



The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

November 22, 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

November 26, 2017

9:30 am Forum Topic

Review of teaching morals and moral behavior to children.

11:00 am Sermon Topic

The Fearless Caregiver,
by Rev. Jeff Liebmann

December 3, 2017

9:30 am Forum Topic

Fitting wellness and fitness into a busy schedule. How can this be done?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

Theology and *The Walking Dead*,
by Rev. Jeff Liebmann

Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, December 10**, for publication on **Wednesday, December 13**. **Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.**

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

Pulpit Ponderings Rev. Jeff Liebmann

Lately, news reports of gender-based discrimination and sexual assault have spread with increasing and disturbing frequency. As deeply troubling as these alleged acts have been, the failure of men to respond with sufficient disapproval and disavowal of them alarms me. We should find these reports nauseating, and yet the groundswell of men acknowledging that a problem even exists has yet to materialize.

Perhaps the lack of public outcry by men in response to charges brought against public figures derives from our own complicity in a larger social problem. All men are culpable, at least indirectly, in regards to the growing number of reports of abuse, assault, and unwanted advances. Far too few of us have done anything to fix the problems of patriarchy in our social structures, leaving women to fend for themselves in obtaining equal rights and justice.

Even worse, too many men are directly guilty of failing to uphold the inherent worth and dignity of women as equal in their own lives. Perhaps you have been in a situation, such as a meeting or a class, where the voices of women were either excluded or ignored by the men in control. The slight can be overt and obvious, but more likely subtle, almost undetectable as a pattern when taken one instance at a time. While undesirable in any setting, this should never occur in the work of our Unitarian Universalist church communities.

As a person born with most of the privilege American society can offer, I work hard to level the playing field for everyone. Regardless, I hope that each of you would not hesitate to point out to me any such occurrences either by myself or others so that I may address and correct them.

I remind all of us of the portion of our UUCC covenant that I find most unique and essential. "We will acknowledge conflicts, address them openly and honestly, and resolve them as close to their source as possible, using meditation if necessary." I offer myself as one source of such mediation. Soon, the Shared Ministry Committee will be reconstituted, and those members will also be available as mediation resources. Our duty as Unitarian Universalists is to affirm and promote equity in human relations – especially within our congregations.

I see great things in our future here at UUCC. I envision our achieving them as full equals, with everyone's voice being heard, and every point of view respected.

Rev. Jeff

Direction Reflection Exploration

“We need not think alike to love alike.” Often mistakenly attributed to Francis Dávid*

The above quote, whether or not actually said by our martyr, Francis David, still to this day sums up the devotion we UUs have to justice, equality, dignity, acceptance and actually, all of the first three of our seven principles. So why, then are we still struggling with race issues within our UU ranks?

This was answered for me when I participated in the LREDA (liberal religious educator’s association) conference this month. Our theme was “Brave Spaces” rather than our normal UU safe spaces theme. And it took everything I had to sit through some of the process as it was painful and exposed some of my still racist views. For instance, I am not all that comfortable with confrontation. But I learned that because I grew up in a world of white norms. I am uncomfortable with anger, because I grew up in a world of white norms. And there are just so many ways I have had to recognize that I have totally been socialized to be white and to live in this Euro-centric white culture.

I found this out when one of my colleagues called our presenters out on their white-centric presentation. We were supposed to be receiving training on using non-violent communication. Sounds good, doesn’t it? It has been used with the best of intention for years. But it took one of my colleagues of color to say “Hey, this process is not ok for people who have been victimized. This process is not ok with POC as we deal with most situations as the person without the upper hand. This process is for people who are in control of the situation.” I squirmed. I turned a number of shades of red. How could she not abide by our manners of not speaking back. How dare she interrupt my sense of being in a space that is “just right.” My sensibilities were shaken! I had to read several articles to get to a place where I could accept what she was saying. I just didn’t get it right off! I was so upset by having my sacred, covenantal space invaded by direct confrontation that I just couldn’t GET IT! It was a painfully vulnerable experience. And I needed to be in that vulnerable place to get it. I was/am one of the racist people who want my world not to become too uncomfortable. This entire experience drove home for me and many others in attendance, the point we needed to get.

I remember once coming home from a 3 week visit to Mexico and I was so glad to be home where people behaved in a manner I was accustomed to. Where I didn’t have to worry about whether or not I was doing the appropriate, expected thing. But I had failed to turn this around and to think of folks growing up right here in our country with differing norms at home than at school or work. Each and every day, people have to go out into the world and learn a new way to get along. A new way to be ok. That is what it is like for POC living in these United States. And we white-centric folks expect them to always behave within OUR norms. Exhausting!!!!

I am proud to say I have come away really, really getting it on a gut level, after this experience. I will try to see each and every person from where they are as opposed to where my white, middle-class socialization says they should be. And I want to spread that understanding within our congregation. It really is one thing to know something on a factual, intellectual level as opposed to having experienced it. And I think I’ve got this.

If you are interested in reading further on this subject, please email me. I would love to share articles and books with you. And if you need to argue about this, I may even be up for that. Because to love one another without expecting us all to think alike is what we are all about.

Keep on loving,
Stephanie Palmer-Smith, DRE

UUCC Holiday Happenings

Thanksgiving Gathering at UUCC, November 23

In an annual tradition that goes back many years, UUCC will be hosting a Thanksgiving Day potluck. We'll gather for socializing at 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Day, with dinner beginning about 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. Turkey will be provided, and a small donation will be asked of those who partake.

Organizers of the potluck are Michelle Andra and Kevin Meredith. If you want to attend, email Kevin at kemeredith@hotmail.com with answers to the following questions:

1. How many are in your group?
2. How many in your group will want turkey?
3. What food would you like to bring?
4. Can you bring a turkey (we'll need 3-4)? You will be reimbursed.
5. Do you prefer to show up early for setup (starts at 5) or stay a little late for cleanup?

UU Little Elves, December 2

This event on Saturday, December 2 from 12-4 p.m. gives parents an afternoon out before the holiday rush. **It is free for parents!**

Volunteers are needed to setup, clean up, and help children with crafts and games. Teens are encouraged to volunteer with the younger children and with the Santa Shop. Sign-up sheet in Social Hall.

We also need donations of items that can be sold in the Santa Shop. Children will shop for their gifts. Items will be sold for \$1 or less. Find the donation box in the Social Hall.

Hogwart's Yule Ball, December 9

This festive and magical event will be held on Saturday, December 9 from 7-10 pm. This event is for ages 14 and up and will include music for dancing, magic, and fun. You get to decide if you want to come in costume, dressed-up, or just as you are. All manner of dress is acceptable in our non-muggle world. And if you would like to be a part of the magic, please contact Beck Sullivan at beck.sullivan.sc@gmail.com.

UUCC Annual Cookie Reception, December 10

On Sunday, December 10 we will host our Cookie Reception. Please bring in 1 dozen of your favorite holiday cookies with ½ of them bagged and ready to be taken to the homeless. We will share our cookies with one another after service and our youth, high schoolers and middle schoolers, will take the cookies to the Food Not Bombs weekly event in Findlay park at approximately 12:45 p.m. Imagine the goodwill and love homemade cookies will bring the folks with no place to go. If you want to be part of serving the cookies or being a driver, please contact Mckenzie Scott at reassist@uucolumbia.org or 414-2885.

Annual September Set Egg Nog Party, December 10

Perhaps earlier than usual: The Minghis invite you to join them for sipping Egg Nog, on Sunday, December 10 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at 883 Pine Forest Court, Columbia 29210. Contact minghi@sc.edu or 798-0904. As always, table ready, finger snacks are most appreciated for the holiday table. R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, December 5...most helpfully with your sweet or savory treat in mind. Easy directions are available, hopefully before the last minute. Looking forward to sipping with you!!! Julian and Lee

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UUCC Holiday Happenings, Continued

UUCC Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, December 16

Come to the UUCC Holiday Bazaar ifrom 10am-3pm n the Social Hall to shop for lovely wreaths, knit items from the Knit or Not group, and many more gift items. Contact Carita at 803-782-0053 with any questions.

Holiday Party, December 16

Please join us for a Holiday Party at Lis and Phil Turner's home on Saturday, December 16. The festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share and wine or beer for yourself if you like. Soft drinks will be provided. This is a family-friendly event, so all are welcome. 204 Running Fox Road, Columbia 29223. Questions? Call Lis at (940) 395-6562

UU Winter Sing, Friday, December 22

Please join us in the UU Sanctuary from 6-8 p.m. to celebrate the season in song at the first UU Winter Sing! This informal sing-along event will include the music of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, St. Lucia's Day, and the Winter Solstice. You will have the opportunity to request your favorite holiday songs to sing, and to enjoy performances by UU musicians. All are welcome to sing or listen! Music and cocoa will be provided; please bring a plate of cookies or treats to share. Questions can be directed to Anna Hamilton, UUCC Music Coordinator, music@uucolumbia.org.

News and Notes

November 26 “The Fearless Caregiver”

Rev. Jeff Liebmann

A byproduct of living in an age of progress is ever growing life expectancies and the expanded need for us to dedicate increasing time to caring for loved ones. But the task of caregiving can isolate us, draining us of our spiritual energy.

December 3 “Theology and *The Walking Dead*”

Rev. Jeff Liebmann

AMC's show *The Walking Dead* is one of television's top-rated shows, particularly among young adults. What appeals to the Millennial about the hopelessness of a dead world in which humanity has devolved to its basest instincts? What religious meaning can be gleaned from such a doomsday story?

December 10 “An Environmental Ethic Beyond the Seventh Principle,” Tom Clements

December 17 Holiday Pageant

December 24 “Jesus and the Syrophenician Woman”

Rev. Jeff Liebman

There are many reasons why Unitarian Universalists should familiarize themselves with the Bible. For one, we live in a society dominated by Christian culture that requires a certain degree of literacy on our parts to engage meaningfully. More important, there are stories in the Bible - often overlooked stories - with deep meaning for Unitarian Universalists. Intergenerational

December 24 Christmas Eve – “Starlight” (7:30 p.m.)

Rev. Jeff Liebmann

From ancient times, stories tell of lights guiding us toward answers, toward revelation. But what are our questions? What frames our view of revealed truth and allows us to choose the right path?

December 31 New Year’s Eve “The Real Work of Christmas”

Rev. Jeff Liebmann

For two months we have withstood the bombardment of TV commercials and the Bacchanalia that is Christmas in America. Well, what next? Needles are falling, bags of wrapping paper are at the curb. The real work of Christmas is ready to begin.

Harvest Hope Holiday Donations Needed

Now is the time to donate to Harvest Hope for the holidays. Please donate 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. We have collected over 130 lbs. so far this October! 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

Families Helping Families Gifts

Due Sunday, November 26

Don't forget to bring in your wrapped gift for the Families Helping Families gift giving. Be sure to attach the tag you took from the tree and sign the list that you returned the gift. We will be transporting the gifts to the delivery warehouse on Monday, November 27, so we must have everything in by Sunday. If you have already returned yours (and many of you have) thank you very much. Thanks very much to all of you for your generosity and making this another successful year of giving.

Chili Cook-Off Winners!

Quentin and Sabine McGrievy, grandchildren of Lis and Phil Turner, were the big winners of the Chili Cook-off taking 2, yes 2, categories! Their chili won the Best Vegetarian and Kids Favorite! Congratulations Sabine and Quentin. And Linda McLeod's chili stole the Meat category for Best Chili! Congratulations, Linda! And a BRAVA to McKenzie Scott for the great job she did on organizing this year's Chili Cook-Off that had 19 delicious entries! A big thank you to all of the great cooks for sharing their chilies.



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

UUCC Women's Choir, Thursdays

You are invited to join the new UUCC 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

Join the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Library unless otherwise noted. Contact Lewis Richardson at 729-4319 or l_c_r_1@live.com for more information.

- November 23, Thanksgiving, no meeting.
- November 30, Class with Candy Johnson, Bring a snack and a drink.

Encore to Practice and Sing Sunday, November 26

Once again the UUCC will be privileged to hear Encore, the men's chorus. We'll meet in the sanctuary at 10:00 for warm-up and run-through, then sing for the 11:00 service. As always, we welcome new members.

Dances of Universal Peace, December 1

All UU's and friends are welcomed to participate in the Dances of Universal Peace (DUP) on Friday, December 1, from 7-9 pm in the Social Hall. 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. Upcoming DUP are at UUCC on first Fridays except no dances in January or July.

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. Expect respectful hand-holding, eye contact, and occasional hugs as part of the dances.

After dancing, we usually socialize for a while. For more information, contact Marguerite Frongillo, [803-743-0731](tel:803-743-0731) or mff426@gmail.com and see the DUP North America website, <http://www.dancesofuniversalpeace.org/>

Calling All Role Playing Gamers! Sunday, December 3

On Sunday, December 3 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., we will have a UUCC Gaming Night at the congregation in Room 5. At this first gathering, we will start Dungeons and Dragons campaigns - one for the youth and one for adults (more if the demand grows). Rev. Jeff began his career as a dungeonmaster and game designer back in the old days (when D&D first arrived on the gaming scene) and will moderate the youth group. We will be running current D&D rules, which can be found at <http://media.wizards.com/2016/downloads/DND/PlayerBasicRulesV03.pdf> (hard copies of these player's handbook rules will be available). All interested players, please email James Hickson (jhickson@gmail.com) so we can get a rough idea of the number of players to plan for.

Sej Harman Memorial Service Sunday, December 10, 4pm

Faith Coalition on Gun Violence is sponsoring a memorial service in honor of Sej Harman. Gather on Sunday, December 10 at 4 pm at Washington Street United Methodist Church Chapel, 1401 Washington Street. On December 10, Sej would have celebrated her 69th Birthday.

“Art for All” Exhibit: ART SIX WAYS

The Art for All group invites you to enjoy its second exhibit! Six members of the group, Linda Brennison, Connie Hudson, Jody Liebmann, Beth Littlejohn, Ruthie Saunders, and Cheryl Soehl have selected works to share in the Art Six Ways exhibit in the UUCC social hall during October and November. The group meets on Thursdays in the UUCC social hall to create, share ideas, and view other’s work, providing support and encouragement while making art and having fun.

Members of the group have very different approaches to art and produce a rich diversity of works that reflect each person’s unique views, experiences, and strengths.

The group provides solid support and a safe place to explore different art approaches and ways of doing art, which enables each person to grow as an artist.

UUCC Book Club, January 21, 2018

The next book club discussion is **4:30 pm** on Sunday January 21, 2018. (We skip the month of December.) Bauer Westernen will facilitate a discussion on “Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right” by Arlie Russell Hochschild. **We will meet in the Social Hall at the UUCC for this discussion.** 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

The Mountain Retreat: October 2018

Those who attended the Mountain annual retreat this year had a great time. Next year we hope to have a record-breaking group and even more fun. We were able to reserve a prime spot for our 2018 weekend, so mark your calendars for October 5-7, 2018. Reminders will be coming in the future.

Social Action

Donate Your Old Jeans by Sunday, November 26

Sophia Storlazzi is a USC EcoRep and they are working on a Blue Jeans Go Green campaign. Please bring your old jeans (any condition or color) to UUCS by Sunday, November 26, and put them in the bin found in the social hall. The denim you recycle will then be turned into housing insulation!

Social Action Committee Meeting: Sunday, December 3, 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.

Help Decorate the Tree at Family Shelter: Saturday, December 9

We will be working with the Simple Justice/#BlackLivesMatter and SURJ (Standing up for Racial Justice) groups to make decorations for the shelter tree. It will be Sat, Dec 9 from 2-4pm at the Family Shelter, 2411 Two Notch Road. If anyone is interested in helping, please email SocialAction@uucolumbia.org. We will need Christmas craft supplies for making ornaments as well, but please come even if you don't have any. We will have plenty to share.

Feeding the Hungry at Transitions: Sat, Dec 9th

Help serve the evening meal at Transitions Homeless Recovery Center, 2025 Main Street in Columbia. Please arrive by 5:15, as the service window is 5:30 to 6:00. Remember to bring a hat unless you prefer to wear one of the disposable hair nets they provide. Please email Bob at bobwhit46@gmail.com if you are available.

Inclement Weather Center Donations

The Social Action Committee is soliciting donations of current magazines and unused personal-sized toiletries for the Inclement Weather Center, the winter shelter for the homeless, which is managed by Transitions. The shelter is open during winter months when the temperature falls below 40F. Please no clothing or shoes without advance arrangement. Place donations on the left after entering social hall, in the marked receptacle. For more information about donations or volunteering, contact Tom Clements at tomclements329@cs.com or 803-240-7268.

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!

Denominational Connections – November 2017

There is certainly a lot to contemplate and to talk about these days and, often, the conversations are difficult. How do you talk to children, family and friends, your neighbors, and others about the hate, violence, and trauma that assaults us daily on the news and in our own cities, towns, and neighborhoods?

You are not alone in your struggle to understand and deal with the dynamics of the forces currently at work in our society. In fact, I'd like to direct you to the UUA website for heartening messages and real-world resources to help you in your conversations and in caring for yourself. I have shared these resources on our Denominational Connections pages on the UU Columbia website (<http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/connection/denominational-connection/uua-connections/>). Please check these pages for frequent updates about what's going on in and around the world of Unitarian Universalism. You may also find these resources below at UUA.org.

Let us be grateful for this community we call UUCC and for our family, friends, and neighbors who daily lift us up and accompany us on this journey. This Thanksgiving may we find peace in our hearts and hope in our beloved community.

(From the UUA website):

I Cast My Lot with You: A Pastoral Message from The Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

In light of the tragedies in recent weeks, UUA President the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray offers words of gratitude and solidarity. [READ HER MESSAGE](https://www.uua.org/pressroom/press-releases/pastoral-message-rev-susan-frederick-gray) <https://www.uua.org/pressroom/press-releases/pastoral-message-rev-susan-frederick-gray>

Talking with Children about Hate, Violence, and Trauma

You want to help your children emotionally and spiritually process what is happening in and outside our communities. For UUs, action is a valid response; it is important to ground that action in compassion and make it part of your own healing. Please use these resources to help yourself, your family, and others. <https://www.uua.org/families/disaster/responding-to-trauma>

Remember to check out the updates we share on our UUCC Facebook pages. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact me at denomconn@uucolumbia.org.

Keitha Whitaker, Denominational Connections Chair

Religious Exploration

Pageant Rehearsals and Prop Creation

Our traditional holiday pageant will literally take us out of this world as we see some of our traditions from the vantage point of a visitor from space. Created by Bauer Westernen, this skit will provide an opportunity to look at how we celebrate and why we celebrate through the eyes of an alien. Our children will have a great time being a part of this pageant. Rehearsals will be held every Sunday after classes are dismissed for approximately 1 hour. Do you have skills that can enhance our pageant? We need set designers and costume creators. Please stay behind after services and lend us your time and talent.



Youth CON at the Mountain

A Youth CONference is a gathering of Unitarian Universalist youth and advisors from congregations all over the southeast for a weekend program filled with a variety of workshops, activities, good food, a safe environment and warm, cozy cabins. Youth participate in all the activities, share with new friends in small get-to-know-you groups, bond during free time, contribute to times of fun and reflection and grow spiritually through worship.

Children and youth participating in Youth Conferences attend as part of a congregational sponsored group. Volunteering adult advisors, volunteering Peer Advocate Leaders (PALs), volunteering PAL Mentors, and Mountain Staff work together to supervise the youth. For more information visit: <http://themountainrlc.org/youth-conference/>.

*Senior High Youth CON Fall 2017 December 1 – 3

Small Scholarships are available for children and youth. Please see Stephanie for more information. If you and your child/children, and/or youth are planning to attend the CON, please let Stephanie know.

Seventh Annual Blessing of the Animals!

On a slightly overcast afternoon on November 5 at 3:00 p.m. sharp, a small crowd of members and friends gathered on the Heyward lawn at UCC to have their animals blessed. Before the festivities began, attendees were greeted with cat and dog toys as they assembled to await Reverend Jeff's ceremony. His event to honor animals was presented in a variety of ways. Rev. Jeff reached out to the group with a sermon, many prayers of thanksgiving, and also included group singing, which involved everyone attending!

Perhaps the highlight of the event was with the animals themselves. Pet owners were asked by Reverend Jeff to bring his or her pet before the group, to give a brief bio, and to tell why that animal was special. We watched Reverend Jeff on eye-level with each animal as he stoked the fur and spoke to each pet lovingly.

When this portion of the event was over, everyone was treated to people goodies, while the animals indulged in their well-deserved treats. During this social-interactive part of the event, conversations of course revolved around pets, and many new acquaintances were made.

Anita Grossman, Chair of the Animal Ministry would like to thank the following people for their involvement in some, if not all of the various phases of planning, executing, and cleaning up after the event, as well as for bringing the materials, food and the animal treats that were enjoyed. They included: Patty and Mark Drews, Linda Brennison, Marilyn Miss, Marky Deese, Susan and Larry Siegel, Laura Culler and Jody Liebmann. **Marie Hunt donated time, materials and love to create the darling cat toys that our cat lovers took home to their special kitties** A special shout out also goes to Bill Dolley, for his patience and fortitude in taking responsibility for the banner and for doing such a wonderful job with our set up.

Last but not least, everyone, people and pets alike, owe a huge debt of gratitude to Reverend Jeff, who made this event so special!



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, November 22&29	11:00 am	Social Hall
Children & Youth RE Committee	TBA	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Choir (adult)	Sunday, December 3	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Choir (women)	Thursdays	7:00 pm	Classroom # 5
Christian Heritage	3rd Tuesdays	11:00 am	Classroom # 5
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, December 3	12:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Visitor Orientation	Sunday, December 17	12:45 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 nd Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, January 26	NOON	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, December 3	12:30 pm	Classroom # 5
Technology Committee	Wednesday, December 6	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	TBA	5:00 pm	Classroom # 5
UU Book Club	Sunday, January 21	4:30 pm	Social Hall
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, December 12	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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