



# The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

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## **Sunday Schedule**

**Forum:** 9:30 am in the Library

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

**Nursery:** Available during service for infants through age 3

### **May 28, 2017**

#### **9:30 am Forum Topic**

Are UUs open to all points of view?

#### **11:00 am Sermon Topic**

“Confucius and a Life of Significance,” by Rev. Jennie Barrington

### **June 4, 2017**

#### **9:30 am Forum Topic**

Who has been the best humorist in U.S. history and why? You can bring a short example.

#### **11:00 am Sermon Topic**

“The Shakers,” by Rev. Jennie Barrington

## **Unigram Deadline**

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, June 11**, for publication on **Wednesday, June 14**. *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.* Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).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**

*"Well, I have been searching all of my days-- All of my days. Many a road, you know, I've been walking on-- All of my days. And I've been trying to find, what's been on my mind-- as the days keep turning into night. Now I see clearly, it's you I'm looking for-- All of my days. Soon I'll smile, I know I'll feel this loneliness no more-- All of my days. For I look around me, and it seems you've found me. And it's coming into sight, as the days keep turning into night-- as the days keep turning into night. And even breathing feels alright-- Yes, even breathing feels alright." (from, "All of My Days," by Alexi Murdoch)*

Dear Members and Friends,

I am thrilled to report to you the most wonderful news from your Search Committee-- They have found a Candidate Minister! At long last, the wait is over, and the festivities can begin. Like the ever-ready Energizer Bunny, your Search Committee kept going, and going, and going. And now they have succeeded in finding what you told them you needed and wanted in your next long-term settled minister. I cannot tell you his name until the final stage of this process is completed (please see the Search Committee's article for more details). But I can tell you that he has strong experience and passion for UU Religious Education and for Social Justice, and is very excited about coming to Columbia. I can hardly wait for you to meet him during Candidating Week, which will be from June 11<sup>th</sup> through June 18<sup>th</sup> (mark your calendars now!)

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UUCC has not had a Candidating Week for a really long time. So no question is a dumb question. I am here to answer all of the questions you have about what that week will be like, and what your leadership and I need you to do. First and foremost, we need you to come to church on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>-- That's right-- one week before Candidating Week begins. Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> is the date of our Annual Meeting. There are essential matters for us to attend to, from voting in officers to a change in the bylaws. We must have a quorum for that meeting. Let's please do all we can to ensure that the Candidating Week is preceded by an Annual Meeting Sunday that is a happy success. Equally important, the Candidating Week will culminate on June 18<sup>th</sup> with another congregational meeting. The one thing on the agenda will be the vote-to-call the new settled minister. So we must have a quorum for that meeting, too. Ann Johnson, Co-Chair of the Search Committee, is preparing a detailed schedule of Candidating Week. In brief, it will begin with a sermon and worship service preached by the Candidate Minister on June 11<sup>th</sup>. What will follow are many "meet-and-greets," opportunities for you to get to know the Candidate Minister in person. Please attend both of the worship services (June 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>) and several of the informal gatherings. Those gatherings are your chance to ask the Candidate Minister anything and everything that is on your mind having to do with your ministry needs, and your hopes and dreams for UUCC's future. Candidating Week is the time for you to express these things, openly and directly. Your board and I are letting you know this now because the congregational meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> is *not* the time for a lengthy discussion. What's best is to proceed smoothly and quickly from the convening of the meeting to the vote.

During Candidating Week, I will be home, catching up on some work, and on-call for any unusual emergencies that come up. But I am not supposed to attend any parts of Candidating Week. That way, you and the Candidating Minister will be able to get to know each other without any influence nor interference from me.

It sure looks to me as if your Search Committee has found the right minister for this congregation, in this place, at this time, and for many years to come. What a grand and generous service they have done for us, and for all the new members and friends to come, as UUCC continues to grow, develop, and flourish! How can you thank them? First, you can thank them by name: David Crockett, Ann Johnson, Rod Brown, Rebecca Drennan, Buzzie Kelly, Brian Dudick, and Linda Brennisson. Secondly, you can attend, talk up, and support all of the Candidating Week events-- And I know that you will. You are a congregation that I have always been able to count on to "Step Up and Show Up," especially to assist neighbors who are in need of help and kindnesses. The month of June is your time to extend help and kindness to your congregation, as if it were a person-- because I predict that UUCC's successes and celebrations this spring will reverberate resoundingly for many years to come.

In faith, Your Interim Minister,

Rev. Jennie ("It's a privilege to be here.")

# Ministerial Search Committee Update

The ministerial search committee is proud to introduce the candidate for the settled minister position, Reverend Jeffrey Liebmann, most recently of the Midland (MI) congregation. He comes to us with over six years experience as a Unitarian Universalist minister and has received final fellowship from the UUA. As you will note in his brief biography, he has a real passion for social justice and Religious Education.

## Biography

Rev. Jeff graduated from Meadville Lombard Theological School and entered Unitarian Universalist ministerial fellowship in 2010 after a career in planning and budgeting at the University of Pittsburgh. After student ministries in Pennsylvania and New York, he was called to serve as the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Midland (Michigan) for the past six years.

During his first year in Midland, the state of Michigan went politically “red” and the Occupy Wall Street movement erupted. He jumped into both, helping organize vigils and rallies, as well as testifying before numerous State legislative committees, and local city and county commissions. He has written hundreds of online and print editorials on reproductive justice, LGBTQIA rights and equality, racism, sexism, gun control, church/state relations, among many other topics.

Initially raised in the Disciples of Christ tradition (United Church of Christ), Rev. Jeff explored many religions as a teen, eventually discovering Unitarian Universalism at the age of 30. As a mystical omnitheist, he believes that god is all existence in every plane and universe, and that we all can connect with the Spirit of Love through intuition and mystical experience. He preaches the wisdom of each religion, while encouraging listeners to challenge paradigms and blaze their own spiritual paths. He counts among his spiritual heroes Theodore Parker and Kenneth Patton, James Reeb and Viola Liuzzo, Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr., and all the great heretics of history.

He met his wife Jody in Midland, both bringing two adult children into the marriage. Together, Jody and Jeff traveled to Lansing, Washington D.C., and Raleigh for social justice events. Jody provides enormous support for Jeff’s ministry, and he supports her career as a social worker. Jeff collects books and vinyl records and Jody works with watercolor and acrylics. Both avidly attend garage and estate sales looking for undiscovered treasures. They share their home with Oliver the Dachshund, and cat brothers, Holmes and Watson.

All the Liebmanns are excited to come to the Palmetto State and do the work of creating the Beloved Community in Columbia.



# Notice of UUCC Annual Meeting for 2017

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia will have its annual meeting immediately following the service on **Sunday, June 4, 2017**. All attending are requested to sign in in the foyer so that we can confirm a quorum and have a complete record of attendance.

## Items to be Voted On:

1. Approval of minutes of the Annual Meeting of May 22, 2016
2. Receipt of UUCC Annual Reports and Minister's Annual Report
3. Election of Officers, Trustees, and Members of Leadership Development & Endowment Committees

### *Officers and Trustees*

President-Elect	Tim VanDenBerg
Treasurer (2 year)	Bob Whitaker
Past-President	Phil Turner
Trustee (2 year)	Linda Brennison
Trustee (2 year)	Rod Brown
Trustee (2 year)	Mary Maclachlan
Trustee (1year)	Emilio Perez-Jorge (partial term 2016-2017) [Continuing for final year of term]

### *Leadership Development Committee*

Linda McLeod (2 year)  
Patty Drews (2 year)

### *Endowment Fund Committee*

Darrell Shier (3 year)

Nominations may also be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

4. Name Changes for:
  - a. Title of DRE to Director of Religious Exploration (From Director of Religious Education).
  - b. Title of Children and Youth Religious Education Committee to Children and Youth Religious Exploration Committee. (Note: These changes were approved by the board and reflect an update common in UU congregations.)
  - c. Adoption of 2016-2017 Budget

*A light snack will be served after service and child care will be available during the meeting.*



## Candles of Community

It is with real concern and sadness that we let you know this news about the Moderator of the UUA, Jim Key. He is battling cancer. And so he has resigned as Moderator. Jim is a member of, and leader in, our sister congregation in Beaufort, the UU Fellowship of Beaufort, SC. We are all keeping Jim, and his wife, Liz, and their wonderful family in our hearts and prayers at this difficult time. We are hoping that the cancer can be completely eradicated, and that Jim can go home soon. And we are sending caring thoughts and hopes of healing to Jim and to all who love him, with tender affection.

We are terribly shaken and grieved by the news of the bombing on Monday night in Manchester, England. At the conclusion of the Ariana Grande concert, outside of the Manchester Arena, a terrorist exploded a bomb. Twenty-two people have died, and over fifty people are injured. Many of them are children or young teens. We send our sympathetic well-wishes to the people of Manchester and beyond, in the hopes of healing and comfort.

# News and Notes

May 28<sup>th</sup> “Confucius and a Life of Significance” [Rev. Jennie preaching] One thing we can still honor and take to heart from the teachings of Confucius is the importance of honoring our elders and ancestors. On this, the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, join us in gleaning more insights from this ancient teacher and tradition.

June 4<sup>th</sup> “The Shakers” [Rev. Jennie preaching] On this, our Annual Meeting Sunday, after the worship service, we will gather to give attention to the essential business, officers, and accomplishments of our religious community. In the worship service, we will look to The Shakers to learn what they, as a religious community, created, cultivated, and preserved.

June 11<sup>th</sup> [Topic TBA] Come hear our Candidate Minister, for this first Sunday of Candidating Week!

June 18<sup>th</sup> [Topic TBA] Come hear our Candidate Minister for this final Sunday of Candidating Week! And then stay for the all-important congregational meeting and vote-to-call our new Settled Minister.

June 25<sup>th</sup> [Topic TBA] This will be Rev. Jennie’s last Sunday in our pulpit.

## 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](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).*

All our thanks, Joe Long, Finance Chair.

## UUA General Assembly and Candidates for President

Dear Members and Friends,

This year's UUA General Assembly will be from June 21st - 25th, in New Orleans. Our congregation has four delegates total: Stephanie Palmer-Smith, Pippin Whitaker, Keitha Whitaker, and Bob Whitaker. At our denomination's website: [uua.org](http://uua.org) you can find information on all the possible things our delegates will be voting on. After you inform yourself, you can talk to our delegates about what you think and feel.

One of the things delegates will be voting on is a new President of the UUA. All 3 candidates are women. Here are their websites: Rev. Susan Frederick Gray <http://susanfrederickgray.com/>; Rev. Jeanne Pupke <http://www.jeannepupke.com/>; and Rev. Alison Miller <http://www.alisonforuuaresident.org/>

If you have any questions about this year's "GA," you are also always welcome to ask me.

Thank you, Rev. Jennie

## Seeds of Hope Volunteers Needed Sundays Starting June 18



It's time to start signing up as a volunteer to help with the Seeds of Hope fresh market that will run on Sundays from June 18 to August 6 in front of our church. We need smiling faces

and willing hands (and hearts) to work this 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sunday schedule. Once again this year Bauer Westernen will be doing the scheduling so please send him an email at [bwesteren@hotmail.com](mailto:bwesteren@hotmail.com) (note corrected email address: if you sent an email to [bauerwestern@yahoo.com](mailto:bauerwestern@yahoo.com) then please resend to the correct address) to let him know your availability OR GO TO THE SOCIAL ACTION WEBPAGE TO SIGNUP. We now have sign up availability with the scheduled dates on the website. Be the first to volunteer! Thanks in advance for your willingness to make this another successful year for Seeds of Hope and Farmer Louis Reid.

## 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](mailto:dre@uucolumbia.org) today to reserve your date or sign up on the clipboard found on the information table in the Social Hall.

## Friendship Dinners

Our Friendship Dinners are very popular and 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.

## 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

As we head into the summer months and school will soon be letting out, Harvest Hope will have an increased need for food supplies. Canned vegetables and fruits, canned juices, peanut butter, canned meats, and pasta are the items most needed. Your increased donations will be very helpful in filling up the shelves. With children out of school they will not be getting that extra reduced and free meals program that they get during the school year. Also there is always a continued need for baby and adult diapers. Remember NO GLASS CONTAINERS please. We cannot deliver those to Harvest Hope. If you use plastic grocery bags, please save them and bring them in for Harvest Hope. They never have enough. Thanks.

## UUCC Art Exhibit: The Art of Recovery

The art in the social hall this month is The Art Of Recovery from the SC Department of Mental Health.

This program gives individuals from across SC living with mental illness an opportunity to show and sell their art work. All sale proceeds go directly to the individual artist. To inquire about purchasing, please call (803) 898-8581.



## **Ramadan Dinner Friday, June 2, 7:30 p.m.**

*Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for a cultural exchange with the Muslim community by attending a Ramadan Dinner on Friday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. right here at UUCC, co-hosted by the Atlantic Institute\*.*

During the month of Ramadan, Muslims fast by not consuming food or water until after sundown. Once the sun sets Iftar - or fast breaking - dinners take place each night. This is an important time not only for those who participate in Ramadan because of their faith but also an important time to share this tradition with friends from different backgrounds over delicious food and through lively conversation. It is truly a special time when people of all backgrounds come together and share in the Iftar experience, learning about different cultures and faiths in the process. Please join us to hear what Dr. Akif Aydin has to say about his Muslim experience during Ramadan. Please come dressed comfortably and be ready to learn and eat. There will be a dialogue led by Dr. Aklif Aydin and Q&A portion starting at 7:30 p.m. with dinner being served at sundown (about 8:30 p.m.) This will be a great learning experience for all, however, it is suggested that due to the late hour that you bring only older children and perhaps feed them a light snack since they may be a little hungry by 8:30 p.m. If you would like to contribute to the meal with a salad, vegetable, or fresh fruit dish please contact Linda McLeod at [socialaction@uucolumbia.org](mailto:socialaction@uucolumbia.org). Please be sure to register to attend at <http://bit.ly/ramadan-uucc> to RSVP or go to the UUCC website to the Social Action webpage. *If you do not have access to the internet you can register by email at [socialaction@uucolumbia.org](mailto:socialaction@uucolumbia.org)*

\*The Atlantic Institute is a non-profit organization headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia whose goal is to facilitate dialogue and bridge cultures around the globe. For a better world of peace and understanding, they would like to develop public awareness for diverse cultures, beliefs, traditions, and opinions. With branches in Florida, Alabama, Tennessee and South Carolina, they have been able to dedicate their efforts and resources for building cross-cultural and interfaith dialogue. Atlantic Institute was established in 2012.





**September Set is at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 26: Please Note Start Time of 6:00 p.m. for the Summer Months**

Our monthly September Set for our UCC Seniors will be held Friday, April 28. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall with conversation and getting to know each other better. Bring a dish to share and join in the fun. Long time and new members and friends are welcome. We hope to see you there. Contact Jean Capalbo at jacapalbo@gmail.com or Pat Mohr at patmohr@mindspring.com.

**Standing on the Side of Love T-shirts for Sale Sunday, May 28**

Once again we have a full order of Standing on the Side of Love T-shirts but they are going fast. There will be a sale table Sunday, May 28, after church so be sure to get yours while they last. The price is \$22 for short sleeve. Long sleeve are \$25 and are special order. After this Sunday's sale please contact Linda McLeod at [socialaction@uucolumbia.org](mailto:socialaction@uucolumbia.org) if you would like a shirt since the sale table will not be set up every Sunday. The proceeds from the shirt sales help to cover costs for the many Social Action activities beyond our budget.

**Join Us For Lunch After Coffee Hour**

Please join us for lunch after Coffee Hour on **Sunday, May 28** at *Miyo's Chinese Restaurant*, 3250-B Forest Drive. These lunches are separate checks.

**ad hoc Committee for Building Renovations Update**

The CBR will meet on **Tuesday, May 30** to review the final renovation plans from the Architect and structural engineer. Expect to advertise for bids in June and begin construction around August 1; after our review on May 30 we will know if that schedule can be kept.

**CYRE Spring Planning Meeting, Saturday, June 3**

Our CYRE committee meeting will be held Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 a.m. - noon in the Social Hall.

**Wear Orange Day - Gun Violence Walk, Saturday, June 3**

Join us on Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the SC Statehouse Grounds, 1100 Gervais St, for **Wear Orange Day - Gun Violence Awareness Family Friendly Fest and Walk**. Deck yourself out in orange and join us for a family-friendly walk around the Statehouse! We'll start at 9:00 a.m., then we'll enjoy music, speakers, fun kids activities and a BYO picnic. Come on out to honor our survivors and the many lives lost to gun violence, and take a strong stand against gun violence in our community!

**Social Action Committee, Wednesday, June 7**

The Social Action Committee will meet on regular committee night, Wednesday, June 7. Please join with the other committees and bring your favorite dish for the potluck at 6:00 p.m. We will dismiss after dinner to begin our meeting at 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to make it to the potluck please make every effort to join us for the meeting. These meetings are open to all who are interested in Social Action and would like to be a part of what we are doing. We will be discussing some challenging upcoming events that are taking place in the next few months and encourage all new comers to join us. Hope to see you there.

**Women's Book Group, Tuesday, June 13**



The Women's Book Group will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 on Tuesday, June 13 to discuss *My Brilliant Friend*, by Elena Ferrante. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Chubon, 776-0784 or [sjchubon@sc.rr.com](mailto:sjchubon@sc.rr.com)

## UUCC Book Club, Sunday, June 25

The next book club discussion is 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 25 at 6:30 pm. Joe Long will facilitate a discussion on *“The Stuff of Thought: Language as a Window into Human Nature”* by Steven Pinker. We will meet at a member’s home. The UUCC Book Club is open to all members and friends of UUCC. **We welcome new and returning participants!** Please contact Ruthie Saunders if you have questions or would like more information: [rsaunders@sc.edu](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu)

## Chair Yoga, Tuesdays & Thursdays: Summer Schedule

Chair Yoga classes on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons will take a break for the summer after the last week in May (last class before the break is June 1). Stay tuned for Chair Yoga to resume in Fall 2017, assuming there is continued interest. In the meantime, join us during the month of May at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays (Ruthie Saunders will lead) and/or 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays (Bonnie Stronach will lead). Please contact Ruthie Saunders [rsaunders@sc.edu](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu) if you have questions or comments.



## 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](mailto:uukeitha@gmail.com).

## 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.

# Religious Education

## Hogwarts School of Magic and Fun Sign-up

Registration for Hogwarts is currently open to families and friends of UUCC. Choose July 17 - 21 (only 2 spots left) and/or July 24– 28. 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. The cost for non-members is \$200.00 with \$100.00 due at time of registration.



## We Are UUs Summer Program for Youth (note date changes)

Is your 13 – 17 year old ready to deepen their UU identity? Our UU summer camp will provide games and stories to help them deepen their faith while enjoying their UU friends. We will cover topics such as UU history, spiritual practices, and decision making. “Camp” will run the week of Tuesday June 27 – Saturday July 1 in the evenings with an over-night lock-in on Friday night. Please see the sign-up sheet at the

CYRE table in the Social Hall.

## CUUBS Outing to Columbia Marionette Theater

CUUBS (Children UUs Beyond Sundays group) will be gathering Saturday, June 17 at 10:30 a.m. We will meet at the UU, venture out to the Columbia Marionette Theater to enjoy “Little Red Riding Hood” and come back to the UU for lunch together. Please sign your elementary age student up on the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. Would you like to chaperone? Please talk with Stephanie.

## CYRE Calendar

Sunday May 28 – **NO CYRE**

Saturday June 3 – CYRE committee Planning Meeting

Sunday June 4 – Summer CYRE begins!

Sunday June 11 – CYRE Sailing to Spain! With Nancie Shillington-Perez

Sunday June 18 – Trekking to Tanzania with Carol and Don Dodson

Sunday June 25 – Navigating to New Zealand with Don Dodson

## Summer CYRE Volunteers Needed

Summer CYRE is in need of volunteers to oversee our children and youth as they work on their crafts after their Passport adventures. **NO EXPERIENCE OR SPECIFIC TALENT NECESSARY!** Please sign up on the board in the Social Hall.

**UUCB Board of Trustees**  
**Summary of March 15, 2017 Meeting**

The Board of Trustees met March 15, 2017 from 6:30 to 7:40 PM

**Treasurer's Report**

Bob Whitaker reported that we are in good shape financially with pledges just under expectation while non-pledge giving, plate collections and fund-raising are over the expected figures. Capital Campaign payments are at \$110,709.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Technology Services**

We have a donation of \$5,000 to purchase a service for hearing impaired members and friends. David Roof is working with the donors to find the right fit for our sanctuary.

**Building & Grounds**

We have a newly installed HVAC system in the library. Phil painted over the burn marks on the wall and ceiling of the stage. The work day postponed because of a memorial service has been rescheduled for April 1.

**Membership**

The New Member Dinner is scheduled for March 25. Our membership is over 200 again.

**CYRE**

Hogwarts Camps have been announced. The planned OWL class has been postponed until one more person applies. The car wash was postponed due to snow.

**Building Renovation**

Richard reported that group informational meetings with the congregation and staff have occurred. Richard will meet with Peck Drennen and incorporate feedback ideas from those meetings into the plan.

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was clarified that our annual meeting will be held June 4, 2017.

**Ministerial Search Committee**

The Committee has reported that they only have one candidate left. They plan to make an offer to that individual March 30. They would like direction from the Board about how to proceed if their offer is not accepted. After some discussion the Trustees agreed to have the Search Committee initiate Round 2 of the UUA search process.

**Delegates to GA**

Phil reported that Pippin Whitaker has rejoined our congregation and would like to be considered as a GA delegate. The Board agreed to accept her offer.

Minutes recorded by Joan Watterson, summarized by Sandy Chubon

# Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	Thursdays	10:00 am	Social Hall
Board Meeting	Wednesday, June 21	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Chair Yoga	Tuesdays Thursdays	11:00 am 1:00 pm	Social Hall Social Hall
Children & Youth RE Committee	Saturday, June 3	9:00 am	Social Hall
Choir	Sunday, June 4	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Committee Night	1st Wednesday of month	6:00 pm	Dinner in the Social Hall
CUUP's, Gaia's Rising	Every Thursday	7:30 pm	Library
Forum	Every Sunday	9:30 am	Library
Green Committee	TBA	6:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Knit or Not	Every Monday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Membership Committee	1st Wednesday of month	7:00 pm	Classroom
Visitor Orientation	Sunday, TBA	12:15 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, May 26	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Wednesday, June 7	7:00 pm	Classroom
Technology Committee	Wednesday, June 7	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	Thursday, June 14	5:00 pm	Classroom # 5
UU Book Club	Sunday, June 25	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	TBA	
Women's Book Club	Tuesday, June 13	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Writing Group	Suspended for Summer	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

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