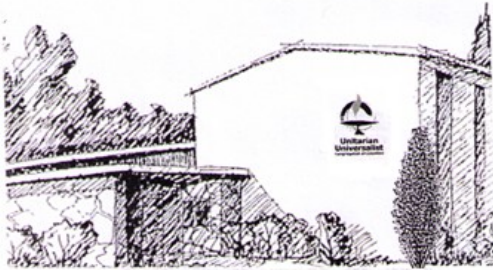




The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

April 13, 2022



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Sunday Schedule

Online Forum: 9:30 am

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

April 17, 2022

9:30 am Forum Topic

“Redefining Racism”

11:00 am Sermon Topic

“Flower Communion”

Rev. Stephen Robinson

April 24, 2022

9:30 am Forum Topic

“Media Literacy”

11:00 am Sermon Topic

“Earth Day”

Rev. Stephen Robinson

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

Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is
Sunday, May 8, for publication on
Wednesday, May 11. *Items
submitted after the deadline will
not be published.* Please submit
articles and announcements for the
next issue to uucc@uucolumbia.org.

Message From Our Minister “Looking for Butterflies”

The warming weather and emergence of vegetation has brought the first signs of the beautiful creatures known as the butterfly. At first sight of this remarkable beauty, I am reminded of one of my favorite “Far Side” cartoons by Gary Larson. The cartoon features two caterpillars conversing on a tree limb, and the one says, “Will you still love me when I’ve metamorphosed into a hideous winged insect?” The irony of the cartoon speaks to how these creatures hold universal images of beauty, freedom, and rebirth. The butterflies laying their eggs in the late winter and early spring will give rise to floating flowers that will fill our summer skies. The butterfly serves as an image of renewal and hope, the work of transformation.

Pavel Friedmann was a Jewish Czechoslovakian poet born in 1921. At the age of 21, Pavel was detained by German Nazi forces and imprisoned in the Theresienstadt concentration camp in Prague. He was later moved to Auschwitz, where he was executed. During his time in Prague, he wrote several poems that were discovered after the liberation of the camp. His most famous is entitled, “The Butterfly.”

“The Butterfly”

*The last, the very last,
So richly, brightly, dazzlingly yellow.
Perhaps if the sun's tears would sing
Against a white stone. . . .*

*Such, such a yellow
Is carried lightly 'way up high.
It went away I'm sure because it wished to
Kiss the world good-bye.*

*For seven weeks I've lived in here,
Pinned up inside this ghetto.
But I have found what I love here.
The dandelions call to me
And the white chestnut branches in the court.
Only I never saw another butterfly.*

*That butterfly was the last one.
Butterflies don't live in here,
In the ghetto.*

Continued...

His poem speaks to the experience of beauty and freedom being taken away by forces of evil and malice, a dictator and forces who showed no value for human life and the dignity and worth of individuals. As I revisit his poem this Spring, I can't help but ask if butterflies will be seen in Ukraine cities and neighborhoods. We have witnessed yet another tyrant's actions of genocide, turning beautiful Spring days into piles of rubble, smoky air, and mass graves holding the bodies of so many who have been murdered.

This Sunday, April 17, we will celebrate the important Spring ritual of the Flower Communion. This service and ritual was created by Norbert Capek, the founder of the Unitarian Church in Czechoslovakia. Like Pavel Friedmann, Dr. Capek also died in a concentration camp. He was held in the camp at Dachau where he suffered immensely before his death. His ritual stands as a testimony of the beauty he brought to our world, beauty that could not be eliminated by evil.

As we prepare for this ritual at the UUCC, everyone is encouraged to bring a flower to the service that you will share in the communion ritual. During the service, you will be invited to come and take a flower different than the one your brought, a celebration of beauty, hope, and connection. This ritual provides an experience to stand with Ukraine in hopes of beauty, hope, and rebirth, as well as an end to this war. We will celebrate love, as the most hopeful force in our world to bring about healing and transformation. The flowers we share and the flowers we hold are tangible reminders of that beauty and love.

Rev. Stephen Robinson

UUCC Sunday Services Access

UUCC In-Person Sunday Services

Sunday services will be in-person and live-streamed for those who are not able to attend in person.

- Everyone 2 and over is required to wear a facemask at all times.
- The Heyward and kitchen doors will be closed Sunday. Please use the main or patio doors for entry.
- No food indoors.
- Water is allowed in a covered container.

Sunday Services- Instructions for joining us virtually:

If you cannot or prefer not to join us in person, we have two ways for you to still be with us. Decide on which way and then see information below for access.

A. Zoom 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.

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 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 being streamed from the UUCC sanctuary

Administrator & Bookkeeper Responsibilities Update

Our Bookkeeper, Michele Currie (bookkeeper@uucolumbia.org), has taken over all the bookkeeping duties that had been handled by our Administrator, Andrea Dudick.

You will now contact Michele for all bookkeeping needs, including the following:

- Check Requests
- Pledge and Contribution Inquiries
- Committee Budget Inquiries

You will continue to contact Andrea (uucc@uucolumbia.org) for all non-bookkeeping needs, including the following:

- Eblast, Order of Service and Unigram Submissions
- Calendar Scheduling
- Memorial Garden

Urgent Request for Increased Pledges

Pledges are by far UUCC's greatest source of income, and Staff is UUCC's greatest expense. The total UUCC has received in pledges to date is not enough to cover expenses even when adding in all other sources of income. Sadly, the pandemic has taken a toll on membership. If the 30% who have not pledged do submit their pledges, the Board will still have to make **drastic** budget cuts. Therefore, your UUCC leadership is *asking all who have already pledged to consider increasing their pledge by 10%*. Please do all you can to help. Email your pledge or pledge increase today to bookkeeper@uucolumbia.org.

Linda Brennison, Finance Committee Chair

News and Notes

UUCC Book Club

Sunday, April 17, 6:30pm

Join us for a discussion of *The Alchemy of Us: How Humans and Matter Transformed One Another*, by Ainissa Ramirez. 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

UUCC Administrative Office Will Be Closed Monday, April 18

ARE Class: Deep Listening

Tuesday, April 19, 7-8:30m

Adult Religious Education is offering a class on Deep Listening on Tuesday, April 19, from 7:00- 8:30pm. It will meet in the UUCC library with masks required. Deep listening is a process of listening to learn. It requires the temporary suspension of judgment, and a willingness to receive new information – whether pleasant, unpleasant, or neutral. To reserve a spot, email Rebecca Drennan at rebecca@creativetransformation.com.

UUCC Choir Rehearses Sunday, April 24, Patio

You are invited to sing! The UUCC Adult Choir will continue in-person rehearsals outdoors on the UUCC patio. All in-person rehearsals will require social distancing and masks. [Join us before the service 9:30 -10:30 am on Sunday April 24.](#) All are welcome and no prior experience is necessary. Choir rehearsals will continue with a multi-platform approach, and a link will be shared so singers who would like to participate virtually can attend on Zoom. 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.

Social Action Meeting, Sunday, April 24

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.

Virtual Story Circle, Wednesdays 10am

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

UUCC Men's Breakfast Group 2nd 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

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.

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 with the details. Be sure to follow us so you don't miss out! [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [YouTube](#) [Twitter](#)

April Share the Plate Recipient: NAMI Mid-Carolina

Half of our cash collection this month goes to NAMI Mid-Carolina, which offers no-cost education, training, programs and services that address complex mental health issues. As a NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) affiliate, NAMI Mid-Carolina works to support thousands of South Carolinians living with a mental illness in Fairfield, Lexington and Richland Counties. Volunteer Carolyn Bullinger will speak during service on April 24.

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, and clicking on the ‘donate’ bar at the top of the page, or entering “abundant.co/uucc/give” in your browser. Please be sure to select “Share the Plate.”

Share the Plate Collection for March 2022

Thanks to your generous giving to Share the Plate, we sent a check to our March 2022 recipient, Congaree Riverkeeper, for \$875. The Social Action Committee appreciates your participation in making this a successful program.

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. 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.



UCC Accepts Contributions Electronically

Please note that your online contributions are not posted to the UCC account until the second business day after you make them. You may give by either going to our website, uucolumbia.org, and clicking on the ‘donate’ bar at the top of the page, or entering “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 or 803-799-0845 Thank you for your generosity.

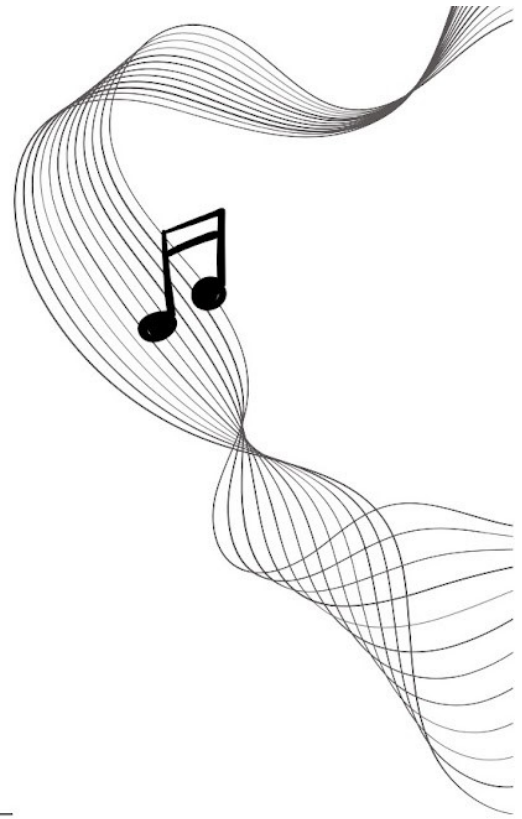
Recordings of Sermons on Website

Please go to our website (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.

UCC Music on YouTube!

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

A LITTLE NIGHT Music Soirée



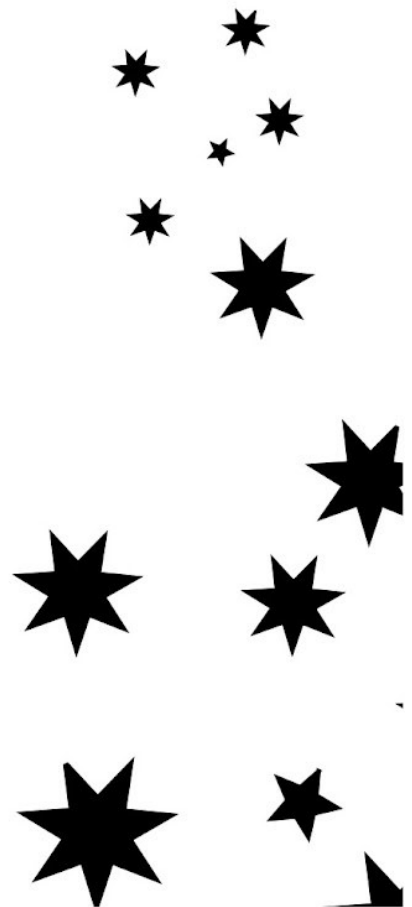
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

Featuring pianist Anna Hamilton
with guest Karen Peters, viola
to be performed at UCC
2701 Heyward St. Columbia, SC
29205

Saturday, April 30th, 2022
at 7:30 PM

Funds raised are to support our
Partner Church in Transylvania
Romania, including their generous
outreach to Ukrainian refugees.
Suggested donation, \$20

WE ARE BACK TOGETHER IN STYLE!



Partner Church Soiree to Benefit Ukranian Refugees, Too!

A Little Night Music Soiree” planned for Saturday, April 30, may turn out be even more significant than the Partner Church Committee ever dreamed. Our dynamic Partner Church minister is now helping to house Ukrainian refugees there in Kolosvar/Cluj – read his letter below.

This fundraiser will be the first special event to be held at UU Congregation of Columbia since the nation locked down in the pandemic. We hope that UUC members will support this in force by attending in person or virtually. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., it will be a concert featuring pianist Anna Hamilton and violist, Karen Peters, both generously giving their considerable talent for the cause. For those in attendance, light refreshments will follow the performance. We will wear masks and continue the practice of social distancing during the music, however.

In 1991 Columbia UU (then “Fellowship”) was partnered with a small Unitarian congregation in Beszterce (pronounced “Best-er-cha”), Romania. It is in Transylvania, the birthplace of Unitarianism. We celebrated our 30th anniversary in 2021 and, without holding a fundraising event, still sent our Christmas and Easter cards and a little money!

The 30 year friendship has been nurtured by in-person visits, mainly by Lee & Julian Minghi, and trips to Columbia by 3 different ministers. In 2016 and 2019, small groups of “pilgrims” went to Romania and were taken on tours of Transylvania, the Maramures region, and Budapest by the dynamic young minister, Rev. Zsolt Solymosi (pronounced “Jsholt Soy e mohsey”). In addition to serving as volunteer minister for the Beszterce church, driving 5 hours round trip each time he goes, Zsolt is Assistant Principal for a 1,000 student Unitarian school in Kolosvar/Cluj.

Zsolt writes:

“Dear Lee, Dear All!
I am so sorry for not answering mails in time. This period is very overwhelming. It was a difficult time for school life dealing with covid, and teaching in masks for 10 hours, and suddenly as covid disappeared we woke up with war in the northern part of Romania. By the way, when we took the steam train, we were riding along the Ukrainian border...*[he refers to members of his congregation and we American UU “pilgrims” traveling together in 2019.]*

At this point **my school community is helping several families who escaped from Kiev, Odessa and other places, and we offered them a shelter, food and whatever is needed.** It is amazing to see how our community helps. **Just in my apartment there are 12 people, because I still commute from the village, and**

the apartment was free and ideal to have the school cafeteria near by. It is very very sad to face the fact that these people needed to pack their life into a grocery bag and leave the bunker in 20 minutes. **I don't know where this is going because more and more people are coming over.**

Regarding our Church: because covid ended here, we meet again on regularly basis, in our new meeting place, and we like it very much. [They had a free space before, but they sat shoulder to shoulder and social distancing was not possible.] Yes, all our money goes now to the rent, but it is important to have our own little room. As I wrote you rent is 50 euros/month, and your donation will help us pay for at least half of the year. We have no other plans so far.

I will try to do a video message for you in April, and of course [send] a link with a choir song and the dance from the school prom...Regarding your visit [Americans going to Romania]: I don't think so it will be possible this year, but let's hope for next year. Bringing Alex, the young firefighter boy [with me to visit you all] it is a big dream. He hopes very much that we can go together...let's keep texting or call each other - email is just crazy for me...

Much love, Zsolt”

Our donations have meant a lot to them; their friendship and hospitality means so much to us. The funds we send help pay rent now, after their move during the pandemic. Over the years we have helped to bring the Romanian ministers over here, supplemented rent and gasoline expenses for the ministers, even some of the cost of replacing the minister's cars, a scholarship for a young woman, and annual Christmas packages and luncheons. **And now it seems we should consider sending more money, IF WE CAN, to help Rev. Zsolt and the school to support the Ukrainian refugees.**

Please join us for this wonderful classical concert and “Soiree” evening. For those attending virtually or simply wanting to donate to this worthy cause, go to the UUC website, click on “Donate” then select Partner Church from the drop down list.

Update on UUA Music Leadership Certification Program

From UUCC Music Director, Dr. Anna Hamilton

Thank you, UUCC Board and congregants, for your support of my enrollment in the UUA Music Leadership Certification Program. (More information can be found here: [Music Leadership Certification Program](#).) As I near the end of my second year in this program, I'd like to share an update with you about my progress and experience. The program and online courses have created an incredible opportunity to connect with many other UU music professionals from around the country and with extraordinary teachers. My current spring courses are a 7 week "Developing and Managing a Music Program" course and an April - June course "Creating Worship Collaboratively." Previous courses have included: Spiritual Care Training for Congregational Leaders, UU Theology for Musicians, Music Leaders: Shifting Congregational Culture, and Interpersonal Relationships: Preemptive Radical Inclusion.

In addition to coursework, I work with an amazing triad team including advisor Susan Peck (First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque) and UUCC sponsor Sharon Matchett for goal setting and reflection/discussion meetings. In the coming year I will attend several "Connecting to the Larger Faith" events, online and in person, as well as continuing coursework. This summer will bring the first in-person Association for Unitarian Universalist Music Ministries (AUUMM) Conference in Ann Arbor, MI since the start of the pandemic. In Spring of 2023, my work in the program will culminate with a Community Service Project Concert connecting the UUCC with musicians from other faith communities in Columbia.

My experience in this program has been truly transformative and has broadened my understanding of the special place and power music has in a UU faith setting and when shared in community. It is my hope that all I am learning also benefits and touches each of you in your experience and participation in music at our UUCC.

Peace and Music,

Anna

UUCC Yard Sale

Friday, May 6 from 10am-6pm
Saturday, May 7 from 7am—4pm

Donating Items

Before May 1 you may store items in the church basement (as scheduled with Jan Capalbo or Pat Mohr). On Sunday, May 1, you may start bringing your yard sale items to store in the social hall.

Volunteers will be in the building to receive your items after Sunday service and during the rest of the week at these times:

Monday, May 2 through Thursday, May 5 from 10am-2pm and

Additional Wednesday, May 4 hours are from 6-8pm. No clothing please.

Volunteers Needed

Can you help organize & price items?

Please call or email Jean Capalbo (928-202-0286 or Jacapalbo@gmail.com) to sign up for a time slot on the May 1-5 schedule above.

Can you help work the yard sale May 6 & 7?

Please call or email Pat Mohr (803-363-3504 or patmohr60@gmail.com) to specify which shift(s) you prefer.

Friday, May 6 Shift 1: 9:30-3:30

Shift 2: 3.30-6:30

Saturday, May 7 Shift 1: 6:30-10:00

Shift 2: 10:00-1:30

Shift 3: 1:30-5:00

Post-sale volunteers are also needed after the service on Sunday, May 8, to box up leftover items for pick-up. Email Jean if you can help with this.

As those of you who have worked one of our sales before know, this event takes a village to pull off---but it's a lot of fun! Donate and then come join us to socialize & help the UUCC'S bottom line at the same time!

Pat & Jean



The word 'YARDSALE' is written in large, bold, 3D-style letters. Each letter is a different color: Y (purple), A (blue), R (teal), D (green), S (yellow), A (orange), L (pink), E (magenta).

Membership Memo

Our annual celebration known as 30 Days of Love has finished. This beloved tradition, which runs from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in January through Valentine's Day in February, is an opportunity for us to collectively nurture our spirits, deepen our understanding of our shared faith, and act on our values for collective liberation.

Whether you joined in every event or haven't heard of 30 Days of Love yet, we want to lift up some of the amazing gifts generated by our contributors and invite you to continue bringing love and justice to our world. *The materials are free for your continued use, individually or in your congregations, and we invite you to share them widely in your community.* Bookmark them for when you need a moment of respite or to share in an upcoming worship service or small group gathering. <https://sidewithlove.org/weekly-spiritual-nourishment-offerings?emci=58a7c397-af8e-ec11-a507-281878b83d8a&emdi=1a041baa-3a8f-ec11-a507-281878b83d8a&ceid=19296686>.

If you think that's the end . . . it's not! Hint. Look around you. It's our annual pledge campaign and this year our campaign gives you the chance to love again and again and again! We know you give more already. We see you put money in the plate every Sunday for our Share the Plate recipients. Don't forget to count that as part of your pledge! (If you put it in an envelope, we'll know it's you and we can record it as such). Our Pledge Campaign helps us to make a budget that allows us to keep the lights on, keep staffing levels at their current level (and, most years, offer them a bit more in compensation), and keep offering this sanctuary space where we can come together every Sunday, renew and replenish our spirits, and go forth into the week with the strength and courage to keep spreading love and hope into the world and into the lives of those around us.

Additionally, if a friend or family member asks you about this faith with the long name, we now have a link we can share that will give them a bit of who we are, a bit of our history, and an invitation to join us in bringing more love into the world. "We are Unitarian Universalists," found here: <https://www.uua.org/files/html/we-are-unitarian-universalists.html>

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 UUCC, talk with any member of the Membership Committee on any Sunday or email membership@uucolumbia.org. We're easy to find. Look for the red "Ask Me" ribbons on our nametags.

Keitha Whitaker, Membership Chair

Denominational Connections

1. Take the Article II Study Survey by April 30

The Article II Study Commission welcomes input from all Unitarian Universalists to inform the reimagining of Article 2 of the UUA Bylaws. The survey remains open until April 30, 2022. They've identified four areas of inquiry: Shared Values, Inspirations, Purpose, and Covenant. The Article II Individual Survey includes questions for each of these areas. Speak up now – voice your opinion, please. <https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/committees/article-ii-study-commission>

2. Delegates Wanted for UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022 NOW!

UUCB can appoint three delegates to this year's annual UUA General Assembly, June 22 – 26. It's the annual gathering of UU's to conduct business of the Association. It's either in person in Portland, Oregon, or by online (virtual) attendance. Delegates are expected to attend ALL General Sessions (business sessions), vote on all motions of the GA, and are asked to report back to the UUCB Board what they learned.

Options are (1) In-person - Cost by April 30 is \$525, \$575 after. (2) Full Virtual - Cost by April 30 is \$250, \$275 after. (3) Business-only Virtual (Business Sessions Only) - Cost is a donation of any amount. Let us know ASAP and we will submit your name to the UUCB Board for consideration. Some financial assistance may be available – please ask us. To learn about GA, check out <https://www.uua.org/ga>, or contact Bob Whitaker (Denomconn@uucolumbia.org), Karen Brown, Linda Brennon, or Keitha Whitaker.

NOTE: If any member or friend plans to attend GA not as a delegate, please let us know too.

3. Denominational Connections Committee MEMBER INVITATION

Section 8.1(e) of our UUCB Bylaws establishes a Denominational Connections Committee to consist of a Chair and three or more members or friends of the Congregation. The duties of this committee are to provide a liaison between the Congregation and the UUA and the appropriate subsidiary jurisdictions of the UUA; Encourage interest and participation in denominational concerns, activities, and events; and keep appropriate (UUCB) committees informed about denominational initiatives, resources, and services relating to their (Committee) areas of responsibility.

Please let me know soon if you would like to join the Denominational Connections Committee so that we can schedule a committee meeting (in person/with Zoom) as soon as possible. Contact me at denomconn@uucolumbia.org or call me at 803-391-5639 if you have any questions or would like to be a member of this committee.

Bob Whitaker, DenomConn@uucolumbia.org, 803-391-5639

Green Sanctuary 2030: Reducing Waste

Our Green Sanctuary 2030 process includes mitigation, resilience, and justice. Better waste management can help move us forward in all these areas. What's waste? Stuff we don't use. Stuff we can't use. Waste is a major contributor to greenhouse gases and global warming. Reducing waste clearly helps in mitigation and resilience. How does justice figure in? Just think about where waste management facilities such as landfills are likely to be located.

Discussions of waste management often focus on R's. This started with three R's [Reduce, Reuse, Recycle] but has now expanded to 5, 6, or even 7. And there are thousands of R words we haven't even considered yet!

Rethink. We often focus on our part of a product life cycle. We get an item. We throw away any packaging. We use the item. When it breaks or we no longer need it, we get rid of it by putting it in the trash. We need to consider how the item was produced and how it got to us. We also need to consider what happens after the trash is picked up.

Reduce. If we don't buy something, we don't need to manage its packaging or ultimate disposal. Consider taking your own "doggie bag" to carry leftovers from restaurants.

Refuse. Sometimes we can refuse items. This is especially important for single-use items such as straws, plastic utensils, or plastic produce containers. And usually, we can do without the swag we are offered with a membership renewal. Refuse plastic bags at checkout when can carry purchased items by hand or put them in a bag you brought with you. Bring utensils and cups with you to use instead of throw-away items.

Reuse. We can sometimes come up with a new use for an item such as box or glass jar or use it in creating a new item. For example, take plastic bags used for produce back to the supermarket to be used again.

Repair. We can repair rather than discard broken items. Unfortunately, some items are not repairable.

Recycle. We can recycle in most areas. Columbia and Richland County have recycling programs that accept paper, glass, and plastic. There are less coordinated programs for recycling a variety of other items in our area. UCC collects material for recycling by the City of Columbia.

Rot. Rot can refer to composting [which unfortunately begins with a C rather than an R]. Or it can refer to what happens to items in a landfill. UCC composts kitchen waste.

Respect -- Be an advocate for sustainability and foster an environment which helps others make educated decisions. This is the most important R. Thanks to Sophia Storlazzi for this final insight. See her webpage for a more extended discussion: [Key Insight #1 | Sstorlazzi \(lizzardlover99.wixsite.com\)](https://www.wixsite.com/lizzardlover99/Sstorlazzi-Key-Insight-1)

Why are we emphasizing waste management this month? It's time for our YARD SALE! Bring items you no longer use or need and give someone else the opportunity to reuse, repair, or repurpose them. AND help raise money for UCC!

Look for our Earth Day display on Sunday, April 24 for more suggestions. And next month look for Going Greener by Bethany Storlazzi. We welcome your suggestions and contributions.

Caroline Eastman, Chair, Green Committee

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & BOARD LIAISONS 2021/2022

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Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	Cancelled	7:00 pm	
Board Meeting	Wednesday, April 20	6:30 pm	Online Meeting
Chair Yoga	On Hiatus		
Children & Youth RE Committee	TBA	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	
Knit or Not	Cancelled	2:00 pm	
Membership Committee	TBA	2:00 pm	Online Meeting
Visitor Orientation	TBA	11:45 pm	
Science & Religion	Cancelled	7:00 pm	
September Set	Cancelled	Noon	
Social Action Committee	Sunday, April 24	1:00 pm	Sanctuary & Zoom
Technology Committee	TBA	6:00 pm	
UU Animal Ministry	TBA	5:00 pm	
UU Book Club	Sunday, April 17	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	
Rentals			
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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