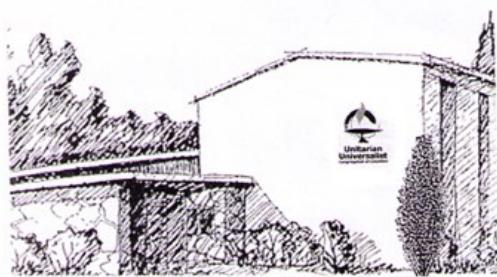




# The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

March 9, 2016



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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

### March 13, 2016

#### 9:30 am Forum Topic

Operationalizing altruism.

#### 11:00 am Sermon Topic

*Listening to the Spirit*, by Sallie Prugh

Daylight Savings Time Begins! Remember to set your clocks ahead!

### March 20, 2016

#### 9:30 am Forum Topic

From whence cometh our sense of beauty?

#### 11:00 am Sermon Topic

*Words for Things We Love and Loathe*, by Rev. Jennie Barrington

## Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, March 20**, for publication on **Wednesday, March 23**. *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.* Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).

## Minister's Meditation

### **The Rev. Jennie Barrington, Interim Minister**

*"My will was to live worthily as long as I lived, and after my life, to leave them that should come after, my memory in good works."*

*(Boethius, "The Consolation of Philosophy," c. AD 524)*

Dear Members and Friends,

The theme of our annual Pledge Drive is, "A Place to be Our Best Selves." UUCC is, for all of us who are committed to it, a place to strive to be in right-relationship with each other, and in all our relationships. UUCC is a place to clarify and strengthen all the ways we are in covenantal relationships in our lives. "Covenant" is a word used by UUs increasingly frequently, and applied to a wide variety of relationships. Yet I think all UUs can agree that we are all trying to live principled and caring lives. Personally, I have found UU congregations [as well as groups of UU ministers and Religious Education Directors] to be of the most help to me in my efforts to live a life of integrity. I would even say that my relationships with Unitarian Universalists have been an essential part of my efforts to live *worthily* (as referenced in the above quote by Boethius).

But what do we really mean when we use the words, "Covenant" or "living a compassionate and principled life?" Here is an exquisitely concise answer for us all:

"People of integrity are those who:  
Tell the truth;  
Keep their promises; and  
Take responsibility for their actions."

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Those are the words of Dr. Ross Campbell, a psychiatrist and family counselor, from his book, *Help Your Twenty-Something Get a Life... And Get it Now*. He is writing specifically for parents whose "Twenty-Something" daughters or sons still need more help and guidance in getting on their own feet, and assuming adult responsibilities. The truth is, being a responsible part of all one's relationships does not happen effortlessly, nor automatically. Living a life of integrity is a back-and-forth thing. It's the result of both giving and receiving gratitude and constructive criticism. It's the result of both self-care and taking into account needs that are greater than oneself. And it involves making mistakes, admitting to them, promising to do better next time, being given second chances, and then trying to do better in the future. I have come to know your congregation as a place where such transparency, honesty, earnestness, and growth can happen. That has been very heartening for me to see.

Our Annual Pledge Drive is the main way I hope you will take part in what your leadership and I are doing to sustain and strengthen UUCC. The Finance Committee has set up several "Cottage Meetings" over the course of the month of March. They are an opportunity to talk, and listen, in a comfortable intimate setting, about what UUCC means to you, and why, to you, this congregation is worth investing in. And we all invest in UUCC, not just for ourselves, our families, and our friends, but for "them that should come after us," as the above quote encourages us.

So I strongly encourage you to attend a Cottage Meeting (you can sign up for one this Sunday after church) and let your leadership and I know your hopes and dreams for UUCC. At the Cottage Meetings, and certainly before March 31<sup>st</sup>, we will need you to consider your pledge for the coming fiscal year, and pledge the best that you can, and turn in your pledge card in its sealed envelope. We have to have an annual Pledge Drive, just like Public Radio and Public Television do, because, if we do not, most people won't just sit down at their kitchen table and spontaneously write a check to their church. And we have to know how much we will be able to count on in pledge income, to feel assured about paying our excellent staff, and funding UUCC's programs that are so desperately needed in this conservative area of the country.

The Finance Committee and I hope that the Cottage Meetings will help you discern both what you are receiving from, and are in a position to give to, this congregation. I believe that the ways we, as individuals and as a whole congregation, treat one another and UUCC's resources, within its walls, are the main way we convey our UU values to the wider community. In the Pledge Drive Kick-off sermon, I lifted up the many ways UUCC has been part of making the world more compassionate and fair. By sustaining and strengthening our relationships in covenants of integrity, UUCC can continue to be a vehicle for transformation and healing, for generations to come.

I hope to see you on Sundays!  
Rev. Jennie

## **Pledge Canvass “Cottage Meetings”**

We’re holding a series of small meetings, mostly in members’ homes, and therefore called “cottage meetings.” The purpose of these meetings is a conversation among members, the Board, the Finance committee, and often the minister about what we find valuable here at UUCC, and how best to make these things happen. In order to not overwhelm the hosts, we do need pledgers to pick a particular meeting in advance. We’ve tried to scatter the meetings over the Columbia metro area, and most of March, so there should be at least one that’s convenient for you. There are two at UUCC on weekend afternoons, with child care, and easily accessible. We will have a table on Sunday where you can sign up, or you may contact Bob Whitaker at bobwhit46@gmail.com or 803-960-8332. Won’t you please join us at one of these meetings?

<b>Host</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Notes</b>
UUCC	UUCC	3/13	2pm	Child Friendly
West/Logue	108 San Carlos Ct, Hopkins, 29061	3/14	7pm	Children Welcome
Whitakers	6 Saints Creek Place, Irmo, 29063	3/14	7pm	
Turners	204 Running Fox Road, 29223	3/15	7pm	
Long	150 King Charles Road, 29209	3/17	7pm	
UUCC	UUCC	3/19	3pm	Child Friendly
MacLachlans	956 Riverview Drive, West Cola, 29169	3/20	2pm	Children OK; Mod. Accessible
Drews	824 Beltline Boulevard, 29205	3/21	7pm	
Capalbo	2931 Wheat Street, 29205	3/22	7pm	
Perez-Jorge/Shillington-Perez				
	2186 Greenside Drive, Lexington, 29072	3/24	7pm	



## **Building and Grounds Lawn Spruce Up Day, Saturday, March 19**

**Come One, Come All!** Have you had a chance to help with the improvement of the appearance of the UU building and lawn? Join the Building and Grounds Committee on **Saturday, March 19** to spruce up the place we all love. We will begin at 10 am and work until around 2 pm depending upon how warm it is. If you are unable to lend a hand, physically, you can come and provide snacks, water and encouragement. Those of you who can help, please bring lawn care equipment such as rakes, hedge clippers, instruments appropriate for removing weeds, hoes, small chain saws as well as chairs for talkers to sit in. You might want to label any tools you bring with your family name so that they can be recovered quickly. Also, sign the work sheet in the social hall so that we can have enough tasks scheduled to accommodate the HUGE crowd we expect to materialize that day to help improve the UU grounds. We especially welcome children who might like to earn service points for their school or scout activities. This can be fun when it is approached as a family activity. If it rains, we will contact those on the sign-up sheet to see when we can re-schedule. Thanks for your participation in an important part of the life of our congregation!



## Candles of Community

*We express our support and concern for ...*

**Hayes Hampton**, whose mother, **Nancy Hampton**, has been hospitalized several times the last few months, and who is with her now in Florida.

# News and Notes

## March 13: "Listening to the Spirit" (by Guest Speaker Sallie Prugh)

### Biography of Sallie Prugh

Sallie Prugh was born in Iowa, in a family very active in the Presbyterian Church where she remained active until her mid 20's. At that point she could no longer say the words she didn't believe in. She received a degree in nursing from Columbia University in New York City, where she met her husband. He had been a Quaker for many years and she started going to meeting with him. She moved to South Carolina over 30 years ago, and she has been a widow for 20 years. She has worked in pediatrics for 44 years.

Sallie has been clerk of her local Quaker meeting several times and has been active in other roles and on many committees. She has been active in our yearly meeting and represented them at the American Friends Service Committee and the Friends World Committee on Consultation (an international organization of Quakers).

**March 20: "Words for Things We Love and Loathe" [Rev. Jennie preaching]** This sermon and worship service will explore some of the different things UUs mean when they use words like sacred, secular, worship, and sanctuary.

**March 27: "Easter Sunday" [Rev. Jennie preaching]** This sermon will give us a Unitarian Universalist perspective on the Easter story, especially as found in early Christian art.

**April 3: "Flower Communion Sunday" [Rev. Jennie preaching]**

**April 10: [Guest Speaker: Roger Ray]**

## Who's Who in the UU?

Would you like to be in on this game? We are looking for people with interesting ideas, pasts, experiences, etc. to play "Who's Who in the UU" with our students. Do you like to engage people in conversations? Are you good with getting answers from people without asking direct questions? Do you like to mingle in the Social Hall after service? If so, please let Stephanie at [dre@uucolumbia.org](mailto:dre@uucolumbia.org) know of your interest. Need at least 10 people to create a game. Game interviews starting soon!

## Collections Continue for Book/Media Sale



Book and media collections continue. The proceeds from this project will be put to good use as they help pay for our Boston Heritage Trip.

On Sunday, May 1 we will be an indoor/outdoor shoppers' paradise. The *Beltane Crafter's Fair* will be held outside while our annual Book and Media sale will be going on inside the Social Hall. Make sure your neighbors and relatives put this date in their calendars.

## UUCC Young Adult Group

Are you between the ages of 18 - 24? Would you like to be a part of a group of people your age whose minds are as open as yours and who are committed to social action? Then email Stephanie Palmer-Smith, our DRE at [dre@uucolumbia.org](mailto:dre@uucolumbia.org). She will pass on your contact information to a Young Adult leader.

## **Harvest Hope Food Donations**



The Social Action Committee is happy to report that the UUCC continues to fill our Harvest Hope food basket weekly. This basket is delivered each Monday to Harvest Hope where it is used in the distribution of groceries to the many hungry people who come to the food bank for help. The food basket can never get too full so please don't forget to bring your donations each week. They need items such as canned goods, pasta, flour, sugar, rice, cake mixes, and other non-perishable foods (no glass please).

## **Meals on Wheels for Pets**

Meals on Wheels has been delivering essential food to homebound seniors on fixed incomes for many years. But not everybody eats their meals. Many are giving up their meal for their pets. A beloved pet can be the only companion for many homebound seniors. The animal mission of our congregation asks you to give a thought to these animal companions and help to keep both well-nourished. Donate any unopened pet food or supplies in the Social Hall by the front doors.



## **Recruiting Social Action Mentors**

CYRE students are interested in direct social action. Do you have a passion for direct social action? If so, would you like to share that passion with our youth? Children who want to serve need adult mentors. Please see Stephanie or contact her via email at dre@uucolumbia.org.

## **Adult Choir Practices & Sings Sunday**

The Adult Choir will practice at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 13 in the Sanctuary and sing during the service.

## **Fair Trade Coffee Sales**

Would you like to support our teen Boston Heritage Trip while enjoying monthly selections of top grade fair trade coffee? Then see our Coffee



Sales Representative in the Social Hall after Sunday's service.

## **Transitions Training**

Mandatory Transitions training is being offered at 6:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at their facility at Main and Calhoun. Anyone can volunteer to serve at Transitions. They are always in need of more help either in the library on Friday afternoons (see Phil Turner) or serving meals on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month (see Bob Whitaker). The training takes less than one hour. TRANSITIONS NEEDS YOU! Please contact Sharon Pinckney at spinckney@transitionssc.org to register for a class.

## **Amazon Smile**

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0509045> and support UUCC every time you shop.

## **Gardening Group**

Do you like getting your hands dirty and playing in the dirt? If yes, then our CYRE team needs your help with our garden! Let's work together to work the soils that will help us grow a productive garden that could: provide food for people that are homeless, or a few vegetarian potlucks for the congregation, or...? The possibilities are endless!

## **Calling Artists for New Art Group**

If you are interested in working on your art with others for support, encouragement and feedback, the Art Group is for you. We meet weekly on an ongoing basis on **Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - noon beginning March 10** in the UUCC Social Hall. Bring your own supplies and prepare to enjoy the company of other artists at no cost. No instruction provided. Please contact Ruthie Saunders at [rsaunders@sc.edu](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu) if you would like to participate or if you have questions.

## **Birthday Sunday, March 13**

March birthdays will be celebrated on Sunday, March 13 after the service. Please sign up to donate a cake in the Social Hall. Celebrating a birthday in March? Please notify Stephanie to have your name added to the Birthday Banner: [dre@uucolumbia.org](mailto:dre@uucolumbia.org)

## **Membership Meeting, Sunday, March 13**

The membership committee will meet on Sunday, March 13 after service in Room 8. We are always looking for new members for this committee. Please join us if you are interested in welcoming visitors and generating fun activities for our members. For more information contact Patty Drews at [membership@uucolumbia.org](mailto:membership@uucolumbia.org) or 803-931-6799

## **Elementary Family Science Night, Friday**

### **March 18, 6:00 p.m.**

Elementary students K – 5 are invited to attend our first annual Family Science Night. Do you think you can find food for a bear in our patio area? Or how about something tasty for a gopher tortoise? And we have a surprise guest joining us as an expert on the Longleaf Pine forests. Come learn about the animals residing in these special forests and all the special relationships that exist. You will get to fine-tune your science skills as well. **Please call Stephanie 207-400-9428,**



or email her at [dre@uucolumbia.org](mailto:dre@uucolumbia.org) to make your reservations! Oh, and I forgot to mention the night will begin with food for Homo Sapien Sapiens! See you there!

## **Upcoming Coffeehouse: Tellico**

### **Saturday, March 19**

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$17 at the door. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the show starts at 8:00 p.m. Please make reservations at 200-2824 or [www.uurootcoffeehouse.org](http://www.uurootcoffeehouse.org).

## **UUCC Visitor Orientation, Sunday, March 20**

Our next Visitor Orientation class will be held on Sunday, March 20 in the UUCC library. We will begin about 15 minutes after service and usually end in about 45 minutes. Light refreshments are served. If you are new to the UUCC, or have come for a while and have questions, this session is for you. This class is designed to help familiarize you with the principles of Unitarian Universalism and answer any questions you might have. For more information contact Patty Drews at [membership@uucolumbia.org](mailto:membership@uucolumbia.org) or 803-931-6799.

## **Baby Shower, Sunday, March 20**



Welcome Baby Tripp! UUCC ladies of all ages are invited to join us for a (rescheduled!) baby shower for our beloved RE Assistant Morgan Hanes on Sunday, March 20 at 1:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. Morgan is registered at [buybuybaby.com](http://buybuybaby.com). **Please RSVP by March 13 to [seymourbarbie@gmail.com](mailto:seymourbarbie@gmail.com) or (803) 447-0862. Childcare will be available only by advance request.**



## **UUCC Book Club, Sunday, March 20**

The next UUCC Book Club meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 20. Angie Dodd Rabon will facilitate a discussion on *The Devil's Chessboard: Allen Dulles, The CIA and The Rise of America's Secret Government*, by David Talbot. We will meet at a member's home. The UUCC Book Club is open to all members and friends of UUCC. Please contact Ruthie Saunders if you have questions or would like more information: rsaunders@sc.edu

## **September Set, Friday, March 25**

Our monthly September Set for our UUCC Seniors will be held Friday, March 25. 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 with any comments or questions.

## **Easter Chapeau Parade, March 27**

Following service on Easter Sunday, let's revive an old Easter tradition for the young ones by donning some dapper dress, our best beautiful bonnets (hats and caps for you gents) and leading an old fashioned Easter parade from the fellowship hall, outside, round the block to the open yard where the children can begin their annual egg hunt. With enough participants, we'll pick the sharpest chapeau and award a small prize. Won't you join us? (Should we plan an Easter Bonnet Decorating Party on Saturday? Who would like to attend? Send your "I want to make an Easter Bonnet" to dre@uucolumbia.org!)

## **Chair Yoga Continues in March**



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.

Chair Yoga will meet in the UUCC Social Hall at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays in March, *however, we will not be meeting on Tuesday, March 15*. If you are new to the group and have questions or would like to participate, please contact Ruthie Saunders rsaunders@sc.edu.

## **Transitions Volunteers Needed Second Saturdays of Each Month**

UUCC has a recurring obligation to help serve the evening meal at Transitions Homeless Recovery Center, 2025 Main Street in Columbia, on the second Saturday of every month. If you've not been to the Transitions orientation (6:00 p.m. on every 2nd and 4th Monday), please volunteer anyway! Bob Whitaker will vouch for you until we can get everybody to that orientation. Contact Bob at bob-whit46@gmail.com.

## **Women's Book Group, April 12**



The Women's Book Group will meet Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 to discuss *That Old Ace in the Hole* by Annie Proulx. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon, 776-0784 or sjchubon@sc.rr.com.

## **What?? You've Never Made a Retreat with the UUCC??**

You owe it to yourself to change that. We will be at The Mountain **September 16-18**. We are looking forward to seeing you there. If you'd like more information, contact Joan Watterson at joan.l.watterson@icloud.com.



# UU Animal Ministry

**Sunday, April 3, following services**, the Animal Ministry will once again be sponsoring a **Vegan Cook-off**. The entire congregation is invited and this is a *complimentary event (no charge!)*.

Because we had such a good response from the congregation in the past, we are encouraging you all to bring a vegan dish (plant-based) to share, and thus enter the competition. Attendees will vote on their favorite dish, and prizes will be awarded! *But we want you to come, even if you don't bring a dish! Bringing a dish is absolutely optional!* We only ask that if you plan to bring a dish, please contact Anita Grossman ([anitaj48@aol.com](mailto:anitaj48@aol.com)) or any member of the Animal Ministry, prior to the day of the event, to assist us in pre-planning, table setup, etc. More details will follow. In the meantime, let Anita Grossman know if you have any questions. Don't be put off by the word "vegan." It simply means a dish that does not contain animal products; but the Animal Ministry will be available to assist with recipe ideas.

We are also looking forward to the following weekend, because we plan to once again participate in Palmetto Lifeline's fundraiser, **Bark to the Park, Saturday, April 9**. Be sure to check your OOS and the next UNIGRAM for more information about Palmetto Lifeline, its causes, and on how to donate or to register for the walk.

**Late May or June**, we are hoping to have the third in our series of **movies** that support plant based dining. These evenings, which are held at UUCC, are co-hosted with Columbia Veg, the local vegetarian group and include a small potluck prior to the movie and during intermission. We offer these movies as a *complimentary event (no charge). There is absolutely no requirement to bring a dish to the potluck.* An optional discussion follows the film, which has in the past provided lots of resources.



# Religious Education

## Children & Youth Religious Education Calendar

### Sunday March 13

11:15 – 12:15 Regular CYRE Classes  
12:00 for MUUGS and HSYG “Who’s Who in the UU”(cc)?  
12:15 March Birthday Celebration  
12:30 – 3:00 Howlmore Volunteer Day  
**(please sign up with Morgan at: [reasist@uucolumbia.org](mailto:reasist@uucolumbia.org))**  
**12:30 – 3:00 7 - 9 OWL Double lessons  
(Please bring a lunch)**  
12:30-1:30 CYRE Committee Meeting



### Friday March 18

6:00-8:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Family Science Night

### Sunday March 20

10:20 Children’s Choir Practice  
11:15 – 12:15 Regular CYRE Classes  
12:30 – 2:00 OWL

# **UUCC Board of Trustees**

Summary of January 20, 2016 Meeting

The Board of Trustees met January 20, 2016 from 6:30 to 9:47 PM.

## **Interim Minister's Report**

We are asked to do an Appraisal of the Interim Process three times during the interim ministry. The first deadline is February 15. Rev. Jennie shared her assessment of our progress and there was considerable discussion about it. Board members submitted their completed assessments to the Board Secretary to be compiled for submission to Boston along with Rev. Jennie's.

**Reflection on the Start-Up Weekend** Board members offered a critique of the experience held January 8-10, facilitated by Marguerite Mills. Attendance was good, larger than Ms Mills has seen at previous Start-Up programs. The meetings were well-facilitated and respectful; the food was good. There were also some shortcomings; the format was not well suited for that size group; there was a disconnect between Friday evening and Saturday morning. Some attendees thought Rev. Jennie's sermon on Sunday morning was more helpful than the prior discussions.

**Update on Ministerial Settlement Weekend** This event is scheduled for March 5 & 6 with Rev. Ann Marie Alderman as our consultant/facilitator. She will meet with the Board on Saturday evening to talk about our role in the process of searching for and selecting a settled minister. On Sunday morning Rev. Alderman will preach and after the service we will have a meal and she will explain the process of selecting a search committee and how the congregation participates in the search process.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Linda Brennison reported that the total revenue shortfall for the fiscal year to date is \$5,505.31, a significant decrease over last month's shortfall of \$9,138.30. Expenses are 2% under budget. Staff compensation and committee expenditures are under budget. Operating expenses are on target. The improvement in pledges received probably indicates that people donated more before the end of the year for income tax purposes.

## **Pledge Drive**

Joe Long reported that the annual canvass will begin February 28. The Finance Committee is planning to have cottage meetings in members' homes during the first half of March.

## **Building Renovations**

Peck Drennan presented drawings and more information about building renovations. There is asbestos in the social hall ceiling and in part of the ceiling in the RE wing. Both of these areas can be covered. New lighting is needed in the RE hallway along with new hardware for the doors and possibly some new doors. Peck reported there are major air quality control issues in the RE wing. There are several tests needed for substances in the air (cost \$1,400-\$1,500). The duct work needs cleaned; equipment will be placed in the air space to scrub it for three days (cost \$3,435). Another issue we will need to address is how to create separation between the sanctuary and the social hall.

## **Committee Reports**

**Technology Committee – UUCC Website** Considerable frustration was expressed about the delays in getting the new website up and operating. It currently presents a poor picture of our congregation and is not likely to attract the kind of minister we are hoping to obtain. Regina Moody reported that the people working on the new UUA framework are having difficulty because that framework needs to be modified to match our programs. They need to eliminate some categories/headings and make other adjustments which require judgment about the template. The Board voted for the Co-Presidents to select an ad hoc group to accelerate work to get the website up and running.

## **New Business**

**Congregational Poll** The UUA is asking congregations to vote on Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAIs) to be added to the 2016 General Assembly agenda. One will be selected and adopted for four years of study, reflection, and action. The four proposed for this year are: a national conversation on race, the corruption of our democracy, climate change and environmental justice, and ending gun violence in America. Board members will receive a ballot to vote on those issues.

Minutes summarized by Sandy Chubon, Secretary

# Meetings & Rentals

Board of Trustees Meeting	Wednesday, March 16	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Bon Voyage	Every Wednesday	7:00 pm	Member's Home
Children & Youth RE Committee	Sunday, March 13	12:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Choir	Sunday, March 13	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Committee Night (starts with dinner)	Wednesday, April 6	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, March 13	12:20 pm	Classroom #8
New to UU Class	TBA	12:15 pm	TBA
Science & Religion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, March 25	6:00 pm	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Wednesday, April 6	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Technology Committee	Wednesday, April 6	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	Wednesday, March 10	6:00 pm	Classroom # 5
UU Book Club	Sunday, March 27	6:30 pm	Member's Home
UU Humanist	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
UU Partner Church Committee	Contact: Lee Minghi, 798-0904; Carita Barr, 782-0053; or Susan Robinson, 446-0675	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Women's Book Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Writing Group	Tuesday, April 12	6:30 pm	Classroom # 5
<b>Rentals</b>			
Sitting with Sadness	Every Monday	7-8:15 pm	Social Hall
Tai Chi 803-772-9557 columbia.sc@taoist.org	Every Thursday	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Meditation	Every Monday	7:00 pm	Library
Men's AA	Every Tuesday	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Agnostic AA	Every Sunday	5:00 pm	Library
Women's AA	Every Wednesday	6:30 pm	Library

## **The Mission of the UUCC is:**

To nurture and respect each other in our spiritual growth and pursuit of meaning, and to create a welcoming and engaging environment through which we work for positive change in our community and the world.

## **Our Vision is:**

An inclusive community of love, truth, justice, stewardship, and service within and beyond these walls.

## **Our Values are:**

Love is the doctrine of this congregation,  
The quest for truth is its sacrament,  
And service is its prayer.  
To dwell together in peace,  
To seek knowledge in freedom,  
To serve others in community.

### **UUCC Board of Trustees**

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