



Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Church

Program Guide

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Welcome to EUUC!

In these pages you will find information on a wide variety of classes, events, groups, and services for the 2010-2011 church year. Whether you are a long-term member or brand-new visitor, we welcome your participation. This program guide will help you find ways to join us.

Additions and Corrections

The information in this guide is subject to change.

You can check the website, www.euuc.org; the weekly bulletin, *This Week at EUUC*; the newsletter, *The ComUUnicator*, or contact the person listed in the program description for up-to-date information. Often, information about classes and other activities is available at the information tables in the Narthex.

Fees and Registration

Many of the activities at EUUC are free, but there are also some that have fees or other costs, and some, even ones that are free, require advance registration. Check the individual listings for details.

LAY MINISTRY

The Lay Ministry Team, trained and supervised by the minister, is a group of supportive, caring listeners who are available when you need someone to talk to. There are several ways to contact the Lay Ministry Team: email Concerns@euuc.org, call the confidential voicemail at 425.977.4581, drop a message in the locked box next to the brochure rack in the entry, call the main office or the minister, or approach a member of the Lay Ministry Team as identified on their name tags—Marilyn Warner, Gail Smith, Vicky Kleinman, April Cook, Kristen Petrakis, Don Snow.

MEMBERSHIP EVENTS

Throughout the year, the Membership Committee hosts classes and other events for newcomers and people interested in church membership.

Information on events for newcomers is included in all of EUUC's news publications. In addition, information specific to needs of newcomers is published in the Newcomer News each week. This publication is available at the Welcome Desk and the Newcomer Coffee Table.

During the 2010-2011 church year one "UU-series" class will be offered each month. These classes do NOT need to be taken in sequence. They start shortly after the second service. Lunch and childcare is provided.

UU101 and UU102 are recommended for anyone considering membership.

UU101 - Beliefs, History, and Polity

January 9

Presenters: Eric Kaminetzky and Kyle Gillis

UU102 - EUUC Culture and Membership Expectations

February 6

Presenters: (Tentative) Victor Place, Craig Wyss, Doug King, and Kyle Gillis

UU103 - Getting Involved

March 20

Presenters: Eric Kaminetzky, Layne Richard-Hammock, Kyle Gillis

Newcomer Circles

This new meeting format, started in October 2010, is still evolving.

The next meeting is scheduled for 12/12 in the Friarplace from 10 to 10:50, with social time from 10 to 10:20 and a group discussion from 10:20 to 10:50. Future dates, times, and format will be determined by the attendees. Check the Newcomer News for updates.

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Edmonds UU Church ministry of religious education includes programming for all ages and stages of life's journey, including adults, youth, and children.

Religious and faith formation at EUUC encompasses a rich depth and breadth of ideas and experiences, engaging reflective intellect, personal expression, and spiritual development, from which participants grow their own unique and effective relationship with the world.

Classes are offered for children and youth during Sunday morning service times; classes for adults are scheduled at various other times. Additionally, the staff and members collaborate to offer a variety of enrichment options weaving all ages of our community together. A sampling of these programs includes rites of passage for Grade 2 and Grade 8, drama opportunities, meditation, drumming, evening family-friendly worship quarterly at the Solstices and Equinoxes, children's worship, field trips, social events, social justice activities, and many other ways to grow personally and deepen your EUUC experience.

The strength and beauty of our Unitarian Universalist faith lies in our pluralism, in the drawing of larger circles where we can be one community with many paths.

Additional information on the Lifespan religious education and exploration ministry is available in the Narthex and on the web site www.euuc.org.

Contact: The Director of Lifespan Religious Education, Layne Richard-Hammond, DLRE@euuc.org or 425.778.0376 (LRE office). Cell phone calls are welcome at reasonable hours, 425.931.7650.

COVENANT GROUPS

Covenant Groups, sometimes referred to collectively as Small Group Ministry, are regular meetings of six to ten people who wish to explore important issues in a comfortable and trusting environment.

Covenant Groups allow individuals to discover themselves and deepen their experience of EUUC as a welcoming congregation.

Some join these groups to recharge their souls, others to seek deeper feeling and a larger meaning to enrich their lives.

The elements of Covenant Groups are simple, and are essential to their success. Confidentiality and a non-judging attitudes are at the core of these small group meetings. There is a centering reading and topic, often linked to a recent Sunday sermon, and all commentary is personal sharing, as opposed to debating or giving advice.

There are new Covenant Groups forming all the time, as people express their interest. For more information on Covenant Groups, including which are currently accepting new members, please contact Ellin Snow, 425.337.0469, CovenantGroups@euuc.org.

SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY

Our Sunday Services depend on a team of volunteers to provide a welcoming environment. Volunteers include: Greeters, Ushers, and volunteers to staff the Welcome Desk, provide coffee, run the sound system, and staff the Library. This is a great way to get involved and meet new friends on Sunday morning.

Sunday Morning Volunteers are responsible for making sure our visitors are warmly greeted, invited to return, and offered the resources they need to determine if EUUC is right for them.

Training is available. Contact Kyle Gillis, 425.486.2444, Hospitality@euuc.org.

SOCIAL JUSTICE TRIAD

Social Concerns

This vital EUUC committee participates in a broad array of service and social justice projects such as support for local schools, soup kitchens, the food bank, and gift collections at Christmas. Their main focus is on issues of poverty, homelessness, and the crisis in low-income housing in Snohomish County. They also support social justice organizations such as the Interfaith Association of Snohomish County, Strength Over Speed, and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), just to name a few. New participants and new project ideas are always welcome. The group meets the third Monday evening every month. **Contact:** Pam Iverson, SocialConcerns@euuc.org.

Sustainability

This committee promotes environmental and economic sustainability globally and locally. The global focus is on supporting movements that provide sustainable economic opportunities for those living in developing countries. A major activity is a Fair Trade Market held in November and December of each year, with the proceeds donated to microbank projects. The local focus is on promoting earth-friendly practices within EUUC and throughout the larger community. We write a monthly column in the EUUC newsletter, "Gentler Footprints," with ideas for reducing one's impact on the earth. Recent activities include replacing the lighting at EUUC with CFLs, developing more recycling opportunities at EUUC, sponsoring workshops, selling products that support our goals, and caring for a wetlands portion of the church property. New members and individuals to help with individual projects are heartily welcomed! **Contact:** Bob Rinehart, 425.776.2350, Sustainability@euuc.org

Peace & Justice

Firmly grounded in the principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the Peace & Justice Committee works to foster justice, equity and compassion at all levels of community. We accomplish our mission — to raise awareness of issues needing our attention — through discussion, lecture, film, and the dissemination of literature gathered by our members. We actively and collectively participate in social and political activism as it validates our mission, selecting issues according to current events and member/congregational passions. Among our focuses this year are Immigration Justice, and also Climate Justice with the other committees of the Social Justice Triad. We always welcome new members and perspectives! Join us on fourth Thursdays in the evening or via email if it is difficult to attend meetings. **Contact:** Cindy Creager, 425.485.2633, PeaceAndJustice@euuc.org

MUSIC

Music is an important part of worship at EUUC and participation in various programs is enthusiastically encouraged.

In addition to Sunday services, opportunities to present and experience music are also offered through Friday evening music programming which includes Open Mic on the first Friday and a Vespers service on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday programming includes a drum circle every first and third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m and a class voice lesson every second Saturday at 12:15 PM. For more information, contact our Music Director, Wil Sederholm, 206.361.9229, MusicDirector@euuc.org.

Choir—Adults meet each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. for rehearsals and sing twice a month at Sunday services. This is a non-audition choir and singers of all skill levels are welcome to join at any time.

Youth Choir—Children and youth ages 5-14 are invited to join at any time. Rehearsals are held from 6:45-7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays. This group performs at services once a month.

Festival Choir—Provides music for special EUUC events. Any singers who cannot rehearse on a regular basis are encouraged to join. For information, contact the music director.

Joyful Noise—Thursday evening get-togethers to play jazz/folk music. All skill levels welcome. No auditions, just drop in any Thursday and join the group. Provides music for church services once a month. For more details Contact Nick Maxwell, 425.338.3771, JoyfulNoise@euuc.org

Youth Music—There are many opportunities for youth ages 13 and up to participate in EUUC's music activities: forming ensembles, performing for services, providing music for youth group, and whatever new expressions we can develop throughout the year. Contact the music director for more information.

ANNUAL EVENTS

There is always room for another participant and another pair of helping hands at these annual all-church events. Get in touch with the contact person if you'd like to help plan, assist at the event, or need more information to participate.

Auction

Members and friends donate items, services, meals, themed parties, trips, culinary specialties, weekend vacation accommodations, and many more fabulous items. The 2011 auction will be held on the evening of Saturday, **April 23, 2011**. Contact: Pat Garrity at 425.392.0802, Auction.chair@euuc.org.

Chocolate Sunday

Bring a favorite chocolate goodie to this "brunch" **on February 13, 2011** in celebration of Valentine's Day.

Friday Evening Concert Series

The Music Committee is sponsoring six Friday evening concerts in 2010-11. We warmly encourage you to join us for an entertaining variety of music that is sure to please your family, neighbors, and colleagues. Advance tickets are available from Brown Paper Tickets and on Sundays before concerts. Remaining tickets, if any, are sold at the door.

October 22	Tingstad & Rumbel
December 17	North Sound Jazz and the Seattle Jazz Singers
February 25	Pearl Django
March 26	Total Experience Gospel Choir
April 15	Cascade Symphony
April 29	Captain Smartypants and Sensible Shoes

Library Book Sale

The EUUC Library Committee holds a used book sale on the three Sundays before the Rummage Sale in **April and May**. Members and friends can purchase used books for great reading while benefiting the church. **Contact:** Diane Hettrick, 206.365.8442, Library@euuc.org

Northwest Artists' Holiday Show

One of EUUC's major annual fundraisers. Held the first weekend in November (**November 5 and 6, 2011**). Showcases a variety of art, crafts, and foods throughout the church. Tickets available to the public for a nominal donation. An excellent gift shopping opportunity! **Contact:** Linda Crossland, 425.774.7174, ArtShow@euuc.org

Rummage Sale

Held **May 6 and 7, 2011**, members donate their no-longer-needed, clean and usable household items, clothing, toys, books, sporting goods, and small furniture items for EUUC's annual recycling event. Open to the public.

Contact: Estelle and Virg Rayton, 425.774.9413, RummageSale@euuc.org

Seabeck

Annual family weekend retreat at Seabeck Conference Center on Hood Canal. Dates for 2011 are **September 23-25**. Includes programming for children and adults, plus plenty of time to visit with new and old friends or just relax.

Registration and fee required. **Contact:** Vicki Curry, 206.523.6668, Seabeck@euuc.org

Summer Campout

An unstructured camping retreat in a family-friendly location, usually Deception Pass State Park, on Memorial Day weekend. Registration and fee required.

Contact: Lisa Cole, 425.357.9717, or Marikay Gillingham, 425.672.7449, SummerCampout@euuc.org

Very Special Event

Ordination and Installation of EUUC's Minister

Eric Kaminetzky

**Sunday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonds United Methodist Church**

INTEREST GROUPS

These groups are organized around a common interest or activity.

To learn more about a group or confirm that the information listed is current, please call the contact person. No registration or advance sign-up is required. There are no fees to participate, however the group may decide to take on an activity that has associated expenses.

If you have an idea for a new group, contact Sue Renhard, 206.364.1336, InterestGroups@euuc.org.

Brunch Bunch

Are you hungry after church? Want to enjoy lunch along with some stimulating conversation? We meet at nearby Stevens Hospital cafeteria where food choices are varied and no reservations are required. Most topics are open and are often a continuation of the tone set in Sunday's sermon. We meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month at about noon. The cost is based on what you order. **Contact:** Virginia Miller, BrunchBunch@euuc.org.

BrUUmasters

BrUUmasters meet about every three weeks to brew various beer recipes and enjoy each other's company (and homebrew). **Contact:** Bruce Samuels, 206.542.2577, Bruumasters@euuc.org.

Coffee 'n' Politics

Meets every Thursday at Glenn's home to drink coffee and talk politics—or whatever else is of current interest. **Contact:** Glenn Pfeifer, 206.297.7715, CoffeeAndPolitics@euuc.org.

Conversations

This diverse group meets weekly to discuss a variety of topics ranging from the serious to the silly, and includes books we've read, articles from the paper, jokes and cartoons, as well as what's happening in our lives; of course, there's always politics. Meets every Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Contact:** Joyce Kolts, 206.363.3590, Conversations@euuc.org.

Dinner Out

Meets twice monthly on the second and fourth Thursdays at local restaurants. Occasionally meets at someone's home for "dinner in" and order take-out for our food. Great way to get to know people! Low-key, low-cost, and always lots of good conversation. Singles and couples, old members and new friends welcome. Cost based on what food is ordered. **Contact:** Candy James, 425.775.3206, DinnerOut@euuc.org.

EUUC Book Club

Open to adult readers. Books are chosen by participants and include fiction and nonfiction. Meets first Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. **Contact:** Jennifer Howell, 425.347.4678, euucBookClub@euuc.org.

Fiber Crafts (formerly Quilters)

All kinds of hand and machine sewing projects are welcome in this group. If you're a quilter, there is table space to set up your sewing machine. Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in RE-1&2. **Contact:** Vicky Webb, 425.776.9322; Linda Crossland, 425.774.7174; or Patty House, 206.783.6824, Quilters@euuc.org.

Folk Dancing

Greek, Balkan, Israeli, and miscellaneous line and circle dances for all ages and genders. No partners necessary. Weekly lessons are typically scheduled beginning late February through March. Sunday night folkdances, preceded by a salad potluck, are held throughout the year, and there is always a folkdance at the Seabeck retreat in September. **Contact:** Orlien Becker, 425.485.1084.

Handcrafters Stitch and Chat (formerly Sewing Circle)

Bring your knitting, quilting, embroidery, cross-stitch, mending, or any kind of hand sewing, and enjoy good conversation with friends old and new. Join us at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday evening of every month. **Contact:** Karen Ernst, 425.774.7083, or Pam Iverson, 425.949.8261; SewingCircle@euuc.org.

Hiking

The Northwest is one of the most spectacularly beautiful places in the world, with wilderness areas within an hour's drive! We take turns leading day hikes of 5-10 miles into this wilderness. **Contact:** Bob Plaag, 206.546.1834, Hiking@euuc.org.

Humanist Voice

Meets the last Sunday of each month after the last service. We discuss matters of common interest that impact the human condition and avoid the supernatural. Flyers with current discussion topics are located in the "blue box" labeled Humanist Voice in the Narthex. Pick up a flyer and see if you would like to join the conversation. **Contact:** Barbara Powers, 206.406.9635, or Glenn Pfeifer 206.297.7715, HumanistVoice@euuc.org.

Joyful Noise

Thursday evening get-togethers to play jazz/folk music. Also provides accompaniment for Sunday services, memorial services, parties at EUUC, and other local UU churches. All skill levels welcome. No auditions. Join the Joyful Noise email list for group updates. **Contact:** Nick Maxwell, 425.338.3771, JoyfulNoise@euuc.org.

Last Friday Night Movie

Join in our long tradition of a monthly EUUC movie night. On the last Friday of each month we gather for popcorn and movies chosen by the group. **Contact:** Vicki Curry, 206.523.6668, LastFridayNightMovie@euuc.org.

Men's Group

Meets every second and fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. in The Friarplace. This drop-in group discusses philosophical issues that are of interest to men. **Contact:** Brad Sharp, 425.350.0905, or Don Snow, 425.337.0469; MensGroup@euuc.org.

QUUE (Queer Unitarian Universalists of Edmonds)

As a member of the North Puget Sound Interweave Chapter, we are dedicated to the spiritual, political, and social well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, intersex, and transgender persons. We provide space for spiritual and social support to members, friends, and allies from EUUC and other area congregations, as well as outreach to the larger queer community. We meet monthly and all are welcome. You can find our activities and discussion group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/interweave_euuc/. **Contact:** Brian Potter, 206.542.7328, QUUE@euuc.org.

Readers' Theatre

Attention all wanna-be dramatists! Beginning in January 2011, the Readers' Theatre will meet monthly to read and discuss plays. **Contact:** Ben Stewart, 360.297.1606, or Jeri Valentine, 206.533.1909, ReadersTheatre@euuc.org.

Sunday Silent Meditation

Connect with your deeper, wiser, intuitive knowing; cultivate a calm non-anxious presence; and contribute to peace on earth. Come to the Friarplace on Sundays, an hour before the first service. Starting 45 minutes before the service, for half an hour, we meditate/contemplate in total silence, Unitarian Universalist style. Afterward, you'll have plenty of time to greet friends and find a seat for the first service. **Contact:** Penni Marvel, SundaySilentMeditation@euuc.org.

Toastmasters

Sharpen your speaking skills, build confidence, and have fun. Meets second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m. **Contact:** Joan Callender, 425.776.2262, Toastmasters@euuc.org.

Unholy Rollers

An informal group of EUUC members who love to travel and explore in our recreational vehicles. The emphasis has been on traveling within 100 miles to explore the beautiful parks here in Washington State such as Kayak Point in Snohomish County and the Steelhead Park on the North

Cascades Highway. **Contact:** Terry Webb, 425.776.9322, or Glenn Pfeifer, 206.297.7715; UnholyRollers@euuc.org.

Wild Women

A social group for single women 50+. Meets the second Saturday of the month for potlucks in members' homes. Guests welcome. For location see listing in the newsletter. **Contact:** Virginia Miller, 206.546.5382, WildWomen@euuc.org.

Women's Group (formerly Thursday Women's Group)

Meets approximately once a month. We are an active group that participates in daytime and evening activities ranging from potlucks, art walks, and trips to picnics on the beach. **Contact:** Judy Scott, 425.316.8213, or Gloria Anderson, 425.778.2851, ThursdayWomensGroup@euuc.org.

Writing Group

A place to come and write and to share resources about writing. Not currently meeting, but may resume in the future. **Contact:** Donna Warren, 425.774.5632, WritingGroup@euuc.org

COMMITTEES

Committees offer many opportunities to meet people, be of service, and support the ongoing functions of EUUC. If you have an interest in serving the church community in any of these areas, please call or email the contacts listed for more details.

Arms Around: Volunteers provide support for members in need. Marilyn Warner, 425.775.3433, ArmsAround@euuc.org.

Art Show: Plans and, with the help of a large team of volunteers, conducts our annual Northwest Artists' Holiday Show. Linda Crossland, 425.774.7174, ArtShow@euuc.org.

Auction: Plans and prepares for annual auction. Pat Garrity, 425.392.0802, Auction@euuc.org.

Bookstore: Books for sale on Sunday. Currently looking for a replacement chairperson. If interested, contact Nancy Samuels, 206.542.2577.

Canvass: Develops church stewardship and conducts our annual pledge drive. Doug King, 206.782.1790, Canvass@euuc.org.

Communications Council: Oversees communications within EUUC and with the wider public. Nancy Samuels, 206.542.2577; April Cook, 425.712.3463; Communications@euuc.org.

Denominational Affairs: Keeps the congregation informed on Unitarian Universalist Association matters, including annual district and national meetings. Not currently active. For volunteer information, contact Kyle Gillis, 425.486.2444, Kyle.Gillis@euuc.org.

Endowment: Oversees endowment funds. Greg Long, 425.949.8261, Endowment@euuc.org.

Facilities Group: Maintains the building and grounds. One volunteer is on call each month for emergencies. Bruce Baker, 206.783.6824; Kirk Barker, 425.361.1224; Facilities@euuc.org.

Finance: Develops the church budget and monitors spending and receipts. Greg Gillis, 425.486.2444, Finance@euuc.org.

Human Resources: Oversees hiring and contracts with staff. Barb Chessler, 425.776.7134; Sue Renhard, 206.364.1336; HumanResources@euuc.org.

Library: Books available for loan. CDs of Sunday Services are also available. Conducts annual book sale. Diane Hettrick, 206.365.8442; Pat Meeker, 425.778.9678; Library@euuc.org.

Membership: Responsible for conducting pre-membership classes, welcoming newcomers, Sunday morning hospitality, and conducting annual review of membership bylaws compliance. Lynn Carpenter, 425.672.8416; Kyle Gillis, 425.486.2444; Membership@euuc.org.

Memorial: Collects information for a memorial book and maintains our Memorial Garden. Joan Anderson, 206.546.5018, Memorial@euuc.org.

Music: Works with the Music Director to plan music for services and support performing groups. Bruce Baker, 206.783.6824, Music@euuc.org.

Ordination & Installation Task Force: Planning and making arrangements for the new minister's ordination and installation. Marilyn Warner, 425.775.3433.

Peace & Justice: Works for justice, equity, and compassion in our community. Cindy Creager, 425.485.2633, PeaceAndJustice@euuc.org.

Religious Education

Adult: Oversees religious education classes and programs for adults. Maria Fuller, 425.776.9450, and Grant Gladow, 206.362.2186, LREAdultChairs.list@euuc.org.

Children: Oversees religious education programs for children and youth. Susan Pearson, 425.485.5462, LREChildrenChair@euuc.org.

Youth: Supporting Advisors and Youth (SAY) assists youth advisors and DLRE with details associated with youth group programs. Carol Madoerin, 425.483.6602, LRESayChair@euuc.org.

Retreats

Summer Campout: August 5-7, 2011. No regular committee meetings. Contact Marikay Gillingham, 425.672.7449, SummerCampout@euuc.org.

Seabeck: Weekend for all interested members at Seabeck Christian Conference Center on Hood Canal. Vicki Curry, 206.523.6668, Seabeck@euuc.org.

Social Concerns: Participates in a broad array of service and social justice projects, focused on problems of poverty and homelessness. Pam Iverson, 425.949.8261, SocialConcerns@euuc.org.

Sunday Offering: Takes nominations and selects recipients monthly for Sunday offering. Pat Garrity, 425.392.0802, SundayOffering@euuc.org.

Sustainability: Educates congregation to encourage adoption of sustainable practices. Bob Rinehart, 425.776.2350, Sustainability@euuc.org.

Committees Open by Invitation, Application, or Election

Committee on Ministry: Focuses on fostering an environment that enhances EUUC's ability to carry out its mission and vision. Linda Crossland, 425.774.7174, CommitteeOnMinistry@euuc.org. Members appointed by the Board and Minister.

Lay Ministry Team: Meets with people in time of needs to provide a listening presence. Provides a ministry of hope and caring. Team members must apply and complete training. Marilyn Warner, 425.775.3433.

Nominating: Finds nominees for elected positions in church leadership. Elected by the congregation, Robin Stanton, 206.782.1790, Nominating@euuc.org.

Worship Associates: Plan and serve as lay leaders during Sunday services. April Cook, 425.712.3463, WorshipAssociates@euuc.org.



Do you want to offer a program at EUUC?

Please contact us if you would like information on how to start a new program (class, group, event, etc.) Here is a summary of the conditions each program must meet:

1. Must be sponsored by a church committee. Help finding a committee to sponsor your program is available.
2. Must have a facilitator or leader who has been a member of EUUC for at least one year.
3. Must have a contact person or leader who will maintain communications and arrange logistics with the church Administrator.
4. Must follow the rules and policies adopted by the EUUC Board of Trustees, and have purposes or missions that are in accordance with the Principles and Purposes of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Bring us your ideas, and we'll help turn them into a reality.

Membership Committee
Kyle Gillis, Co-Chair
425.486.4888, Kyle.Gillis@euuc.org