



The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

October 11, 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

October 15, 2017

9:30 am Forum Topic

How does mechanization/automation affect humans?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

The Way of the Mystic, by Rev. Jeff Liebmann

Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, October 22**, for publication on **Wednesday, October 25**. **Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.**

Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to uucc@uucolumbia.org.

There will not be a Unigram published on November 8, the only Unigram published in November will be on November 22.

Pulpit Ponderings Rev. Jeff Liebmann

Into our third month, Jody and I (with Oliver, Watson and Holmes) are comfortably settled in our new home here in Columbia. I am excited to serve a congregation with such enormous potential, the will to act on that potential, and the resources to succeed.

As the Unitarian Universalist presence in our state's capitol, we have the chance (and I believe the duty) to reach out to South Carolina in a unique way – as a pioneer in justice and social policy issues, a role model for liberal religion, and a crucible of ideas and beliefs. Together, we have hit the ground running, and I look forward to many years of stimulating engagement with and impact on our larger community.

One of the things that will help us with this important vision is an examination of our mission, and how our mission statement can inform and support our decisions as we move forward. Now, I know a lot of you are rolling your eyes, but I am an unrepentant mission geek. I believe that a succinct and sincere mission statement can inspire us to great things, attract new members and friends, and raise our footprint in the community.

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I will soon be working with the Board as we begin this discussion. As the Board conducts this important task, I encourage everyone to ask themselves some questions.

- If you could travel 20 years into the future, what would you want the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia to look like?
- If you were entering these doors for the first time, what would encourage you to stay and become part of this religious community? What would leave you doubting whether this congregation could be your spiritual home?
- What one thing differentiates UUCC from other churches? From other organizations of any kind?

The answers to these questions provide key elements of mission. If a mission doesn't help you define your desired future, help you identify strengths and weaknesses, and define you uniquely, then the statement cannot adequately guide decision making or motivate people to exceptional stewardship.

As we move forward in our discussions of governance, look forward to the results of our conversations, and take every opportunity to offer your own insights and wishes to the process.

Rev. Jeff



Candles of Community

We are very sad to let you know that on Saturday, October 7, member Jimmy Ballard passed away. His memorial service will be held at 6:00 p.m. today at the Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel in Hartsville, SC. Online condolences can be given at www.bpafuneralhome.com.

News and Notes

October 15

“The Way of the Mystic”

Rev. Jeff Liebmann

A reason many of us come to church on Sunday morning is to search for the Ultimate Meaning in life. How do we embark on that quest and what tools can help us on our way?

In connection with our continuing learning opportunities about white privilege, we will dedicate our new “Black Lives Matter” banner after the service.

October 22

“Nehemiah and the Wall”

Rev. Jeff Liebmann

The role of organized religion has changed drastically in the past few decades. What role should our churches, mosques, synagogues and other spiritual entities play in modern capitalist economies?

October 29

“What is Spirituality?”

Rev. Jeff Liebmann

This question has many meanings, especially when we open it to the consideration of spiritualism and the idea that our spirits live on in some form after our deaths. We will celebrate Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and explore the nature of spirituality.

Be Sure to See Our SOCIAL ACTION Page

The October 25 Unigram will be a “double issue” because there will not be a Unigram published on November 8. Please submit your articles covering the next several weeks by Sunday, October 22, to uucc@uucolumbia.org. The following Unigram will be published on November 22.



UUCU Showcase Saturday Night!

You don't want to miss this most spectacular Boston Heritage Showcase. With performances by our youth, children, and a few brave adults, we have an amazing, diverse show planned for your enjoyment. Tickets can be purchased at the door: \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. The Showcase will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 14 here at the UUCU. Don't miss it!



DONATE NOW for Book and Media Sale November 11 & 12

Donations are coming in and we thank those of you who have been contributing your beloved books to our sale to be held Saturday, November 11, and Sunday, November 12. Please bring your books on Sundays before the sale and place them on the bookshelf set up in the social hall. And don't forget to sign up to help out! The sign-up sheet can be found on the CYRE table. For more information contact Beck Sullivan at beck.sullivan.sc@gmail.com.

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

Estate Planning Workshop, Sunday, October 15, RSVP Today

The UUCS Endowment Committee is sponsoring the first of at least two Estate Planning Workshops. It is scheduled for 4:00-5:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 15. John Farley, a licensed financial advisor employed by Preservation Specialists, LLC, will give a short presentation on Estate Planning. It will cover, among other topics: Estate/financial planning- who needs it; will or living trust? – issues/problems/benefits of each; planning for incapacity and long-term care; need for medical/durable power of attorney; and, gifting – leaving a legacy- tax advantages.

After Mr. Farley's presentation a member of the UUCS Endowment Committee will provide a brief description (10-15 minutes) of the "Wake Now or Vision Collaborative Campaign" which represents a unique funding opportunity for our congregation.

Please RSVP to Bob Whitaker at 960-8332 or treasurer@uucolumbia.org.

Kitchen Committee Needs Your Help

We need more willing helpers to sign up to assist our kitchen helper with clean-up after coffee time on Sunday mornings. This job has been left to one kitchen committee person and would be much easier with one volunteer to help each Sunday. We only need one person each Sunday after church for about 20 to 30 minutes when coffee time is ending. There is a sign-up sheet on the serving table and if everyone took their turn you would all only be doing this once a year. This is not a gender specific assignment - all are welcome! Please sign up. Thanks from the Kitchen Committee. **NOTE:** If you are interested in becoming a regular member of the Kitchen Committee please contact Linda McLeod or Joan Watterson.

Chair Yoga, Wednesdays

Chair yoga will meet at 11 am on the following Wednesdays: Oct 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 spe-



cial clothing or materials are needed and there is no cost. If you have questions, please contact Ruthie Saunders at RuthPSaunders@outlook.com or 776-6608. We hope to see you there!

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. Contact Ruthie Saunders at rsaunders@sc.edu if you have questions.

UUCS Women's Choir, Thursdays

You are invited to join the new UUCS Women's Choir! We meet every Thursday from 7:00-8:00 p.m., in Classroom 5. Please contact Anna Hamilton, our new Music Coordinator, at music@uucolumbia.org with questions or if you are interested in singing with the group but unavailable for the Thursday rehearsals.

Gaia's Rising CUUPS Schedule

- October 12. 7:30 pm. Discussion with Phil Davis. Phil has traveled to different states and been to many different CUUPS groups. Come and share in his ideas.
- October 19. 7:30 pm. Dark Moon Ritual. Share this night with us as the dark moon is here
- October 26, 7:30 pm. TBA
- Sunday, October 29, 6:30 pm. Join us in the social hall for our Samhain celebration! Please bring a bag of candy, a covered dish and, if you like, a photo of someone that has passed on. We hope to see you there.

Christian Heritage Group, October 17

The Christian Heritage Group will meet Tuesday, October 17, at 11:00 a.m. in classroom 8. Please come fellowship with us if you are a Christian or interested in our group. Our topic will center on each person's concept of God. It should prove to be an interesting discussion. If you have any questions call Jenny Beale 803-261-0286. Bring a bag lunch or snack if want to discuss more as we eat lunch together.

UUC Book Club, Sunday, October 22

The next book club discussion is 6:30 pm on Sunday October 22. Ruthie Saunders will facilitate a discussion on *Connected: The Surprising Power of Our Social Networks and How They Shape Our Lives* by Nicholas A. Christakis & James H. Fowler. We will meet at a member's home. The UUC Book Club is open to all members and friends of UUC. We welcome new and returning participants! Please contact Ruthie Saunders if you have questions or would like more information: rsaunders@sc.edu

September Set, Noon, Friday, October 27 **Please Note Time: Noon**

Our monthly September Set for our UUC Seniors will be held Friday, October 27. 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.

Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, October 29



Join us for a delicious Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 29, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. This is a fundraiser for the high-school Boston trip. Food will include pancakes, fruit, sausage, juice, and coffee. The cost is \$5.00 per person with a \$15.00 per family limit.

Membership Committee Meeting Sunday, October 29, 12:30-1:30 Room 8

Do you have a warm smile to share with first time visitors? Perhaps our committee is the perfect fit for you! Please join us on Sunday, October 29 to see how your smile is just the "right fit". Snacks will be served. Questions? Contact membership@uucolumbia.org.

UUA Common Read, Monday, October 30, Books for Sale Sunday



This year the UUA selected two books for the annual Common Read. The Adult Religious Education committee, along with Rev. Jeff, decided to do these books one at a time. The first book will be *Daring Democracy*. Rev. Jeff will lead discussions twice on Monday, October 30, in the social hall. The first discussion session will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the second group, which is a repeat of the morning session, will be at 6:00 p.m. A member of the ARE committee has books for sale prior to the 11:00 service in the Social Hall. If child care is needed for either session please notify Stephanie Palmer-Smith, dre@uucolumbia.org, in advance.



Blessing of the Animals Sunday, November 5

Grab your leashes or pick up your crates!! The **Seventh Annual Blessing of the Animals** is less than a month away!! The event will be held on Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m. with Rev Jeff officiating. We will gather on the Heyward side of the church. After a brief sermon and general blessing, Rev Jeff will welcome anyone who wishes to bring their pet forward for an individual blessing.

All animals are welcome - in the past we have had chickens, rats and even a lizard! We extend this invitation to all members of the congregation, even if you do not have a pet, come and join in the fun! *We do require that you use leashes or carriers, for your safety and for the welfare of your pet.* If for whatever reason your pet cannot be present (perhaps he is too stimulated by a crowd, or your pet has passed away) bring a representation of him or her (for example, a photo or toy) and an appropriate blessing will be bestowed.

This event is sponsored by the Animal Ministry and is complimentary. We will have treats for the dogs (take home for the cats), and, of course, people treats. Dog and cat toys will also be available at no cost. If you should have any questions, contact Anita Grossman at anitaj4@aol.com

Women's Book Club, November 14



The Women's Book Club will meet Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 to discuss *That Old Ace in the Hole* by Annie Proulx. Anyone with ques-

tions may contact Sandy Chubon at 776-0784 or sjchubon@sc.rr.com



Save the Date for Holiday Party December 16

Mark your calendar for the evening (6:00 p.m.) of Saturday, December 16 for our Holiday Party at the Turner's. More details will follow, but, for now, circle the date in red and plan get together with your UUCC friends to kick off the Holiday Celebration.

Join Us For Lunch After Coffee Hour!

The Membership Committee invites you to join us at the restaurant-of-the-day after coffee hour on Sundays when there are no other UUCC events scheduled for after coffee hour. These lunches are "separate checks". Following is the rotation of restaurants:

Arabesque, 2930 Devine Street

Yesterday's, 2030 Devine Street

DiPrato's, 342 Pickens Street

Miyo's, 3250-B Forest Drive

Tazza Kitchen, Trenholm Plaza, 4840 Forest Drive

Taziki's, 702 Cross Hill Road (near Whole Foods)

Dano's Pizza, 3008 Rosewood Drive

Urban Cookhouse, 3000 Devine Street

Lima Peruvian Cuisine, 3830 Rosewood Drive

Rev. Zsolt Visit: April 2018

The Partner Church Committee is thrilled to announce the dates of Rev. Zsolt's , minister of our partner church in Beszterce, [Transylvania, Romania] visit in the spring of 2018: April 2 --April 9. Unfortunately, given the timing of Easter this year, his time with us will be a bit briefer than in 2015. But we'll make the most of it...he is all in!!!

There will be a time for 2016 pilgrims to reunite and new pilgrims to be tempted; time for cozy chats and for a goulash gala, time for adults and a time for youth [exclusively!], and of course a worship service. So prepare yourself to be entertained, informed and inspired!!! Details of his schedule will follow in due course.

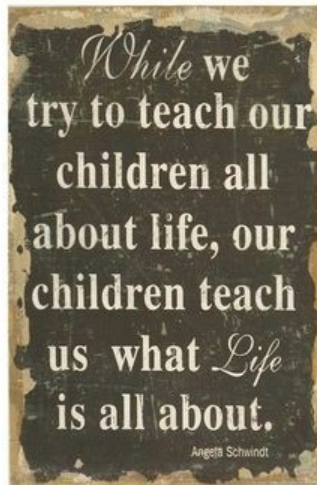
Of course this is all possible because of the great generosity of UUCC folk at the cabaret 2017, [and 2016], and Share the Plate donations in 2016. This year, due to UUCC renovations, there'll sadly be no cabaret. Just too complicated! Instead, a more modest concert is planned for January 2018.

Big Thanks to Harvest Hope Volunteers

On Saturday, October 7, UUCC had a group of 18 volunteer at Harvest Hope to assigned tasks. This was very likely the largest group of volunteers we have ever sent. There were other groups there that were very impressed with the size and the energy of our folks. They finished one task and because of their size and efficiency they were able to go on to another. This is one of the services that our Social Action Committee provides to Harvest Hope each year; others being the collection and delivery of groceries and also as a recipient of Share the Plate when they are selected. This is just one of the many ways UUCC reaches out to the local community to help others in need. The Social Action Committee is very grateful to those who participated Saturday:

Jim Verne, Ginny Verne, Cheryl Soehl, Anne Mellen, Janae Walton, Bob Whitaker, Caroline Causey, Karen Randall, Joan Watterson, Patty Drews, Connie Quirk, Suzanne Smith, Brittany Smith, Chrissy Dingedine, Cate Dingedine, Jim DuPlessis, James DuPlessis, Ceren Farr.

Direction
Reflection
Exploration



I have had the unique opportunity to spend many hours observing and interacting with 12 amazing children and youth who have been preparing to share their talents with you on Saturday, October 14 at 7:00 pm. Not only have they devoted at least 20 hours to rehearsals, they have stepped out of their comfort zones and have challenged themselves to perform in ways they never dreamed they would be able to do. Their transformation has been amazing. I have watched shy youth get up on that stage and perform their hearts out. I have seen insecure young folks transform into talented performers who will get up and do their best to entertain you and I have seen one of our youth take a group of kids and push them to these limits and I am just in awe.

Our Unitarian Universalist religious exploration experience is designed and implemented to help children develop their own belief system and to hopefully blossom into leaders. We strive to compliment the work of their parents. And it is just so rewarding to see this come to fruition through the strong leadership of Maggie O'Toole and the strong performances of the group she has worked with to develop their strengths and talents. I am a latecomer to this blossoming young group but I hope those of you who have taught them, nurtured their strengths, and supported them throughout their development take some pride in seeing these young folks shine! This is really what makes our efforts so worthy.

A big thank you to the congregation for supporting the efforts of these young people and enjoy the show!

See you Saturday night!

Stephanie Palmer-Smith

Loving my experiences with all the children and youth!

Religious Exploration

**Halloween Festival Saturday October 28
6:00 – 8:00**

**“They're creepy and they're kooky,
Mysterious and spooky,
They're altogether ooky....”
The UU Halloween!**

Well, we might not create the Addams' family house but we can be sure to have a frightfully thrilling time at our CYRE annual Halloween Festival. There will be games, and treats, and a costume contest – all the elements that make Halloween fantastic! Don't miss out on this really Spooktacular event. If you would like to be part of the fun, please contact Mitch Ullman at 912-667-0462.



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!

CYRE High School Lock-In, Saturday, October 28

Our high school youth will get an opportunity to earn in-service hours and enjoy one another's company on the weekend of our Halloween Festival! Youth will meet here at the church at 1:00 p.m. and will help prepare the games and events. After the clean-up and the little ones have gone home, our youth will get to have some fuun! Expect games, snacks, and a night of fright! Please download the permission form from the website or request one on Sundays! See you there if you dare!

Who would you like to see as a recipient of 2018 Share the Plate Contributions?

The Share the Plate Committee is getting ready to begin the Share the Plate process for the coming year. UUCC donates half of our cash collections each month to an outside charity or social justice organization chosen by our members. There are eleven categories of recipients determined by the Share the Plate Committee. Now is the time to be thinking about what organizations you would like to nominate for any one of these categories. The nominating process begins October 1. The qualifying nominees must be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is not affiliated with UUA. To confirm the status, check the organization's website to determine if it is a 501(c)(3).

We want you to be part of this process. A Share the Plate Nomination Table will be set up in the Social Hall. We invite you to bring suggestions or materials to describe the qualifying community non-profit organizations that you would like to see the congregation nominate. Share the Plate Nominations forms will be available October 1, 2017.

The eleven categories are as follows:

- Animal shelters/Animal services
- Children's services
- Food banks/Food support
- Environmental issues
- Homeless shelters
- Legal aid
- LGBT issues
- Mental Health issues
- Physical Health issues
- Social Justice issues
- Women's issues

Share the Plate Schedule for 2018

October 1 - 15: The Share the Plate committee will accept and vet nominations from the Congregation for 2018 recipients.

October 15 - October 29: Share the Plate Committee determines the final two recipient nominees in each category and creates a voting ballot.

November 5 - November 19: The Congregation votes to select the final 2018 Share the Plate Recipients.

December 10 - The 2018 Share the Plate Recipients will be announced

Social Action

The Fog of War movie: Thurs, Oct 12, 7pm

Oscar winning documentary tells the story of America as seen through the eyes of the former Secretary of Defense under JFK and Johnson. FREE. Stavros Lecture Hall, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, 1000 Wildwood Ave, Columbia. Sponsored by Carolina Peace.



Light Up the Night at the 2017 First Ever Night Pride Parade - October 20th - 7pm

Be there to be a part of the traditional UUCS gathering for the annual Pride Parade. Enjoy the fun and this year the excitement of a nighttime parade. Bring your flashlights, glow sticks, anything that is bright and sparkling and glows in the dark. Wear your Standing on the Side of Love T-shirts and pile on the glitz. Have Fun! Bring a bag of candy to pass out as we walk the parade route. If you have any kind of battery operated lights that you are willing to loan us for the evening, we can use them. Just email socialaction@uucolumbia.org. We have fifteen seats on the float for those who cannot walk the parade route so don't let slow legs keep you away. Some of you may want to arrange carpooling from the church if you choose not to park downtown. Whatever your plans, make them now because UUCS is counting on you to Light Up the Night making our outstanding Pride Parade presence just as we have in the past.

Help! Help! Help!

UUCS Social Action Committee needs your help to decorate our big beautiful float to "Light Up the Night" for the first ever nighttime parade on October 20th. Please be a part of our work team at the parade start location of Laurel and Assembly between 5 and 5:30 pm. Help us decorate the float together. We only have a little over an hour to put on the "pretties" and the more hands the better.

Social Justice in America – Fri, Oct 20, 6:30-8:30pm & Sat, Oct 21, 7:30am-8:30pm.

Homewood Suites, 230 Greystone Blvd, Columbia. See Social Action Activities page on our website for more details.

Social Action Committee Meeting: Sunday, November 5, 12:30-1:30pm

Meet us after the service in classroom 5. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm! We need your help to make great things happen. Any questions, please contact socialaction@uucolumbia.org.

Movie Night! Tues, Nov 7, 6:30pm: Dolores

Join us at the Nickelodeon for this movie about Labor Activist Dolores Huerta who formed the National Farm Workers Association. <http://nickelodeon.org/films/dolores/>

UUCS Transitions Library Volunteer Staff

For the past 6 years, UUCS 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 UUCS 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

UUCS 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.

Religious Exploration Youth Ministries Assistant

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia intends to hire a Religious Exploration Youth Ministries Assistant to support the work of our religious exploration program. Interested candidates are asked to send an email to personnelchair@uucolumbia.org, expressing interest and sharing qualifications on or before October 23. Interviews will be scheduled during the week of October 23.

Goal

UUC is committed to growing our Religious Exploration (RE) programs to meet the needs of all of our children and youth. We wish to engage young people in a way that promotes their spiritual growth and connection to our community. The Religious Exploration Youth Ministries Assistant (RE Assistant) engages in a ministry with youth (middle and high school students) that emphasizes fun, religious identity, community, and the democratic process.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- a. Commitment to the spiritual growth of young people, and the ability to see the inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- b. Leadership experience working with youth in an engaging manner.
- c. Ability to work as part of a team with the youth, parents, volunteers, the Director of Religious Exploration (DRE), Minister, Children and Youth Religious Exploration (CYRE) Committee, Adult Religious Education Committee and the larger congregation.
- d. Ability to communicate effectively using different media.
- e. Basic knowledge of what it means to be a religious liberal.
- f. A sense of faith and understanding of Unitarian Universalism.
- g. College degree preferred.

Responsibilities

- a. The RE Assistant serves year-round, but primary responsibilities will be from September-June. During the school year, the RE Assistant will coordinate events for the middle school youth group (MUUGs) and the high school youth group (YRUU). Summer responsibilities will include planning and coordination with the CYRE Committee.
- b. The RE Assistant will coordinate an agreed upon number of events (approximately one event per month) for the MUUGs, which may include one or two joint events with the YRUU each church year. In addition, the RE Assistant will coordinate, in conjunction with the DRE and/or the CYRE Committee, Lock-Ins, field trips, and other special events.
- c. The RE Assistant will coordinate an agreed upon number of events (approximately 1.5 events per month, including CONs) for YRUU.
- d. The RE Assistant will meet with the DRE on a monthly basis to discuss content and format for upcoming MUUGs and YRUU events and evaluate past events. One monthly meeting will include an evaluation of the RE Assistant.
- e. The RE Assistant will work no more than 32 hours per month year round.
- f. The RE Assistant will attend the annual CYRE Retreat, usually held in June.

Accountability

The RE Assistant reports to the DRE.

Program

- a. Work with the DRE to select and schedule events.
- b. Responsible for all the content and running of MUUGs meetings and doing any needed reading/research to develop content. These tasks may be delegated to volunteer youth advisors as long as the RE Assistant maintains adequate oversight.
- c. Work with members of YRUU to develop the content of and run events. Engendering leadership in the youth is a goal.
- d. Engage the youth and young adults with the goal of increasing connections within their peer group and the large church community.
- e. Maintain communication with Unitarian Universalist Association – Southeast District (SED) office regarding SED-wide youth events and communicate information about those events to UUCC youth and their parents.
- f. Mentor youth in effective and responsible interpersonal communication and leadership skills as they apply within a youth group setting.

Covenant Related Responsibilities

- a. Provide support and guidance to youth as needed. This includes pastoral, lay ministry care, and honoring of confidentiality. Seek supervision from the DRE and Minister for all significant concerns.
- b. Sign the Code of Ethics agreement.
- c. At the start of each church year, develop a group covenant with the youth and youth advisors. Remind group members of group covenant responsibilities when needed. If necessary, inform parents and/or DRE of significant covenant violations.

Administrative

- a. Communicate with staff, volunteers, youth and parents in a timely fashion to inform them of program activities.
- b. Make reservations and arrangements (including permission forms, if necessary) for events.
- c. Be familiar with and implement the requirements of the UUCC Safety Policies and Procedures for Children and Youth Served.
- d. Record hours worked and submit to DRE and the UUCC Administrator in a timely fashion.

Professional Development

- a. Read available literature and research internet resources on youth groups and advisor roles.
- b. Attend District, UUA and LREDA trainings when possible.

Salary and Hours

\$14.50 per hour. Up to 32 hours per month.

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	Wednesdays	11:00 am	Social Hall
Children & Youth RE Committee	Wednesday, November 1	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Choir (adult)	Sunday, October 22	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Choir (women)	Thursdays	7:00 pm	Classroom # 5
Christian Heritage	3rd Tuesdays	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	Sunday, October 29	12:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Visitor Orientation	TBA	12:15 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 nd Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, October 27	NOON	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, November 5	12:30 pm	Classroom # 5
Technology Committee	Wednesday, November 1	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	TBA	5:00 pm	Classroom # 5
UU Book Club	Sunday, October 22	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, November 14	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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