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*Where Your Liberal Spirit Belongs*



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## SUNDAY SERVICES 9 & 11 AM

**April 4**

### ***Easter: Practice Resurrection***

*Rev. Stephen Ames*

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

In this time of year, both the natural world and great religious stories speak of beautiful new life sprouting from death. Resurrection can be something a little different than a one-time supernatural event or an everyday event that comes of its own accord. Resurrection can be a practice, new life born of both will and grace.

**April 11**

### ***Harry Potter: Facing Your Heritage***

*Rev. Stephen Ames*

*Byrdsong Early Music Consort*

J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter fantasy series captures reality with magical metaphors in so many ways. We'll go to the fifth book, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, and dive into the past with Harry, learning much about what it means to face our heritage.

**April 18**

### ***Making a Living in Difficult Times***

*Rev. Stephen Ames*

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

Rev. Stephen will preach on a topic selected by a church service auction winner, exploring the meaning of work, being without work, and making a living in difficult times.

**April 25**

### ***New Member Sunday: Universalism's Good News***

*Rev. Stephen Ames*

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

As we welcome new members to our congregation, most of whom are new to Unitarian Universalism, let us celebrate and heed the good news of Universalism.

## Minister's Musings

Easter is an interesting time for Unitarian Universalism. As both Unitarianism and Universalism have Christian roots, and some UU congregations retain a core Christian identity, Easter appears on our annual calendar out of tradition and habit, if nothing else. Just as we continue to gather on Sunday mornings in an essentially Protestant worship format and maintain many other practices from our Christian heritage. For some UUs, the story of the empty tomb and of resurrection carry great power as myths that illustrate universal spiritual truths of transformation, and the particulars of the story resonate as well.

Nature has become probably the most universal spiritual/religious language in contemporary UUism, from the Transcendentalists to Goddess-worshippers today, and for the larger number of UUs who simply resonate with and find spiritual sustenance in nature without identifying with any particular nature group. Easter to many is less about Christianity than it is about spring fertility rites, and spring (and springing!) in general.

Along with many UUs, I find resonance with both the Christian and nature-oriented myths and stories of resurrection and new life. Our Easter service this year will include readings by UU ministers, including "The Easter Miracle" by Jacob Trapp;

I am amazed to the point of ecstasy at the miracle of awareness. Life brings me its freshness as an ineffable gift. Every moment renews my vision. Death is permission granted to other modes of life to exist, so that everything may be ceaselessly renewed. The ploughshare of sorrow, breaking the heart, opens up new sources of life. The land bursts again into bloom. The possible and the future are one. The possible strives to come into being, and can be, if we help. Without sacrifice there is no resurrection. Nothing grows, flowers and bears fruit, save by giving. All that we try to save in ourselves wastes and perishes. All things ripen for the giving's sake, and in the giving are consummated.

See you at church.  
In faith,  
Rev. Stephen

## "Easter is..."

Patrick O'Neill  
[Carl]

Easter is an impossible story written for everyone who has ever felt the sting of death and wishes for something more.

Easter is a story for anyone who loves life so much that they pray for more to follow.

Easter is a story for people who can envision a loving divinity that will not be conquered by evil.

It's a story of love that never dies;  
of immovable objects that get tossed aside;  
of happy endings in a tragic world;  
of miracles;

of faith rewarded and vision restored and hope justified.  
That's what Easter is.

## Legacy

by Elizabeth Tarbox  
[Aerial]

Maybe love does not die, it is not obliterated by hurts or anger. Maybe love does not dissipate, or sink like silt or dry out in the sun. Maybe love is not wasted or silly, or found to be something other than love.

Perhaps the love that settled about our shoulders and caressed us for a spell was created by ancient lovers from Sumer and Pompeii, blown by the winds around the South China Sea, gathering strength across continents and through centuries. When we let go of it, perhaps it floated on, embracing other strangers unexpectedly, who turn toward each other, seeing the other for the first time, changed by the cloud of love that has gathered them together. Oh, my dear, do not despair that love has come and gone. Although we are broken, the love that spilled out of us has joined the love that circles the world and makes it blessed.



## GROWING PAINS

For many years and several board terms now your governing board and other lay church leaders have been educated in, and talked in the abstract about our "transition from Pastoral to Program church." We are in transition now, not necessarily to formal policy governance, but at least to a governance model in which the board pays more attention to the big picture. For the past two years this board has had an implicit policy of "delegate with joy." That is, the board establishes a job to do, or a policy to carry out, and when someone volunteers to take on that particular church job, we trust that good person to do it, and do it well. No need to bring each detail back to us. As we see a larger vision of our mission, the details of what we need to do keep growing, as do our membership and our aspirations: new bigger more central home, "evangelical Unitarian Universalism" <grin>, social justice presence in the community, more music, more adult and child RE, multitudinous affinity groups, Community participation options, and many more.

All of us, in varying degrees over the past few years, have encountered role overload, expectation conflict, bewilderment on how to get something done and changes, changes, changes. With every transition come more changes. "The way we've done it" may not be the way we are about to be doing it. How exciting it is to be us, hovering on the edge of a new future as a force for good in the social/political landscape of Eugene! Straight ahead is our possession of our new building and all it symbolizes. That part of the dream we can all connect with. Less obvious and less tangible, but equally important, is the hard work currently being carried out by both the Minister and the Board in developing an explicit and defined executive structure with clearly defined roles and responsibilities that will serve us well, both in our current transition period and in our future as a Program church.

Jeanine Larson, our wise PNWD Director and sage, is facilitating this work through workshops with the board, committee on ministry, and the minister. It has become clear to all of us participating that in order to become a vibrant, effective church we need 'way more clarity in all the ways we operate. What is the structure of our decision-making and how do we create an efficient, competent, executive team? How can we best ensure that our actions are grounded in our values?

How can we move toward making each decision as transparently as possible, making the best decision we can, and making it only once?

Your board is working toward a structure for determining what we as a church want to have done, and when, how and by whom, a structure that has accountability for results—and then that lets us step aside and let people do it. Accountability will be in place for everyone, board, minister, staff and volunteers, including a schedule for tasks and, when the complexity merits, interim check points. This is not intended to make anyone's life more difficult or bureaucratic. Just the opposite. This should make it easier for each committee and volunteer to know what is expected and when and how to follow-up or report back to the board. Then, you can just get to it, without having to check in all the time, without wondering if your work is accomplishing what is needed. This should also make it easier for people to volunteer, as there will not be "unspoken" procedures or expectations lying like trip wires around the landscape. When it comes to carrying out the tasks, we will be an "ad-hoc-racy." The folks who are delegated to do the job will be the ones who need to be involved, experienced, knowledgeable, and willing- that's us all, yes?

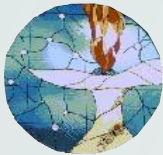
To further clarify of how our UUCE functions, church committees are being asked to put together their list of responsibilities. Some of these committees and groups may eventually evolve into more independent decision making organisms but, as an important ingredient of this transition period, we need clarity in what we are doing and how we function. To paraphrase Martha Stewart, "Clarity and transparency, instead of confusion and blame, is a good thing!

And, we're not done yet! (And here I thought that surviving the progression of three adolescent males into young adulthood with my sense of humor and primary relationship intact was challenging enough!) Be accountable. If it works and it's right, do it, and if it's not working well, we'll try something else.

Trust the process. Breathe. Have Fun.

*Your Board President, Sarah Hendrickson*

The Committee on Congregational Ministry has released its final report on the survey of congregational ministry conducted last December. The six page report as well as a short summary can be found by following the link labeled "Survey Results" from the UUCE homepage. In addition, the results page contains links to eight data files for those who wish to delve deeper into the survey. Three of these contain analyses of the multiple choice questions broken down by gender, member or friend status and by number of years a UU. The other five data files contained summaries of the five essay questions. Some printed copies of the final report will also be made available in the Social Hall for those without computers.



**Are UU Ready to call UUCE  
your Church Home?**  
New Member Sunday  
Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010

If after attending the Spring or a previous newcomer orientation series, you feel that you are ready to become part of the "We" of UUCE, we invite you join our church community. Hopefully that means you've been hanging out with us long enough to feel that this is your church home and that we are your spiritual and religious community.

Since membership in this Unitarian Universalist Church is an important decision, we want people to take their time in deciding to join. When you feel you are ready to become a voting member, we would like to welcome you and your children on New Member Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that membership is a choice and a responsibility. As a member you may vote on congregational decisions that will affect the future of our church. As a member you can chair a committee and hold elective office. As a member we know that you stand with us.

### Steps to Becoming a Member

1. Facilitate your integration into our community by attending our Newcomer Orientation Series, held twice a year.
2. Have an understanding of the purposes and principles of Unitarian Universalism.
3. Complete a Pledge Card for the 2010-2011 "Room to Bloom" combined Stewardship and Capital Campaign.
4. Participate in our Welcome and Recognition Ceremony for new members on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and sign the Membership book.
5. Sign up at the welcome table in the lobby. Let us know at which service you would like to be welcomed and the names and ages of your children registered in the Religious Education (RE) Program.

We want the membership process to unfold for you naturally and comfortably. Please contact Marilyn Junkins, at [mdjunkins@comcast.net](mailto:mdjunkins@comcast.net) or (541) 968-9200 for more information about membership.

### Elected Position Candidates

For the 2010 – 2012 terms

The Nominating Committee is submitting the following names for the congregational election that is scheduled to take place between services on Sunday April 18, 2010. Pictures and brief biographical information on these candidates will be posted in the Social Hall at a later date.

#### BOARD OFFICERS

President: Mary Otten

Vice President: Elliot McIntire

Treasurer: Amy Siddons

#### BOARD AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Daniel Blades

Susan Verner

Norma Landy

Marilyn Junkins

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Betty Hosokawa

Nisco Junkins

#### BPOC

Rich Margerum

Ed Zack

Wanda Kuenzli

### NEW HOME - Getting to the Green

Loan papers signed, keys exchanged, architect contract signed and design begins for our future home at W 13th and Chambers - it was a busy month of March. On Sunday, April 18, from 2-4 PM, we will have the first of many celebrations with our "Sign UUp" event. Until renovations begin and we have accessible restrooms, we won't be holding meetings, etc., there, but we will be responsible for lawn care, maintenance, and security. Members of the Building Project Oversight Committee (BPOC) continue to work on background items like developing a budget, changing locks, negotiating the purchase of furnishings, buying a lawnmower, working with a realtor to list our present property, ordering a new sign, arranging for security and managing rentals. If you have questions or suggestions or would like to volunteer to help please contact BPOC through [newhome@uueugene.org](mailto:newhome@uueugene.org). We add items to the Q&A portion on a regular basis and will soon develop a "wish list".

## Annual Fund Drive & Capital Campaign Wrap Up

**Is your pledge in yet?** A secure financial footing is fundamental to all the wonderful plans we have for UUCE's future. Our operating budget for the coming year supports our many meaningful programs. A successful Capital Campaign ensures that our new home at 13th and Chambers will provide the facilities we need to carry out our mission. Check the UUCE Weekly UUpdate for current totals.

Visiting Stewards have now completed face-to-face calls on UUCE members and friends, and most of your pledge forms have been turned in, but there are, as always, some loose ends. Over the next couple of weeks we will be following up on those we have not heard from.

If, for some reason, you have not been contacted, e-mail David Green [jodagr@efn.org](mailto:jodagr@efn.org) or Brian Lewis [rusic289@yahoo.com](mailto:rusic289@yahoo.com). If your pledge form has been misplaced, additional forms are available in the pamphlet rack in the church lobby.

Please remember, UUCE can only be effective as a force for liberal religion in our community with the active involvement of you, our members and friends. Thanks for all you do.

UUs Connect at

### Project Homeless Connect

A number of UU's volunteered at project homeless connect and shared some of their experiences.

Take a moment to read their stories on our website.

[www.uueugene.org](http://www.uueugene.org)

### Donations Needed for UUCE Table

#### St. Vincent de Paul's 4th Annual/SVdP Indoor Picnic Supper and Concert

**What:** A Benefit for First Place Family Development Center serving homeless families with children

**When:** Friday, April 30

**Where:** St. Paul Catholic Church

1201 Satre, Eugene 97401

**Time:** 5:30 pm for Munchies & Silent Auction

6 pm for Picnic Supper & Program

Followed by music from the award-winning Steel Magnolias!

**A casual, fun evening with friends for a good cause!**

Visit St. Vincent de Paul at [www.svdp.us](http://www.svdp.us)

UUCE's Social Justice Committee has reserved a table for 10 (it's free), but we can always add another table if more people wish to attend. We'll be taking donations at the SJUUCE Table on Sundays beforehand for those who would like to contribute but won't attend. If you attend, you are asked only to contribute a salad, side dish, or dessert. We will fill a single envelope with donations from our church members and friends. Please let me know if you wish to attend so I can tell them how many are coming.

*Thanks to all, Judy Sawyer*

The Community Coalition for Advancement of Human Rights presents  
Human Rights Community Summit  
"Human Rights Start at Home"

**When:** Saturday, April 10th 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

**Where:** Center for Meeting and Learning  
Lane Community College – Eugene, Oregon

**What:** Join leaders in the field of universal human rights to learn how you can use these concepts to create positive change in your own community. This summit will address human rights principles as expressed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and their relevance to local human rights issues. Participants will have the opportunity to explore ways in which individuals, groups, and institutions can work together to respect, protect, and fulfill human rights at the local community level. Sponsored by Community Coalition for Advancement of Human Rights, LCC Office of Diversity, LTD, the City of Eugene, and the Eugene Human Rights Commission.

The morning program features keynote speaker & facilitated discussion, followed by a wide variety of workshop choices in the afternoon. The workshop topics include Indigenous Rights, Combating Racism, Immigrant Rights, Health Care, Food Security, Mental Health Care, Trauma Survivors, Sexual Violence, LGBTQ Rights, Right to Shelter, Know Your Rights, Water and Human Rights, Costs of War, Environmental Rights, Neighborhood Rights Issues, Study Circles, Disability Rights. There is a \$10 event registration fee, lunch is included in registration. Register now! Visit <http://www.lanecc.edu/cml/upcoming.htm>

**Cost:** \$10 (includes lunch) \*A limited number of low income scholarships are available.

**Special Note:** UUCE's Social Justice and Green Sanctuary committees will host a table representing various issues. And the Bottled Water Task Force is presenting an afternoon workshop titled "Privatizing Water: Rx For Disaster." For more information on scholarships and free bus passes (supplies limited) contact Holly LeMasurier at City of Eugene Equity and Human Rights Center, (541)682-5619. [holly.k.lemasurier@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:holly.k.lemasurier@ci.eugene.or.us) [www.humanrightscity.com](http://www.humanrightscity.com)

Sunday April 4th

### Support the Water Parks and Wildlife Initiative

Both Green Sanctuary and SJUUCE (Social Justice Committee) have endorsed the initiative petition entitled *Oregonians for Water Parks and Wildlife*.

This initiative seeks to renew Oregon's only dedicated state funding for parks and natural areas. Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup> they will have the initiative at the SJUUCE table, and people can also pick up an initiative packet to take home.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REJUVENATED

**Recently, the Personnel Committee has been resuscitated and reinforced. Mary Brau is continuing to chair the committee. New members are Hilary Gerdes and Ken Ross. The committee hopes for another member.**

Its agenda is to compile an inventory of tasks expected of the office staff, to compile a skills inventory of staff, and to write job descriptions. The goal is to firm up task alignment and process; a second goal is to rewrite the Personnel Manual. The committee is meeting almost weekly and will report to the Board in May.

The committee has a new (2009) and comprehensive charge from the Board of Trustees: The UUCE Board charges the Personnel Committee to work closely with the chief of staff (minister) and paid staff's supervisors to create a job description for each paid staff position, to keep the UUCE Personnel Manual current, to assist the hiring process, to establish a job evaluation tool, process and schedule, to work with the UUCE Budget Committee to keep salaries and benefits fair and reflective of productivity, job descriptions and experience. The Personnel Committee is also charged to receive and respond to requests and concerns from paid staff relative to conditions of work, pay and benefits.

**FACILITIES COUNCIL REPORT**

At present, the Facilities Council is focused on keeping the current building in acceptable shape, with safety remaining a key issue. Jim Kayser has continued to help with these issues in the RE area. Our custodian, Matt Kosanke, and Chuck Wagar and Ed Zack have been attentive to continuing water-leak and mold problems. A roof leak near the upstairs bathrooms was repaired by a professional. An especially deep pothole, in the parking area, was recently filled in by Chuck Wagar. Finally, the main challenge has been our aging dishwasher, but Bob Kaeser has been diligently working on it!

Here is the description of the council in the Resource Guide (emphasis added): *The Facilities Council is charged with maintaining the church building and property, including equipment, electrical and plumbing systems, and furnishings. At this point in time, the main focus is maintenance and safety. The group would welcome a few more volunteers who have time, interest, and willingness to help work on the grounds, and also volunteers with enough expertise in electrical, plumbing or woodworking to be able to advise the Council and repair items. The time commitment is entirely flexible; volunteers may be called on for advice or help as problems arise. Meetings of the Council are short and infrequent, usually at 5:30 on the first Tuesday of a month. Contact Ken Ross at 541-686-1549 or ruthken@pacinfo.com.*

**COORDINATING COUNCIL MET IN MARCH**

The Coordinating Council met on Saturday, March 13. Mary Otten chaired the meeting, and John Clay took the minutes in Ken Ross's absence. John reported that the Annual Report for the church year will be collected and assembled by the Archives Committee, as planned last year. It will contain committee reports for both the 2008–09 and 2009–10 church years.

On behalf of BPOC (Building Project Oversight Committee), Judie Hansen announced that we have the keys to the new building and the contract has been signed with the architect, Gary Moye. Chuck Wagar discussed the work of the Task Force on Emergency Planning, which consists of himself, Doug Turvey and Ken Ross. They are focusing their attention primarily on Emergency Planning at the new church. They are working from an established Disaster Plan and the scope includes all sorts of disasters, including earthquake, fire, water, and wind.

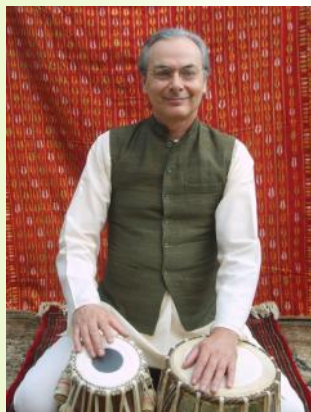
Chuck Wagar reported that 52% of the volunteers on the Caring Committee have had a background check. The committee is continuing to look into the extent of the background check and is also reviewing the status of a memo that has been used to temporarily justify the use of volunteers without background checks.

Mary Otten reported on the status of the Personnel Committee. (See separate article to the left.) She also reported that the Board has been focusing on two areas. They have worked with Janine Larsen from the PNWD regarding issues of governance, accountability, and growth, especially as they apply to a church like ourselves moving toward the "program" type church. The second area involves clarifying and defining the role and relationship of the Board and minister. Mary also reported that there was a question about raising a rainbow flag at the new home; it was decided not to do so now since we are not in the building yet. We want to be, and have time to be, more deliberative about what goes up. A discussion followed about the Coordinating Council's earlier agreement to put up a rainbow flag (at the current church). Nobody knew why it hadn't been done, so Chuck Wagar, representing Facility Council, volunteered to contact Nisco Junkins to locate the flag and put it in a window.

There was a general brain-storming session on communication within the church. There are a variety of communications methods—OOS announcements, bulletin board, newsletters, print, online, and email—and it can be confusing to know where to start. Carol Armstrong stressed the need for direct contact with a person; personal interaction is often the most effective way to get help or to enlist support.

*The council's next meeting will be April 24 at Market of Choice community room, 2nd floor, at 29th & Willamette.*

Come Enjoy an Evening of  
**CLASSICAL MUSIC OF NORTH INDIA**  
**Sunday, April 11th at 7 PM**



Enjoy an evening recital in our church sanctuary on Sunday, April 11 at 7 PM. It features Dr. Dhankar Bhattacharyya playing sarod, Kusum Kanwar on tanpura, and UUCE member Doug Scheuerell on tabla. They will honor musical legend Maestro Ali Akbar Khan, one of India's

greatest musicians and the foremost virtuoso of the 25 string lutelike sarod. Maestro Khan, who died last June at age 87, was named a national treasure by the Indian government. Dr. Bhattacharyya is a senior disciple of Mr. Khan. Doug Scheurell is a tabla instructor at the U of O School of Music and a student of Mr. Khan. The musical lineage of Mr. Kahn can be traced unbroken back to the 16th century and is kept alive today by his disciples.

**Cost:** \$10 for adults, \$8 for students. Profits from the **concert will support the church building fund**. For more information contact Doug Scheurell (541) 484-9305

### BECOME A CHALICE LIGHTER

Did you know - if you become a Chalice Lighter you receive an attractive pin?

Individuals participate by making a contribution of at least \$10 to the Chalice Lighter fund three times a year. The donated money funds growth projects by UU congregations in the Pacific Northwest. Churches seeking grants must have at least 30% of their members signed up to be eligible **We have 46, but we need 128!** We would love to apply for a \$20,000 grant to assist us in remodeling our future home. But we need your help!

The easiest way to sign up is to go to [www.pnwd.org](http://www.pnwd.org). Our church contact is Björn Olson at [bdo2@lehigh.edu](mailto:bdo2@lehigh.edu)

*When you sign up, ask Björn for a Chalice Lighter pin.*

## April Choir Notes

Thank you to all who made our **Music Soiree** such a successful evening. Singers, jugglers, magicians and storytellers polished their best and provided us with an evening of non-stop entertainment. UUCE's Music Committee, Marika Cassiel's Small Group Ministry, and members of the choir all pitched in to help organize, cleanup and prepare food for. Thank you to Ruth Ross and Joseph Bonnevie for their sound engineering, and to our wonderful Emcee, Al Landy. Thank you all!



The date for **Music Sunday** and the presentation of Steve Dobrogosz's *Mass* has been moved from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The *Mass* is scored for choir, string orchestra and piano. Its 6 movements take about 30 minutes to perform. It is an exciting contemporary piece and the Sanctuary Choir is working hard to learn the music. We will sing two of the movements (without orchestra) as a "teaser" at our Easter service on April 4.

On Sunday, April 11 Byrdsong Early Music Consort will be our guest musicians playing motets, canzonas, dances and chansons on viols and recorders. Come early to enjoy the 'gathering music'.

### Music in April

#### April 4 – Sanctuary Choir

Kyrie and Agnus Dei – the opening and closing movements of Steve Dobrogosz's *Mass*. The full *Mass* will be presented May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**April 11** – Byrdsong Early Music Consort will play music from the Renaissance on viols and recorders

#### April 18 – Chamber Singers

O Nata Lux – Morten Lauridsen's central movement of his larger work, *Lux Aeterna*,

Each of the movements contains references to Light assembled from various Latin texts.

Ezekiel Saw the Wheel – a high-octane setting of this traditional melody

#### April 25 – Chalice Choir

Musica dei donum optimi – "Music, gift of the Supreme God," is a favorite text for countless musical settings going back to the 16<sup>th</sup> c. This setting is an arrangement from a piece for violin and piano by Dvorak.

Scantei solare – we're on the cutting edge of what's new in choral music with the atmospheric "Solar Flares." Sung in Romanian.

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](mailto:tesears@comcast.net)>

## LET'S BE FRANK A Sinatra Tribute



We have **two** "fun"raising concerts in April. Be sure to reserve Saturday, April 24 at 7 PM in the church sanctuary. Focusing on the music of Frank Sinatra, it features a variety of vocal and instrumental musicians from both UUCE and the public. Sigrid Lambros is designing a Sinatra backdrop to help set the mood! Tickets available NOW!- \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. All proceeds go to the church general fund. One of our SGM groups will provide treats during intermission. Al Landy is the MC for the evening.

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 [vocalist@earthlink.net](mailto:vocalist@earthlink.net) 541 510 4879 cell or 541 515 6075 home.

### That's My Farmer

Wednesday, April 14, 6 to 8:30 PM

At First United Methodist Church at 13<sup>th</sup> and Olive.

Suggested donation: \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

**That's My Farmer** is a project of Eugene faith communities that supports local farmers by supporting Community Supported Agriculture. Join us for the restructured 11<sup>th</sup> annual That's My Farmer event where you will have an opportunity to deepen your connection to 15 local farmers. Learn directly from the farmers about topics as diverse as: preserving food and farm land, raising and processing vegetables and chickens, making sauerkraut, starting seeds, and working with draft horses. Join 15 local faith communities in thanking those who grow our food. Music, remarkable raffle prizes, opportunities to buy farmer bucks and donate to those who can least afford fresh food. Tom Bettman, OSU Extension Master Gardener, will teach a workshop on urban gardening (registration recommended for this workshop).



Contact Lorna Baldwin at (541) 683-1155 for more information or to register.

### COME ONE COME ALL!

We'll be revealing a new sign indicating  
**"Future Home of UU Church in Eugene"**  
on our new property.

Where? Our new church property, 13th and Chambers  
When? Sunday, April 18  
Time? 2 - 4 p.m.

Music, light refreshment, chat about ideas for the future, all these and more! Bring a camera!

Please Note: While the "facilities" will be available, they will not (yet) be accessible to all. Our apologies!  
Note: this is the "lite" version of taking ownership. A more sober and structured event will be scheduled once renovations have commenced. Also, CUUPs will have performed a cleaning of the space in a private ceremony before the SignUU.

If you have other questions,  
Call Joseph Bonnevie 541-515-6075  
or Sue Craig 541-607-0204

### UUCE Earth Day Happening Plant and Seed Share

Sunday April 25 at UUCE

One plant is not too small to share! We encourage everyone to participate in the Plant and Seed Share on Membership Sunday, April 25. *Gardeners Alert!* We are counting on you. Please start now to collect any extra plants (indoor or outdoor), bulbs, seeds, starts, for this special UUCE Earth Day. People and Plants of all ages will be welcome, from seedlings to mature. Give, take, share –no need to bring something in order to take plants home for your garden. Remember: *All plants that come will need a new home!*



Please save extra boxes, pots, plant trays and bring them any Sunday in April and place them by the sign in front. (No plants please before April 25 – otherwise they'll be deer food.) Bring your plants and seeds on Sunday, April 25th.

There will be a special RE planting and seeding event both services. Some choice plant will be available for New Members. (April 25 is New Member Sunday.)

The spirit of this Seed and Plant exchange began in a email to a list serv from Joyce Thomas: "I'd like to keep in mind the gardeners and low income people at our church and do a seed and plant share some Sunday after church. Right now, for example, I have hundreds of little parsley plants that have self sown and would love a big space of their own. We will welcome Spring with a UUCE Green Giving and Taking.

Questions or Ideas: Contact Carol Armstrong for Green Sanctuary at (541) 485-0946 or email [armcar@q.com](mailto:armcar@q.com)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday All Church Potluck April 16<sup>th</sup>

### Put-a-Poem-in-your-Pocket!



UUCE Third Friday Potluck is April 16.

To celebrate April as poetry month we are bringing back a UUCE semi-annual favorite. Bring a favorite poem (written by another poet or an original of your own) and bring it along to share after our potluck meal together.

Each month, on the third Friday, we celebrate fellowship by coming together for food and fun. We begin to gather at 6pm, usually eating by 6:20 followed by an activity.

Bring the whole family!  
All Are Welcome.

### CUUPS Events Calendar April 2010

**Wednesday April 7** - 6:30 Social Hall, UUCE  
Business Meeting to set May Meetings.  
7:00 Book discussion, "Evolutionary Witchcraft" by T. Thorn  
Coyle Chapter 4

**Tuesday April 13** - 6:30 Room 5 UUCE  
Next in a series of meetings on "Ritual Structure". Title- "Casting and Invoking" Bring information from your tradition to share.

**Tuesday April 27** - 6:30 Sanctuary UUCE  
CUUPS Full Moon & Beltaine Everyone is Welcome to come and join in the Ritual and May pole dance.

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

### CLUTTERBUSTING GARAGE SALE

It's time to gather up all that "stuff" accumulated in your closets and garage over the winter (or the last 40 years) for our fourth Clutter-busting Garage Sale on Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17 at the home of Judie and Ed Hansen. The sale is 8 AM to 4 PM both days. All proceeds support the church general fund.



The three sales last year raised \$4,769.47! In order to make this another great success, we need donations from all church members. Items accepted are small appliances, house wares, small furniture, collectibles, linens, garden tools, all outdoor furniture, jewelry, sporting goods, and games. Everything should be gently used and in working order.

This is NOT a rummage sale. We cannot accept: clothes, books, large furniture, or computer equipment, VCRs or TVs. The sale is in a two car garage, so space is somewhat limited. To schedule a pickup or drop off, call Ed or Judie - 541-338-2959 ([judie310hansen@comcast.net](mailto:judie310hansen@comcast.net)). Items will be accepted beginning Sunday, April 11, between Noon and 5 PM, and then every day and evening up to the sale.

**Fundraising Idea** – please help to make this event happen. Your input is welcome.

On Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Elsinore Theater in Salem, attend a performance of a much-loved oratorio CARMINA BURANA. Combined choirs of Western Oregon University and Festival Chorale Oregon will be accompanied by the incredible Wurlitzer Theater Organ.

Price of unreserved ticket: \$15.00. In progress is arranging bus transport. Depart at 5:30 PM, arrive at 7:00 PM and return at 10:00 PM.

Possibility of van or large bus depends on registration. Estimated cost of \$35.00 will include ticket, transportation, dessert and beverage.

Early arrival gives choice of orchestra or mezzanine seats.

For more information contact: Phyllis Kesner (541) 684-4495

### Interweave Potluck and Movie

**WHEN:** Date: April 9, 2010  
**TIME:** Potluck at 6PM  
Movie at 7PM  
**WHERE:** Unitarian Universalist Church  
477 E. 40<sup>th</sup> Street, Eugene, OR  
**WHO:** All LGBT folks and allies  
**HOW:** Shown on a big screen TV  
**WHY:** Because we're really fun!

**Movie: Training Rules** examines how women's collegiate sports, caught in a web of homophobic practices, collude in the destruction of the lives and dreams of many of its most talented athletes.

**QUESTIONS:** Please contact Nisco Junkins at [NiscoHappy@comcast.net](mailto:NiscoHappy@comcast.net) or 541-915-0097.

### BLUE GOLD World Water Wars EWEB Community Room Friday, April 16 at 7pm

Free viewing of the 90-minute documentary based on the ground-breaking book by Maude Barlow and Tony Clarke. Narrated by Malcolm McDowell.

**Donations gratefully accepted.**

**Questions? Martha Snyder 541-484-0197**  
Film Viewing Sponsored by the  
UUCE Bottled Water Task Force



"A must see film for every person on the planet."

**Heads up – Volunteer Opportunity**

Help with Meal Preparation for Families at First Place Family Center (FPFC)– won't be needed in June or, most likely, September this year.

Churches...with facilities like we will have in a couple years..... have stepped up to provide both housing and meals. However, if churches do offer shelter but not meals, which happened occasionally this year, FPFC will contact Lane Interfaith Alliance, who will then come to the UUCE to organize interest in preparing or serving meals, cleaning up, or even just socializing with adults, children, or youth.



**OUR NEWSLETTER IS... GREEN**

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**WANT TO POST SOMETHING TO THE NEWSLETTER?**

If you would like something included in the May Newsletter, send to [publications@uueugene.org](mailto:publications@uueugene.org) by April 16th. Please include "UUCE NL" in the subject of your email.

**Remember to Schedule your Meetings or Events through the Church office**

Contact: [office@uueugene.org](mailto:office@uueugene.org) or 686-2775

**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?

Eleana Rae (541-485-1239 or [elenarae2@gmail.com](mailto:elenarae2@gmail.com))



**Food for Lane County Volunteer Night**  
**Thursday, April 22nd, 6:30 pm**  
**770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene**

Help alleviate hunger in our community while meeting new people and having some fun. Our group packages donated food so that it can quickly be distributed to those in need throughout Lane County.

Meet at the Food for Lane County facility.  
Contact Diane Wooldridge to Sign Up  
541-342-8071 or [woolietoys@msn.com](mailto:woolietoys@msn.com)

**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](mailto:judie310hansen@comcast.net).

**Open Men's Group**

**All Men Welcome!**

We meet April 14th and 28th at 7 pm, in room 6. Questions? Bob Coleman at 541-461-0956 or email [milndoc@msn.com](mailto:milndoc@msn.com)



**CARING COMMITTEE**

MEETS SUNDAY, APRIL 11 IN THE LIBRARY AFTER THE SECOND SERVICE  
COME BY AND FIND OUT WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT!  
WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE HELP!

CHUCK WAGER, BOB COLEMAN: CO-CHAIRS



**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: April 18, May 16, and June 20.

If you need childcare contact Pam Dillehay at 343-6332 or [pdillehay@earthlink.net](mailto: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).



**Wom'nSpirit**

A women's affinity group practicing earth-based spirituality under the Women's Alliance at UUCE. April 28th 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 February 2010

## YOUTH SPRING

CON(ference)

**DATE & LOCATION CHANGE!**

**NOW IN MAY in the USA!**

## Announcing an RE Kids' Art Show for May!

Calling all RE students  
pre-school through high-school!

We will hang an art show in the library for the month of May of your artwork. Pieces should be unframed on paper or cardboard no larger than 11" X 14", and can be brought to your UUCE classrooms any Sunday in April. Details will follow in letters to all RE families. We need your participation to make this a great event! (reception for the show's opening May 2nd after 2nd service.)

## EASTER EGG HUNT on April 4th!

The Religious Education program will be holding an Easter egg hunt for children and youth ages 2-18 at both services on April 4th. Please make sure your child arrives at their RE class on time to ensure that your child has been counted and there is an egg hidden for him or her. Children will trade in their eggs for a special treat bag which contains fun, age-appropriate items.

This is always a fun and exciting event for the children. We hope your family can participate!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## Baby Shower for Svetlana

Sunday, April 11

All church members and friends are warmly invited to join us for a pot luck baby shower for our Childcare Coordinator, Svetlana Dunbar, on April 11 after church. Here are the specifics:

We will gather from 12:30 - 2:30. Please bring a potluck dish to share if you can. She is registered at the Eugene and Springfield Target stores and Bambini (now located on 5th Street only). Following her Russian traditions, she will not be opening gifts until after the baby is born. Please bring a bead and a wish to share.

Questions can be directed to Frances at 541-683-3547 or Barb at 541-514-7444.

**We hope to see you there!**

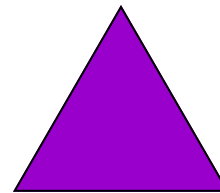
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Samantha Heffernan-Moore	4/16/1999
India Ragsdale	4/1/1992
Rowan Spahn	4/18/2003
Emmett Enes Lison	4/26/2007
Anna Knick	4/10/2003

## Religious Education Program Calendar ~ April 2010

**Violet Promise** ~ We take care of the Earth and those who share it with us

### Preschool ~ Spirit Play Group

April 4 ~ (story) I Love You Sun  
 April 11 ~ Free Play and Art Exploration  
 April 18~ (story) The Great Kapok Tree  
 April 25 ~ Free Play and Art Exploration



### K-5th Grade

April 4 ~ The Web of Nature  
 (story) The Great Kapok Tree  
**Easter Egg Hunt After The Service!**  
 April 11 ~ Trees are Terrific!- The Lorax (Story Book)  
 April 18 ~ Celebrating Earth Day  
 April 25 ~ Environmental Games Day!

**Principle 6** ~ Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part...we take care of the earth and all those we share it with.

### 6th-8th Grade ~ Middle School Group

April 4 ~ Thinkers and Doers  
 April 11 ~ Universalism: What are we good for?  
 April 18 ~ Our place in the Universe  
 April 25 ~ Two Paths Become One



## Come to UU Celebration of Interdependence Camp!

**MISSION:** To provide UU's from the Pacific Northwest District an affordable and sustainable retreat, in honor of our 7<sup>th</sup> Principle: loving and caring for our blue green earth. This camp is an opportunity to share multi-generational fellowship, while rekindling our spirits and celebrating interdependence. Rich offerings of music, play, spiritual practices and learning abound in an alcohol-free and electronics-free setting.

**WHAT:** 3rd Annual UU Celebration of Interdependence Family Camp.

**WHEN:** Fourth of July Weekend, Thursday, July 1 to Sunday, July 4.

**WHERE:** Camp Cedar Ridge in Vernonia, 40 miles west of Portland in Tillamook Forest.

**WHO:** Sponsored by UCCWC/Hillsboro. Come Join Us! Rev. Sue Ayer, chaplain.

**HOW:** Affordable!

**Early Bird Special** (April 15-May17 postmarked): \$140 adults/\$145 for elder/accessibility issues housing; \$95, 5-9 yr olds, 4 & under free. **Regular prices** (postmarked May 18 on): All adults/Children 10 and older: \$150 Include THREE nights lodging and NINE meals, along with all camp amenities: pool, slip-n-slide, athletic courts, 28 acres on a forested river under magical starry nights.

**Registration:** For information and registration form: [www.uccwc.org/familycamp](http://www.uccwc.org/familycamp) or contact Sara Cloe, DRE, at UCCWC, 503-648-1720. **Campership/General Fund:** If you would like to donate to the campership fund for those who can not otherwise attend, even if you can't get to camp yourself, please do so through the registration for. This is a tax-deductable donation. Thank you!

## UUCE CONNECTIONS &amp; APPRECIATIONS



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

See the postings at church for this month's birthdays and anniversaries!

An RE Kids' Art Show will hang in the library all May!

All are welcome to attend our "Artists' Opening Cookie Reception" in the library after 2nd service Sunday May 2nd.

**Please come view the art May 2nd through the last Sunday service in May. See you there!**

Many thanks to the Small Ministry Group lead by Marika Cassiel for their help with the Soiree Talent Show. Other members are: Jeanne-Marie Moore, Sally LeBaron, Cori Taggart, Jeff Wright, Diane Conrad, Elan, Elena Rae and Don Haney.

**Your help was much appreciated!**

~The Music Committee

## BABY SHOWER

For Svetlana Dunbar.  
Sunday, April 11th 12:30 - 2:30, Sanctuary  
Everyone is warmly invited!

See the RE Section for more details.

She is registered at Target and Bambini. Please bring a pot luck dish to share if you can. For more information, call Frances at 541-683-3547 or Barb at 541-514-7444.



**Newsletter Helpers  
THANK YOU!!!**



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

**Voila! The church dishwasher is again operational!**  
Bob Kaeser rebuilt the motor using some hard-to-locate parts and fabricating other parts. He says that he will personally guarantee it, until it breaks again!

Thank You Bob!

April 18th - Third Sunday

Community Contribution will Support:

## That's My Farmer

TMF is a coalition of 15 faith communities in and around Eugene, working with local farmers to support efforts to feed low-income families and to encourage consumption of local, organic farm products. Their annual celebration of the opening of the growing/harvesting season will take place on April 14.






Our collection will follow up on that on Sunday, April 18 and will help farmers make their products available to local families in need. Please plan on giving generously!

## 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](mailto:mm@prpr.com) or [Marina.McIntire@comcast.net](mailto:Marina.McIntire@comcast.net) or [gmliller@efn.org](mailto:gmliller@efn.org). Thank you, everyone!

The March community offering for The Relief Nursery totaled \$1,649.86



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Thundereggs 2pm RE Committee 6 pm, Rm 2 Calm Abiding Meditation 6 pm, B BPOC 6:30 pm, Rm6 Executive Comm. 7 pm, Rm 5	2	3 Kilong Ung Speaks 7pm, S
4 <i>Easter</i> Sunday Services 9 am & 11 am Advise Your Board, 10 am & 12 pm, L 	5 SJUUCE 7 pm, B 	6 Morning Doves 8am Staff Mtg 11 am, B Facilities Council 5:30 pm, SH Men's Group (closed) 7 pm, Rm 6 	7 Choir Rehearsals 5:15 & 7 pm, Sanctuary Adult RE Committee 6:30 pm, B CUUPS 6:30 pm, Rm5 Men's Group (closed) 7 pm, Rm 6 	8 Thundereggs 2pm offsite Calm Abiding Meditation 6 pm, B Board Meeting 7 pm, Rm5	9 Women's Alliance Potluck 11:30am, SH Interweave Potluck & Movie Night 6 pm, S/SH	10 Coordinating Council 9:30am, SH
11 Sunday Services 9 am & 11 am Care Committee 12 pm, Library Coming of Age 12:30 pm, Rm5 Sand Tabla Concert 6pm, S Interfaith Prayer Service	12 Green Sanctuary 6:30 pm, B Chalice Choir 7 pm, S/SH	13 Morning Doves 8am Archive Committee 10am, SH CUUPS 6:30 pm, Rm5 Pastoral Associates 7 pm, B Men's Group (closed) 7 pm, Rm6	14 Choir Rehearsals 5:15 & 7 pm S Adult RE Committee 6:30 pm, B Men's Group (open) 7 pm, Rm 5	15 Thundereggs 2pm offsite BPOC 6 pm, Rm 6 Calm Abiding Meditation 6 pm, B Capital Campaign 7pm, SH	16 Newsletter Deadline 11 am Clutterbusting Garage Sale 8am All Church Potluck & Movie 6 pm, S/SH Coming of Age Sleepover 9 pm,	17 Clutterbusting Garage Sale 8am Special Board Meeting 9 am, SH
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25 <i>New Member Sunday</i> Sunday Services 9 am & 11 am Seed & Plant Exchange Worship Associates 12:30pm, Rm 5	26 Music Committee, 5:40 pm, SH Chalice Choir 7 pm, S/SH	27 Morning Doves 8am CUUPS 5:30 pm, S Men's Group (closed) 7pm, Rm 6	28 Story Circle 9:30 am, Rm5 Choir Rehearsals 5:15 & 7 pm, Sanctuary Men's Group (open) 7 pm, Rm 5 Wom'nSpirit 7 pm, Rm 5	29 Adult RE Class 10am, SH Thundereggs 2pm offsite Calm Abiding Meditation 6 pm, B	30	

**K** B: Breezeway room  
BPOC: Building Project Oversight Cmte  
**E** C: Closed meeting—pre-registration  
CC: Coordinating Council  
**Y** COCM: Cmte on Congregational Ministry

FOC: Finance Oversight Cmte  
L: Library  
NL: Newsletter  
NVC: Nonviolent Communication  
OWL: Our Whole Lives

RE: Religious Education  
Rm: Room  
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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Celebrate Earth Day, April 22nd.

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