



# 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 2

### October 30, 2016

#### 9:30 am Forum Topic

Will (and if so, how) social media change people's behavior?

#### 11:00 am Sermon Topic

*On Magic and Magical Thinking,*  
by Rev. Jennie Barrington

### November 6, 2016

#### 9:30 am Forum Topic

Is redlining and gentrification a good thing?

#### 11:00 am Sermon Topic

*The Election Sermon,*  
by Rev. Jennie Barrington

## Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, November 6**, for publication on **Wednesday, November 9**. **Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.** Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).

## Minister's Meditation

**The Rev. Jennie Barrington, Interim Minister**

***"People wish to be settled; only as far as they are unsettled is there any hope for them." (Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

Dear Members and Friends,

I am enjoying my time with all of you so much! I have been pleased to have more in-depth conversations with long-time members, and to begin to get to know the many new people who have joined UUCS since I began serving as the Interim Minister here, back in August of 2015. Now is a good time for a refresher on what an Interim Minister is and does.

When a minister has been settled in a congregation for several years, and then her or his ministry there ends, an Interim Minister is a good idea. There will be some things that the congregation has been doing the same way over and over again. The Interim Minister can help people try new things in new ways. And there will be some things that were done a variety of different ways, month to month, or even week to week. The Interim Minister can help establish some consistency. The Interim Minister comes in with fresh eyes. All congregations have found that to be a helpful perspective for them to self-assess how things are going at a unique point in the congregation's history. First and foremost is noticing and lifting up the things that are going well. We need to fan the flame of those things, so that they keep going well! Additionally, an Interim Minister works closely with the Board, and committees, and ad hoc task forces. That work includes setting goals and priorities, reviewing the bylaws, and clarifying the roles of minister, staff, and lay leaders.

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As such, Interim Ministry is an additional layer on top of the usual work of ministering to a congregation (what we call “Parish Ministry”). I love it! A big part of my work is helping the congregation have a Search Process that is as much of a happy success as possible. Ideally, the Search Committee will choose one Candidate Minister to make an offer to, who will be a great fit to be the long-term minister of UUCC, and that Candidate Minister will say yes. Then he or she will come to UUCC this spring (often from the last weekend in April through the first weekend in May). During that week, the minister will preach and lead worship twice. And there will be ample time for everyone to attend “Meet and Greet,” to ask any questions on your minds. At the end of that week, the members vote. And the vote needs to be at least 90% in favor for a minister to accept. All signs are looking great for UUCC’s Search Process to be a happy success!

I’m reminding us about what Interim Ministry is so that you can ask me any questions you’d like to ask. The “interim work” that I described above is actually written into every interim minister’s contract. It’s called, “The Five Developmental Tasks” of Interim Ministry, and it includes:

--assisting with claiming and honoring UUCC’s past and healing its griefs and conflicts;

--illuminating UUCC’s identity, strengths, needs, and challenges;

--clarifying the multiple dimensions of leadership, both ordained and lay, and navigating the shifts in leadership that accompany times of transition;

--renewing connections with resources within and beyond the UUA; and

--renewing UUCC’s vision, strengthening its stewardship, preparing for new professional leadership, and helping members engage with UUCC’s future with anticipation and zest.

No interim period would see the full completion of all of these tasks. But we have made great progress with them. Neither are they done in any one order. We can continue to talk about UUCC’s past and its challenges. We will certainly continue to work on Leadership Development, something that all congregations, and non-profits, always want to do more of. We will continue to strengthen UUCC’s relationship with staff and consultants from the UUA. And what I have enjoyed the most has been clarifying and strengthening our commitment to UUCC’s stewardship, unique purpose in the wider community, and vision for its future.

So I hope that you will continue to talk with me about my role and responsibilities here, as your interim minister. Each congregation I have served has had some things that it does really well. UUCC has so many things it does really well that I continue to be motivated, inspired, and delighted to serve here with y’all.

Affectionately,

Rev. Jennie (“It’s a privilege to be here.”)

**Direction**  
**Reflection**  
**Exploration**

“The Little Boy and the Old Man

Said the little boy, "Sometimes I drop my spoon."

Said the old man, "I do that too."

The little boy whispered, "I wet my pants."

"I do that too," laughed the little old man.

Said the little boy, "I often cry."

The old man nodded, "So do I."

"But worst of all," said the boy, "it seems

Grown-ups don't pay attention to me."

And he felt the warmth of a wrinkled old hand.

"I know what you mean," said the little old man."

— **Shel Silverstein**

I really think Shel Silverstein was a genius and that genius was expressed in many of his works. How often have you reread the *Giving Tree*? And the above ode to age and childhood and the unfortunate attributes of both stages of life is a really important reminder to the rest of us to pay special attention to these folks who are on the fringes of life's journey. And most importantly, it gives those of us who want to understand what makes belonging to a church so very, very important some valuable insight. It is often the only place we visit in our life's journey where so many generations come together. It is one of the most significant places we have for learning from one another and supporting each other. And I saw this in action at the Chili Cook-Off.

Before the event the kitchen and social hall were humming with activity. Bread was being cut, chili pots were sending out hints of the promise of epicurean joy, and one young child was preparing ticket ballots for the event. She had the task of threading the yarn through the small holes punched in the paper tickets and tying knots to keep the ends together. A challenging endeavor even for those of us with lots of experience in knot tying. It was obvious she would need help. And then along comes one of our wonderful long time members who willingly sat and patiently helped thread and tie over 100 ballots!

The cooperation between the two was heartwarming. Learning from one another, working cooperatively, an otherwise overwhelming task became manageable and even enjoying. And the exchanges between the two were priceless. No one was an obvious lead and neither was the obvious student. It was an equal exchange of two people putting their heads together to get a task done and to get it done in a pleasant manner. One of the truly simple joys of being a valued member of our UUCS community and a life lesson for those of us not yet fully engaged. Lend your heart and soul to a community and experience the weightlessness of being lifted with love and support. It is truly a beautiful state of being.

I hope you all get to experience this over and over again in our halls and I dream that we can take this out into the world to sow as this is truly what makes our lives' journeys so worthwhile.

In Peace, my friends!

Stephanie Palmer-Smith, Director of Religious Exploration



## THINK OF A MINISTER. DON'T THINK OF AN ELEPHANT!

Chances are you thought of both. And distinct images perhaps came to mind. Despite good intentions and concerted effort, we often think of things that we tell ourselves not to think. In terms of a minister, what images come to your mind? Is it a person of a particular gender, race, or age?

In finding the person who would be the best match for our congregation, we could potentially overlook or even let biases keep us from knowing that a particular person would be the best match for us.

The *Beyond Categorical Thinking* workshop is a highly recommended part of the ministerial search process for our congregation. This program is over 20 years running, and seeks to address the very real discrimination ministers in our faith who are people of color, bisexual, gay, lesbian, female, transgendered, differently labeled, young, old, ethnically different, or of a different social class still face as part of a ministerial search. This program will provide us a chance to examine how we can avoid letting prejudice become a part of our search process.

In our continued efforts to find the best match, our congregation will host a *Beyond Categorical Thinking* workshop after the service on **Sunday, November 13**, with trainer, Amanda Schuber, from the UUA. Amanda will meet with the Search Committee on Saturday, lead the Sunday worship service, and then facilitate a 3-hour dialogue after church from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Lunch will be provided.**

We hope the entire congregation will join us in this opportunity to help us fully participate in the search process. It will allow us to join together and explore our hopes and concerns for a new minister, learn more about the search process, and see how our own history (both personal and congregational) might interfere with our efforts in this search.

Please **SIGN UP** by clicking [here](#), or by signing up on the sheet posted in the Social Hall. **Child care will be available if requested by Sunday, November 6.**

Be Part of the Process.  
Join the Journey!

Rod Brown, Member of the Ministerial Search Committee





## Candles of Community

We send our best wishes to Marcia Fletcher for a speedy recovery from her recent knee surgery.

Our caring thoughts go to Candy Johnson who suffered a minor stroke last week. She is doing well.

Our thoughts are with Joan Watterson who had knee surgery on Monday.

## Thank You

### Harriet Hancock Center

On behalf of Harriet and the board and volunteers at the Harriet Hancock Center, thank you so much for the generous donation. Thank you for allowing me, Blake and Saylay to speak to your congregation that Sunday. Good luck with your building campaign. I can't wait to see your remodeled sanctuary. Thanks again & God Bless  
Chuck Archie, HHC President

### Food Not Bombs Service Day

Thanks to our great CYRE volunteers and those who donated, our children were able to make approximately 80 sunflower butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless. WOW! Martha, Brandi, Gail, Jonathan, Andrea, Keitha and Jim – you are the bees' knees!

### Vegan Potluck

Vegan Potluck Deemed a Smashing Success! The Vegan Potluck held on Sunday, October 16, was successful on a number of levels. The attendees included members of the UU Animal Ministry and the UU congregation. It was coordinated with, and attended by, members of Columbia Veg and the Progressive Network. The number of folks who signed our "Welcome!" sheet was around 50, but an estimate of the number who actually attended (by Larry Siegel, UUCC's "official counter" on Sundays), was more in the neighborhood of 90-95!! These numbers were reinforced by the quantity of chairs that had to be added to the tables! While 17 of those who came were from UUCC, the rest were from the other two organizations. It would follow, that this event truly had another somewhat unintended outcome, which was outreach to the community.

In addition to enjoying a wonderful vegan buffet provided by the attendees, Trisha Mandes, from USC who is a nutritionist with a masters degree in public health, reviewed irrefutable studies that all pointed in one direction: one *can* reverse disease by the introduction of a plant-based diet. Her talk was followed by a lively question and answer period and resources for follow up.

This event could not have taken place were it not for the efforts and energy put behind it by members of the Animal Ministry. Anita Grossman, Chair, would like to thank Marky Deese, Sophia Storlazzi, Laura Culler, Larry and Susan Siegel, Linda Brennon, Linda LaRosa, Patty Drews, and Marilyn Miss for their tireless efforts to see that this potluck was a success!



### Chili Cook-Off

Thanks go to Cynthia Blackman for taking this on and making it a very successful FUUNdraiser! And a BIG thanks to our young adults, Boone Dawson and Santiago Perez, for being such strong leaders.

The winners were:

Ginny Verne for her very Special Ingredient; Linda McLeod for a tasty Meaty; Patty Drews for a nutritious Vegan; and Tim VanDenBerg for Children's Favorite!

Thanks to everyone who entered, voted, helped out and contributed to this great event.

# News and Notes

## October 30, 2016

"On Magic and Magical Thinking" [Rev. Jennie preaching] Do you believe in magic? Is there a normative way UUUs tend to view Magical Thinking? The last week in October is National Magic Week, in honor of the great magician Harry Houdini, who died on October 31, 1926. This sermon will explore a spectrum of beliefs about magic and the supernatural.

## November 6, 2016

"The Election Sermon" [Rev. Jennie preaching] [The Adult Choir will also sing.] Traditionally on the Sunday before Election Day, Unitarian Universalist ministers preach about the democratic process, the Constitution, or the importance of voting. We will come together this Sunday to reexamine and reaffirm all that is good at the heart of these things.

## November 13, 2016

"Beyond Categorical Thinking Sunday," by Amanda Schuber, UUA Representative (see Page 4)

## AmazonSmile: Free Money for UCC

Thanks to everyone who has been using AmazonSmile for the past year or so! How does AmazonSmile work to help our budget? Simply go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0509045>, and bookmark that address and use it every time you order something from Amazon. Our Congregation will receive 0.5% of the purchase price of whatever you buy. We have been getting on average about \$25 each quarter, but many members and friends may not be aware that UCC is eligible for this lagniappe!! Please note that this shopping experience is identical to the "regular" Amazon Site. You have the same selections, pay the same prices, and there is no charge to you or to UCC. Please contact Bob Whitaker at [treasurer@uucolumbia.org](mailto:treasurer@uucolumbia.org) if you have any questions, or sign in to <http://org.amazon.com> and click on the Help tab to see their FAQ topics.

## Order of Service Deadline is October 31

Because our Administrator, Andrea Dudick, will be out of the office on Thursday, November 3, all submissions for the November 6 Order of Service must be received by Monday, October 31. Thank you!

## We Have a Match!!

### An Update on Your Capital Campaign

Those of you at the service last Sunday heard the great news about the campaign to renovate our building: we now have a matching challenge for \$30,000!!! Yes, a new couple, Quillin and Julie Davis, have seen our potential and offered us a chance to double our money; they will match dollar for dollar any pledges donated between October 23 and November 30 up to \$30,000. This includes increases in current Capital Campaign pledges. If you want to do an additional pledge, simply fill out another pledge card and write a big "2" at the top and tell us the details in the "Other" section.

This is a big "heads-up" for everyone who has been postponing their contribution to the Capital Campaign. Even if you have to wait until next year to write the check (maybe you're selling a house, taking an IRA distribution that will be tax-free if it goes to us, etc.), now's the time to make a pledge. Just indicate a date when you think the donation would happen. If we get your pledge card before November 30, it will be matched.

This is also the optimal time for everyone at the UCC to contribute. We are printing some more pledge cards with the goal to get a pledge from everyone in the building: every man, woman, and child. We are asking CYRE teachers to discuss this with children and parents, with the understanding that no gift is too small. Wouldn't it be great if every child could say they helped make the RE wing beautiful? Wouldn't it be great if we could tell visitors and potential ministers that 100% of our congregation gave to renovate our building?

To say your Capital Campaign team is thrilled is an understatement! Including the pledges/checks we received last Sunday, which were all matched, we now have a total of \$128,453 in pledges. We have a real chance to hit our goal of \$175,000 and even surpass it, enabling us to do more. Even better, we could save a lot of money by hiring one contractor for everything---and begin work before we have potential ministers visiting next Spring. It's a great time to be at the UCC!

Your UCC Capital Campaign Team: Pat Mohr, Don Dodson, Kevin Meredith, Dot Brown, Nancie Shillington-Perez



### **UUC Congregation: We Need Your Help!**

As you may know, the 2016-2017 operations budget is insufficient for the needs anticipated for the coming year. Your FRAT (Fund-RAising Team) has already staged a UU Coffeehouse concert and a garage sale to raise funds. Our next event is the **Holiday Bazaar on November 19.**

If you can help, please contact Jean Capalbo at [jacapalbo@gmail.com](mailto:jacapalbo@gmail.com).

### **Fun-draiser Dinner**

At the home of Jean Capalbo, Saturday, November 12. All seats are sold! But we have tentative plans for a vegetarian meal in February. More details will be coming later.

### **Children & Adult Chalice Lighters Needed**

Please celebrate a special event by becoming a Chalice Lighter. Having a birthday? An anniversary? New to UUC? We would like to celebrate with you! Write: [dre@uucolumbia.org](mailto:dre@uucolumbia.org) today to reserve your date or sign up on the clipboard found on the information table in the Social Hall.

### **Fall Garden 2016**

Garden therapy is available to anyone interested. Fall crops of cauliflower, fennel, beets, Swiss chard and Brussel sprouts have been planted. Check it out! Visit any time. Look for the winter ornamental kale and pansies in our Minister's Walk Way garden. Your input/action/etc. is appreciated. Contact Stephanie at: [dre@uucolumbia.org](mailto:dre@uucolumbia.org).

## *Holiday Pageant*

### **Good King Wenceslas**

#### **One Child Needed to Fill Role for Pageant**

Nancie needs one more child ages 7-10, to complete this year's cast of *Good King Wenceslas*. There are only four rehearsals for this role. We have a wonderful time forming community and performing for our UUC peeps and friends. Please contact Nancie with any questions you may have at [nancierrr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nancierrr@sbcglobal.net). The rehearsal schedule is as follows. One needed absence from rehearsals is accepta-

ble with the exception of dress rehearsals.

#### **Upcoming Rehearsals for the pageant, *Good King Wenceslas*:**

- Oct. 30 12:30-1:30 Principle and Secondary Roles (Plus Adult Villagers/Chorus, as possible)
- Nov. 13 9:15-10:15 Building Scenery, Costumes & Make Up (In Back Rooms)  
Run Through for Actors, Lighting & Mics (Sanctuary)
- Nov. 20 12:45-2:45 Full Cast: Principle, Secondary Roles, and Villagers (Adults & Children) Off Script
- Dec. 4 12:45-2:45 DRESS REHEARSAL: All Involved; Actors, Vocalists, Crew, Make Up, Costumes, Scenery
- Dec. 11 8:30-10:00am Curtain Call - Run Through
- Dec. 11 11:00 am Performance for Service

### **September Set, Friday, October 28**

Our monthly September Set for our UUC Seniors will be held Friday, October 28. 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](mailto:jacapalbo@gmail.com) or Pat Mohr at [patmohr@mindspring.com](mailto:patmohr@mindspring.com).

## Halloween Spook-tacular, Saturday, October 29, 6-9pm

All ages welcome to a spook-tacular evening Saturday, October 29 on our UCC grounds. Add your jack-o-lantern to the Great



Pumpkin patch, dress your Halloween best and join our community under the stars for games, music, trick-or-treating and a whole lot of holiday fun. For more info or to sign up to help contact Gail Dawson 336-575-6425 or gailzebub@msn.com

## Gaias Rising CUUPS Samhain Party Saturday, October 29

Gaias Rising CUUPS is having their Samhain Party and Ritual in the UCC Social Hall on Saturday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish to share, something to drink, and a bag of candy for the kids. We meet on this night to remember our past friends and loved ones who have crossed over to the Summerland. Come dressed in your Halloween garb for a great night of fun! See you there. Blessed Be. For more info contact Lewis Richardson 803-729-4319 or email L\_c\_r\_1@live.com

## UCC Book Club, Sunday, October 30

The next UCC Book Club meeting is Sunday, October 30 at 6:30 pm. Phil Turner will facilitate a discussion on *Strangers Drowning: Grappling with Impossible Idealism, Drastic Choices, and the Overpowering Urge to Help* by Melissa MacFarquhar. We will meet at a member's home. The UCC Book Club is open to all members and friends of UCC. Please contact Ruthie Saunders if you have questions or would like more information: rsaunders@sc.edu

## Social Action Committee Meeting

The Social Action Committee will have the regular scheduled meeting Wednesday, November 2, with a 6:00 potluck and the meeting beginning at 7:00. If you are unable to attend the potluck please try to make it to the meeting as we will be discussing some important upcoming events. We would appreciate your input.

## Adult Choir Schedule

We will rehearse and sing on **Sunday, November 6, at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary** and every two weeks after. Bill Moody, Director

## Harvest Hope

A big thanks to those UCC volunteers who served at Harvest Hope on Saturday, October 15. They worked side by side with other organizations packing Senior Boxes to help meet the many needs that are being experienced in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. In the picture from left to right are Mike Sullivan, Tony Ganong, Ceren Farr, Jim Verne, Ginny Verne, Bob Whitaker, Gloria Talcove-Woodward, Cheryl Soehl, Joan Watterson, Bonnie Stornach, and Sarah Grenier (not pictured Alex Virzi, Jeanette Walton, and Anne Mellen.)



We continue to be helpful to Harvest Hope since they are one of the main sources assisting those in need after Hurricane Matthew hit the state. They can use non-perishable canned goods, financial donations, and volunteers. As always you can bring the canned goods to our food basket which sits just inside the Social Hall. To make a financial donation or to volunteer go to the Harvest Hope webpage [harvesthope.org](http://harvesthope.org) and click on donate or volunteer.

Thank you very much for the **125 pounds you have donated** in the last few weeks. Keep it coming folks.

## Families Helping Families

It will soon be time for UCC to participate in the Families Helping Families program. We will sponsor four families again this year. Be watching for the trees to go up on Sunday, November 6, and your opportunity to choose a family member for whom to purchase a gift.





## The Sixth Annual Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, November 6

Join us on Sunday, November 6 on the Heyward side of the church at 3:00 p.m. The Blessing of the Animals is sponsored by the UU Animal Ministry and you will again have chance to have your pet blessed by Reverend Jennie. This is also a time to show gratitude for the unique attributes and ways that your pet has enriched your life. Only animals with good manners are invited! Please use leashes, cages or crates for your safety and the welfare of your pet. There will be *complimentary* dog and cat treats and toys as well as some people food, too! Questions? Contact Anita Grossman (anitaj48@aol.com).

### Cat & Dog Raffle Baskets

As a special feature of this year's Blessing of the Animals, we are raising money for Howlmore Animal Sanctuary and UUCC by raffling off 2 wonderful pet goodie baskets. Items in the cat basket include: a gift certificate to Pet Lover's Warehouse, a special laser light toy, an array of grooming aids, a fuzzy cat bed, treats and toys, just to name a few of the items, valued at over \$75. The dog basket has a special reinforced doggie swimming pool, treats, toys, a Kong, and even a doggie tote bag, valued at well over \$100. If you would like to see these items and buy a chance to win (only \$2.00/raffle ticket!!), come to the Social Hall after services on October 30 or November 6. Winners will be drawn at the Blessing of the Animals on November 6. You do not have to be present to win.

### Writing Group, Tuesday, November 8

Please join us for the UUCC Writing Group on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30–7:30 pm in Room 5. Feel free to bring something that you have written and would like to share with the group. Each month we will discuss different writing styles, topics for writing, and share our stories, biographies, poems, songs and anything

else we can imagine. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Seel at 803-776-7138 or [chseel@bellsouth.net](mailto:chseel@bellsouth.net)

### Women's Book Group, Date Change



The Women's Book Group will meet **Tuesday, November 15** (not the 8<sup>th</sup>), at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 to discuss *The Guns of August* by Barbara Tuchman. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon, [sjchubon@sc.rr.com](mailto:sjchubon@sc.rr.com) or 776-0784.

### UULE—Unitarian Universalist Little Elves—a Yule Child-Sitting Celebration & Santa Shop!



Coming **Saturday, December 3, from Noon to 4:30 p.m.**, the UUCC will offer **FREE** child care. Parents can free up this afternoon before holiday mayhem hits! Children will:

- Eat lunch
- Play games
- Make holiday crafts
- Bake holiday cookies
- Shop in the Santa Shop

We are also accepting donations of gently used items for the Santa Shop. Children can purchase these items for \$1 or less. The Santa Shop donation box is located in the Social Hall (see wrapped box near the information table). To reserve a spot, please email Beck Sullivan at: [beck.sullivan.sc@gmail.com](mailto:beck.sullivan.sc@gmail.com) . Reservations help with planning for enough food for lunch.

## Chair Yoga, Tuesdays & Thursdays



Chair Yoga is now twice a week on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Both classes meet in the UUCC Social Hall. Come to either session or come to both. Chair yoga entails about 45 minutes of real yoga but it takes place mostly seated. The yoga instructors are Molly Jones and Ruthie Saunders. Please contact Ruthie [rsaunders@sc.edu](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu) if you have questions.

## Art for All Group, Tuesdays

If you are interested in working on your art with others for support, encouragement and feedback, then the Art for All 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](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu) if you have questions.



## 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](mailto:bobwhit46@gmail.com) to volunteer.

## Save Toiletries from 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 travels. 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](mailto:tomclements329@cs.com).

# Religious Education

## Youth Groups Carve Pumpkins, Sunday, October 30

Both Middle and High School Youth Groups will be meeting near the garden to carve pumpkins this Sunday, October 30 from 12:30-1:30pm. We will also be making some spooky t-shirts. Bring your creative ideas.



## Junior Choir Performances through December 2016

Rehearsal at 10:20 a.m. and performance during service:  
November 13  
December 11

## CYRE Classes are 11:15 am to 12:15 pm

We request that parents remain in the Social Hall or the nursery hallway until CYRE is dismissed at 12:15 p.m. If you need to pick up your child earlier, please let the teachers know upon drop off.

## Registration for Fall CYRE Classes Continues

Please fill in a registration form for children ages 3-18 and hand it to your child(ren)'s teacher or to our DRE Stephanie Palmer-Smith. The nursery is available for children ages 0-2 whenever CYRE is scheduled throughout the year and from ages 0-3 whenever there are no CYRE classes scheduled.

## CYRE Calendar

|                     |                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Saturday October 29 | Halloween Festival         |
| Sunday October 30   | CYRE                       |
| Sunday Nov. 2       | CYRE and pageant rehearsal |

## CYRE Teacher Line-Up for October 30

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Pre-K         | Lead: Beck Sullivan<br>Assistant: Andrea Dudick   |
| K - 2         | Lead: <b>Need a team member volunteer</b><br>Assistant: <b>Need a team member volunteer</b> |
| 3 - 5         | Lead: <b>Need a team member volunteer</b><br>Assistant: Gail Dawson                         |
| Middle School | Lead: <b>Need a team member volunteer</b><br>Assistant: Bethany Storlazzi                   |
| High School   | Lead: Morgan G. Hanes<br>Assistant: Cynthia Blackman  |

## UUC Board of Trustees

### Summary of August 17, 2016 Meeting

The Board of Trustees met August 17, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:50 PM.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Bob Whitaker reported that July was a good month financially. Pledge payments were \$2,600 over our monthly expectation. Plate collections were higher than expected. We had anticipated collecting \$1,000 from un-met pledges for the 2015-16 budget year; we actually received \$1,230. Bob noted that there were five Sundays in July.

#### **Committee Reports**

David Roof is chair of the **Technology Services Committee**. The **Personnel Committee** is accepting applications for the custodial position. **Building and Grounds** has hired a contractor to work on our grounds. The **Finance Committee** plans to launch a Capital Campaign on September 25. The **CYRE** lost money on Hogwarts Camp this summer.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Brokerage Account** The Board opened a brokerage account so we can receive gifts of stocks.

**Approval of Goals for 2016-17** During our all-day retreat on August 6, the Board developed goals for this fiscal year. They were refined slightly since that meeting and are listed below.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Board Representative to Ministerial Search Negotiating Team** The Board selected Bob Whitaker to serve with Linda Brennison and David Crockett from the Search Committee on this Team. They will develop a draft ministry agreement that reflects the relationship the congregation hopes to have with the minister it calls. After the Board approves that draft, the Team will negotiate it with the ministerial candidate.

**Appraisal of Interim Ministry** It is time for another appraisal of the interim ministry to be sent to Boston (September 30 deadline). Rev. Jennie will prepare a draft of her appraisal by September 6 and share it with the Board. Board members will each complete a form and send it to Sandy Chubon who will compile the responses and return them to members before the September meeting. We will discuss the report at our September meeting.

**Sponsored Events Budget Procedure** A procedure has been developed for use this fiscal year to encourage better financial planning and control for sponsored events. If expenditures for a UUC sponsored event are predicted to exceed \$1,000, the sponsoring entity should: (1) designate a person responsible for administering the planning of the event and (2) submit a budget to the Administrator that includes estimated expenditures and income. The Administrator will forward this information to the Board President who will follow up with questions, if necessary.

#### **UUC FY17 Major Board Goals**

- Complete successful ministerial search process
- Enhance membership growth and retention
- Enhance printed and digital communications
- Strengthen the financial foundation
- Improve building and grounds
  - Conduct a successful building renovation Capital Campaign
  - Complete at least Phase I of the building renovation
  - Continue improvements outside of areas impacted by Capital Campaign
- Enhance the interaction of the whole congregation with RE
- Analyze and propose revisions, if necessary, of the UUC governance

Minutes summarized by Sandy Chubon

# Meetings & Rentals

|  |  |                     |                            |
|--|--|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Art For All Group                              | Thursdays  | 10:00 am            | Social Hall                |
| Board Meeting                                  | Wednesday, November 16   | 6:30 pm             | Social Hall                |
| Chair Yoga                                     | Tuesdays<br>Thursdays  | 11:00 am<br>1:00 pm | Social Hall<br>Social Hall |
| Children & Youth RE Committee                  | Sunday, November 20  | 12:30 pm            | Classroom # 5              |
| Choir  | Sunday, November 6   | 9:30 am             | Sanctuary                  |
| Committee Night                                | 1st Wednesday of month   | 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                           | 1st Wednesday of month   | 7:00 pm             | Classroom                  |
| Visitor Orientation                            | Sunday, TBA  | 12:15 pm            | Library                    |
| Science & Religion                             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday   | 7:00 pm             | Classroom # 8              |
| September Set                                  | Friday, October 28   | 6:00 pm             | Social Hall                |
| Social Action Committee                        | Wednesday, November 2  | 7:00 pm             | Classroom                  |
| Technology Committee                           | Wednesday, November 2  | 6:00 pm             | Workroom 1                 |
| UU Animal Ministry                             | Wednesday, November 9  | 6:00 pm             | Classroom # 5              |
| UU Book Club                                   | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday   | 6:30 pm             | Member's Home              |
| UU Humanist                                    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday   | 7:00 pm             | Classroom # 8              |
| UU Partner Church Committee                    | Lee Minghi, 798-0904;<br>Carita Barr, 782-0053; or<br>Susan Robinson, 446-0675 | TBA                 |                            |
| Women's Book Club                              | Tuesday, November 15   | 7:00 pm             | Classroom # 8              |
| Writing Group                                  | Tuesday, November 8  | 6:30 pm             | Classroom # 5              |
| <b>Rentals</b>                                 |  |                     |                            |
| La Leche League                                | 3rd Tuesdays   | 6-8pm               | Classroom # 5              |
| Sitting with Sadness                           | Every Monday   | 7-8:15 pm           | Social Hall                |
| Tai Chi 803-772-9557<br>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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