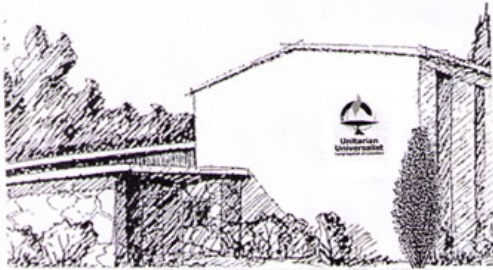




# The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

February 9, 2022



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## **Sunday Schedule**

**Online Forum:** 9:30 am

**Online Worship:** 11:00 am-12:15 pm

### **February 13, 2022**

**9:30 am Forum Topic**

Current Events

**11:00 am Sermon Topic**

“A Celebration of Love-Heart Communion”

Rev. Stephen Robinson

### **February 20, 2022**

**9:30 am Forum Topic**

Current Events

**11:00 am Sermon Topic**

“Impatience and Helplessness”

Jessica Kross

*The Forum will meet on Sundays  
in the Library and via Zoom*

## **Unigram Deadline**

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 *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.* Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).

## **Message From Our Minister**

### **“A Heart Communion”**

Thirty Days of Love. We began this focus on love in January, culminating with a Heart Communion on Sunday, February 13. I am inviting everyone to decorate a heart they can bring to the service, with these emphases in mind:

-What does love mean to you?

-What have you learned about love over the last 30 days?

-How do you put love into action?

I encourage you to work on this project individually or together as families, creating a time of talking about love, learning together, taking action together. Our community will come together in the virtual worship service on Sunday and unite our energy around this basic principle to our identity: love. I look forward to seeing all the creativity and thoughts that we bring to the experience. The virtual worship team will work hard to help you unmute, display your image on camera, and facilitate the experience.

The UUA has also created a complete worship service that you can view, to celebrate the Side with Love Sunday. You can view that service at:

[www.uua.org/worship/holidays/side-love-sunday](http://www.uua.org/worship/holidays/side-love-sunday)

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So often in our modern experience of life, we can reach moments of feeling completely helpless, like life is happening to us and we are being tossed about. We feel helpless to make change in a political system that is so contentious and divisive. We feel helpless to deal with a pandemic that surges every time we think we are making headway. We can feel helpless and stuck in our workplace, dealing with conditions that are not life giving. We can feel helpless in family dynamics that don't provide a safe and nurturing connection. All of these challenges are invitations to decide what we are going to do.

We have the choice to love, to side with love. Love empowers us. Love stirs within us as a creative and generative force, empowering us to survive, to thrive, to bring about change, even if that change just simply means we change ourselves. We can not remain helpless when we possess this powerful force of love. When we are tired, when we are frustrated, when we feel lost, we can choose to love. When we feel helpless and we feel ready to give up, we can choose to let love guide our energy, our thoughts, our actions. Let us renew our commitment to love.

Rev. Stephen Robinson



## **Candles of Community**

Bob Scott, long-time Friend of our congregation, died on January 13, 2022. Many will remember Bob's participation in the Forum for years, and also the piano concerts he played to benefit our Partner Church. The funeral will take place on Saturday, February 19, at 2:00pm at Thompson Funeral Home at Greenlawn Memorial Park, 845 Leesburg Road, Columbia, SC.

# UCC Sunday Services Access

## In-person Services Cancelled through February 15

## In-person Sunday Services Will Resume on February 20

### Sunday Services- Instructions for joining us virtually:

We have two ways for you to be with us. Decide on which way and then see information below for access.

#### A. Zoom Service and interaction before and after streamed service:

For attendees who would like the opportunity to interact with others attending the virtual service, we have created a Zoom event that opens each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and will stay open until approximately 30 minutes after the service ends. If you wish, you may log out of the Zoom event and directly access the service on YouTube (see B-2 below).

Zoom log in for pre and post service: <https://zoom.us/j/95571103221>

Meeting ID 955 7110 3221 Phone number for audio only: 312 626 6799

#### B. Streaming service only

1. Open the browser on your Internet-connected device (computer, laptop, smartphone).
  2. Click on this link [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMjjpgcaZx8UMNn2Gb\\_nxX35q4bfVyUM](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMjjpgcaZx8UMNn2Gb_nxX35q4bfVyUM) or paste it In the search bar, hit ENTER:
  3. After 10:45, click on the video "Sunday Service *Service Date*"
  4. Watch the service conducted on Zoom.
  5. If you would like to interact before and after the service then select option A above.
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  4. Watch the service being streamed from the UCC sanctuary
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# News and Notes

## **Valentines Cards (Social Action) and YOUR Personal Heart**

**Saturday, February 12, 2:00-3:30pm**

Where: virtual zoom meeting. RSVP to [reassist@uucolumbia.org](mailto:reassist@uucolumbia.org) for the link

When: Saturday, Feb 12th @ 2pm-3:30pm

Who: Youth, friends and families. Teens can get their own break out room going!

Why: To make cards for people in our congregation who could use a caring message. And to make a personalized unique heart of your own that represents what you LOVE. These hearts can be used in Rev. Stephen's sermon the next day and as a personal Valentine to yourself.

Extra info: You may choose to pick up some materials at the church beforehand or use your own. There will be a box of useful card making things (cards, stamps, stickers etc.) out by the CYRE side back door on Friday 11th after 3pm. You can take some stamps with you and mail the cards yourself with provided addresses, or bring them back to the church by Sunday evening for McKenzie to mail to CYRE students and UUCC care members.

## **UUCC Book Club, Sunday, February 20, 6:30pm**

Peck Drennan will facilitate a discussion of *Blue Sky God: The Evolution of Science and Christianity*, by Don MacGregor. The UUCC Book Club is open to all members and friends. Contact Phil Turner if you have questions or would like more information: [philtturner2009@gmail.com](mailto:philtturner2009@gmail.com)

## **Social Action Meeting, February 27**

The Social Action Committee will meet in person 15 minutes after the end of the UUCC service in the Sanctuary observing indoor Covid protocols. We will stream the event as well. Questions? Contact Kevin McKinney or Connie Quirk at [socialaction@uucolumbia.org](mailto:socialaction@uucolumbia.org).

## **UUCC Ladies LUUnch BUUnch Tuesday, March 8, Noon**

Mark your calendar for the Ladies LUUnch BUUnch for Tuesday, March 8 at 12 noon! We are hopeful we can once again be together for a fun time of lunching and visiting. We may be with sack lunches out on our patio or in a restaurant but we really do want to return to this great tradition. Stay tuned for details. Send an email to Linda McLeod at [kitchen@uucolumbia.org](mailto:kitchen@uucolumbia.org) to let us know if you'll be joining this time of gathering together!

## **UUCC Choir Rehearsals via Zoom and In-Person**

You are invited to sing! The UUCC Adult Choir will continue rehearsing on Zoom Thursdays, 6:00-6:45pm. In-person rehearsals will resume with a varied schedule for the remainder of 2021. All in-person rehearsals will require social distancing and masks. All are welcome and no experience is necessary. Contact Anna Hamilton to be added to the UUCC Choir e-mail list for detailed information and access to virtual rehearsal links: [music@uucolumbia.org](mailto:music@uucolumbia.org).

## **Virtual Story Circle, Wednesdays 10am**

Story Circle will continue on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. All welcome. Questions? Call Barbara Bates Smith at [828-421-7685](tel:828-421-7685).

## **UUCC Men's Breakfast Group 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays**

The UUCC men's breakfast group meets at a local restaurant or member's home at 9:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Phil Turner for more information: [philtturner2009@gmail.com](mailto:philtturner2009@gmail.com)

## **Need Publicity For UUCC Events?**

If you are hosting a UUCC committee event that you would like advertised through our social networks, please email Laura Hartwig at [publicity@uucolumbia.org](mailto:publicity@uucolumbia.org) with the details. Be sure to follow us so you don't miss out! [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [YouTube](#) [Twitter](#)

# News and Notes

## Technology Committee

Hey all congregational members, we're sending out this request as an avenue to get more folks in the congregation involved in the delivery of technology during the Sunday services. Currently we are a "one person" show and that's not a good thing. I think I can speak for everyone to say, David Roof has really stepped up during this Covid Crazy time and delivered a smashing success. However, being the only one thoroughly trained in the technology delivery system is concerning. Because of this, we would like to offer a training session on an upcoming Saturday or whenever is most convenient where individuals - from teenagers on up to seniors can attend a training seminar to learn from one of the pros. Especially for young folks, this could be the start to a successful career in computer technology, sound mixing or video production. If you are interested, please email David at: [droof@uucolumbia.org](mailto:droof@uucolumbia.org)

## Social Action

### Harvest Hope Food Donations Needed

Please bring your donations, such as any canned food items; rice; pasta; disposable baby diapers. **Do NOT bring expired food, opened items, glass containers, or fresh produce.** The Harvest Hope grocery cart can be found under the windows in the social hall.

### Feeding the Hungry at Transitions

Transitions continues to need volunteers to serve meals and other opportunities. Because of social distancing, they request that you sign up for a shift rather than show up. Contact Transitions at 803-708-4861 or click [HERE](#) to find out more about volunteering and support opportunities.

**Please see the weekly Thursday eblasts for more Social Action events. Check our website for new events posted almost daily:**  
[bit.ly/social-action](http://bit.ly/social-action)

## **February Share the Plate Recipient**

Half of our cash collection this month goes to the SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center, which fights for low-income South Carolinians to overcome social, economic, and legal injustice. Their goal is to influence policymakers to ensure the law is fair, to educate the public and their advocates about the law, and to assist attorneys in bringing systemic litigation where the law is unfair. Sue Berkowitz will represent SC Appleseed during service on February 27.

If sending a check please write “Share the Plate” in the memo line or you can give by either going to our website, [uucolumbia.org](http://uucolumbia.org), and clicking on the ‘donate’ bar at the top of the page, or entering “[abundant.co/uucc/give](http://abundant.co/uucc/give)” in your browser. Please be sure to select “Share the Plate.”

## **Sunday Flowers Program**

Would you like to share your flowers for our Sunday service in recognition of a birthday, anniversary, or a special memory? You will provide your own floral arrangement. Just let us know the date you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary by sending an email to the Worship Committee at [worshipchair@uucolumbia.org](mailto:worshipchair@uucolumbia.org). Please include your name, phone number, and the date you would like to bring your flowers. You will be contacted to confirm the date and details.



## **UUC Accepts Contributions Electronically**

Please note that your online contributions are not posted to the UUC account until the second business day after you make them. You may give by either going to our website, [uucolumbia.org](http://uucolumbia.org), and clicking on the ‘donate’ bar at the top of the page, or entering “[abundant.co/uucc/give](http://abundant.co/uucc/give)” in your browser.

If you should have any questions or need help, please contact our Administrator, Andrea Dudick, at [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org) or 803-799-0845 Thank you for your generosity.

## **Recordings of Sermons on Website**

Please go to our website ([uucolumbia.org](http://uucolumbia.org)) and look on the right-hand side of the Home Page. Select the Service Archive link and scroll down to the sermon you’d like to see. When on that page, simply select the play button, sit back and enjoy the sermon.

## **UUC Music on YouTube!**

You are invited to visit the UUC Music Coordinator's YouTube page to view and listen to music from services and performances from our talented UUC Musicians.: [UUC Music](#)

# Denominational Connections

## Remember the UUA Article II Survey

The Article II Study Commission welcomes input from all Unitarian Universalists to inform the reimagining of Article 2 of the UUA Bylaws. This involves all the current Principles as well as consideration of the proposed 8th Principle.

The Study Commission has identified four areas of inquiry: Shared Values, Inspirations, Purpose, and Covenant. The Article II Individual Survey includes questions for each of these areas. Toward the end of the survey there are questions to collect demographic information. Lastly, you will have an opportunity to share any other input you'd like, plus ask questions of the Commission.

Though anyone is welcome to complete this survey at anytime, we are encouraged to engage with some of the many events, workshops, small groups, classes, and materials on offer to allow yourself time and space to think deeply about the questions that follow. This survey will remain open until March 31, 2022. You will probably have to press "Ctrl" and click below to get to the survey.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYfdvPAnUGHU60U5UZ4AHB5m9IXTG0t9kVAiyfYGcQ0A238w/viewform>

## South Carolina Unitarian Universalist Justice Alliance

SCUUJA was formed in 2021 to build an alliance of South Carolina Unitarian Universalists acting for justice in partnerships that center the voices and authority of people experiencing injustice, especially BIPOC, LGBTQ, immigrant, and houseless people. SCUUA provides mutual support of social action among UUs and partners in SC, capacity-building for sustained multicultural partnerships for social action, engaged faith-based allies, and a SC UU community thriving in justice. The organization is just getting started and our own Community Minister Reverend Doctor Pippin Whitaker invites you to join the group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scuuja/>.

Bob Whitaker, Chair, [DenomConn@uucolumbia.org](mailto:DenomConn@uucolumbia.org)



# Membership Matters

What exciting times these are for Unitarian Universalists in South Carolina! From opportunities to *Side with Love* during our 30 Days of Love campaign to the formation of our own **South Carolina Unitarian Universalists Justice Alliance** (Read more on our website: <http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/connection/denominational-connection/south-carolina-uu-justice-alliance/>), we are learning that we are better and more effective together.

I hope you've had the opportunity to participate in a Side with Love activity. Week number 4 began this week and it's all about Climate Justice. Check it out here: <https://sidewithlove.org/week-four-february-7-14-climate-justice?emci=f4381d11-1a85-ec11-94f6-281878b85110&emdi=c1ee67c7-5587-ec11-94f6-281878b85110&ceid=19296686>.

Also, don't forget our first statewide Social Justice Leaders Meetup on Tuesday, Feb 22, 2022, from 7 to 8:30 PM ET via Zoom. Register for the Zoom link here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkdO2rpjwoHdBPPDz1mZwKxNacqAS8yy4m?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=a893335d-392d-426b-a270-5930d823295f>.

Become a member and join us as UUs in South Carolina! Membership is open to those 18 years of age or older. If you'd like to know more about membership at UUC, talk with any member of the Membership Committee on any Sunday or email [membership@uucolumbia.org](mailto:membership@uucolumbia.org). We're easy to find. Look for the red "Ask Me" ribbons on our nametags.

Keitha Whitaker, Membership Chair



## COMMITTEE CHAIRS & BOARD LIAISONS 2020/2021

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# Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	Cancelled	7:00 pm	
Board Meeting	Wednesday, February 16	6:30 pm	Online Meeting
Chair Yoga	On Hiatus		
Children & Youth RE Committee	Monday, March 21	7:00 pm	Online Meeting
Choir - UUCS Rehearsal	Thursdays	6-6:45pm	Online Meeting
Choir – Prism (women)	Cancelled	6:30 pm	
Choir - Encore (men)	Cancelled	9:30 am	
Christian Heritage	TBA	Noon	
CUUP's, Gaia's Rising	Cancelled	7:30 pm	
Funeral Consumers Alliance	Cancelled	5:30 pm	
Forum	Sundays	9:30 am	Library & Zoom
Green Team	TBA	12:15 pm	Sanctuary & Zoom
Knit or Not	Cancelled	2:00 pm	
Membership Committee	TBA	2:00 pm	Online Meeting
Visitor Orientation	TBA	11:45 pm	Online Meeting
Science & Religion	Cancelled	7:00 pm	
September Set	Cancelled	Noon	
Social Action Committee	Sunday, February 27	1:00 pm	Online Meeting
Technology Committee	TBA	6:00 pm	
UU Animal Ministry	TBA	5:00 pm	
UU Book Club	Sunday, February 20	6:30 pm	Online Meeting
UU Humanist	TBA	7:00 pm	
UU Partner Church Committee	TBA	12:30 pm	
Women's Book Club	TBA	7:00 pm	
<b>Rentals</b>			
La Leche League	Cancelled	6-8pm	
Tai Chi 803-772-9557 columbia.sc@taoist.org	Cancelled	6:30 pm	
Men's AA I	Cancelled	6:30 pm	
Women's AA I	Cancelled	6:30 pm	
Men's AA II	Cancelled	5:00 pm	

# 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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