



The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

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Sunday Schedule

Forum: 9:30 am in the Library

Worship: 11:00 am-12:15 pm

Nursery: Available during service for infants through age 4

June 26, 2016

9:30 am Forum Topic

What would a Trump presidency look like?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

I Am People, by Rev. Steven Robinson

July 3, 2016

9:30 am Forum Topic

What is "Intelligence"?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

Celebrating Our Nation's Birthday: What we have learned about leadership, by Marc Drews

Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, June 19**, for publication on **Wednesday, June 22**. *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.* Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to uucc@uucolumbia.org.

Minister's Meditation

The Rev. Jennie Barrington, Interim Minister

"Hard Work for Our Friends in Orlando"

Dear Members and Friends,

On Monday, the day after the massacre in Orlando, I was at a loss. Since it was my day off, I bounced around town trying to get chores and errands done. I can't say as it made me feel any better. But occupying my time with tasks helped to stave off becoming overcome by emotions. When I'd gotten a good ways down my to-do list, I decided to get my hair cut. It felt reassuring to walk in and see that my hairdresser, Kristen, was there and available to do my hair.

"Just a little shorter," I said to her, "I want it to look professional and correct for some ministers' meetings I have to go to." We chatted about her children, and how all children do better at school when they turn off their cell phones and the TV. We talked about social media, and I said, "I don't even know where I heard this, or whether it's true or not, but I read that people who are on Facebook all the time can end up feeling lonelier." "That *is* true," Kristen said. "I think it's because the interactions are superficial, instead of in-depth and face-to-face." "It is that (Kristen said) and also because people are reading about the things other people are doing, that seem so fancy and exciting. Then they feel disappointed in their own lives." "Well, we shouldn't compare ourselves to others," I said. Kristen smiled and said, "But we all do."

We then talked about how Facebook *can* be good for keeping up with how family and friends are, in ways that they don't necessarily have time to pick up the phone and tell you. "Yes, (Kristen said), that's how we found out about Orlando." "Thank you for saying that (I said). I'm really very shaken about it. I'm just trying to 'act normal.'"

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(Paul Simon sings, "I'm alright, I'm alright-- I'm just weary to my bones...")

"We have a friend there," Kristen said. "You have a friend in Orlando?" I asked. "Yes," Kristen said, "So that's how we found out that he was alright-- because he posted something on Facebook, on Sunday morning." "I'm so sorry that you had to go through that," I said.

(Patty Sheehan, the Orlando City Commissioner, sings, "I don't know a soul who's not been battered; I don't have a friend who feels at ease. I don't know a dream that's not been shattered, or driven to its knees.")

Then I asked Kristen about a hair product that she had mentioned to me the last time she did my hair. The gel I had been using wasn't working. My hair kept flopping down onto my forehead. So she recommended something different. And I told her about my hairdresser, back when I lived in Portland Maine, in the 1990s. I'd told him I wanted my hair to go back, away from my face. And he'd said, "Jennie, your hair doesn't go back, it falls forward. That's just what it's like. So you have to work with it the way that it naturally is." Each month when I saw him, he would talk to me about a man he loved, whom he shared his life with. He would refer to him by his first name, endearingly. Yet he never said that he was gay. And I never asked.

(The Indigo Girls sing, "But it's alright, it's alright, for we've lived so well so long. Still when I think of the road we're travelling on, I wonder what's gone wrong. I can't help it, I wonder what's gone wrong.")

Kristen went and got the hair product she'd recommended to me, which was a cream instead of a gel. She was sure it would work well for my hairstyle. "But it's for men (She said, as if in the interest of full disclosure) or for boys." "That's okay," I said. "That's fine with me." "It's called, 'Work Hard,'" she said. "Well, I'm always doing that." "I know you are," Kristen said.

Whether or not a person is gay should be no more cause for judgment than whether the hair product they use is marketed for women or men. For how many years have I been saying, "Being gay is not a choice; it's simply the way some people are born. Approximately the same number of people are born gay as the percentage of people who are born left-handed. Therefore being gay should not be a moral issue"? --for over twenty years. I will not stop teaching this, no matter how hard the work is, no matter how long the work takes. Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of all human beings. And we believe that we are all connected to one another. And, as the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker wrote, "We must choose to, not curse, but bless the world."

(John Donne sings, "And I dreamed I was dying. I dreamed that my soul rose, unexpectedly. And looking back down at me, smiled reassuringly.")

During the Plague, John Donne saw people dying all around him and wrote:

"No man is an island, entire of itself;
Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were,
as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were:
any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind.
And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;
It tolls for thee."

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During our brief time on this earth, it matters what we teach, it matters what we say, it matters what we do. My religion has taught me that there is so much we can do that is reconciling, compassionate, and justice-seeking. And because we can, we have a duty to try. Unitarian Universalist teachings save lives.

(The "Ordinary Americans" sing, "And I dreamed I was flying. And high up above, my eyes could clearly see the Statue of Liberty sailing away to sea.")

(And Harvey Milk sings, "And I dreamed I was dying.")

Harvey Milk wrote, in 1978:

"You have to give them hope. Hope for a better world, hope for a better tomorrow, hope for a better place to come to if the pressures at home are too great. Hope that all will be all right. Without hope, not only gays, but the blacks, the seniors, the handicapped, the us'es, the us'es will give up... And you and you and you, you have to give people hope."

(The Presidents sing, "We come on the ship they call the Mayflower. We come on the ship that sailed the moon.")

(Walt Whitman sings, "We come in the age's most uncertain hour, and sing an American Tune. Oh, but it's alright-- It's alright, it's alright.")

The Universalists taught that we *can* be forever blessed-- each and every one.

Unitarian Universalist teachings save people's lives. The Rev. Joel Miller told us so, when he preached to the UUA General Assembly, after the Columbine shooting. He had been the minister of the Unitarian Universalist congregation in Littleton, Colorado. He said:

"To my Unitarian Universalist people, I tell you... we cannot live in shame or wallow in despair. There is not time, there are lives at stake. You see, Unitarian Universalism saves lives. I realized this in the weeks following the shooting: I realized that lives were saved by Unitarian Universalist heroes — by our youth group advisors who have sustained our youth programs, and brought hope and meaning where there was none... All of our congregations that welcome gays and lesbians, that have youth programs, these programs save lives. Imagine if every town had a Unitarian Universalist congregation... billions of people would journey toward wholeness and dismantle racism. They would grow up with a healthy sexuality, both gay and straight...they would know the good news of compassionate wisdom. We do not have time to indulge ourselves in being a small, self-satisfied religion... there are lives at stake! ...please tell the people at home: 'this faith saves lives...it can change the world.' And if they ask you, 'really?' , tell them that I know... I have seen it already. By taking small step after small step, every day, and giving a few hours a week to advise a youth group, to understand and dismantle racism, by giving a few hours of pay to support this Association, you help us to start new congregations, and give hope in places where there was none. Go back, tell our people, that it matters that this Association is here, it matters that they are here. Tell them that with this faith, they can and they will save lives."

(And a Cloud of Witnesses sing, "Still tomorrow's gonna be another working day, and I'm trying to get some rest-- That's all I'm trying to get some rest.")

Yours in faith,

Rev. Jennie

"It's a privilege to be here."

Directions Reflections Expectations

"...what is important in religious education is not how much you know children, teaching, or even Unitarian Universalism, but how much you are willing to give of yourself, of your soul....Above all teachers are mentors and companions of the children as they undertake their religious journeys in life."
Barry Andrews, from *To Touch Inward Springs*

Too often, I have heard completely wonderful people use one of the above reasons for not teaching CYRE. "Oh, I don't know enough about Unitarian Universalism," or "I don't really have any experience with children." These all speak to reservations and fears we can easily work with. With training, you can be an extraordinary mentor or teacher by giving children an opportunity to talk and by listening whole heartedly. Children are full of rich experience and unique perspectives. Together you can experience the same event but if you listen to them tell about it, you will quickly realize their perspective may be quite a bit different from your own. And often, they have a take on something that can make the experience new and fresh.

Our children are learning new and interesting things about composting, gardening, weeds, and so much more this summer. I am sure many of them would welcome your interest in what they are doing. Go ahead. Approach them, ask questions, and L-I-S-T-E-N! They will let you know what they are learning or be able to tell you something about their CYRE experience. Last week the children and youth examined red wigglers. Most of them relished the experience and would be tickled to share it with you. They may know something about them that you don't already know. Besides, when was the last time you had a close encounter with an earth worm?

Let's remember, it takes a village to raise children. And we are the villagers who are tasked with helping parents raise UUs who hold our values as their faith. We all have something to share or to garner from a chit chat with one of our younger people. Indulge yourself!

Enjoy!

Stephanie Palmer-Smith, DRE

Thank You

At The Cozy Concert "Salon" at The Minghis', works of Schumann, Mendelssohn, Chopin, and Brahms were introduced and brilliantly played by engaging Matthew Ganong. A HUGE THANK YOU to our gifted, talented Guest Artist, and to the 12 guests who generously contributed \$330 to our UUCC via this sold out Spring Fling event. Appreciatively, Lee and Julian.

The movie, "Cowspiracy: the Sustainability Secret" was shown to a packed audience in the social hall on Friday June 10 at 7:00 p.m. The folks who came to see it included members of the Columbia Veg Group, the Animal Ministry committee members, as well as members of the UU congregation at large. It was estimated that at least 40 people attended. Before the viewing and during intermission, vegan appetizers were served which were extremely well received. When the movie was over, most of the audience stayed for a lively discussion of the movie. This is the third in a series of movies related to Ethical Eating that the Animal Ministry has sponsored, and it was unanimously agreed to continue the series in the fall.

Anita Grossman, Chair of the Animal Ministry, would like to thank the members of the committee who came, brought food, and assisted throughout the evening. They included: Patty Drews, Sophia Storlazzi, Laura Culler, Linda Brennon, and Marilyn Miss. A special thank-you goes out to our "video guy," Patrick Saucier who handled the efficient running of the "Cowspiracy" DVD. (My deep apologies go out to anyone whose name I may have accidentally omitted!).

News and Notes

June 26, 2016

I Am People, by Rev. Stephen Robinson

Rev. Stephen Robinson Bio: I am an ACPE Supervisor and Chaplaincy Manager at Palmetto Health. I am married to Michelle Robinson, who is a chaplain at Self Regional and pastor at Clayton Memorial UU Church. I have two daughters, Mary Rose (14) and Sarah (8). We live in Irmo, with our two dogs Sadie and Brinkley.

July 3, 2016

Celebrating our Nations Birthday: What we have learned about leadership, by Marc Drews

July 10, 2016

The Three Jewels of Buddhism: Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha, by Jessica Kross

The three foundations of Buddhism are the Buddha, our ability to find the truth; the Dharma, the truth or the law; and the Sangha, the community of fellow travelers.

Jessica Kross Bio: Jessica is a retired history professor from USC. She has been a member of this congregation for over forty years and a practicing Buddhist for thirty.

Pledge Drive Update

We have received over \$211,000 in 2016/2017 pledges. Thank you for your support of the funding goals for our budget. There are many pledge cards that have not yet been returned. Please get your cards in as soon as possible. It is important that we know what funds will be available for our entire congregation, programs, and operating expenses.

You can email your pledge amount in confidence to uucc@uucolumbia.org. Pledge cards and envelopes are also available in the foyer and may be returned there, put in the collection plate, or mailed back. Thank you, Joe Long, Finance Chair

Attention All Members

Please help us maintain all our current UUCC members! Our bylaws state that to keep UUCC membership status, members must pledge for the 2016/17 year by June 30, or speak to Rev. Jennie about obtaining a waiver. Waivers are confidential and must be renewed every year. PLEASE

KEEP YOUR UUCC MEMBERSHIP AND TURN IN YOUR 2016/2017 PLEDGE BY JUNE 30. We don't want to lose any of our members! Thank you! Patty Drews, Membership Chair

2015/2016 Pledge Payments must be submitted by this Sunday, June 26.

Treasurer's 2015/2016 Budget Update for 5/31/2016

Pledges needed: \$198,055

Actual Pledges received: \$190,053

Shortage: \$8,002

To all who pledged to support the UUCC for 2015/2016:

If you have not paid your pledge or are behind in your pledge, please consider how much your promise means to the livelihood and continued viability of the Congregation. Pledged funds represent 85% of the income of the UUCC. Failure to receive pledges can create a serious lack of funding for all the UUCC's wonderful activities, not to mention the salaries of our minister and staff.

So, if you have pledged to support the UUCC, please be sure your payments are up to date. With grateful appreciation, Linda Brennon, Board Treasurer.

Planting Lilies in Memory of Charleston 9



on Woodrow Side of UUCC

Gun Violence Rally

Thanks to everyone that came out to the Gun Violence Rally at the State House on Saturday morning organized by our friend Gareth Fenley. Due to some quick and efficient planning by Stephanie Palmer-Smith with help from Grant Seuser and Jeanette Walton we managed to gather together 35 people with a passion to show their support against gun violence and the need to change South Carolina gun laws. We heard from several excellent speakers that helped to educate us even more on the need to take action to let our lawmakers know that we have HAD ENOUGH and changes must be made. Thanks to Martha Weeks and Ceren Farr for passing out post cards at the rally and more at church on Sunday to be sent to our legislators to let them know we must make necessary changes. We have also been called upon to contact our congressional leaders (Senators Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott and our local congressmen) asking them to vote for the new gun control legislation to be heard this week. Wringing our hands and talking about it will not stop the violence. It is now time for us as voting citizens to take action.

This picture is of some who attended the rally and proudly carried the UCC banner Standing on the Side of Love!



You Can Help Make it More Fun

We are forming a group to help plan our weekend at the Mountain on September 16-18 and would like to have your input. What kind of focal groups, activities, nature walks, kids programs, Sunday morning service would you like? Contact Joan Watterson 803-787-7873 or joan.l.watterson@icloud.com or Ginny Verne 803-786-7114 or jtverne33@att.net.

Reservations are now being accepted at the Mountain: website-themountainRLC.org or call during office hours- 828-526-5838.

Harvest Hope

Have you been wondering about what's happening with the Harvest Hope food basket that you have been donating to? We have collected 149 pounds of food for the hungry in the last several weeks. In these summer months while school is out there is even more need for assistance as there is no help for those families that were getting meals for their children at school on reduced (or free) prices for breakfast and lunch. These children are now going with very little for a day's meal. Please bring what you can to help increase the amount that we are delivering to Harvest Hope. They are in need of even more food than they were in the past. Also just a note to save the date to join the Social Action Committee to volunteer at Harvest Hope on Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 to 12:00. There will be more information about this later.

Call for Coffeehouse Volunteers

The UU Coffeehouse is a long standing tradition of our congregation. It may be the single thing that the UUCC is best known for in the greater Columbia area. And, it is certainly one of the premier "listening" venues in the Midlands. To keep this excellent program going, which attracts hundreds of people to the UUCC every season, **volunteers are needed**. If you want to attend fantastic concerts for free, enjoy excellent coffeehouse treats, and keep company with some very cool cats, we can use your help one Saturday a month this fall. To volunteer visit our web page: uucoffeehouse.org.

Meals on Wheels for Pets

A beloved pet can be the only companion for many home-bound seniors. The animal mission of our congregation asks you to give a thought to these animal companions. Donate any unopened pet food or supplies in the Social Hall by the front doors.

Save Toiletries from Summer Travels, for Homeless Shelters

The Social Action Committee urges you to use your discretion and bring back unopened toiletries from the hotels and motels you'll be staying in during your summer vacation or other travel. Place them in the food collection baskets at the entrance to the Social Hall. They will be donated to homeless shelters as needed or saved for the Inclement Weather Center (winter shelter) when it opens on November 1. For more information, contact Tom Clements, 803-240-7268 or tomclements329@cs.com.

Sunday Greeters Needed

While Don Dodson is recuperating, Dot Brown will coordinate the greeter program and is looking for volunteers who would like to join our merry little group. Greeters have options of dates when they volunteer and it is usually from 10:30- 11:00 a.m. when services start. Occasionally we need someone from 10:00-11:00 a.m. For many visitors this is their first impression of UU and a personal "good morning" and "welcome" always helps in creating a welcoming atmosphere. Please contact Dot Brown at dbrown114@aol.com.



Calling Artists for Art Group

If you are interested in working on your art with others for support, encouragement and feedback, the Art Group is for you. We meet weekly on **Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - noon** in the UUCC Social Hall. Bring your own supplies and prepare to enjoy the company of other artists at no cost. No instruction provided. Please contact Ruthie Saunders at rsaunders@sc.edu if you would like to participate or if you have questions.

Chair Yoga, Tuesdays

Chair yoga entails about 45 minutes of real yoga but it takes place mostly seated. It is ideal for people who want to improve flexibility but who do not like (or, for physical reasons, cannot do) the typical yoga class.



Chair Yoga meets in the UUCC Social Hall at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. **If you are new to the group** and have questions or would like to participate, please contact Ruthie Saunders rsaunders@sc.edu.

Seeking another Chair Yoga Instructor...

We have had such a great response to our Chair Yoga class that we need an additional Chair Yoga Instructor so we can meet twice per week! If you have yoga instruction background and are interested in a one-day training session in adapted yoga to become a Chair Yoga instructor, please contact Ruthie Saunders, rsaunders@sc.edu, who can also provide you with some more links and information about training opportunities.

Proselytizing our faith? No way, you say!

But do you have website design and/or maintenance expertise along with some time to volunteer (from a few hours to an on-going specific commitment)? UUCC needs your skill. Contact Andrea (uucc@uucolumbia.org) for information about how you can help publicize and promote our congregation!

Transitions Volunteers Needed Second Saturday of Each Month

UUCC has a recurring obligation to help serve the evening meal at Transitions Homeless Recovery Center, 2025 Main Street in Columbia, on the second Saturday of every month. Contact Bob Whitaker at bobwhit46@gmail.com to volunteer.

September Set, Friday, June 24

Our monthly September Set for our UUCC Seniors will be held Friday, June 24. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall with conversation and getting to know each other better. Bring a dish to share and join in the fun. Long time and new members and friends are welcome. We hope to

see you there. Contact Jean Capalbo at jacapalbo@gmail.com or Pat Mohr at patmohr@mindspring.com

UUCC Book Club, Sunday, June 26

The next UUCC Book Club meeting is on Sunday, June 26 at 6:30 pm. Joe Long will facilitate a discussion on *What to Think About Machines That Think*, edited by John Brockman. We will meet at a member's home. The UUCC Book Club is open to all members and friends of UUCC. Please contact Ruthie Saunders if you have questions or would like more information: rsaunders@sc.edu

SC Archives & History Center Tour, Saturday, July 9

The event is a tour of the South Carolina Archives & History Center on Saturday, July 9 at 10:00 a.m. Contact Erin Lowry to attend at (803) 606-2061 or ELM11126@yahoo.com. The tour includes the Research Room which will show some of the sources available for researching family history; the stacks which houses nationally significant documents in the collection, such as the Bill of Rights, Nullification Ordinance and the Ordinance of Secession; and the Exhibit Hall which features the earliest records in the collection from 1671 to 1729 when the Lords Proprietors owned the colony. The tour usually lasts about 45 minutes and staff will gladly answer questions that the group may have. Once the tour is concluded, you can visit the gift shop or stay and do research.

Women's Book Group, Tuesday, July 12



The Women's Book Group will meet Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon, 776-0784 or sjchubon@sc.rr.com.

Seeds of Hope

Thanks to all of you we are doing very well with Seeds of Hope, our own Farmers Market that is open every Sunday from 10:15 to 1:00 in front of the church. Please remember that it takes volunteers to make that a successful operation and so far this is who we can say thanks to but we still need a few more:

Here's the latest Seeds of Hope schedule:

June 12 - Ann Johnson & Bauer Westernen
June 19 - Annie & Kersi Contractor
June 26 - Cheryl Soehl & Linda Brennison
July 3 - Mike Sullivan & Susan Robinson
July 10 - Jeanette Walton & Mary Au
July 17 - Amy Persons (Need 1 more volunteer)
July 24 - Need 2 volunteers
July 31 - Need 2 volunteers
August 7 - Need 2 volunteers
August 14 - Ceren Farr (Need 1 more volunteer)
August 21 - Ceren Farr (Need 1 more volunteer)

Just to let you know how we are doing for Farmer Reid so far our sales have been:

June 12th: 35 customers \$128.00

June 19th: 27 customers \$125.50

Thanks for starting us off with such a success! If you see a date that needs a volunteer please let Bauer Westernen (bauerwesternen@yahoo.com) know.



Bauer Westernen at UCC Seeds of Hope Stand

Summertime Fun-draiser, Saturday, July 23

Jean Capalbo and Ginny Verne will be hosting a fundraiser dinner at Jean's home on Saturday, July 23. Seating is limited. Cost will be \$30 at the time of reservation. After the meal you will be asked to contribute an additional amount based on what you feel the evening has provided---from zero to infinity. Proceeds will go to the UUCU general fund. For information or to make a reservation, email or phone Jean (jacapalbo@gmail.com or 928-202-0286) or Ginny (jtverne33@att.net or 803-786-7114).

Gay Pride Event, September 3

Save the date for the Gay Pride Event coming up September 3. It will be here sooner than you realize. The Social Action Committee will have a beautiful float and already have a committee working on this. We want as many as possible to walk in the parade so set that day aside for a great event and let's be sure to show our support. If you are interested in helping work on the committee please advise Linda McLeod or Jeanette Walton or send a message to socialaction@uucolumbia.org.



UUCU Family Painting Festival

I'm sure that you are all familiar with the "Adopt a Block" litter pick-up campaigns.

The outside of the RE wing needs painting and there are no funds available to pay someone to do this. So, we are initiating a "Family Painting Festival" to get the job done. The walls will be prepared for painting and brave souls have volunteered to paint the high parts which will need a tall ladder and/or scaffolding. The wall area will be divided into 21' X 5' sections and families can "adopt" a section to paint. Paint and brushes will be provided and various painting dates and times will be available but the plan is to limit painting to 7-10am and 5-8pm to avoid the heat. Of course, we are all members of the UUCU Family, so anyone can adopt a space! Families may also make a contribution to be used in hiring painters if they would like. **See the poster and sign-up sheet in the social hall.** For more information, contact Carolyn West at cwest3@att.net

Share the Plate Categories

The Social Action Committee is getting ready to begin the Share the Plate process for the coming year. We donate half of our cash collections each month to an outside charity or social justice organization chosen by our members. There are ten categories of recipients, which are decided by the Social Action Committee. However, the committee welcomes input from our Members and Friends to select what categories will be presented.

Last year the categories were as follows:

- Animal shelters/Animal services
- Children's services
- Food banks/Food support
- Environmental issues
- Health issues
- Homeless shelters
- International aid
- Legal aid
- LGBT issues
- Women's issues

If you would like to recommend a different category to be included this year, please submit a written suggestion to the Social Action Committee (socialaction@uucolumbia.org) by the end of June. All Members and Friends are invited to attend the Wednesday, July 6 committee meeting where categories will be reviewed and the final decision will be made. The Share the Plate nomination process will take place in September.

Religious Education

An Interfaith Art Contest!

Peace in the Park, an Interfaith Partnership of South Carolina event, is proud to offer children and youth throughout Columbia an opportunity to participate in their “Peace in the Park” art contest. Please follow the link below for details.

[Peace in the Park Art Contest](#)

CYRE Field Trip to the State Museum Sunday, July 3

Join us for a group field trip to the State Museum to experience their “Race – Are We So Different?” exhibit.

Thanks to one of our many CYRE benefactors, there will be no charge for this educational excursion. All members are welcomed. Please contact Bethany Storlazzi to let her know if you and your family will be going. We will meet in the Social Hall on Sunday, July 3 at 12:30 p.m. to car pool. Bethany can be reached at: johnlazzi@yahoo.com or 803-419-0760. Group limited to 30!



Children Youth Religious Education Calendar

Sunday June 26: CYRE “Food for our Food?”
Learn about the many billions of organisms inhabiting our soils.

Sunday July 3: NO CYRE!

Storage Space Needed!

Do you have any space for storing books? We have several boxes of books and vinyl stored in the CYRE wing. These were items left over from our book sale. We are willing to donate them but would like to keep them for the next general fund bazaar coming up soon. We can, if necessary, transport the books. Please contact Stephanie: dre@uucolumbia.org, or 207-400-9428 for more details.

UUCC Board of Trustees
Summary of April 20, 2016 Meeting

The Board of Trustees met April 20, 2016 from 6:31 to 7:58 PM.

Treasurer's Report

The total revenue shortfall for this fiscal year has increased to \$12,666. Expenses are still slightly under budget. We need to continue emphasis on this year's pledges as well as next year's canvass.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds We have an estimate to treat the mold in the RE wing for \$3525. There was no action by the committee this month.

Denominational Connections Committee Richard Culler has an announcement to be shared to inform delegates to GA that the UUCC will pay part of their registration fee.

Finance Committee is working on the canvass while preparing the budget for next year. The Committee will present the budget to the Board May 11.

Leadership Development Committee presented their recommendation for members of the Ministerial Search Committee: Linda Brennison, Rod Brown, David Crockett, Rebecca Drennan, Brian Dudick, Ann Johnson, and Buzzie Kelly. The Board accepted this slate to be voted on by the members at the Annual Meeting on May 22.

Worship Committee is planning a 2-3 day conference on Progressive Religion in August with Roger Ray as the keynote speaker. They have requested a loan of \$1,000 for seed money to cover early expenses before registration income arrives. Richard McLeod will come to next month's Board meeting to provide more information about the conference.

Minutes summarized by
Sandy Chubon, Secretary

Meetings & Rentals

Board Meeting	Wednesday, July 20	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Bon Voyage	Every Wednesday	7:00 pm	Member's Home
Children & Youth RE Committee	Sunday, TBA	12:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Choir	Sunday, August 28?	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Committee Night (starts with dinner)	Wednesday, July 6	6:00 pm	Dinner in the Social Hall
CUUP's, Gaia's Rising	Every Thursday	7:30 pm	Library
Forum	Every Sunday	9:30 am	Library
Green Committee	TBA	6:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Knit or Not	Every Monday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Membership Committee	Sunday, July 3	12:15 pm	Classroom #8
Visitor Orientation	Sunday, July 17	12:15 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 nd Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, June 24	6:00 pm	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Wednesday, July 6	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Technology Committee	Wednesday, July 6	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	Wednesday, July 13	6:00 pm	Classroom # 5
UU Book Club	Sunday, June 26	6:30 pm	Member's Home
UU Humanist	4 th Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
UU Partner Church Committee	Contact: Lee Minghi, 798-0904; Carita Barr, 782-0053; or Susan Robinson, 446-0675	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Women's Book Club	2 nd Tuesday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Writing Group	2 nd Tuesday	6:30 pm	Classroom # 5
Rentals			
La Leche League	3rd Tuesdays	6-8pm	Classroom # 5
Sitting with Sadness	Every Monday Starting August 8	7-8:15 pm	Social Hall
Tai Chi 803-772-9557 columbia.sc@taoist.org	Every Thursday	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Meditation	Every Monday	7:00 pm	Library
Men's AA	Every Tuesday	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Agnostic AA	Every Sunday	5:00 pm	Library
Women's AA	Every Wednesday	6:30 pm	Library

The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism

Grateful for the religious pluralism that enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. We covenant to affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person
2. Justice, equity, and compassion in human relationships
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth in our congregations
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and society at large
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
7. Respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part

If these principles reflect your understanding of the world and appeal to your sense of spiritual fulfillment, we invite you to consider membership in the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia. If you would like to discuss membership or if you would simply like more information, please speak to any member of the Membership Committee or of the Board of Trustees.

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