



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 2

September 17, 2017

9:30 am Forum Topic

Does an artist's personal behavior affect your reaction to him or her?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

"Varieties of Pacifism (part one of two)," by Rev. Jeff Liebmann

September 24, 2017

9:30 am Forum Topic

How about basic minimum income-enough only to exist?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

"Responses to Fascism (part two of two)," by Rev. Jeff Liebmann

Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, September 24**, for publication on **Wednesday, September 27**. *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.* Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to uucc@uucolumbia.org.

Rev. Jeff Liebmann

The beginning of the church year brings exciting opportunities for engagement. For some, the abundance of activities can overwhelm. For newer members and folks not used to church organization, making a choice can be challenging.

For the former, I say to pace yourselves. We need your dedication and service, but not at the cost of depriving you of your own spiritual fulfillment. For the latter, my best advice is to think about your area of interest and dive in. The waters of our religious community are wide and deep and there is plenty of room for all.

If your interest is learning, check out our adult religious education classes and our Sunday morning Forum. Donald Cooper will be leading a class on American Grace and I will be teaching about Our Chosen Faith. And if helping young people learn more about our long Unitarian Universalist heritage and belief suits you, then talk to our Director of Religious Exploration and Stephanie will help you find a niche.

For those of you interested in exploring religious experience beyond the Sunday morning worship service, check out our small group ministries, such as our Christian Heritage or the Monday Meditation group. If you find personal relationships and helping others rewarding, talk to our Caring Committee about being a Helping Hand. And if the world of community activism and service intrigues you, the Social Action Committee is addressing a wide range of issues and initiatives.

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Our congregation offers a unique space to the religious seeker, to those in search of spiritual roots, and those looking for fellow travelers on the perilous journey of life. Our modern world requires much of us to sustain our bodies and minds. Many distractions exist to numb the pain, to divert our attention from vital questions, and to restrain our curiosity. This congregation is a place where you can share your burdens, ask those vital life questions, and explore in a safe and loving environment.

If you have been attending UUCC but have not joined, consider signing our membership book. If you are a newer member or have not fully engaged in our activities and committees, consider taking the plunge. And if you are among our many capable volunteers and leaders, take time for self-care and know that your hard work is critical to the ongoing task of sustaining liberal religion in the Midlands, and to guaranteeing a healthy UUCC for the next generation of Unitarian Universalists.

Rev. Jeff

Direction Reflection Exploration

A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.
Marcus Garvey

Help Us Make Our UU History Come Alive!

Looking back through Unitarian US history can inspire pride in our faith of choice but more importantly, it can ignite inspiration and courage through the examples of our courageous forbearers as they stood up and fought for justices such as religious freedom. Our teens get to experience with pride and awe the rich history of our UU faith each and every time they trek to Boston. What an experience for them!

But also, what a cost. As many of you know high schoolers today are extremely busy people. In addition to the work they do for their classes, they are writing applications. They are working to help pay for their education. They are trying to play sports. And our UU teens are trying to fulfill many, many hours of work on fundraisers here at the UUCC just to ensure they raise enough money to get to go on this trip. And they do it willingly and with smiles on their faces.

This year we have had to get very creative and ambitious to raise enough money for this spectacular trip. We will have 3 pancakes breakfasts this year, requiring a total of 20 man-hours each. We will hold a Showcase where our children and youth will get to bask in the limelight for a few minutes. This event will require a total of approximately 30 man-hours, what with rehearsals, set building, tech assistance, etc. And these are just the extra fundraisers we have added to our schedule. Overall, our teens and their parents are being asked to contribute more than 50 hours each to raise the funds for this trip! We'll have fun doing it and we will raise the money with your support, for which we are grateful, but we could use some of your blood, sweat, and tears, as well.

Please take a moment this Sunday to wander over to the CYRE table (in the back with the blue tablecloth) and you will see sign-up sheets for a variety of fundraisers. All of our fundraisers can use some extra help. Wouldn't you like to get in on the fun? Come work beside our teens, get to know them and you will not only enhance their chances of going to Boston for this great UU history experience, you will most likely make a new friend. A who knows? You might just like it!

Stephanie, DRE

Loving my experiences with all the children and youth!

News and Notes

September 17

[Varieties of Pacifism (part one of two)]

Rev. Jeff Liebmann

The UUA has taken many stands in support of peacemaking. Unitarian Universalism is not, however, a Peace Church as are the Friends, the Mennonites, and the Church of the Brethren. What stands have our predecessors taken on war and opposing tyranny?

September 24

[Responses to Fascism (part two of two)]

Rev. Jeff Liebmann

Emboldened actions by white supremacists and neo-Nazis have given rise to a movement committed to “direct action,” which includes a willingness to use violence in self defense. Can people philosophically committed to violence ever be defeated by nonviolence alone, or must we rely on the threat of agitators, even anarchists, to succeed?

Be sure to see our Social Action Page!

How Can You Help Hungry People?

Bring canned goods (fruits, vegetables, and meats), peanut butter in plastic jars, pasta, disposable diapers - children and adult sizes - to add to our Harvest Hope basket. They also need plastic grocery bags to bag up the groceries. We deliver these goods every three weeks and like to have a nice big delivery for them. Please do your share to feed hungry people. Thanks from the Social Action Committee

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.



Denominational Connections Committee

I am delighted to serve as the Denominational Connections Chair for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia. First order of business:

- Members and friends, if you are interested in our congregation’s connections with the wider world of Unitarian Universalism, please connect with me and join me in this exciting endeavor. Committee members needed and welcomed!
- See our Facebook page for recent posts concerning denominational happenings in the wide, wide world of Unitarian Universalism including, our 2017/2018 Common Read, white supremacy, our UUA President, Susan Frederick-Gray’s response to President Trump’s plan to ban transgender people from serving in the U.S. Military, and more.

I look forward to hearing from you and to serving with you. Let me know what you’d like to see and hear more about concerning denominational connections.

Keitha Whitaker, Chair, Denominational Connections, uukeitha@gmail.com

Check out our Denominational Connections web page here: <http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/connection/denominational-connection/>

Driving Ms Kelley

Most of us would like to have the opportunity to meet someone interesting; someone with stories to tell. I have just that opportunity for UUCC members and friends. If you pass by or through the Harbison area of Columbia on Sunday mornings and have an extra seat in your car, truck or van, we have a member who would love a ride to UUCC. Please click on the following link to see our *Driving Ms Kelley* SignUpGenius sign-up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084aaec2ba75-driving> Thank you for your help! Always, Keitha Whitaker. Please call if you have questions. (803-605-8625)

The Mountain Weekend

Our annual weekend retreat at The Mountain is fast approaching, September 29 through October 1. Don't be left out of a wonderful opportunity to get away, relax, get to know your fellow UUCC-ers and enjoy the lovely North Carolina mountains in the fall.

The Mountain encompasses its surroundings and provides rustic but comfortable living arrangements. The Lodge has rooms similar to a motel with two twin beds and a private bath per room. Some of the cabins have similar arrangements and the camp cabins are perfect for families with open rooms, bunk beds and a shared bathroom.

Activities can be as much or as little as you want. Our traditional activities are a getting-to-know-you gathering in the group meeting space Friday after dinner with games, ping pong and foosball and the Saturday evening campfire with s'mores and sing-along.

The all-inclusive prices are for 6 meals (dinner on arrival Friday-lunch on Sunday)

The prices have not changed. They are as follows:

Adult 2-night double occupancy- \$190

Adult 2-night single occupancy (private room)- \$260

Adult 1-night double occupancy, 4 meals (lunch on arrival, lunch on departure)- \$135

Adult 1-night single occupancy (private room)- \$170

Weekend charges for youth 8-17 \$70, 0-7 FREE

To register go to TheMountainRLC.org or call The Mountain during office hours at 828-526-5838. More to follow. Questions call Joan Watterson-803-787-7873

T-Shirt Correction Notice

We only have six shirts left to sell but the sizes in the recent eblast were incorrect. **The sizes left are 2 small, 2 medium, and 2 X-large.** We have several events, rallies, and the all important Pride Parade coming up soon that you will want to wear your Standing on the Side of Love t-shirt to. Don't miss your chance to get yours now.

The Human Experience

On display in the social hall are 10 unsigned, undated collages by returning Vietnam veterans. They were created in the 70s under the artistic direction of artist and teacher, Sonia Vellani. The hands on work was performed by veterans returning from Vietnam and receiving treatment at the VA

Hospital in Los Angeles, CA.

The general theme of the exhibit is the celebration of the full human experience. It reflects the joy of multiculturalism, the diversity of life, and the joy, and the time limits, of the human experience. Each is priced \$150 and are for sale through the UUCC. For more information, contact Jean Capalbo at jacapalbo@gmail.com or 799-1001.



Can you lend a Helping Hand?

Our Caring Committee is looking for people who can cook an occasional meal, provide someone a ride to the doctor, or perhaps move some furniture. We would like to create a list of folks willing to offer a Helping Hand every once in a while when a member or friend is in need. No meetings or other commitments - just reaching out and helping. This is a perfect way for newer and younger members to get to know other people in our religious community. If you want to be a Helping Hand, please email Sandy Chubon at sjchubon@sc.rr.com

Membership Committee Meeting on Sunday, September 17

Looking for a way to help your congregation and/or a way to meet new people? Please join us on Sunday, September 17 from 12:30-1:30 in Room 8 to find out more. Snacks will be served. Questions may be directed to Nancie Shillington-Pérez or Buzzie & Mike Kelly at membership@uucolumbia.org.

Partner Church Committee Meeting, Sunday, September 17

The Partner Church Committee will meet after the service on September 17, at 12:30 p.m., in Classroom 5. Anyone interested in learning more about our Partner Church in Transylvania, and what we as a committee do, please join us! We will be discussing Rev. Zsolt Solymosi's upcoming visit to UUCC this spring. Many will remember the enjoyable time we had when Zsolt was with us two years ago! Also we will share ideas for our fundraiser and the possibility of another group pilgrimage to Transylvania to learn about, and see, wonderful Unitarian historical sites, as well as visit with our Partner Church members in Bistrita. Contact Jean Capalbo with questions at jacapalbo@gmail.com.

Christian Heritage Group, Tuesday, September 19

The Christian Heritage Group will meet Tuesday, September 19 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 8. Our discussion will focus on how our Christian background influences and guides us in responding to the current political climate of hatred and bigotry. If you would like to extend our discussion into lunch time, bring your brown bag lunch and drink. If you have any questions please call Jenny Beale at 776-2625.

September Set is at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22

Our monthly September Set for our UUCC Seniors will be held Friday, September 22. 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.

UUCC Book Club, Sunday, September 24

The next book club discussion is at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 24, 2017. Alvin Steingold will facilitate a discussion on *Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow. 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

Chair Yoga resumes on October 4!

Chair yoga will meet at 11 am on Wednesdays beginning October 4 and run for 9 sessions before the winter break (Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29). Chair yoga entails about 45 minutes of real yoga but it takes place mostly seated. It is ideal for people who want to improve flexibility but who do not like (or, for physical reasons, cannot do) the typical yoga class. No special clothing or materials are needed and there is no cost. We welcome new and returning participants. If you have questions, please contact Ruthie Saunders RuthPSaunders@outlook.com or 776-6608. We hope to see you there!

Chair Yoga Instructors Needed



We are seeking additional Chair Yoga Instructors for the upcoming year! The goal is to have several instructors for a once-per-week class that would alternate on some agreed-upon schedule with some built-in breaks over the year (scheduling details to be determined based on interest and availability). If you have yoga instruction background OR are interested in a one-day training session in adapted yoga to become a Chair Yoga instructor please contact Ruthie Saunders RuthPSaunders@outlook.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 if you have questions.



Help Welcome Visitors as Greeters and at Red Tablecloth

Please contact Nancie Shillington-Pérez or Buzzie & Mike Kelly at membership@uucolumbia.org to help meeting new people. You do not need to be a member of the Membership Committee. We need YOU to help put out a "new face" for our visitors. Many hands make light work!

Dances of Universal Peace at UUC on Friday, October 6

All UU's are welcome to participate in the Dances of Universal Peace [DUP,] which returns to UUC on selected first Fridays, beginning October 6. We will be in the Social Hall from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Rumi could have been describing DUP when he said, "Moon and evening star do their slow tambourine dance to praise this universe. The purpose of every gathering is discovered: to recognize beauty and to love what's beautiful.*" But Rumi's words were written in the thirteenth century, while DUP began late in the twentieth century!

Sponsored by the Islamic Sufi Ruhaniat International order, the DUP are active meditative practices honoring the positive spiritual energy in the world's many different faith traditions. Each dance increases our awareness of the Divine in and around us. For each dance, our mentored leader teaches us a sacred phrase, its meaning and melody, and the motions of the dance. Then we are led to chant and move through several iterations of the dance, to deepen our spiritual connection to the universe. In our usual two-hour session we typically do several dances and share some blessings, prayers, and poetry. After dancing, we usually socialize for a while. For more information, contact Marguerite Frongillo [803-743-0731 ormff426@gmail.com] *Excerpt from Rumi's "Bowls of Food," p 200 in Coleman Barks 2001 *The Soul of Rumi*, Harper San Francisco, 425 pp.

Women's Book Group, October 10



The Women's Book Group will meet Tuesday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 to discuss *Evicted: Poverty & Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon, 776-0784 or sjchubon@sc.rr.com

Notice Anything New About Our Kitchen?

You have probably heard the news that we now have an ad hoc Kitchen Committee and you have likely seen them working hard to clean and organize our kitchen and store-room. Many hours and lots of elbow grease have gone into the improvement of this place in our building that we use so much. We aren't through yet but do ask that everyone help us out by following a few easy guidelines to make it easier to keep our kitchen clean and functional. Thanks for helping us to help you have a nice clean kitchen.

1. If you make dirty dishes please either put them in the dishwasher or hand wash them.
2. Do not leave dishes in the sink.
3. Wash off counter tops when you are through in the kitchen.
4. Do not leave unwanted food on the counters.
5. Return items to cupboards where they were found.
6. Follow all of the instructions for the use of the refrigerator – remember food left over one week will be thrown out. Be sure there is a name and date on your food.
7. Follow all of the instructions for the use of the stove – it has been completely cleaned and has new drip pans. Let's keep it that way.
8. Be very sure to pay attention to the outlet usage in order to avoid blowing circuits. Instructions are available on the side of the refrigerator and on the Social Hall wall explaining the load for each outlet.



Social Action

Social Action Committee Meeting: Sunday, October 1, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Meet us at 12:30 p.m. after service in Classroom 5. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm! We need your help to make great things happen.

Black Lives Matter Banner Approved!

At our Social Action meeting on Sunday, September 10, which was open to the entire congregation, the vote passed to hang a Black Lives Matter banner on our building. The current plan is to have a dedication on Sunday, October 15. More news to come. If you have any questions, please contact socialaction@uucolumbia.org.

52 Postcards Collected to Senator Tim Scott in Favor of the Dream Act

At church on Sunday, the Social Action Committee collected 52 postcards that will be hand delivered to Tim Scott by SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center, and that's in addition to any cards signed at the Prayer Vigil at the statehouse on Tuesday, September 5. Hopefully this will make a big impact on Tim Scott's decision to support undocumented youth brought here as children. Thank you for your participation!

UCC Transitions Library Volunteer Staff

For the past 6 years, UCC has staffed the Transitions Library 4-5 p.m. on Fridays. This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of providing a much-needed quiet area, recreational reading, and a source of information to the clients of Transitions. The work is fun and involves checking materials in and out and re-shelving. It is a great way to get to meet folks from a variety of backgrounds who have in common a lack of housing.

The goal is to identify 8-9 UCC members/friends who are willing to staff the library one Friday (4-5 p.m.) every couple of months. Training will be provided and you will be accompanied for your first time. No prior experience or special skills are needed. Phil Turner will schedule volunteers and lead the training. Please email him (pturner@unt.edu) if you are interested or have questions. Thank you!

Transitions Volunteers Needed Second Saturday of Each Month to Serve Meals

UCC 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.

Alternatives to Violence Project Workshop: Friday-Sunday, September 15-16

Hosted by Carolina Peace at the Columbia Friends Meeting House, 120 Pisgah Church Road, Columbia. Enjoy a hands-on, fun, activity-based experience (no note-taking!) in an intensive weekend workshop. Explore the power we all have to change hostility and destructiveness into cooperation, community, and justice. AVP is a multi-cultural organization of volunteers offering interactive workshops that teach skills of non-violent conflict resolution and empower people to lead nonviolent lives, through Affirmation, Communication, Cooperation, Community, and Creative Conflict Resolution. Register here and get more info: <https://tinyurl.com/ydakqtdw>

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Social Action, con't.

Peace Day at the Statehouse, Sunday, September 17, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Join Carolina Peace in honor of the International Day of Peace featuring live music from CJ Mack and the PeaceMackers, activities for youth and the young at heart, and an organizational fair of groups working for peace & justice. #peaceday FREE. Donations accepted. We need people to man our table. Two shifts: 1 - 2:30 p.m. & 2:30 -4 p.m. Bring table, banner, flyers, sign-up sheet and canopy. Please contact socialaction@uucolumbia.org if you are able to man a table that day with us.



Love Thy Neighbor Rally, Saturday, September 23, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. State House

Join us as a #commUNITY to show that we do, in deed, Love our Neighbor - ALL our Neighbors. Our country needs an example; our South Carolina #commUNITY needs to embrace love & peace. Condemn hate. Condone LOVE. Join with elected officials and community leaders to show that bigotry has no place in South Carolina. Partner fair 10-2, speakers & presentations 11-1, agenda forthcoming. Please contact socialaction@uucolumbia.org if you are able to man a table that day with us. We need to bring a table, chairs, literature, and the tent with bricks to weigh down each leg. There will be two shifts, 9am- Noon and Noon -2pm. Wear your yellow Standing on the Side of Love t-shirts.

Harvest Hope Volunteer Day, Saturday, October 7, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

The Social Action Committee still needs a few more volunteers to sign up to help at Harvest Hope on Saturday, October 7, 9:00 to 12:00. They will have our job all ready for us but it is usually packing boxes. One never knows what Harvest Hope needs might be, but you can be sure they will need help. They are located at 2220 Shop Road and we will probably do a car pool from the church also. If you are available please contact Linda McLeod at bonneylass44@gmail.com

Pride Parade, Friday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.

Do you have battery powered lights or tissue paper to make our float extra festive? Please bring them with you to help decorate. Right now we are planning to meet at 5pm on the parade route with more info coming soon. Please contact socialaction@uucolumbia.org with any questions.

SHARE THE PLATE

Changes coming to Share the Plate Program

Great new changes are planned for the Share the Plate program making it much more efficient and allowing for more categories. The Share the Plate Committee is redefining the Health Issue Category by dividing it into two categories. One will be Physical Health Issues and the other Mental Health Issues. In the past there was only the one category of Health Issues which did not allow both physical and mental health to be addressed equally.

We have new and exciting plans for 2018 making The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) a standalone event no longer including it as a part of Share the Plate. This change gives us the opportunity to free up a category for Mental Health Issues which has been a neglected issue in the past.

The UU Service Committee has been a predetermined Share the Plate recipient for the past three years and it has already agreed to be the same for November 2017. Prior to this time, funds for this very worthy and necessary cause were raised through the UUSC sponsored “Guest at Your Table”. We would like to see our Members and Friends united once again behind this excellent program of giving for UUA Social Justice Issues. Beginning in 2018 we will return to the “Guest at your Table” program to raise funds for UUSC and it will no longer be considered a Share the Plate category. You can find more information about “Guest at Your Table” online at <http://www.uusc.org/guest-at-your-table-for-beginners/>.

In order to reinforce our focus on addressing the needs of our local community a new category “Social Justice Issues” is replacing International Aid. These revised categories will appear on the Share the Plate Nomination for 2018.



Religious Exploration

CYRE Classes: Registration Required

Welcome Back! **Parents and Caregivers** – please sign up your children by going to <http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/> and Select “Learning” to get to our downloadable CYRE registration page. You can submit this to Stephanie via email, dre@uucolumbia.org or bring it in on Sundays. Help us stay abreast of any and all changes your children have experienced. Thank you!



NEW PROCEDURE FOR CYRE RELEASE

Dear Parents and Guardians – We will be bringing your children to you after CYRE classes release. No longer will you have to wait outside our classrooms wondering when your children will be released. And no longer will you have to pry them away from the playground. I think we have devised a way to make the process easier!

Every CYRE Sunday, your children will be led back to the social hall by their teachers. Teachers will keep them in groups, near the children’s table in the back, until you, the parent or guardian, comes and signs your child/children out. I

f you would like to allow your children to play on the playground, please escort them from the social hall to the playground. Erin from the nursery will be waiting on the stairs to sign your children out to the playground. Our playground will be staffed from 12:20 to 12:35 each and every clear-weather Sunday. At 12:35 students will be brought back to the social hall to meet up with family. I hope this accomplishes 2 things:

1. You, the parent and/or guardian, will make the decision to let your child/children go outside to the playground and
2. You can monitor more closely how many cookies your children will get to eat before they go home for lunch.

Our teachers are willing to give this a try. Let’s see how it works and go from there.

Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, September 17

Join us for a delicious Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 17, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. This is a fundraiser for the high-school Boston trip. The cost is \$5.00 per person with a \$15.00 per family limit.

CYRE Volunteers Needed!

Teacher: We are in need of one K – 2 team teacher this coming year. Join Bethany Storlazzi and Jim DuPlessis in the joy of leading these lively and bright young students through “Love Surrounds Us” where teachers and students explore what it means to be blessed. Please see Stephanie after the service or email your interest to: dre@uucolumbia.org

Hall Monitors: Hall monitors are needed on Sundays when the DRE is in the classroom to relieve teachers who must take a student(s) to the bathroom. No teaching involved!

Snack Coordinators: Snack coordinators prepare and deliver the trays to the CYRE wing. All prep is done in the nursery and snacks are furnished by the CYRE. Training will be provided!



UCC Boston Heritage Trip Showcase!

We are excited about the energy going into this production by one of our youth, Maggie O’Toole. Do you have some talent you would like to “showcase?” Then please come out for auditions on Sunday, September 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets to go on sale Sunday, September 24.

UCC Board of Trustees
Summary of July 19, 2017 Meeting

The Board of Trustees met July 19, 2017 from 6:33 PM to 9:39 PM. The meeting was chaired by Richard Culler.

Report of ad hoc Committee on Governance and Structure

Keitha Whitaker, chair of the ad hoc committee, presented an overview of their findings which had been made available to the trustees before this meeting. The board discussed the report for about an hour and will work on it again at their all-day retreat on August 26. The board hopes to begin implementation in the coming year. Re-structuring is expected to be a long term process. Richard thanked the committee for their hard work and study which led up to their recommendations and he disbanded the committee.

Treasurer's Report

Although the new fiscal year has begun the books have not been completely closed for the old year. Bob Whitaker reported he expects a positive variance of about \$15,500 at the end of the year. Part of that money is designated for Rev. Liebmann's moving expenses and his installation in the new year.

The Capital Campaign Fund balance on July 17 was \$116,550.52. Pledges to the Campaign total \$193,699.

Building Renovation Committee

Peck Brennan is working with the structural engineer to sign off on a new truss design. When that is complete, the plans will be ready to go out for bids.

Endowment Committee

John Logue has been elected chair of the committee. Phil described an opportunity that is available: the Shelter Rock Congregation has pledged \$5 million to match any bequest in a will or an estate gift to their foundation; they will give the person's congregation 10% of his/her gift in 2019-20. Phil has the pledge form to be used.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Position Description for Music Coordinator The position description was discussed, revised, and approved. Plans are to begin advertising soon. Rev. Jeff would like to be part of the selection process.

Confirmation of Interim Music Advisor The Board agreed to hire Richard McLeod to fill this position until a music coordinator is hired.

Appointment of Board Member to LDC Linda Brennison was appointed to serve as a voting member of the Leadership Development Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Kitchen Committee Linda McLeod is recruiting members for a Kitchen Committee which she will chair. They will be responsible for the social hour after Sunday services, including making the coffee.

Minutes recorded & summarized by Sandy Chubon, Secretary

Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	Thursdays	10:00 am	Social Hall
Board Meeting	3rd Wednesday of month	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Chair Yoga	Wednesday, October 4	11:00 am	Social Hall
Children & Youth RE Committee	TBA		
Choir (adult)	Sunday, September 24	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Christian Heritage Group	3rd Tuesday of month	11:00 am	Classroom # 8
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	Wednesday, October 4	7:00 pm	Classroom
Visitor Orientation	Sunday, October 8	12:15 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 nd Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, September 22	6:00 pm	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, TBA	12:30 pm	Classroom # 5
Technology Committee	Wednesday, October 4	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	TBA	5:00 pm	Classroom # 5
UU Book Club	Sunday, September 24	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	TBA	
Women's Book Club	Tuesday, October 10	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Writing Group	Suspended for Summer	6:30 pm	Classroom # 5
Rentals			
La Leche League	3rd Tuesdays	6-8pm	Classroom # 5
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
Women's AA I	Every Wednesday	6:30 pm	Library
Women's AA II	Every Sunday	5:00 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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