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SUNDAY SERVICES 9 & 11 AM

March 7 -- Bound for Freedom

Rev. Stephen Ames

Chamber Singers; Tom Sears, director; Jean Weick, pianist

What does it really mean to be free? In what ways does being accountable hinder or enhance our freedom? In this service we will explore Freedom and Accountability as values in creative tension, as our Small Group Ministries prepare to explore them later in the month.

March 14 -- Renewing Faith Amid the Rubble

Rev. Stephen Ames

Sanctuary Choir; Tom Sears, director; Lynn Smith, pianist

Every day we may learn about the latest violence in Afghanistan and Iraq, Darfur and Congo. We may have personal knowledge of this or other violence. What does this destruction mean for our religious faith: our theology, our hope, our commitment? Guided by the essays of Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker, President of Starr King School for the Ministry, Rev. Stephen will explore these questions as we approach the seventh anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

March 21 -- Bound for a Place Called Earth:

Rev. Stephen Ames

Science Fiction Myths from Star Trek to (the new) Battlestar Galactica Joseph Campbell wrote, "A myth is a public dream. A dream is a private myth." We will explore evolving science fiction myths over the last forty years and what they tell us about our real life predicaments.

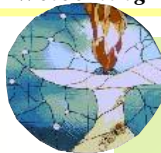
March 28 -- "The Fool Speaks"

Jake Walsh, Worship Associate/Fool and Assistant Fool to be named later.

Chalice Choir; Tom Sears, director; Lynn Smith, pianist

April Fools, Jesters and all who speak uncomfortable truths can help us see our blind spots. Presented with humor, there can be relief in identifying the "Elephant in the Room". However, it's not without risk- many fools have lost their heads!

MINISTER'S MUSINGS



I write this article after our congregation supported Kids for Kids, a local organization saving lives in Darfur. I felt so proud to see several youth, including some from UUCE, speaking briefly about this organization at Sunday services on February 21, as part of our monthly Community Collection to benefit organizations that serve causes resonant with UU values.

It's remarkable how easy it can be to forget Darfur, forget Congo, even forget the wars our country is fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq. And Global Warming, or Climate Change -- is that last year's news because it's no longer a problem, or because we're too preoccupied with other things?

Then again, it makes sense that we set these enormous, disturbing realities aside: because we have challenges closer to home. We may be facing severe economic hardships due to loss of income or investments, or both. When our everyday life seems challenging enough, how can we consider greater societal challenges without being overwhelmed?

This is part of what church is for. It's often been said that the church's role is "to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable." (According to a UUCE sleuth, this was first said of the press!). But it seems to me that we all need comforting and we all need, if not afflicting (at least on a regular basis), an invitation to stretch our compassion.

Part of what makes the stretch possible is having practical, tangible ways of helping, even a little. Our Community Collections practice of giving away our monthly offering once a month helps us face challenging realities, feel like we are doing something to help, and actually be helping! I am so proud that we continue this practice during this economic recession. It helps keep our pores open, to be fully human and to feel the plight of others not with despair but with compassion and hope.

Another part of what makes possible this stretch in compassion and effective action is changing the way we think. This month some of our worship services will help us see shifts in thinking, already underway, that decrease despair and psychic numbing, and increase compassion and creative teamwork.

See you at church.

in faith,
Rev. Stephen

Interested in being a Pastoral Associate? Or in being a Worship Associate?

Pastoral Associates provide one-to-one spiritual listening to members and friends of the congregation. Worship Associates assist Rev. Stephen and others in planning and leading worship services. They also act as Anchors, working behind-the-scenes on Sundays to prepare the space and support worship leaders. These are very important ministries to our church and provide opportunities for spiritual growth. Pastoral Associates and Worship Associates are led and guided by Rev. Stephen.

If you are interested, please complete the appropriate application found on our website, and return by April 15.

For Pastoral Associates:

<http://www.uueugene.org/minister/PastoralAssociates.html>.

For Worship Associates:

<http://www.uueugene.org/worship/Associates.html>.

Paper copies are available upon request from the office, call 541-686-2775. You will be notified by April 30 regarding your application. After reviewing the application, if you have questions, please call Rev. Stephen Ames at 541-686-2775.



Report to UUCE about the Pacific Northwest District Healthy Congregations Team consultation with UUCE

The Board President's letter from Sarah Hendrickson in the July 2009 UUCE newsletter mentioned that there have been some challenges in the communications and stresses in working relationships among some of the leadership team members, including the minister and the board president, aggravated by the budget shortfall last year and the many changes occurring in the church. The Committee on Congregational Ministry (COCM), the Board, and the Minister agreed to invite the Pacific Northwest District (PNWD) Healthy Congregations Team (HCT) to consult with us. We have received the HCT report from our consultants, Rev. Rick Davis and Kathryn Estey, with their assessment and recommendations. Their overall impression is that we have a strong church with many talented people and meaningful programs, and that we will be able to develop in the direction we want to go. Janine Larsen, PNWD District Executive, is consulting with us regarding implementation of the appropriate next steps to help clarify and improve our policies, processes, understandings, expectations, roles, responsibilities, communications, and the ability to work together.

Signed: Committee on Congregational Ministry (Julia Clark, Erik Fisher, Judie Hansen, Dick Loescher, Gil Osgood-chair, Maren Peterson-DeGross); Minister, Rev. Stephen A. Ames; Board President, Sarah Hendrickson; 1-19-10.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Gathered here in the mystery of the hour,
Gathered here in one strong body,
Gathered here in the struggle and the power,
Spirit draw near.*

words/tune: Phil Porter

Sometimes I think “mystery” might mean “fog,” that state of uncertainty during change, when I am not able quite to see the outcome. During that metaphorical hour, I live in faith.

This hour is indeed an interesting (and sometimes cursed) time.

There is much mystery involved in guiding ourselves through this important and critical period of our growth from the beloved community we are, into the still beloved community and living, loving, larger church we shall become; into a new home that preserves the best of us, that welcomes all of our family -- and more -- all those who wish to hear UUCE's message. My version of this message is one of hope and of community, a reminder of the support and personal kindness I find with you, the company and friendship (and, yes, challenge) during our search for and confirmation of the meanings of this awesome and unique experience of living on this planet, in this time.

Yet here we are in our major capital campaign during the second year of a disastrous economic recession

We are being asked, this month, to give, and give again, to give “til it hurts good.” We are being asked to maintain our annual operating budget, which allows our ministry to go on and our staff and dedicated volunteers to support our programs.

And we are being asked to move this wondrous body to a new home, with light, green construction, room for our programs and for future meaning; to a place for welcoming RE for all ages, for activities involving all generations, and taking us bravely to new groups and neighborhoods.

I extend your board's enormous appreciation to our Building Project Oversight Committee, who have done so much, and who will be doing much more in the months and years to come. Our new building will be a beautiful, inspiring space, limited only by our own imaginations. Our glorious spirit as a community will guarantee our new home's glory. That glory may not be directly related to our financial resources but the two probably have some relationship.

You have already given greatly of your time, talent, and treasure. Many have given deeply after serious thought, many of us while we are without jobs, or with lost and deferred retirements, some with very real daily financial difficulties. I am blessed to be in community with you. We are all blessed, fortunate, and grateful to have this church, and our hopes for this church.

We can do this. We are surely one strong body. This UUCE community is green, growing, gorgeous, flexible, faithful, generous, and game for new adventures.

In this one strong body I've been given treasures of attention, affection, feedback, high-fives and kind hugs, support for all of my family. We have encouragement in our own spiritual quest, whatever our (holy) grail may be.

In our recent congregational survey we found, no surprise, that a vast majority of us place very high emotional and spiritual value on our community of love, respect and attention.

Gretchen's and my middle boy came home from preschool many years ago and he announced, “Moms, I'm different.” My heart sank. Was this the beginning of his world telling him that he didn't fit? And then he added, “And other people are other different.” We have kept this saying to remind us of how we all, in our various manifestations, are “in this together.”

We of UUCE have our polarities, our special graces, our sometimes conflicting senses of humor. We are not all the same, thank the Goddess. Our family has been fortunate to be part of the welcoming spirit of this community of the perfectly imperfect “other different.”

Our survey also tells us that 90% of us believe we are welcoming to newcomers. Our UUCE contains more than a few outgoing and friendly, effusive welcomers who inspire the more introverted of us to smile and speak to a stranger and maybe make a friend. We are a caring, growing, committed group of folks; I appreciate all you so varied souls and the many gifts we bring to our church and to one another. Think “generosity” and “gratitude” as you hear from the stewardship campaign and the capital campaign. And please continue to share with me (and with one another) how UUCE might be reflective of your particular treasures.

Sarah Hendrickson and your UUCE Board President



Chalice Lighters



What is a Chalice Lighter?

There is some confusion about the Chalice Lighter program. Some think we are looking for people to light the chalice during the Sunday morning service. Not so. Here is a little history... Rev. Alan Egly, minister of the Unitarian Church in Davenport, Iowa had the idea in the early 1980's to create a program so UUs could occasionally help congregations needing a financial boost. The Chalice Lighter program was adopted by the Prairie Star District in 1984 and has since spread. In the past five years, it has raised more than \$2 million nationwide.

The idea is simple. It asks individual UUs to contribute \$10 or more up to three times a year to help congregations in their district complete a special project linked to growth. Churches seeking grants must have at least 30% of their members signed up as Chalice Lights to be eligible. We presently have only 43 and need a minimum of 128! The easiest way to sign up is to go to www.pnwd.org. You will receive three requests for \$10 each year, with an explanation of how the money will be spent. The District does not keep any of the donation for administrative costs, so every dollar you give goes directly to support a project proposed by a UU church in Oregon, Washington, Idaho or Alaska. There are brochures about Chalice Lighters in the front hall rack at church. If you have questions, see Bjorn Olson at bdo2@lehigh.edu.

Annual Fund Drive & Capital Campaign

This is a wonderful time for Unitarian Universalists in Eugene! Our nine and eleven o'clock services on February 28th mark the start of our combined annual fund drive and the capital campaign for our new building at 13th and Chambers.

During the next couple of weeks there will be an opportunity for you to meet with a Visiting Steward. A big part of the visit is getting to know someone new or getting to know someone better. Take this as an opportunity to elaborate on the congregational survey conducted last fall, and confirm your commitment to continuing spiritual growth and our involvement with the broader community.

SJUUCE TABLE TALK

Stop by the SJUUCE table after both services on Sundays to discuss our weekly topics on social justice issues that affect us and our community.

Check the Order of Service for the topic of the week.

The Caring Committee continues to reach out to UUs in need. Our survey indicated that many UUCers are ready and willing to lend a hand to any of us when needed.

Bob Coleman (milndoc@msn.com)
or Chuck Wagar (868-1738).

We will get back to you.

We are always looking for more helpers, too!



Candles of Community

On most Sundays, we include "Candles of Community" during the worship services. To include joys and sorrows please contact Rev. Stephen by noon on the Saturday before a given service. Leave your message on the minister's voicemail (541) 743-0640. Please include your name & phone number.

SJUUCE Project

In thinking on the problems that so many people face these days concerning employment, or lack thereof, my thoughts begin to focus on how UUCE can address a small part of this issue.

I would like to see us start a non-profit that would provide ideas, maybe some equipment, structure for a business start up model that we could implement in the community.

It would be my job to be the worker bee for such an endeavor, but I would love to get some help on reviewing a grant proposal, designing a work preparedness seminar, financial information for a small business, designing a money maker, etc.

Are there others out there who are willing to give a few hours to this? Using our community will be all important, as will networking, and knowing contacts.

Please say yes to a very small commitment. It seems to me we can start some things that really will help the homeless or those who need to get out into the work force.

Please feel free to call or email me.

Sue Craig 541-607-0204 sueacraig@gmail.com

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN EUGENE ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT

January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

Our Endowment funds are invested in the UUA Common Endowment Fund (UUA CEF) and Schwab.

The beginning cost balance in UUA CEF was \$86,292.02 with a market value of \$60,760.80. We cashed a matured security in Schwab of \$10,000 to invest in UUA CEF. We earned \$1,735.53 in interest and dividends, paid UUA administrative fees of \$818.72. Our ending cost balance is \$101,764.54 which, with somewhat better market conditions than last year, gives us a market value of \$91,170.12. The investment in the UUA CEF, to date, has recovered about half of the market reduction from the previous year.

Schwab beginning balance was \$11,479.56. This account earned \$242.32 in dividends and interest, received income from the Campbell fund of \$150.89, paid charges of \$25.00, less market change \$32.80. As noted above we cashed a matured security of \$10,000 and invested it in UUA CEF leaving \$1,834.57 as an ending balance.

The objective of the Endowment Fund is to provide for the long-term health and survival of the congregation. Our funds are held in accounts separate from all other accounts of the church.

Current Trustees are:

Ruth Nelson 541-689-4020
Monica Frank 541-343-0191
Martin Sage 541-342-3174

“Getting to Know UU”

Spring 2010 Newcomer Orientations at UUCE

The Orientation Series is designed to elicit and answer many questions that you as a newcomer might have, to help you identify what you are looking for in a church home, to share what your own and others' spiritual journeys have been, and to help you get to know UU philosophy and values. There will be times for asking and answering questions and for sharing with others in smaller groups. You'll learn about our church's programs and operation as well as meet some of its members. In this four session series, you'll learn about some of the highlights of our Unitarian Universalist history. You'll have a chance to share your religious ideas and values with other newcomers. You'll meet potential new friends. Even if you have been a member of other UU congregations, you'll find this series a great way to begin to be part of this community.

Class #1: *Thursday, March 4, 2010:* 7:00-9:00 pm (Introductions, overview and getting to know each other in small groups with the Membership Committee)

Class #2: *Thursday, March 11, 2010:* 7:00-9:00 pm (More about UUCE, organization, committees, and social activities with the Membership Committee)

Class #3: *Thursday, March 18, 2010:* 7:00-9:00 pm (Rev. Stephen Ames answers your “Burning Questions” and gives an overview of Unitarian Universalist History)

Class #4: *Thursday, March 25, 2010:* 7:00-9:00 pm (Membership, stewardship, RE, Polity & Governance, and small groups with the Membership Committee)

We believe that joining this church is an important decision, and we don't want newcomers to rush into membership. We encourage you to take your time, attend the orientation series and find your part in our community as you learn more about us. These newcomer sessions are a good way to begin. Sign-ups begin on Sunday, February 7, 2010 on the Welcome Table in the Lobby. If you need childcare, please indicate your children's names and ages so that we can arrange for the right number of care providers.

Contact Marilyn Junkins, Membership Committee chair (1-541-968-9200 or mdjunkins@comcast.net).

More info at: <http://www.uueugene.org/Membership/matters.html>

Resource Guide Update

The membership committee is in the process of updating the “UUCE Resource Guide: Who we are and How to get Involved”. We want to make sure to include all non-committee groups in this directory. Groups previously in the resource guide will be receiving a notice to review and update their listing. Please look for this via email. If you have a group that has formed in the last year or so, please send a description of your group with contact information (name/email/phone) to Audrey Maslin at afmaslin@comcast.net or (541) 485-1461. The deadline for submissions is February 21, 2010.

The Coming of Age Program ... is Coming Your Way!

The UUCE is pleased to announce our latest Coming of Age Program for youth in 7th, 8th and 9th grades. In this exciting program, youth will be paired with mentors from our congregation as they explore values, examine rites of passage, work for social justice, challenge themselves, create a personal credo with Reverend Steven Ames and have fun!

A brown bag informational meeting will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, March 7th from 12:30 to 2:30 for interested youth, their parents and prospective mentors.

For more information, contact Judy Shaw, chair, at judy_a_shaw@hotmail.com, or 541/434-2462; or call any committee member: Angie Hickman, Chris Phillips, Daniel Blades or David Atkin.

Attention Member's & Friends of UUCE We are updating the Church Photo Directory for 2010



Scheduling for photo shoots is currently under way in the social hall. Please sign up for a 10-, 15-, or 20-minute session on March 15-20th at the church. We will be using Olan Mills to produce and print the directory again this year. There is no cost to the church or to members and friends for the new directory. You will receive a free 8x10" color copy of the photo you choose.

There will be additional times available in April for those not able to participate in March. If you had your photo taken for our last directory, it cannot be reused in this edition. You must have your picture taken again. If you are not able to get to the church, please let us know and we will arrange for private photos for shut-ins.

If you are a Member or a Friend of UUCE, please review and approve or correct your listing for the upcoming 2010 Church Directory. Lists are available for review and correction on the Welcome table in the Lobby and in the Social Hall. If your listing is correct, please put your initials on the line next to your name so that we know you've approved it. Otherwise, please make corrections as necessary.

Green Sanctuary & Adult RE
Present a New Series of Classes

"Global Warming: Changing Co2urse"

The Green Sanctuary Committee in concert with Adult Religious Education will be offering a four week class on "Global Warming: Changing Co2urse" in March & April.

Global Warming may be the defining issue of the 21st century, yet for many it is still more a matter of debate than of action. Moreover, it can feel daunting and overwhelming. This course follows the format and booklet of the Northwest Earth Institute, and takes us through the issues to a place of empowerment -- to do what each of us can do to make our contributions towards dealing with this problem. The course was last offered at the Church a couple years ago and was well-received -- it remains as timely as ever.

Class begins Monday the 15th of March from 6:30 pm until 8 pm, and then again on the 22nd, 29th and April 5th at the same times; we will meet in the Breezeway Room downstairs. There will be sign-up on Sunday the 7th between services and for last-minute sign-ups, on the 14th if space is available -- it works best with a maximum of 12 participants. There is a fee of \$20 for the booklet, which can be waived in special circumstances, so that everyone who wants to participate can do so.

Calm Abiding Meditation

Join us every Thursday at 6 pm in the Library

Everyone is welcome!

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 if you prefer*

Facilitator is Jake Walsh

<jakewlsh@msn.com> or 342-6184

No beliefs or religious affiliation needed

it's better if you leave them all behind

March Choir Notes

CHOIR NOTES

The Sanctuary Choir is busy preparing Steve Dobrogosz's *Mass* written for choir, orchestra and piano. This is a major choral work that we will present at our Sunday services on May 2nd.



MARCH MUSIC SOIREE

Our annual **Music Soiree** will be held Saturday, March 13 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

This free All-Congregation-Talent-Show will feature you: members of our congregation who have polished up their best to entertain. Storytellers, comedians, magicians, musicians and more will be featured in this evening of family fun. Plan to arrive early to get a good seat. Refreshments will be available.

Music in March

March 7 – Chamber Singers

Morning Has Broken – an a cappella arrangement of this favorite melody featuring flute obbligato

Ella's Song – Bernice Reagon of Sweet Honey in the Rock wrote this title song to the movie *Fundi: The Story of Ella Baker*, an organizer against exploitation, racism and injustice

March 13 – MUSIC SOIREE, 7pm in the Sanctuary

March 14 – Sanctuary Choir

O Magnum Mysterium – "O What Wondrous Mystery", Morten Lauridsens moving setting of this sacred text

March 21 – pianist

March 28 – Chalice Choir

Largo from the New World Symphony – as sung by the women prisoners interred on the island of Sumatra. Their story was told in the movie *Paradise Road* starring Glenn Close.

Te Quiero – "I adore you" is a setting by Argentinian composer, Alberto Favero of a moving poem written by Mario Benedetto expressing the social, political and economic problems of Latin America

If you would like additional information about our Music Program please visit us online:

General info: <http://www.uueugene.org/Music/Choir.html>

Music Calendar: <http://uueugene.org/Music/Cal.html>

or, contact Tom Sears at 686-5972, tesears@comcast.net

LET'S BE FRANK A Sinatra Tribute



Our next "fun" raising concert is Saturday, April 24 at 7 PM in the church sanctuary.

Focusing on the music of Frank Sinatra, it will feature a variety of vocal and instrumental musicians. We want to involve more members of our congregation. If you have talent to

share and would like to participate in this concert or have ideas for a future one, please contact Joseph Bonnevie at vocalist@earthlink.net 541-510-4879 cell or 541-515-6075 home.

Tickets will go on sale in late March. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. All proceeds go to the church general fund. A SGM group will provide treats during intermission.

Thanks to the 75 people who joined an evening of great food and live entertainment on February 13. We raised \$1,090 for the church general fund. Volunteers provided live music, delicious food, served as the wait staff and stayed to move chairs and wash a mountain of dishes!

Singers and Musicians Wanted For Future FUNraising Concerts.

We are on the lookout for talent from the congregation to provide entertainment at future events.

Interested? Contact Joseph Bonnevie with ideas for concerts or auditioning to perform.

vocalist@earthlink.net * 541 510 4879 or 541 515 6075

Fair Trade Coffee Store

The Fair Trade Coffee Store is open every Sunday between services and after the second service. A selection of organic teas and coffees are available along with travel mugs and our ever-popular chocolate bars.

Do you shop at Safeway or Market of Choice?
Donate to UUCE
when you do your regular shopping!

Sign up for eScrip

To participate, go to www.Escrip.com & use the code 9615102

Inter-generational Jam

Time to tune up and have a fun afternoon together! Bring your instruments, music if you like, your voice, and your clapping hands and we will explore the musical cosmos together. All levels of musical ability are welcome. We have lots of room....the Sanctuary at UUCE, so don't be shy about asking friends, neighbors, and relatives to join us.

Date: Sunday, March 28, 2010

Time: 12:30 p.m. until midnight
....well, maybe not 'till midnight!

Place: UUCE Sanctuary

If you need child care please e-mail Sue Craig sueacraig@gmail.com

March Music Soiree

You are invited to join us for the

All-Congregation Talent-Show

At our annual Music Soiree

Saturday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Story Tellers jugglers
Poets Dancers
Magicians Musicians

An Evening Of Family Fun!

Refreshments will be available.

3rd Friday All Church



The next all-church potluck is March 19th. There will be a film on that night titled "Trashed." led by the Green Sanctuary committee.

"Trashed" is a provocative investigation of one of the fastest growing industries in North America. The garbage business. The film examines a fundamental element of modern American culture...the disposal of what our society defines as "waste." It is an issue influenced by every American, most of whom never consider the consequences. Nor, it seems, the implications to our biosphere. At times humorous, but deeply poignant, "Trashed" examines the American waste stream fast approaching a half billion tons annually.

April's potluck is April 16th. The activity is "Bring a Poem in Your Pocket." All are welcome. April is national poetry month. We invite you to bring a favorite poem that you or someone else has written. After dinner, those who wish will read their "pocket poem" to share with everyone.

Time: 6:00 pm Gather
6:15 pm Dinner
7:00-9:00 pm Movie



CLUTTERBUSTING GARAGE SALE

April 16-17, 2010

I hope your house doesn't fit the quote by George Carlin "A house is just a pile of stuff with a roof on it!"

But if it is, it's time to start rounding up items for our next Clutterbusting Garage Sale on April 16-17. It will be held in the garage of Judie and Ed Hansen. All household items are welcome, but everything must be gently used and in working order. We don't have room to store things until a few days before the sale, but want to give you plenty of time to find things to donate. We are not able to accommodate books, clothes, or large furniture. Outdoor furniture is okay because it can get wet in case of rain.

Questions? Judie Hasen judie310hansen@comcast.net
Or phone at 541-338-2959

CUUPS Events Calendar March 2010

Wednesday March 3 - CUUPS - 6:30 Breeze way Room UUCE
6:30-7:00 Business Meeting to set April Meetings
7:00 CUUPS First of Four Book discussions on,
"Evolutionary Witchcraft" by T. Thorn Coyle
We will have a discussion and do some of the exercises in the first 3 chapters (up to page 75)

Tuesday March 9 CUUPS - 6:30 Room 5 UUCE - Dream Pillows, Herbal Charms and Correspondences with Rozaylia.

Wednesday March 10 - CUUPS -10 6:30 Room 5 UUCE
7:00 Second of Four Book discussions on,
"Evolutionary Witchcraft" by T. Thorn Coyle, Chapters 4-7

Wednesday March 17 CUUPS - 6:30 Room 5 UUCE
7:00 Third of Four Book discussions on,
"Evolutionary Witchcraft" by T. Thorn Coyle, Chapters 8-10

Saturday March 20 CUUPS Outing to Belknap Hot Springs.
Ostara Ritual (casual), potluck,
and of course soaking in the hot water
(there is a cost of about \$5-6 to soak or swim)
clothing/swim suit must be worn at all times.

Tuesday March 23 CUUPS - 6:30 Room 5 UUCE
First in a series of meetings on "Ritual Structure".
Title- "Elements and Directions"
Bring information from your tradition to share.

Monday March 29 - CUUPS Full Moon - Room 5 UUCE
Meet at 6:30 Ritual at 7:00

Wednesday March 31 CUUPS - 6:30 Room 5 UUCE
7:00 Last of Four Book discussions on,
"Evolutionary Witchcraft" by T. Thorn Coyle
Chapters 10 to end of book

MORE INFO: CALL Grace 541: 935-3708 or Elan 541:686-2778

Interweave Potluck and Movie

WHEN: Date: March 12, 2010
TIME: Potluck at 6PM
Movie at 7PM
WHERE: Unitarian Universalist Church
477 E. 40th Street, Eugene, OR
WHO: All LGBT folks and allies
HOW: Shown on a big screen TV
WHY: Because we're really fun!

DESCRIPTION: Big Eden is a fable about home and family. It hits upon the universal longing and hope we each have for finding a place where we are loved, and the unconditional desire to see those that we love find happiness.

QUESTIONS: Please contact Nisco Junkins at
NiscoHappy@comcast.net or 541-915-0097.

IS IT OKAY TO BORROW CHURCH EQUIPMENT?

The question has arisen regarding whether church members or others can borrow church equipment or supplies. The answer is provided in the following Board policy, which was adopted in December 2007.

“ Materials, equipment, supplies and furnishings belonging to the Church should not be borrowed nor lent nor removed from the Church property for other than church activities.”

OUR NEWSLETTER IS... GREEN

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WANT TO POST SOMETHING TO THE NEWSLETTER?

If you would like something included in the April Newsletter, send to publications@uueugene.org by March 19th.

Remember to Schedule your Meetings or Events through the Church office

Contact: office@uueugene.org or 686-2775



Volunteer! FOOD for Lane County

The March FOC Service Night will be on Thursday the 25th at 6:30pm. Join us at the FFCLC facility to prepare food for distribution to the hungry throughout Lane County. It's easy, fun, and the help is really needed right now. Just wear a hat or ponytail and closed toed shoes.

In January, we helped bag cornflakes from a giant four foot box of cereal!

Questions? Contact Diane Wooldridge at woolietoys@msn.com or 342-8071.

Morning Doves Birding Group

Tuesday mornings UU Birds and Breakfast group. We are UUs and friends who gather on Tuesday mornings to get a little exercise, learn to recognize different birds, and socialize. If you would like to join us, contact Judie Hansen at judie310hansen@comcast.net.

Open Men's Group

All Men Welcome!

We meet March 10th and 24th at 7 pm, in room 6. Questions? Bob Coleman at 541-461-0956 or email milndoc@msn.com



UNEMPLOYMENT

Support Group

If you are a UUCE member or friend experiencing unemployment, please come to the monthly Unemployment Support Group.

We'll be meeting after the second service downstairs, on the following Sundays at 12:30 in the Breezeway room: March 14, April 18, May 16, and June 20.

If you need childcare (provided for us by the Social Justice Committee's funds), contact Pam Dillehay at 343-6332 or pdillehay@earthlink.net in advance of the meeting. Bring a simple lunch food to share and your plate, cup, & utensils (we have extra if you forget).

Thundereggs Coffee Social

Women of a certain age meet for discussion and laughter on Thursdays at 2 pm until 4pm in the back room at Tsunami Bookstore, 26th and Willamette.

Drop-ins and newcomers welcome! Questions?

WomNSpirit

A women's affinity group practicing earth-based spirituality under the Women's Alliance at UUCE. March 24th at 7pm. For more information: 541-683-6691



Here's What's Happenin'



The Religious Education Program Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene

SPRING AHEAD!

Daylight Savings time

begins March 14th.

EASTER April 4th!



Teacher Meeting



Saturday March 6th from 10:00—
12:00. Meet in Room 5.



Save The Date...

Spring Family Event

Saturday April 24th
From 12:00-3:00

Picnic and Games at Tugman
Park.

Bring your own picnic and we



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Madeleine Maier	3/15/1996
Alex Crider-Phillips	3/31/1992
Sean Higgins	3/11/1997
Phoebe Bockoven	3/15/2008
Anya Lloyd-Burchett	3/5/2003
Jose Stephen-Herman	3/15/2000
Oshen Castonguay	3/15/2009
Abigail Magee	3/25/2004
Ian Knick	3/7/2007

YOUTH SPRING

CON(ference)

DATE CHANGE!

NOW April 9th-11th!

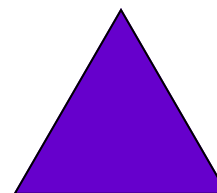
A US **Passport** will be needed,
so plan ahead.

Religious Education Program Calendar ~ March 2010

Indigo Promise ~ We can be peaceful people and help make a fair world.

Preschool ~ Spirit Play Group

- March 7 ~ (story) The Hunter and His Dog
- March 14 ~ **Daylight Savings- Spring Forward!**
Free Play and Art Exploration
- March 21 ~ (story) Ferdinand the Bull
- March 28 ~ **NO RE—2nd week of Spring Break**



K-5th Grade

- March 7 ~ Doing Our Part to Create a Peaceful World
(story) Ferdinand the Bull
- March 14 ~ **Daylight Savings- Spring Forward!**
Peace Begin With You!
- March 21 ~ It's A Small World
- March 28 ~ **NO RE—2nd week of Spring Break**

Principle 6 ~ The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.
We can be peaceful people and help make a fair world.

6th-8th Grade ~ Middle School Group

- March 7 ~ Honoring Our Martyrs
- March 14 ~ **Daylight Savings- Spring Forward!**
Hey! Who's In Charge Here?
- March 21 ~ Learning From Others — Forming Bonds
- March 28 ~ **NO RE—2nd week of Spring Break**



CANDEE COLE'S SABBATICAL

Candee, Director of Religious Education (DRE) is on sabbatical through the end of May 2010.

Candee was accepted into graduate school at the University of Oregon and will be working on a Masters in Special Education this next year. One of her goals in this endeavor is to be able to create a Ministry in our church community that reaches out to families with children with disabilities. The hope is that our program can improve our outreach and classroom support in this way. She will be taking a five month sabbatical to complete her program in the Winter and Spring of 2010, as well as rejuvenating herself and her creativity. She plans to return filled with ideas, renewed energy and a creative passion that will benefit the whole UU family! We greatly appreciate Marika Banyacski, The RE Committee and the many volunteers who help cover for Candee while she is on Sabbatical.

UUCE CONNECTIONS & APPRECIATIONS



NEW UUA RESOURCE AVAILABLE

The UUA Office of Electronic Communications is excited to announce that a new recommended resources page is now available as part of the February 1st debut of a revitalized UUA.org!

The new resource page has multimedia content, news, updates, and more for congregation members and leaders. It can be found at:

<http://www.uua.org/resources/index.shtml>



UUCE High School Students on Facebook!

Become a friend of “Eugene Youth—UUCE” and keep up to date on events, activities and share photos & thoughts with

Thanks YOU to those who
volunteered
and donated to Food for Lane
County!



Newsletter Helpers THANK YOU!!!

Volunteers are welcome and appreciated!
Contact Darelle Baker at 844-1242 to help.



March 21st Third Sunday

Community Contribution will Support:

The Relief Nursery of Eugene

The mission of the Relief Nursery is to prevent the cycle of child abuse and neglect by early intervention that focuses on building successful and resilient children, strengthening parents and preserving families.

We serve low-income multi-stressed families with young children between birth and six years of age, who are at-risk for child abuse and neglect. Relief Nursery programs are an effective model of child protection and family preservation services that build on the belief that most children are best served when they remain with their families. Please bring your check-books on Sunday, March 21 to help contribute to this worthy group.

WHO DOES THESE THIRD SUNDAY COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS?

Maybe you've wondered how the Third Sunday Community Collections are determined? Maybe you work for an appropriate agency or have a favorite charity and want to know how to be included. The Third Sunday collection committee is made up of three congregation members: Marilyn Milne, Marina McIntire, and Gretchen Miller. We meet a few times during the year to arrange a schedule of giving. Sometimes we take quick action, as in January when we collected for the UU's denominational work in Haiti. We normally have agencies lined up about six months in advance. If you have a suggestion for us, please contact any one of us directly:

mm@prpr.com or Marina.McIntire@comcast.net or gmliller@efn.org

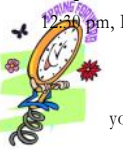





We are always happy to hear from someone who has a suggestion and we try to respond as quickly as we can.

Thank you, everyone!

The January community offering for Kids for Kids was \$1637.54



S U N M O N T U E S W E D T H U F R I S A T

	1 SJUUCE 7 pm, SH	2 Morning Doves 8am Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm6	3 Adult RE End of Life 10 am SH Choir Rehearsals 5:15 & 7 pm, S CUUPS 6 pm, B Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm5	4 Thundereggs 2pm offsite BPOC 6:30 pm, Rm6 RE Committee 6 pm, Rm 2 Calm Abiding Meditation 6 pm, B Executive Comm. 7 pm, Rm 5	5	6 RE Teacher Mtg 10am, S
7 Sunday Services 9 am & 11 am Coming of Age 12:30pm, S/SH Advise Your Board, 10 am & 12 pm, L	8 Coming of Age S/SH Chalice Choir 7 pm, S/SH Green Sanctuary 7 pm, B	9 Morning Doves 8am Archive Committee 10 am, S Staff Mtg 11 am, B Men's Group (closed) 7 pm, Rm 6 Capital Campaign 7 pm SH CUUPS 6:30 pm, Rm 5	10 Choir Rehearsals 5:15 & 7 pm, Sanctuary Adult RE Committee 6:30 pm, B CUUPS 6:30 pm, Rm5 Men's Group (open) 7 pm, Rm 6	11 Thundereggs 2pm offsite Calm Abiding Meditation 6 pm, B Board Meeting 7pm, Rm5 Newcomer Orientation 7pm, SH Interfaith Prayer Service 6:45 Offsite	12 Women's Alliance Potluck , 12 pm, SH Interweave Potluck & Movie Night 6 pm, S/SH	13 Coordinating Council 9:30am, SH Music Soiree 7pm, S/SH
14 Sunday Services 9 am & 11 am Worship Assoc. Mtg 12:30 pm, Rm5  Change your clocks	15 FOC 5:30 pm, SH Northwest Earth Institute Changing Course 6:30 pm, B Capital Campaign Mtg 7 pm, Rm5 Chalice Choir 7 pm, S/SH	16 Morning Doves 8am Membership Mtg 6 pm, SH Men's Group (closed) 7 pm, Rm6 	17 St. Patrick's Day Choir Rehearsals 5:15 & 7 pm S CUUPS 6:30 pm, Rm5 Men's Group (closed) 7 pm, Rm 5 	18 Thundereggs 2pm offsite BPOC 6 pm, Rm 6 Calm Abiding Meditation 6 pm, B Newcomer Orientation 7pm, SH 	19 Newsletter Deadline 11 am All Church Potluck & Movie 6 pm, S/SH 	20 CUUPS to Belknap 9:30 am, S Spring Equinox 
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K B: Breezeway room FOC: Finance Oversight Cmte RE: Religious Education SJUUCE: Social Justice at UUCE Directory
E BPOC: Building Project Oversight Cmte L: Library Rm: Room SPC: Strategic Planning Cmte Picture Day
Y C: Closed meeting—pre-registration NL: Newsletter S: Sanctuary T: Tentative meeting
CC: Coordinating Council NVC: Nonviolent Communication SH: Social Hall UUCE: Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene
COCM: Cmte on Congregational Ministry OWL: Our Whole Lives SGM: Small Ministry group



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UUCE Mission Statement



Remember to set your clocks forward on March 14th!

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