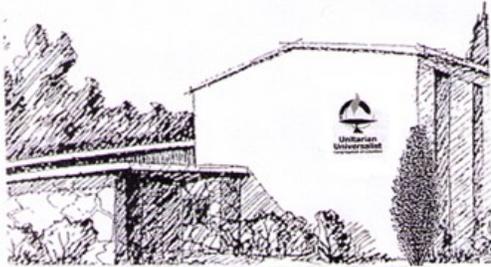




# The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

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## Sunday Schedule

**Forum:** 9:30 am in Classroom 8  
**Worship:** 11:00 am-12:15 pm  
**Nursery:** Available during service for infants through age 4

### August 14, 2016

#### 9:30 am Forum Topic

Following Rules versus Making Good Decisions.

#### 11:00 am Sermon Topic

*Positive Spirituality*, by Rev. Dr. Roger Ray

### August 21, 2016

#### 9:30 am Forum Topic

My favorite movie.

#### 11:00 am Sermon Topic

*Water Communion Multigenerational Service*, by Rev. Jennie Barrington

## Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, August 21**, for publication on **Wednesday, August 24**. *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.* Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).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

*"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover. [Mark Twain]"*

Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to August in our very busy congregation! There are many gatherings, programs, and events in process, with many others planned for the upcoming months. Please keep apprised of them, through this newsletter, through our website, and through conversations with members and friends, me, and our Board, new Search Committee, and staff.

During July, I had time for respite, relaxing, and reading; that was helpful and important. I feel more well-rested, and I am delighted to reconnect with you all on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. One topic I've been reading a lot about is character. I have a curriculum for teens that is thorough and thought provoking; and, *The Road to Character*, by David Brooks (if you are also reading it, please let me know); and *Uncommon – Finding Your Path to Significance*, by football coach Tony Dungy. All of these books cover traits a person can develop such as integrity, honor, loyalty, empathy and compassion, responsibility and restraint, tolerance, wisdom, and humility. They also all stress the importance of being a mentor to others, and continuing to have mentors, oneself. Mr. Dungy used the quote I shared at the top of this column in his chapter on courage. Even within our members' diversity of theologies, political affiliations, and social justice priorities, I think we can all agree that the development of character is something our congregation can and should nurture, to the benefit of each of us, and toward the enrichment and advancement of society as a whole. There are many possible sermons I could do this year about character. If you have ideas or suggestions, please share them with me!

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Your church leaders (including the new Search Committee), staff, and I have been working hard in preparation for the many big events ahead of us in the coming year. Some of those undertakings will feel like big risks, and will require courage. As long as everyone tries their very best, I will not be upset if some people are disappointed about some outcomes. But I do ask that everyone try their very best. I ask that, as much as you possibly can, please come to our Sunday morning worship services and other programs and gatherings. And please apprise yourselves of the events committees are sponsoring each month, and support their earnest efforts. And please learn all you can about the specific goals and plans of the board, the Search Committee, and the team who are beginning to launch a Capital Campaign to renovate the Religious Education wing, including the bathrooms. These efforts are unique undertakings for our congregation during this second year of its interim period. Don't let it be the case that, a year from now, you look back and are disappointed about what you did not do, and about noble opportunities in the life of your congregation that you did not avail yourself of.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays, and throughout each precious month of days,  
Rev. Jennie (“It’s a privilege to be here.”)

## Directions

## Reflections

## Expectations



Our children and youth led us through a celebration of the wonderful Beatrix Potter whose characters will forever live in the hearts of children and those who delight in children's stories. And I am inspired by the courage and creativity of these children. Our CYRE classes made the masks the actors wore and painted them during their CYRE class as we read "The Tale of Peter Rabbit" and learned about Beatrix Potter. And this was the first time some of our children got up in front of an audience! I have seen incredible growth in these children in just the short time I have been here participating with them in CYRE classes. Our youngest participant, Scarlett, would not even attend a CYRE class without her mother at the beginning of the summer and yesterday she donned a mask and walked out on stage! And our little Zoe played a great Peter Rabbit. She took cues from the story and acted them out with very little practice. And thanks to Laura, mother rabbit, Sabine who played Flopsy, and her brother Quinten who shone playing Cottontail. And thanks to the older students who helped take up our collection. Practice makes perfect! I hope you enjoyed our little tribute to the brave Peter Rabbit! May we all be inspired to question rules and bravely go where we are needed.

# What do we mean when we say “GOD”?

A religious conference addressing the evolution of what people think about the nature and character of God.

Keynote Speaker, Rev. John Churcher, of England’s popular “Permission to Speak” fame and noteworthy speakers include Rev. Mo Wills, Sean Spyres, and Dr. Roger Ray.

**Contact Rebecca Drennan ([rebecca@creativetransformation.com](mailto:rebecca@creativetransformation.com)) if you can volunteer to be a greeter to welcome members from the larger community to this program; to request a scholarship; if you need a ride for the Friday night program; or to request childcare (please request childcare by Thursday, August 11).**

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

- 7 p.m. Gathering and Registration (\$25 per person at door)
- 7:15 Welcome and Music
- 7:30 Introduction of speakers
- 7:40 Rev. John Churcher  
*“The Unknown BCE God”*
- 8:30 A bit of refreshment

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

- 9 a.m. Rev. John Churcher  
*“The Development of the Known CE God”*
- 10 a.m. Dr. Roger Ray  
*“Panentheism and Humanism in the post-theistic conceptions of God”*
- 11 a.m. Sean Spyres (with musicians)  
*The role of music in progressive communities of faith (with examples)*
- 11:45 a.m. Break for Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Rev. Mo Wills  
*“Gods, Goddesses, and the role of gender in divine evolution”*
- 2:00 p.m. Dr. Roger Ray  
*“Building Community in the Post-Theistic, Post-Church Era”*
- 2:45 p.m. Rev. John Churcher  
*“Faith and Reason”*
- 3:30 p.m. Questions and reflections
- 4:00 Social time

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

- 10:00 a.m. Rev. John Churcher  
*“Creating God in our image?”*
- 11:00 a.m. Roger Ray -  
*“Positive Spirituality”*
- 12:00 noon Social time

# News and Notes

## August 14, 2016

*Positive Spirituality*, by Rev. Roger Ray

## August 21, 2016

*Water Communion*, by Rev. Jennie Barrington  
Family-friendly in-gathering for all. Bring water from an important event in your summer.

## August 28, 2016

*You are a Child of the Universe...* This joyful worship service will include a Child Dedication ceremony. The sermon will be inspired by the poem by Max Ehrmann, "The Desiderata." We will learn more about Mr. Ehrmann's other writings, and his life and philosophy. By Rev. Jennie Barrington. The Adult Choir will also sing. Family-friendly service.

## UCC Congregation: We Need Your Help!

As you may know, the 2016-2017 operations budget is insufficient for the needs anticipated for the coming year. To supplement our pledges, your FRAT (Fund-RAising Team) has generated many ideas for raising money, with an emphasis on activities that will attract the public at large as well as build our UCC community. So far we have the following events planned for this summer/fall:

**August 20:** Bluegrass Music Concert - Ken Chapelle

**September 10:** Garage Sale

**October 15:** Crafts Workshop - Mask-Making

**November 5 or 12:** Holiday Bazaar

We will need help from each of you to make these successful. If you have experience with any of the activities and/or can assist us in running them, please contact one of these three FRAT members: Sej Harman (sejharman@att.net; cell: 730-7208) Patrick Saucier (pjsauci@malibox.sc.edu; cell: 727-2499); or Pat Mohr (patmohr@mindspring.com; cell: 463-3504).

If you have other ideas for raising money for this year's budget, talk to any of these people or to other members of the Team, which include Carita Barr, Jean Capalbo, Don & Carol Dodson, Mike Kelly, Cheryl Soehl, or Reenie Stahl.

## Help Wanted

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia (UCC) is seeking a custodian with a positive, supportive and upbeat attitude to be responsible for performing custodial duties, minor maintenance, and other miscellaneous duties in order to ensure that the UCC's building and facilities are maintained in a healthy, safe and sanitary manner.

The Custodian is expected to work up to 13 hours a week at the rate of \$13 an hour, maintaining and submitting a bi-weekly time sheet to the Administrator and caring for the UCC facilities and equipment. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will have a role in the identification and clarification of the responsibilities and to establish and maintain performance standards in caring for the UCC facilities and equipment. Maintaining these responsibilities will help to ensure the health, safety and security of the congregation and community at large.

Position may begin as early as August 25. More information can be found at the UCC website [www.uucolumbia.org](http://www.uucolumbia.org) under the News /Events Tabs. Please send resume to [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).

## Choir Welcomes New Members

Adults and Youth (age 16 and above), if you enjoy singing and can match pitches, you would be welcomed in the UU Adult Choir. **Our next rehearsal is this Sunday, August 14, at 9:30 a.m. in room 8** (usually we meet in the sanctuary). We meet again on Sunday, August 28 and every two weeks after. Bill Moody, Director

## Harvest Hope

Have you been wondering about what's happening with the Harvest Hope food basket that you have been donating to? We have collected 149 pounds of food for the hungry in the last several weeks. In these summer months while school is out there is even more need for assistance as there is no help for those families that were getting meals for their children at school on reduced (or free) prices for breakfast and lunch. These children are now going with very little for a day's meal. Please bring what you can to help increase the amount that we are delivering to Harvest Hope. They are in need of even more food than they were in the past. Also just a note to save the date to join the Social Action Committee to volunteer at Harvest Hope on Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 to 12:00. There will be more information about this later.

## The Mountain, September 16-18

Can you envision sitting in a rocking chair on an open deck overlooking a beautiful valley below peppered with fertile farms yielding cabbages and pumpkins? How about engaging in a lively discussion with friends, old and new, about how beautiful our new RE Painting project looks. Or sitting around a campfire in the late evening singing while enjoying s'mores.

Well, it's not just a fairy tale. This can be you and your family and friends. Just over a month away our annual weekend at The Mountain is September 16-18. The all-inclusive prices include dinner Friday through lunch on Sunday. Adults-\$190; Youth 8 through 17-\$70; Children 0 through 7-Free.

## Meals on Wheels for Pets

A beloved pet can be the only companion for many home-bound seniors. The animal mission of our congregation asks you to give a thought to these animal companions. Donate any unopened pet food or supplies in the Social Hall by the front doors.

## Save Toiletries from Summer Travels, for Homeless Shelters

The Social Action Committee urges you to use your discretion and bring back unopened toiletries from the hotels and motels you'll be staying in during your summer vacation or

other travel. Place them in the food collection baskets at the entrance to the Social Hall. They will be donated to homeless shelters as needed or saved for the Inclement Weather Center (winter shelter) when it opens on November 1. For more information, contact Tom Clements, 803-240-7268 or [tomclements329@cs.com](mailto:tomclements329@cs.com).

## We Now Have TWO Chair Yoga Classes Per Week!

By popular demand Chair Yoga will be twice a week beginning August 11. In addition to the ongoing class on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m., we are adding a session on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Both classes meet in the UUCS Social Hall. Come to either session or come to both. Chair yoga entails about 45 minutes of real yoga but it takes place mostly seated. The yoga instructors are Molly Jones and Ruthie Saunders. Please contact Ruthie [rsaunders@sc.edu](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu) if you have questions.



## Transitions Volunteers Needed Second Saturday of Each Month

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](mailto:bobwhit46@gmail.com) to volunteer.

## Share the Plate Categories

The Social Action Committee is getting ready to begin the Share the Plate process for the coming year. We donate half of our cash collections each month to an outside charity or social justice organization chosen by our members. There are then categories of recipients, which are decided by the Social Action Committee. The categories were as follows:

- Animal shelters/Animal services
- Children's services
- Food banks/Food support
- Environmental Issues
- Health Issues
- Homeless shelters
- International aid
- Legal aid
- LGBT issues
- Women's issues

### Calling Artists for Art for All Group

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



### Writing Group Cancellation, August 9

The UUCC Writing Group will not meet on August 9. The group will resume their regular schedule on September 13.

### Women's Book Group, Tuesday, August 9

The Women's Book Group will meet Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 to discuss *A Thousand Acres* by Jane Smiley.

Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon, 776-0784 [orsjchubon@sc.rr.com](mailto:orsjchubon@sc.rr.com)

### Bluegrass for Fun and Fundraising, Saturday, August 20

The UU Coffeehouse is having a special summer concert on Saturday, August 20. Copernicus of Ashville, NC will be playing original and traditional bluegrass favorites. All profits from ticket sales and the famous Coffeehouse Kitchen will go to help make up for our budget shortfall. Please plan to attend and wherever and whenever appropriate please encourage other music lovers to attend. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the show starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$15 in advance, reservations can be made at [uucoffeehouse.org](http://uucoffeehouse.org), and \$17 at the door. UU Coffeehouse is a premier listening room and our concerts are a great way to spend a Saturday evening, an excellent way to boost our presences in the community, and, with your help, a good fundraiser.

### UUCC Book Club, Sunday, August 21

The next UUCC Book Club meeting is Sunday, August 21 at 6:30 pm. Ruthie Saunders will facilitate a discussion on *Sapiens: a brief history of humankind* by Yuval N. Ha-

rari. 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](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu)



### Farewell Party for Jeff Kruse, Sunday, August 28

Please join us on Sunday, August 28, as we say goodbye to our beloved custodian, Jeff Kruse. Jeff has been a vital and integral part of our congregation for over six years and is going to be greatly missed by our community. We are planning special refreshments in the Social Hall immediately following service.

### Gay Pride Event, September 3



Come one! Come All! Be sure you don't miss out on the FAMOUSLY HOT SOUTH CAROLINA 2016 GAY PRIDE EVENT on Saturday, September 3. We are already working on our beautiful rainbow float and looking for a great turnout. We have seats for fifteen on the float who cannot walk the parade route and more room for little ones to sit on it. We want to make a good showing this year of both young and old. Let's see you young people get involved in cheering this on. It was a wonderful day last year and we look forward to an even better one this year. We will be carrying our big banner and want to make a good representation of UUCC at this event. If you would like to help with the float or the event in any way please contact the committee chairs Jeanette Walton ([jeanette.walton@bcbssc.com](mailto:jeanette.walton@bcbssc.com)) or Grant Seuser ([gseuser@gmail.com](mailto:gseuser@gmail.com)).



## **UCC Yard Sale Fundraiser: Saturday, September 10, 8am-4pm**

All that stuff you have been wanting to clear out of your house? Here's your chance for that... and to help the UCC! To make this happen we need your stuff... and a lot of you, too.

Take in will be from **Monday, September 5 through Thursday, September 8, from 10am-2pm.** Please, no clothes except baby/children's, no books except children's or cookbooks. Everything must be **clean, in good to excellent condition, and in working order.** Home baked goods can be brought on the day of the sale.

We will need lots of people...pricers, arrangers, cashiers, patrollers, haulers (with trucks), clean-up crew... before, during, and after the sale. Also be saving plastic bags!

Having a congregational yard sale is a HUGE fund-raising endeavor and we hope for your support to make this successful for UCC. There are many different ways to help out with this, many requiring only a few hours of your time. Please call or text **Reenie 803-233-9558 or Linda 803-397-2335 now** to sign up. Also contact us if you need help transporting donations or will bring home made goods. *Have treasures too good for a yard sale but you would like to donate? We have members who can market them on-line. Just ask.*

## **American Grace, a Short Adult RE Course**

What is the role of religion and religions in the American public arena? How do congregations function? What factors make them grow or shrink, and how do these factors affect congregational policy and strategy? A short course on the sociology of modern American religion based on Putnam and Campbell's book *American Grace* (2012) will meet after Sunday services starting on **October 2**. The course will be facilitated by Don Cooper and Patrick Saucier. More information to come.

## **Fall Fun-draiser, November 12**

Join us for dinner hosted by Jean Capalbo and Ginny Verne on Saturday, November 12 at Jean's home. The menu will be planned around a beef roast and a pumpkin-flavored dessert. Seating is limited, so hurry to reserve your place at the table with a \$40 contribution to UCC. After the meal you will be asked to consider an additional donation. All proceeds go to the UCC general fund.

# Religious Education

## Children & Youth Religious Education Calendar

**Sunday, August 14:** Evolution of God Conference  
No CYRE. Child care provided through advance registration only. Our children will be sowing the seeds for our fall garden while adults are sowing seeds of deep introspection.

**Sunday, August 21:** Water Communion  
Multi-generational Service

**Saturday, August 27:** CYRE 2016-2017  
Teacher Orientation and Planning Session

**Sunday, August 28:** No CYRE. Fall CYRE classroom clean up from 12:30 – 2:30! Grilled burgers and salads for lunch. Iced tea and lemonade provided. *ALL families encouraged to attend.*



## CYRE Outings

Our CYRE program has been full of opportunities for learning and I was pleased to be a part of the group of curious and reflecting individuals who took part in the experience we shared in our tour of the South Carolina State Museum exhibit, “Race: Are We So Different?” Thank you to Beth Ann Rocheleau for her concise review of the exhibit, presented below. I can’t help but wonder just what we will do now that we are armed with knowledge. Help refugees? Assist low-participant areas get to the polls?  
Peace and Action,  
Stephanie, DRE

## RACE Review By Beth Ann Rocheleau

Thanks to the generosity of a private benefactor, a member of our UUC community, over a dozen UUC members attended the South Carolina State Museum exhibit, “Race: Are We So Different?” in early July. We were a good group, and UUC was well represented, especially in the under twenty demographic.

The exhibit includes multi-media presentations and hands-on interactive displays. It meets the visitor (of any age) where he or she is on the path to becoming more informed about race and the idea that without racism, we would not even talk about race. Racism, a tool of power to control others and to ensure unequal distribution of resources to the benefit of some over others, came first.

Developed by the American Anthropological Association in collaboration with the Science Museum of Minnesota, the exhibit helps visitors consider race through the three lenses of history, everyday experience, and science. Many of us are at least somewhat educated about the history of race issues in North America. All of us have lived experiences that color our view of ourselves and one another, where each of us is aware, to varying degree, and for reasons deriving from different experiences, that some of us benefit from white privilege, and some of us lose. But it was looking at the issue through the lens of science that many of us found ourselves better understanding that race is simply not an accurate or adequate descriptor of human biological variation; thus, again: without racism, we would not even talk about race.

Genes linked to skin color are actually NOT determinants of disease – not in the case of sickle cell disease, and not in the case of hypertension, to name only two examples exposed quite well in hands-on stations at the exhibit. Further, variations in skin color are not connected to race-specific genes, but only to adaptive traits correlated to geography and the sun’s radiation.

The exhibit does not address institutionalized racism, white fragility, white privilege, how socialization and implicit bias work, racial arrogance, violence, racial certitude, and other issues. It is not political, and not particularly deep or thorough, but it is quite worthwhile; and most importantly, it is approachable. Thank you to our benefactor who facilitated our participation!

## UUCC Board of Trustees

### Summary of May 11, 2016 Meeting

The Board of Trustees held a special called meeting May 11. The meeting was initially scheduled for the sole purpose of discussing the Budget for FY 2016-17. Later the cost of the mold removal was added to the agenda.

### First Reading of the 2016-17 UUCC Budget

The Finance Committee presented their budget proposal. Pledges are lower than desired. As recommended by the UUA, \$9,500 was set aside to cover the costs of the ministerial search process. There will be no salary increases for staff. We will discontinue our newspaper ad. Our annual payment to the UUA was decreased from 7% to 3% of our annual revenue. The budget proposal was approved by the Board.

### Update on Mold Clean Up

The two companies are ready to work on mold removal and duct cleaning in the RE wing. There is a discrepancy in the contracts about how much the work will cost. Earlier we had been told the cost for mold treatment would be \$3,800. Now we are being told the cost will be \$8,400; the 10-year warranty was not included in the earlier analysis. Marc will get accurate costs and contact members for an e-mail vote to approve/disapprove so the work may proceed.

### Summary of May 18, 2016 Meeting

The Board of Trustees met from 6:30 PM until 8:43 PM.

### Policy on Share the Plate Collections

Linda McLeod presented the policy developed by the Social Action Committee. The Board will take a final vote on it at the June meeting.

### Conference on Progressive Religion

Richard McLeod and Rebecca Drennan talked about the Worship Committee's plans for this conference to be held at UUCC August 12-14, 2016. They plan for the conference to be self-supporting but not a money-maker. Tickets will be sold for \$20; they hope to sell 200. They have requested a loan of \$1,000 from the UUCC for start-up money to purchase publicity, refreshments, etc. Roger Ray, the keynote speaker, is willing to absorb the cost if we do not sell enough tickets. The Board approved the loan.

### Treasurer's Report

Pledge income dropped sharply in April. We currently have a pledge shortfall of \$10,695 for this fiscal year.

### Committee Reports

**Building & Grounds** The mold treatment is done and paid for. The Trustees re-affirmed their e-mail vote to pay \$6389 for mold removal (includes 10-year warranty) and \$1600 for duct cleaning in the RE wing. Linda Brennon filed a claim with our insurance company; our policy has some coverage for mold treatment. A representative from the company is scheduled to visit the building tomorrow.

**Denominational Connections** Carolyn West, John Logue, and Bob and Keitha Whitaker will serve as UUCC Delegates to UUA General Assembly. We will pay \$200 per person toward their registration cost if they desire.

**Leadership Development Committee** Patrick Saucier resigned from the Board of Trustees and withdrew his consent to serve for the next two years. The Committee met and selected possible candidates to take his place; all of them refused. The Committee recommends that the Board operate with one less member for the coming fiscal year.

**UUCC Website Update** We have no plan or process for maintenance of the website. We need a group with a very clear mandate, including responsibilities assigned to them by the board. Some of that group could be recruited from the ad hoc Committee on Implementation of the New Website.

**Ad Hoc Committee on Organization Governance** Regina has requested an ad hoc committee to address organizational governance and structure. The Board agreed to have the Co-Presidents name a committee to review, analyze, and revise our UUCC governance and structure.

**Finance Committee** The Board approved the latest version of the budget for fiscal year 2016-17 of \$209,000 with a shortfall of \$71.94.

Minutes summarize by Sandy Chubon, Secretary

# Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	Thursdays	10:00 am	Social Hall
Board Meeting	Wednesday, August 17	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Chair Yoga	Tuesdays Thursdays	11:00 am 1:00 pm	Social Hall Social Hall
Children & Youth RE Committee	Sunday, August 14	12:30 pm	Classroom # 5
Choir	Sunday, August 14	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Committee Night	1st Wednesday of month	6:00 pm	Dinner in the Social Hall
CUUP's, Gaia's Rising	Every Thursday	7:30 pm	Library
Forum	Every Sunday	9:30 am	Classroom # 8
Green Committee	TBA	6:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Knit or Not	Every Monday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Membership Committee	1st Wednesday of month	7:00 pm	Classroom #8
Visitor Orientation	Sunday, September 18	12:15 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, August 26	6:00 pm	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, September 7	12:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Technology Committee	Wednesday, September 7	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	Wednesday, August 10	6:00 pm	Classroom # 5
UU Book Club	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	6:30 pm	Member's Home
UU Humanist	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
UU Partner Church Committee	Lee Minghi, 798-0904; Carita Barr, 782-0053; 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, September 13	6:30 pm	Classroom # 5
<b>Rentals</b>			
La Leche League	3rd Tuesdays	6-8pm	Classroom # 5
Sitting with Sadness	Every Monday Starting Au- gust 8	7-8:15 pm	Social Hall
Tai Chi 803-772-9557 columbia.sc@taoist.org	Every Thursday	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Meditation	Every Monday	7:00 pm	Library
Men's AA	Every Tuesday	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Agnostic AA	Every Sunday	5:00 pm	Library
Women's AA	Every Wednesday	6:30 pm	Library

## The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism

Grateful for the religious pluralism that enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. We covenant to affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person
2. Justice, equity, and compassion in human relationships
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth in our congregations
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and society at large
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
7. Respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part

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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