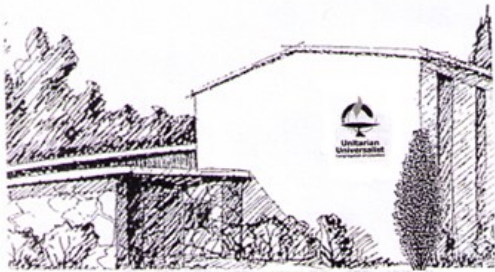




# The Unigram

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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

### March 12, 2017

**9:30 am Forum Topic**

What can you do to make America great?

**11:00 am Sermon Topic**

"The Truth about our Kin," by Rev. Jennie Barrington

### March 19, 2017

**9:30 am Forum Topic**

Is it possible to have a multicultural country?

**11:00 am Sermon Topic**

"Why Collective Bargaining is Still Important," by Rev. Jennie Barrington

**Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed Saturday night!**

## Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, March 5**, for publication on **Wednesday, March 8**. **Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.** Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).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**



"Radio Caroline" was begun by Irish musician manager and businessman Ronan O'Rahilly... O'Rahilly named the station after Caroline Kennedy, daughter of U.S. President John F. Kennedy. On a fundraising trip to the U.S., O'Rahilly reportedly saw a Life Magazine photograph of Kennedy and his children in the Oval Office that served as the inspiration for the name, 'Caroline Radio.' In an extant photo, Caroline Kennedy and her brother, John F. Kennedy, Jr., are apparently dancing in the Oval Office as their father looks on, an activity which O'Rahilly reportedly interpreted as a playful disruption of government." [This is the link to the photo: <https://goo.gl/images/1aOWCb>] [from Wikipedia's entry about "Radio Caroline."]

Dear Members and Friends,

In my mid-twenties, having spent so many years pursuing formal higher education, I backpacked to England and got a job as a live-in nanny. The family were Americans. We lived just outside of the Air Force bases Mildenhall and Lakenheath, where their father was stationed. I went to live in England, a country I love, so I could learn about the British and their culture in ways you can't from a brief sightseeing trip as a tourist. I did learn wonderful things about the English way of life, but also about my own country, from that expatriate distance, and about several other countries, and about

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international relations. I certainly heard a great deal of commentary on Ronald Reagan, our then President. What governmental leaders do is noticed by the people of other countries. And what the people of a country do in response to the actions of their government affects the people of other countries. What the citizens of a country do in response to constraints set by their government can be revolutionary.

This morning when I woke up, I began to recall my favorite discovery from that time when I lived in England: a Pirate Radio Station called, "Radio Caroline." As I had not finished drinking my first cup of coffee yet, I almost wondered if I had dreamed the whole thing. But a few quick Google searches proved that it all was real. Over there in picturesque East Anglia, once I had gotten the children to sleep, I would stay up into the early hours of the morning, a transistor radio by my side, listening to the best of cutting edge music, from old veterans Joni Mitchell and Bob Dylan, to the trailblazers U2, The Cure, Billy Bragg, Talking Heads, the Alarm, and the Pogues. The experience was all the more thrilling because the broadcasts bordered on illegal.

The radio waves, you see, were tightly controlled by the British government, so the music the BBC played was one-dimensional and, especially to younger generations, dull. Counter-culturally, a crew of DJs, engineers, chefs, and stowaways --mixed in their nationalities and ethnicities, and as brave as they were foolish-- banded together on a ship called "Mi Amigo" to broadcast cool music, and tall tales of their antics, from the international waters of the North Sea. Fairly frequently, treacherous weather would loose their anchor or break their cable. Then they'd drift into British waters where they could be arrested in violation of the Marine Broadcasting Offenses Act of 1967. Those late night broadcasts connected me to a greater spirit of courage, camaraderie, and adventurousness. Hearing from that motley crew on the storm-tossed deck of that rebel ship was thrilling. Their reason for being was so strong, and they were so acutely focused on it. I admire their sense of purpose and the courage of their convictions.

Pirate Radio stations made possible a musical revolution, which then gave voice to advocacy for equality, liberation, workers' rights, multiculturalism, and peace and prosperity for all of a country's citizens. That advocacy was considered radical then, and it is still sorely needed now. Pirate Radio stations playfully disrupted the government. What does it look like to playfully disrupt the government today? Pink hats and strollers at a march of over 440,000 peaceful protesters. Signs at Town Hall meetings that say, "Answer the Question" and "You're Dodging the Question." And Congressional Representatives' phone lines and mailboxes being flooded with demands for accountability, transparency, responsibility, and protection of the well-being of the people they were elected to serve.

The inspiration for Radio Caroline's name was a candid photo. Caught unawares, our then President was reveling with his young children. Since they were dancing, swirling, and clapping their hands, there must have been music. That's the fuller story behind the snapshot of that moment in time. And it's a sweet, wholesome, and loving story. We are here to glean the deeper, multidimensional stories beyond the images and soundbites that threaten to silence the voices of advocates for marginalized peoples. The free press, and town meetings, and rallies and marches, are all vehicle to help us learn those stories more clearly. And the arts, including unconventional music and photography, are perhaps the most vibrant vehicle of all. As we peer into the future, my prayer is for the revelation of more sweetness and light.

Yours in faith,  
Rev. Jennie ("It's a privilege to be here.")

# President's Column

Imagine an April Fools' Day version of the *New York Times*. It occurred to me the other day, while reading the *Times* that if I had been out of communications for the past two years and was shown the front page, I would think that it had been made up. Unfortunately we are living in times when fact, and yes there really are facts, is often stranger than fiction.

I write this while visiting with three of my siblings in Melbourne, Florida and had the opportunity of attending service at the UU Congregation of Brevard. I came away uplifted and energized by the commonality of commitment throughout our faith. They are also in a ministerial search and a capital campaign for building renovation, so we got to swap notes on these endeavors. I was very proud to relate our progress to date!

Speaking of building renovations, the Building Renovations Committee has been meeting with constituent groups and with the congregation as a whole to obtain feedback on the plans. Thanks to Richard Culler, chair of the BRC for leading these. A contract with our Peck Drennan for architectural services has been signed and Peck will be informed by the feedback received. Thank you, Peck, for waiving your fee!

This is an especially important time for our congregation as each of us decides the monetary pledge for the next fiscal year. Our UUCC committees have submitted their budgets and many of these items, such as a paid leader for music, will only be possible if sufficient funds are pledged. Our congregation has been so generous this year in supporting special fund raising efforts and the capital campaign. I thank you and ask you to dig deep to support the pledge drive.

I don't foresee the headlines veering from the surreal in the near future, but I am heartened by the knowledge that, apparently, most Americans still think the Enlightenment was a good idea. UUCC provides a community and a touchstone for us as we resist this step backwards. Thanks to each of you for what you do to make the UUCC a welcoming sanctuary.

Phil Turner

*"Normal... is like a blanket too short for a bed--sometimes it covers you just fine, and other times it leaves you cold and shaking; and worst of all, you never know which of the two it's going to be." Jodi Picoult*

# Directions Reflections Exploration

The times, they are a-changin’.

And that is an understatement when you stop to take into account the number of changes happening at a breakneck rate in our US government. Whew! My head is spinning!

But it isn’t just the spinning that is causing many of us to be sick. That, my friends, is anxiety and fear. And it continues to grow in many of us as we count the changes happening. But what do we do with all of this anxiety and fear?

One way I “get a grip” on anxiety and fear is to think of all of things that will not change, at least in our lifetime. Below is my list. I would love to hear what some of you would add to this.

Our sun will be burning for more than five billion years. Whew!

Our rocky planet will continue to orbit this bright star until the sun is on its last legs.

Gravity will work, without fail!

As long as humans exist on this planet, there will be love.

Our water cycle will keep working as a contained system.

Plates in our planet will continue to move.

When human life on this planet ends, other life forms will survive.

As long as humans exist on this planet, there will be questions and as long as there are questions, there is a chance that things will change.

Whatever is happening in this exact second will be different in the next second.

And last; as long as the ride goes on, change will continue to happen.

Continue, dear friends, writing to our representatives, marching, calling and all the other sacred work we do and trust in the change. It will happen.

In  $\Delta$ ,  
Stephanie, DRE



## **Candles of Community**

We are very sad to let you know that on Wednesday morning, March 8, our dear member Don Thacker passed away. At this difficult time, please keep Ruth and her loved ones in your caring thoughts and prayers.

### **Assistance for the Starino Family**

The Starino Family is profoundly grateful for all of the kind words of sympathy and offers of assistance in the wake of their recent tragedy. As many of you know, on Saturday morning, March 4<sup>th</sup>, their house burned to the ground, and, tragically, Maria Addy-Starino died. John Starino and his daughter, Ada, escaped the fire. And John's son, Eban, is also mourning these terrible losses. The Starinos are so appreciative of everyone's requests as to how to be of assistance. In addition to losing the house and everything in it, the family also lost their two cars. Two fundraising efforts are underway, to help with immediate daily needs and funeral costs. This is the link to the "GoFundMe" account for the Starinos:

<https://www.gofundme.com/john-starino-family?ssid=935719212&pos=1>

Additionally, you are invited to attend a fundraising event for the Starinos, with music and poetry, this Sunday afternoon, March 12<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. The fundraiser will be held at "The Gala by JW," 533 Clemson Road, Columbia 29229. This event is being coordinated by Al Black. Also, checks may be made out to John Starino, and mailed to him c/o: Chris Errol Maw, 2026 Pavilion Tower Circle, Columbia, SC, 20201. Ms. Maw, John's Publicist, can be contacted at: 803-262-8646, or [chrisemaw.2015@gmail.com](mailto:chrisemaw.2015@gmail.com). If you may be able to donate clothes for Ada or John, or other material donations, please contact Ms. Maw so that she can coordinate those efforts.

We hope to see many of you at the fundraiser this Sunday afternoon. And please continue to keep John, Ada, Eban, and their family's loved-ones in your caring thoughts and prayers.

(Rev. Jennie, Interim Minister for UUC, "It's a privilege to be here.")

# Miniature House Raffle

## Miniature House Raffle

Time is running out to get your tickets for the fabulous miniature house made by Ruthie Saunders. If you haven't yet checked it out it will be in the social hall before and after service the next 2 Sundays! Please, those of you who have tickets out – get them turned in! We do not want to leave anyone out of the opportunity to win this spectacular collector's item.



# News and Notes

March 12<sup>th</sup> “The Truth about our Kin” (Rev. Jennie preaching) People are being rounded up, detained, and deported, unjustly, and this has happened before in our nation. This sermon will explore a reason that some categories of people have been treated as less than human. That reason was Biblical, and it was erroneous from the start. The truth about our kin is that we are all of the same flesh. Therefore, all people should be treated with respect, dignity, and mercy. (Daylight Savings Time Begins this morning. Remember to turn your clocks ahead!)

March 19<sup>th</sup> “Why Collective Bargaining is Still Important” (Rev. Jennie preaching) March 25<sup>th</sup> will be the 106<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire. Even over a hundred years later, fair labor practices and workplace safety are still in need of attention and advocacy.

March 26<sup>th</sup> “The Earth Laughs in Flowers” (Rev. Jennie preaching) This sermon will honor the author of those words, famous Unitarian Ralph Waldo Emerson, and it will be Flower Communion Sunday, and we will hold a Joining Ceremony to welcome New Members. Please join us in celebrating beauty, joy, wisdom, and openness to new ideas.

## Search Committee Update

The UUC Ministerial Search Committee has completed our ‘pre-candidating’ weekends and we are currently working towards making a recommendation to the Board on our next called Minister. Per UUA guidelines, the Search Committee can extend a preliminary offer on March 30th. The preliminary offer serves as a notice of intent to hire a candidate, but is subject to final approval by the Board and ratification by congregational vote, per UUC bylaws. Once the candidate notifies the committee of his or her intent to accept the preliminary offer, and a few additional administrative tasks are completed, the Search Committee will inform the Board of Trustees, and they will make an announcement to the UUC congregation.



## From the Finance Chair

I hope you could join us at the kickoff party for the pledge drive, Giving on the Side of Love. We do like each other’s company, and it looked to me like people were enjoying the party.

If you were there, you should have received your pledge card to fill out and return. Please consider thoughtfully how much you can afford to give our congregation for its programs; maybe even more, consider what value you receive. If you did not receive a card then, we’ll mail them out shortly. If you haven’t previously pledged and want to, before anything else, Thank You, most sincerely. Please contact Andrea Dudick, our Administrator, at [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org). Pledge cards are due March 30.

As I said Sunday, we have a great deal going on this year, and the congregation is effectively our only source of revenue. Please consider what you can contribute to make liberal religion strong in Columbia, this year and into the future. Joe Long

## Friendship Dinners

Our Friendship Dinners have begun and have proven to be very popular. We would like to add more hosts to our roster as these seem to fill up as soon as they are offered. You pick the day and time, set the menu/theme and let the good times roll. These can be such fun and are a great way to get to know each other on a deeper level. Please see any member of the Membership Committee (look for the blue ribbons on name tags) or visit the Welcome Table for more information and the sign-up sheets or contact Patty Drews, [membership@uucolumbia.org](mailto:membership@uucolumbia.org) or 931-6799.

## **New Sign: "All Are Welcome"**

Have you seen our sign at the entrance to the church declaring "All Are Welcome"? This is part of our bigger campaign to show our Welcome and Tolerance attitude. Be sure to take a look and see. A banner of the same sentiment is being considered but cost is a challenge at this time.

## **Seeking Recommendations**

The Leadership Development Committee (LDC) is seeking your recommendations for members of next year's Board—Officers and Trustees—as well as Congregational committees—Endowment and LDC. We understand that 2017-2018 holds tremendous promise and challenge: welcoming our newly settled minister, recommitment to our principles, mission, and social justice outreach, and moving forward with building renovations and updating our leadership structure.

We are seeking congregational leaders who have a passion for Unitarian Universalism and for our congregation, who also have the skills, experience, and temperament to work together to make this religious community even better. Do you know someone who has great ideas and a willingness to dive in and solve problems? Who do you think would make a good leader for our congregation?

To review descriptions of the open positions and to recommend an individual, contact us in writing:  
[LDC@uucolumbia.org](mailto:LDC@uucolumbia.org)

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

Please celebrate a special event by becoming a Chalice Lighter. Having a birthday? An anniversary? New to UUCC? 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.



## **Maintaining our 501(3)(c) Non-Profit Status**

Our congregation is a 501(3)(c) non-profit organization under IRS rules. This status means that we cannot participate in any substantive way in partisan political activities without endangering our non-profit status. That does not mean we cannot weigh in on issues like civil rights, wom-

en's rights, environmental problems, marriage equality, income inequality, etc. It means that we cannot endorse candidates for political office. To clarify the IRS rules, you may find the information provided by the UUA helpful when deciding what events or activities may be appropriate for our congregation: <http://www.uua.org/action/rearules>.



## **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.

## **Harvest Hope Continues To Be In Need**

Items that are most wanted are: Canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, and soup. Always non-perishable items. A new item that Harvest Hope is always very desperate for are disposable diapers and adult diapers. They break up the packages and make small packages of 4 to distribute to each client just to help them get by. **DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD ITEMS IN GLASS CONTAINERS - WE CANNOT GIVE THOSE TO HARVEST HOPE**

## **UUCC Fantasy Baseball League**

Whether you are a casual fan or MLB junkie, we have a spot for you in our UUCC Fantasy Baseball League. This is going to be a low-effort, auto-draft, weekly points league played for fun amongst UUCC Friends and members. We will be using a Yahoo fantasy league with no entry fee required. We need 10 more players total to get the league started, so if you enjoy baseball and are interested, please send an email to Brian Dudick at [brian.dudick@outlook.com](mailto:brian.dudick@outlook.com) and he will help get you registered on Yahoo and ready for Opening Day on Sunday, April 2.





## Animal Ministry Film, Friday, March 10



This Friday night is "Movie Night" at UUCC!

Just in case you haven't heard, the Animal Ministry, along with Columbia Veg, will be showing

"PlantPure Nation" Friday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

This film presents the evidence-based prescription for improved health for Americans, and demonstrates how this threatens the financial interests of powerful industries (that are represented by the lobbyists in Washington).

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 7:00. Vegan treats will be served before the film and during intermission. This event is *absolutely free!* Anyone who is willing and motivated is encouraged (*but not required*) to bring a vegan treat to share with the group! Please contact Anita Grossman at [anitaj48@aol.com](mailto:anitaj48@aol.com).

## Million Dollar Quartet Musical Fundraiser, Saturday, March 11

Get your front row tickets today to the Town Theatre's production of the *MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET*, a smash-hit musical inspired by the famed recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for the first and only time.

A \$40 donation to the UUCC will secure the very best seats in the house to experience the performance on Saturday, March 11, with curtain at 8:00 p.m. Place your check in the collection plate with **TT-3/11** (*that's Town Theatre March 11*) in the memo line. Limited tickets are available, so act today. In the past, ticket holders have gotten together for dinner before the show and that will be an option again this year. Contact Patty Drews, 931-6799 with questions.

## Adult Choir Schedule

We will rehearse and sing this **Sunday, March 12, at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary** and every two weeks after. Bill Moody, Director

## Women's Book Group, March 14

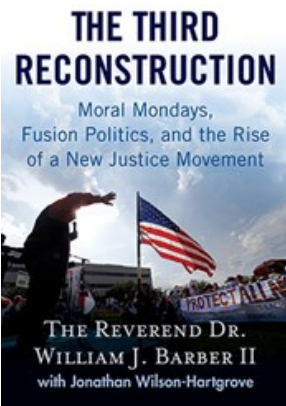


The Women's Book Group will meet Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 to discuss *Paula Spencer* by Roddy Doyle. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon at 776-0784.

## UUCC Book Club, Sunday, March 19

The next book club discussion is 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 19. Angie Dodd Rabon will facilitate a discussion on "The Shipwrecked Mind: On Political Reaction" by Mark Lilla. 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](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu)

**The UUA Common Read for 2017 -- Sign up for our discussion to be held on Sunday, March 19, 12:30-2:00 p.m.**



Rev. Barber writes movingly—and pragmatically—about how he laid the groundwork for a state-by-state movement that unites black, white, and brown, rich and poor, employed and unemployed, gay and straight, documented and undocumented, religious and secular. Only such a diverse fusion movement, Rev. Barber argues, can heal our nation's wounds and produce

public policy that is morally defensible, constitutionally consistent, and economically sane. *The Third Reconstruction* is both a blueprint for movement building and an inspiring call to action from the twenty-first century's most effective grassroots organizer. *The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement* is available through the UUA Bookstore, inSpirit, <http://www.uuabookstore.org/> and through Amazon.com and other book sellers. A limited number of books are available for purchase for \$15.00 (\$1.00 off the publisher's price) on Sundays at UUCC. See Dot Brown or Keitha Whitaker at the Common Read Sign-up table on Sundays (February 26 and March 5 & 12). You may also sign up by sending an email to [uukeitha@gmail.com](mailto:uukeitha@gmail.com). Include "Common Read" in the subject line. We're looking for 20-25 participants max, so sign up sooner rather than later.

**September Set is at NOON on Friday, March 24**

**Please note the time change: NOON**

Our monthly September Set for our UUCC Seniors will be held Friday, March 24. We will begin at **NOON** 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).

**NAMI Walks, Saturday, April 1**



Save the Date of Saturday, April 1, for the annual NAMI campaign. NAMI is the National Alliance for Mental Illness and UUCC traditionally shows great support for this cause. Put it on your calendar and plan to walk in this annual event in downtown Columbia. Be thinking of ways you can help to be a part of this. The Social Action Committee is looking forward to your usual great participation as we encourage assistance to those in the mental health field. Go to <http://bit.ly/NAMI-UUCC> for more information and to donate.

**Chair Yoga, Tuesdays & Thursdays**

Chair Yoga is offered twice a week: 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 Bonnie Stronach. Please contact Ruthie at [rsaunders@sc.edu](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu) if you have questions.

**Art for All Group, Thursdays**

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.

## **Bark to the Park 2017, April 8**

The Animal Ministry will once again have a team to walk in the annual Bark to the Park event to benefit Pawmetto Lifeline. You don't need to walk! Donations are gratefully accepted and both registration fees and donations are completely tax-deductible! Pawmetto Lifeline is an animal rescue organization that works to address the problems created by pet overpopulation and include: Adoption, Medical, Rescue, and Education.

To register to walk in Bark to the Park:

Go to [barktothepark.com](http://barktothepark.com)

- \* Click on the **Join an Existing Team** button
- \* Search for Team Name (Our team name is **Animal Ministry**)
- \* Click on the team name
- \* Select **Join Team**
- \* Register as an individual walker to join the team
- \* Proceed to edit your personal page and *start recruiting team members and raising donations!!*

Another way to donate to your team:

Go to [barktothepark.com](http://barktothepark.com)

- \* Search by the team's name (**Animal Ministry**) or the individual's (team member) name
- \* Select the team or the individual
- \* Click on the **Donate Now** button
- \* If you selected a participant name, click on the **Support this Walker**
- \* Enter the donation amount and proceed with the transaction

### **If you prefer NOT to register and donate by computer:**

ANITA GROSSMAN (team captain) has hard copies of the registration and donation forms which you can fill out and mail in with your check.

## **UUCG Governance and Structure Ad Hoc Committee**

In June 2016 the UUCG Board established an ad hoc committee, UUCG Governance and Structure, to review, analyze, and recommend revisions to our UUCG governance structure, ensuring a clearer picture of who we are as an organization. We have been meeting regularly since June and sending monthly reports to the Board as well as to the other committee chairs in our congregation.

The UUCG Governance and Structure Ad Hoc Committee would like to know what questions, concerns or suggestions our members might have about how UUCG operates. Do you have ideas about governance that you would like to share? Has your experience in other congregations or faith communities given you some insight into governance that you feel might benefit UUCG? Do you have concerns or questions and are not sure where or how

to share those concerns or ask those questions? We want to hear from you, our members. Please direct your comments, questions, concerns, or suggestions to our Chair, Keitha Whitaker, at [uukeitha@gmail.com](mailto:uukeitha@gmail.com).

## **AmazonSmile: Free Money for UUCG**

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 UUCG 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 UUCG. 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.

## **Keep Gathering Toiletries**

The Social Action Committee wishes to thank everyone who donated toiletries, magazines and clothing for the Inclement Weather Center (winter shelter) over the past months. We can attest first-hand that many homeless people benefited from your thoughtfulness. The weather is warming and the shelter will close for the season on April 1. We encourage you to hold further donations until late October or take them to the Transitions homeless shelter or elsewhere. For more information contact Tom Clements, cell 803-240-7268, [tomclements329@cs.com](mailto:tomclements329@cs.com)

# Religious Education

## OWL Classes for Grades 4–6

These classes will begin as soon as we have two more students sign up. This class helps children develop an accepting and loving sense of self and of others. If you know of any 4 – 6<sup>th</sup> graders please talk to their parents about enrolling in this life-saving class.

## Children's Choir

The children will be singing their hearts out for us this spring. Here is the Children's Choir Schedule till the end of March:  
March 12 – Junior Choir practice  
March 26 – Junior Choir practice

## Car Wash, Sunday, March 12

According to the weather forecast, Sunday will be partly sunny with a high in the 70s. A perfect day to get your car cleaned while enjoying the sermon.



## St. Patrick Family Science Night Friday, March 17

All families with children grades K – 5 are invited for an evening of science fun. Children will be making Green Monster Slime while exploring mixtures. Fun begins at 5:30 p.m. with lots of green foods! Please RSVP to Stephanie via email by Monday, March 13 at [dre@uucolumbia.org](mailto:dre@uucolumbia.org) to ensure your children don't miss out on all the fun.

## Children & Youth Religious Education Calendar

Sunday Mar. 12 CYRE, Car Wash

Friday Mar. 17 Elementary Science Night 5:30 – 8:00

Sunday Mar. 19 CYRE

Sunday Mar. 26 CYRE/Social Action

# Art Exhibit



**Art reception Saturday, March 18, 5-7 p.m. in UUCC's Social Hall.**

## **Bea Kuhlke (1941-2014)**

Bea Kuhlke was a full-time professional painter and art teacher for her entire adult life. She began her career with two years of study in Florence, Italy under German born artist Hans-Joachim Staude. She then returned to her hometown of Augusta, Georgia. There she occupied a 2nd floor apartment and supported herself and her dogs as a full-time painter. After establishing herself, she taught painting part-time at the Gertrude Herbert Institute of Art for 25 years, and later in life conducted workshops and classes for serious painters. Throughout her career, she was a prolific painter and her pieces hang in homes, businesses, and galleries throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Bea always said the nature of her subjects were of little importance to her. Her aim was to find beauty where it existed, and she painted what she saw -- the beauty of form, light, and color.

Bea married Craig Chattin in 2002, and they soon moved from Augusta to Aiken, where Bea enjoyed the solitude and excellent light in her backyard studio building. Bea joined the UU Church of Augusta after she met Craig and was an active member there for the remainder of her life. Her love of nature and unshakable integrity are reflected in the beauty and honesty of her work.

# Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	Thursdays	10:00 am	Social Hall
Board Meeting	Wednesday, March 15	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Chair Yoga	Tuesdays Thursdays	11:00 am 1:00 pm	Social Hall Social Hall
Children & Youth RE Committee	Saturday, May 6	9:00 am	Classroom
Choir	Sunday, March 12	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	TBA	12:15 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, March 24	<b>NOON</b>	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, April 2	7:00 pm	Classroom
Technology Committee	Wednesday, April 5	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	Wednesday, March 8	5:00 pm	Classroom # 5
UU Book Club	Sunday, March 19	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; Carita Barr, 782-0053; or Susan Robinson, 446-0675	TBA	
Women's Book Club	Tuesday, March 14	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Writing Group	Tuesday, March 14	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 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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