



The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

April 12, 2017



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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

April 16, 2017

9:30 am Forum Topic

Is beauty in the eyes of the beholder?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

“The Type of Man You’d Want to Keep Alive,” by Rev. Jennie Barrington

April 23, 2017

9:30 am Forum Topic

Do you fear the president will cause changes in your life?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

“The Choice to Save the World,”

Presented by the CYRE Team and Rev. Jennie

Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, May 7**, for publication on **Wednesday, May 10**. **Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.** Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to uucc@uucolumbia.org.

Minister’s Meditation

The Rev. Jennie Barrington, Interim Minister

“Nonsense,” said another voice-Dr. Rust: ‘We’re librarians. When we don’t find what we’re looking for in the first place we look, we don’t give up. We keep looking.’” [Polly Shulman]

Dear Members and Friends,

As you have heard, our excellent Search Committee has not yet found a minister who would be the right match for our wonderful congregation. This is not a failure. In the search for a long-term settled minister, the only failure is presenting a Candidate Minister who is not the right match for a certain congregation, in a certain place, long-term. In the words of our Search Committee’s Co-Chair, David Crockett, “The fact that we did not find a match in the first round does not mean that our congregation isn’t awesome.” Our congregation *is* awesome! UUCC is still very attractive and well-positioned to find a new settled minister. I remain so very proud and grateful for our Search Committee members, individually, and as a whole team. All seven of them are committed and motivated to stay this course a bit longer. They will be doing a second round of search. They will look at ministers who did not apply back in the autumn. It is usually the case that a good number of great ministers will “throw their hat in the ring” for this second round. And it is also a fact that at least ten other UU congregations are in the position of not having found a match in round one. Please continue to be patient, and keep giving the search committee [David, Ann, Rod, Buzzie, Linda, Rebecca, and Brian] your encouragement and support. We will keep you apprised of all the developments in this abbreviated search. And please speak right up and ask me or David or Ann any questions you have about this process.

I look forward to seeing you again soon,
Rev. Jennie (“It’s a privilege to be here.”)

President's Column

Stay Calm & We Got This

I am writing this column sitting in the National/Washington, D.C. airport waiting for my flight to Columbia. This is the last leg of a trip to and around Maine and New Hampshire. I'll probably embarrass myself by kissing the tarmac when we land in Columbia. This has been quite a trip, with family issues, travel delays, and getting to experience the April Fools Blizzard of 2017. Traveling through the National airport provides an opportunity to see the Capital as one takes off and lands. Both times, dark clouds hung over the dome. No kidding.

A few minutes ago, a man walked by wearing a t-shirt sporting the statement, "Stay Calm I Got This" and this brought to mind some of the current challenges that we are facing at UUCC. As we face these, I hope that we can indeed stay calm but, also keep in mind that successfully meeting our challenges must be a group effort.

Challenge #1: As you know, we were all hoping that on March 30th, we would announce that an agreement had been reached with a ministerial prospect to come before the congregation for consideration in May. Unfortunately, this did not happen, despite the good efforts of our search committee. Subsequently, the board requested that the search committee enter the UUCC in Round 2 of the search process. Round 2 is a much-abbreviated version of process in which they were engaged for the past year and should culminate by mid June. It is our heartfelt hope that this added effort will result in the board bringing a settled ministerial candidate before the congregation.

If a settled ministerial candidate is not forthcoming out of Round 2, then the board will reach out to the congregation to solicit your input as to next steps. This is where the "We" is so important. Decisions will have to be made in a relatively short time frame and it will be critical for the congregation to voice its preferences for actions to take. Meanwhile, please take the time to thank members of our search committee for their continuing good work.

Challenge #2: I did a quick count of the number of emails from members of the finance committee and board in my UUCC account which had "Panic" in the subject line and it exceeded twenty. For some reason, as of the date that I am writing this column, both the percentage of pledges received from pledging units and the total amount of pledges is running far behind last year. What is even more alarming, is that this year's budget is not even "bare bones". There is no board reserve or contingency fund and we have lived in constant fear of a major capital expense.

If you have not submitted your 2017/2018 pledge yet, please consider doing so. If you have, and you have the capacity, please consider increasing it. Keeping the UUCC beacon burning in the midlands has never been more important, but to do so takes the power of "We".

Self-confession time.... I'm a worrier, and I realize that these challenges are probably not as onerous as they seem. This congregation constantly amazes me in its capacity to rise to challenges, displaying strength and generosity. During the New Members Dinner last month, I was struck by the large percentage of new members who are already deeply involved in the work of the congregation. I am confident that we will come together to identify and attract ministerial leadership and provide the fiscal foundations for our work.

So, let us don, at least in our imaginations, a t-shirt that exhorts and reassures, "STAY CALM WE GOT IT".

They just announced that we are about to land and I have to turn off my computer. It looks sunny, beautiful and it's 70 degrees! I'm so happy I live in Columbia, and that I am part of the UUCC.

Phil Turner, President

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. Henry Ford



Candles of Community

We are thinking with care and sympathy about Dot Brown, whose mother, Eva Mobley Brown, died on April 2. We are sending love to Dot and her loved ones at this difficult time.

Our condolences go out to Phil Turner whose mother died on April 2. We are keeping Phil and his family in our hearts and prayers.

Thank You!

Rev. Jennie wants to thank the Tech Support team for their generous and specialized help on Sunday morning and at many other functions. They are: Donald Griggs, Shannon Edwards, David Roof, Karl McCollester and Jim DuPlessis. When you have a chance, please say thank you to them.

Harvest Hope

Recently you have donated 256 pounds of much needed food and disposable diapers to Harvest Hope. This does not include your generous donations of food and money that you gave through the CYRE Canstruction Project. You are such a generous community and the Social Action Committee wants to say a very big THANK YOU. Thanks also to Ceren Farr who has taken over the responsibility of delivering the food to Harvest Hope. This is a task that Ceren has taken care of on a regular basis and we are very appreciative of her efforts.

Doctors Without Borders

On behalf of Doctors Without Borders, I want to thank you for your generous give of \$1,002. Our critical work to deliver emergency care to people caught in crises wouldn't be possible without your generous support. Thanks you so much for joining us in our important lifesaving mission. Sincerely, Jason Cone, Executive Director

Family Shelter

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,167. Your willingness to help families in our community weather the crises of homelessness makes all the difference to these parents and their children. Thanks to you we are providing 17 families (our full capacity) with a place to live, learn, and feel safe. We could not do this without you. We and those we serve sincerely appreciate your generosity. Sincerely, Pam Beasley, Board Member

Ride Request

Jan Kelly will need rides to and from church from Harbison each Sunday starting May 7. Susan Robinson and the Whitakers have been taking turns, but Susan is leaving Columbia indefinitely at the beginning of May. Make a new and interesting friend. If you live in the Harbison, St. Andrews, or Irmo areas, Jan needs your help. Taking turns will mean sharing the responsibility.

Some of you may have received an e-mail invitation from Susan from the www.lotsahelpinghands.com site. If you agree to be a volunteer in the "Driving Ms. Kelly" group, you will be able to see a calendar with open dates. Through this y'all can easily coordinate the rides. If you would prefer to communicate or coordinate this another way, but can help, please contact Susan: sscarlt@gmail.com. or by phone 803-446-0675.

News and Notes

April 16th “The Type of Man You’d Want to Keep Alive” (Rev. Jennie preaching) On this Easter Sunday, we will lift up the laudable man Jesus was, and the radically loving and ethical way he lived his life.

April 23rd “The Choice to Save the World” (Presented by the CYRE Team and Rev. Jennie) This will be a multigenerational worship service on the theme of Earth Day. We also plan to have a Child Dedication ceremony.

April 30th “On Restitution and Forgiveness” (Rev. Jennie preaching) In commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance Day, this sermon will examine forgiveness and restitution, including insights from Simon Wiesenthal’s book, “The Sunflower.”

May 7th “After Diligent Search...” (Rev. Jennie preaching) I know that the national news can be discouraging and disheartening. Even so, this sermon will lift up three examples in our nation’s contemporary history when one person’s actions made all the difference in creating accountability and justice.

All Pledge Cards are Needed Now, for our 2017-18 Fiscal Year

Dear Fellow Members and Friends of UUCC:

Our theme, Giving on the Side of Love, has highlighted the many ways our congregation is worth investing in, and is vitally needed by our members and beyond our walls.

We need pledge cards from all members and friends as soon as possible, to plan what our wonderful professional staff and committees will be able to do next year. What we can do depends critically on the pledges we receive. If you haven’t turned in your pledge card yet, won’t you please do so, remembering its importance to our congregation and the services it provides both to us and to the wider community? We have much to look forward to this year, including a newly-renovated building and a new minister. But what we can do depends on you and your generosity. *You may email your 2017-18 pledge in confidence to our Administrator at uucc@uucolumbia.org.*

All our thanks, Joe Long, Finance Chair.

A Special Message from Rev. Jennie about the UUA:

Dear Members and Friends,

It is with real sadness and disappointment that I need to let you know that the President of our denomination, the UUA, the Rev. Peter Morales, has resigned. There is some real controversy about the UUA’s hiring practices for staff members on the national and regional level. There is much more information about this in the on-line version of our denomination’s magazine, “The UU World.” And I will be glad to talk with you more about this in the time ahead. President Morales resigned three months before the end of his term. In June, there will be an election for our new President; the three candidates are all women. All members of UU congregations can vote, even if they do not attend our UU General Assembly this summer in New Orleans. The UUA’s Board of Trustees will be appointing an Acting President to serve between now and June.

Committee Night rescheduled for Tonight Wednesday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m.

As you know, we cancelled Committee Night on Wednesday, April 5, due to the storm. The church will be open this Wednesday, April 12, at 6:00 p.m. for the convenience of the Committees that need to meet. **There will not be a potluck.**

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.

Children & Adult Chalice Lighters Needed



Please celebrate a special event by becoming a Chalice Lighter. Having a birthday? An anniversary? New to UUCC? UUCC longtimer? We would like to celebrate with you! Write: 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, women'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/realrules>.

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 or 931-6799.

Transitions Volunteers Needed Second Saturday of Each Month

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

Please Donate to Harvest Hope

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**

Women's Book Group, Tuesday, May 9



The Women's Book Group will meet Tuesday, May 9 to discuss *It Can't Happen Here* by Sinclair Lewis. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon at 776-0784.

Standing on the Side of Love T-shirts on Sale Sunday, April 16

We still have a few Standing on the Side of Love t-shirts left to sell. This is the size inventory available: 1 small, 4 large, 1 X large, 1-2X large, 2-3X large, 1-5X large. The price of the shirts is \$22 each. If you want a shirt or have any questions about the shirts please email Linda McLeod at socialaction@uucolumbia.org. If you want a size that is not listed above we will be doing another order so please let us know the size that you. We also will order long sleeve shirts (price \$25.)

UUCS Book Club, April 23 & May 21

The next UUCS Book Club discussion is 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 23. Peck Drennan will facilitate a discussion on "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho. We will also meet on Sunday, May 21. Rebecca Drennan will facilitate a discussion on "Benjamin Franklin: An American Life" by Walter Isaacson. We will meet at a member's home. The UUCS Book Club is open to all members and friends of UUCS. We welcome new and returning participants! Please contact Ruthie Saunders if you have questions or would like more information rsaunders@sc.edu

Christian Heritage Group Meeting, Tuesday, April 25

The Christian Heritage Group will meet Tuesday, April 25 at 11:00 a.m. Meet at Jim and Ginny Verne's home at 600 Woodrow Street, unit U. Come join us if you are a UU Christian or would find our meeting interesting. For more information contact Jenny Beale at jeczbl14@aol.com or 803-261-0284.

September Set is at NOON on Friday, April 28

Our monthly September Set for our UUCS Seniors will be held Friday, April 28. 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 or Pat Mohr at patmohr@mindspring.com.

Beltane Crafters' Faire, Sunday, April 30

We invite you to participate in our Faire after service on Sunday, April 30. If you have crafted items you would like to sell, Please contact Beck Sullivan (803-394-1830) or Cindy Blackman (706-288-8193). We are registering crafters now! In addition to the great wares that will be offered, we will have the Maypoles up and music will lend some magic to the air. We will be selling "Make your own sandwiches" outside (weather permitting).

Adult Choir Schedule

We will rehearse and sing **Sunday, April 30, at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary** and again on **Sunday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m.** and every two weeks after. Bill Moody, Director

The Mountain: Save the Dates



Our annual weekend at The Mountain has been changed by popular demand from spring to the fall season. So put the date on your calendars: **September 29-October 1**. We especially want to invite those who have never been to The Mountain. It is a beautiful setting in the Blue Ridge Mountain range and a wonderful experience. Contact Joan Watterson with questions at 803-787-7873 or joan.l.watterson@icloud.com.

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 UUCS 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 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 UUCS Social Hall. Bring your own supplies and prepare to enjoy the company of other artists at no cost. No instruction provided. Please contact Ruthie Saunders at rsaunders@sc.edu if you have questions.

UUCC Governance and Structure Ad Hoc Committee

In June 2016 the UUCC Board established an ad hoc committee, UUCC Governance and Structure, to review, analyze, and recommend revisions to our UUCC 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 UUCC Governance and Structure Ad Hoc Committee would like to know what questions, concerns or suggestions our members might have about how UUCC 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 UUCC? 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.

Hold Off on Winter Shelter Donations Until October but Keep Gathering Toiletries

The Social Action Committee wishes to thank to everyone who donated toiletries, magazines and clothing for the In-clement Weather Center (winter shelter) over the past months. **The shelter is now closed for the season.** 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

March for Science

Please wear your yellow Standing on the Side of Love shirts and join us for a rally at the South Carolina State House on Saturday, April 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to listen to a number of our state's leading scientists, engineers, researchers and environmental leaders and unite in a nationwide "call to support and safeguard the scientific community." This event is hosted by Greater Columbia Action Together, a group of people who value science and recognize how science serves. – SCIENCE, NOT SILENCE! We will be meeting on the Gervais Street side of the capitol just in front of the steps.

MARCH FOR SCIENCE

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSE: APRIL 22, 2017

FIGHT IGNORANCE. FUND SCIENCE. BE PROGRESS.

11 AM to 1 PM | South Carolina State House

Welcome & Introductions	Michelle Edgar Greater Columbia Action Together
Benediction	Dr. Will Goins Interfaith Partners of SC
National Anthem	Chase Asmer
Keynote: The Meaning of Science	Hector Flores, M.Phil., Ph.D. SC Governor's School for Science & Mathematics
Science, Sustainability & Watersheds	Autumn Perkins Sustainable Midlands, Greater Columbia Action Together
Poems	Ed Madden Poet Laureate, City of Columbia
Computer Science & Engineering	Duncan Buell University of South Carolina
Environmental Education/Science Education	Kristin Ziegler School of Zoological and Botanical Studies (ZooBot)
Science & Environmentalism	Christopher Hall Chair, South Carolina Sierra Club
Poems	Tara Powell
The 21st-Century Knowledge Economy	Arik Bjorn
Public Health, Federal Science Funding	Myriam E. Torres, PhD, MSPH USC Arnold School of Public Health
Environmentalism and Sustainability in Communities of Color	Tameria M. Warren, Ph.D.
Citizens, Science & Healthcare	Sara McBride Greater Columbia Action Together
Qur'an & Science	Chaudhry Sadiq Peace & Integration Council of North America
Science & Hinduism	Shaila Shroff Adviser, Interfaith Partners of SC

Romania trips in 2017

Announced by our National Partner Church Council

Two open Partner Church trips to Romania are planned. Your UUPCC Partner Church Committee wants you to know of these opportunities from the National Partner Church Council. The September one may even include a visit to our own little Partner Church in Beszterce, it seems. **Registration deadlines are in May**, so you must act soon!

Brochures and itineraries are at <http://www.uupcc.org/pilgrimages/pilgrimage-opportunities>

Cross Cultural Transylvania Pilgrimage with Khasi Unitarians from N.E. India August 16-29, 2017

The Unitarian Union of NE India asked the UUPCC to organize a pilgrimage for its members this August, and they want to share their journey with you. Two weeks visiting historic Unitarian places, medieval cities, castles, and enjoying the pastoral beauty of central Transylvania – all for under \$100/day.

Registration closes: May 15, 2017 - 11:30pm

Price: from \$1245/person

2017 Transylvania Thanksgiving Pilgrimage (on a budget) September 16 - 28, 2017

Two life-changing weeks in Transylvania for under \$1,150! This is the same quality Unitarian pilgrimage that the UUPCC has been facilitating for two decades – but at 60% of the price. We replace hotels with dorms & guest-houses, eat village meals, and take advantage of “shoulder-season” rates.

Beginning and ending in Kolozsvár/Cluj, you will visit the most significant of the Unitarian holy places... *spend the special Transylvanian Thanksgiving weekend with your partner congregation.* Those without a partner in Transylvania can stay in a beautiful Unitarian village with other pilgrims. Plus we offer an optional 4 day/3 night pre-trip to Budapest, and a 6 day/5 night post trip extension to Maramures & the Painted Monasteries of Bucovia.

Registration closes: May 27, 2017 - 1:00am

Price: from \$1,095/person

Religious Education

Hogwarts School of Magic and Fun Sign-up

Registration for Hogwarts is currently open to families and friends of UUCC. Choose July 17th - 21st and/or July 24th - 28th!

Please reserve your child's space before our rolls are filled! The cost to members for registering your child for one week is \$150.00 with a deposit of \$75.00 required at time of registration.



CYRE Calendar

Sunday April 16 – Easter Celebration! Crafts in CYRE, Easter Bonnet parade and Egg hunt!!!

Saturday April 22 – 3:00 – 5:00 Earth Day skit rehearsal

Sunday April 23 – Multi-Generational Service “The Choice”

Saturday April 29 – Beltane Crafters’ Faire set up

Sunday April 30 – CYRE for Pre-K through Middle School

CYRE is grateful to:

Lis Turner, Patty Drews, Joan Watterson, Della West and Jean Capalbo for their help with creating costumes for our Earth Day service

Beck Sullivan and Cindy Blackman for co-chairing the Beltane Crafters’ Faire

Brandi Mimbs for her dedication to the Junior Choir

Richard McLeod for finding music for the Earth Day celebration

Erin Lowry, Beck Sullivan, Andrea Dudick, Jonathan White, Jim DuPlessis, Terrence Sullivan, Brandi Mimbs, Gail Dawson, Bauer Westeren, Konni Shier, Bethany Storlazzi, Morgan Gauthreaux – Hanes, Cale Ureda, and Cindy Blackman for your continued service to our CYRE program

Caroline Eastman for giving her aquarium to our K-2 lepidopterist- in-the- making

Linda and Richard McLeod for signing up to share their travels with CYRE this summer

Meg White and Lauren McColester for help with Easter Sunday

And to all who support our CYRE programs!

Easter Fun for ALL!

Easter parade and egg hunt following Easter service!

Wear your best hat, be it bonnet, cap or chapeau, for an all ages celebration as we parade out to the children's egg hunt on the back lawn. Prizes for best, most original hats! Stay for drinks and snacks.

Nursery Needs

Do you have a very gently used easy chair looking for a home? How about a comfortable rocker? Our nursery could benefit from the addition of two such chairs. If you have a chair you would like to donate, please talk with Stephanie Palmer-Smith, dre@uucolumbia.org or 207-400-9428.

Children's Choir

Singing April 23rd during service. Look for emails from Brandi regarding rehearsals.

Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	Thursdays	10:00 am	Social Hall
Board Meeting	Wednesday, April 19	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, April 30 & May 7	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 nd Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, April 28	NOON	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, May 3	7:00 pm	Classroom
Technology Committee	Wednesday, May 3	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	Thursday, May 11	5:00 pm	Classroom # 5
UU Book Club	Sunday, April 23	6:30 pm	Member's Home
UU Humanist	4 th 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, May 9	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Writing Group	Tuesday, May 9	6:30 pm	Classroom # 5
Rentals			
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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