a costume parade and even a magician are just some of the highlights of this year's celebration. It will be our first one without Candee, so let's make it a great one!

WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS to man game booths, help in the kitchen, assist in decorating before the party and help clean up afterwards (a shift would last about an hour). There will be sign-up sheets in the social hall on Sundays for the next few weeks. Because the Haunted Hike is separate from the responsibilities of the Halloween Party Team, we'll need two to four adults to assist the youths with organizing the hike. Although the church has all the "props", it won't happen unless we have the adults needed. We have a Facebook page just for the Halloween party where we'll be posting all the activities. <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=127374644028237>

If you have any questions, call Felicia "Lici" Sanders, Halloween Party Team coordinator, 541-946-1068



2011 CROP Hunger Walk!

October 16, 2011
At 2pm
Alton Baker Park

The CROP Hunger Walk supports hunger programs locally and globally. It is sponsored by Food for Lane County and Church World Service. Last year, UUCE raised \$2,941 and won the Golden Sneaker Award. This year's goal is to double our effort, both in terms of walkers and money raised. Sign-ups are open to collect pledges and/or to walk with us.

You can contact your UUCE recruiter
Berry Broadbent at either
berryybroadbent@gmail.com or 541-344-9037.

TAKING CARE OF OUR BLESSED EARTH

- * Think before you print
- * Use both sides of paper
- * Clean windows with old newspapers
- * Make notepads from used paper
- * Don't sign up for mailing lists

- Green Sanctuary



Candles of Community

On most Sundays, we include "Candles of Community" during the worship services. To include joys and sorrows, please contact Rev.

Alicia by noon on Saturday before a given service. Leave your message at (541) 686-2775 ext 1 or revforsey@gmail.com
Please include your name & phone number.

UUCE CONNECTIONS & APPRECIATIONS

**WELCOME GREETERS**

Are you passionate about making newcomers feel welcome? Do you remember when you first visited our church, and knew no one? Do you remember the initial

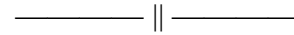
unease of standing alone in a new environment waiting for a smile, an acknowledgement, or some welcoming words from a stranger? Most often, it

is because of the welcome received that newcomers begin the steps towards deciding to make UUCE their church home.

The Welcome Greeters Team is committed each Sunday morning to help make visitors and newcomers feel welcome, as we would in our own home. It is an opportunity to demonstrate our first principle: "The inherent worth and dignity of every person." Each Greeter volunteers their time one Sunday per month. Please consider joining the Welcome Greeters Team. If interested, or have questions, call Norma Landy @ 541-741-6619, or email ydnal_55@hotmail.com.

3rd Sunday Community Collection Benefits:**Willamette Family Treatment in Eugene**

Treatment for alcohol and drug addictions is available at non-profit Willamette Family Treatment in Eugene. It is unique in offering co-residency for parents with young children. WFT transitions recovering residents to a Family Safe House. It also provides detox, after-care and outpatient services. Willamette Family Treatment will receive our Oct. 16 community offering.



Thanks for your generosity in supporting HIV Alliance in September!
We donated \$955.55!



Join us to celebrate UUCE fall birthdays on October 8th at the Empire Buffet on Franklin at 11:30am!

They give us a special area to celebrate.

Hope to see you there!

Ruth Duemler 541-484-6145

FRIENDLY REMINDER from the church office

To those holding meetings & events at UUCE.

When you are through with your meetings be sure to turn off the lights, heat & lock the doors before leaving.

Publications Due Dates

***Newsletter Submissions** are due by 11am, the 3rd Friday of the month. Watch the e-bulletin or check the Church Calendar for announcements on upcoming deadline. Email Subject should note "UUCE NL"

***OOS & e-Bulletin Submissions** are due by 11am each Wednesday. Email Subject should note "UUCE OOS" and/or "UUCE e-Bulletin". (Note: If you are a head of a group be sure you are on the UUCE Biz Mailing List. A draft of the weekly e-Bulletin will arrive from that list on Wednesday, allowing for corrections to be submitted by Fridays at 9am.)

Email All Submissions to Ishbel Lane at publications@uueugene.org

A special **THANK YOU** to the
Newsletter Helpers,
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2 Sunday Service 9 & 11am Family Worship 10:15am, S Mental Health Workshop 1pm, S CUUPS 4pm, Rm5	3 SJUCE 7pm, SH Men's Group (closed) 7pm, offsite	4 Morning Doves 8am Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm 6	5 Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm 5 Choir Rehearsals 5:15 & 7pm, S	6 Adult RE: End of Life 10am, S Thundereggs 2pm offsite RE Committee 6pm, Rm2 Meditation 6pm, B Executive Cmte 6pm, SH	7	8 Coordinating Council 9:30am, SH
9 Adult RE Forum 9am, Rm6 Sunday Service 9 & 11am CUUPS 4pm, Rm5	10 Choir Rehearsals 8am & 7pm, S Men's Group (closed) 7pm, offsite Green Sanctuary Mtg 7pm, S	11 Morning Doves 8am Archive Cmte 10am, SH Bazaar Workshop 1pm, SH Stewardship Cmte 6:30pm, SH Interfaith Prayer Service 6:45pm Men's Group (closed)	12 Adult RE 5:30pm, B Men's Group (open) 7pm, Rm 6 Choir Rehearsals 5:15 & 7pm, S	13 Adult RE: End of Life 10am, S Thundereggs 2pm offsite Meditation 6pm, B Board Meeting 7pm, SH	14 Women's Alliance Potluck 12pm, SH	15
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23 Adult RE Forum 9am, Rm6 Sunday Service 9 & 11am Mission Statement Mtg 12:30pm, S CUUPS 4pm, Rm5	24 Music Cmte 5:40pm, SH Chalice Choir 7pm, S	25 Morning Doves 8am Bazaar Workshop 1pm, SH Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm 6	26 Memoirs Writing (closed) 6:30pm, Rm 5 Men's Group (open) 7pm, Rm 6 Choir Rehearsals 5:15 & 7pm, S	27 Adult RE: End of Life 10am, S Halloween Party Prep 12pm, SH Book Club 2pm, offsite Thundereggs 2pm, offsite Meditation 6pm, B FFLC 6:30pm	28 Newsletter Mailing 10:30am, SH All Church Halloween Party!	29 Chamber Singers 9am, S
30 Adult RE Forum 9am, Rm6 Sunday Service 9 & 11am CUUPS 4pm, Rm5	31 <i>Halloween</i> Men's Group (closed) 7pm, offsite 	K B: Breezeway room FOC: Finance Oversight Cmte RE: Religious Education SJUCE: Social Justice at UUCE E BPOC: Building Project Oversight Cmte L: Library SC: Sandburg Center SPC: Strategic Planning Cmte Y CC: Coordinating Council NL: Newsletter S: Sanctuary SH: Social Hall T: Tentative meeting COCM: Cmte on Congregational Ministry SGM: Small Ministry group UUCE: Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene				

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