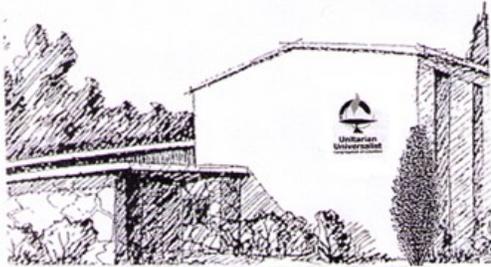




The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

October 12, 2016



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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 3

October 16, 2016

9:30 am Forum Topic

American intelligence-good, bad, or ugly?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

Elements of Character,
by Rev. Jennie Barrington

October 23, 2016

9:30 am Forum Topic

The Israeli-Palestinian crisis: What Americans can do about it.

11:00 am Sermon Topic

UU Ethnic Bread Communion, by Rev. Jennie Barrington

Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, October 23**, for publication on **Wednesday, October 26**. **Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.** Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to uucc@uucolumbia.org.

Minister's Meditation

The Rev. Jennie Barrington, Interim Minister

"Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness. Concerning all acts of initiative (and creation), there is one elementary truth, the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: that the moment one definitely commits oneself, then Providence moves too. All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance, which no (person) could have dreamt would have come (their) way. I have learned a deep respect for one of Goethe's couplets: 'Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it!'" (William Hutchison Murray)

Dear Members and Friends,

I am so pleased and proud to update you on the Capital Campaign, and the search for a settled minister.

Our Capital Campaign, with the goal of \$175,000, was launched less than two weeks ago. And already you have made over \$103,000 in pledges! Nearly \$40,000 of that amount has been paid in full. I am inspired by your response and your commitment to our congregation, its buildings, and to Unitarian Universalism in Columbia and all of its wider communities. I was deeply moved when, at Committees Night, a long time member said to me, "It was good that you asked us to do this." She and I then talked about the fact that there was some hesitancy. The board, the Capital Campaign team, the Finance Committee, and I listened to members who wondered whether this undertaking should wait until a new minister started in August. And your leaders and I also took part in a

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UUA webinar about readiness to launch a Capital Campaign. Our research and conversations led us to conclude that you were asking us to launch the Capital Campaign (not the other way around). Back in the spring when we held our Annual Pledge Drive; back a year ago when we explored UUCC's past, present, and future needs; and back when I was interviewed about my interest in UUCC, and your leadership's interest in me. And now, over \$100,000 in pledges later, it is clear that you *were* ready! You were ready to commit to UUCC's needed renovations. We are going to have new bathrooms! Hurrah! And we will have a newly-renovated RE Wing. I am writing to ask that you sustain your commitment to the Capital Campaign. Please continue to do all you can to support it, in words and deeds. The renovations in the Social Hall and Sanctuary are also sorely needed; they are not a "Straw Man." If we all do our very best to stay committed to our goal, I am confident that we can reach the full \$175,000, to complete all of the renovations to the building that has sheltered and supported UUCC all these years.

I am also writing to ask that you make the same strong and sustained commitment to the search for a settled minister. Your Search Committee has been working very hard and well and harmoniously. Please do all you can to support them in all the steps of the search. We urge you to fill out a survey if you have not already done so. The Search Committee will need as high a percentage of responses from you as possible, in order to discern the best match of a new minister for UUCC. You can do this in one of several ways. Paper copies are available in the foyer, and a downloadable pdf is available on the UUCC website and attached to this Unigram email. (Return completed surveys to the labeled box in the foyer.) A link to the survey is also on UUCC's Facebook page. Or you can follow this link to an online version of the survey:

http://moore.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3sILB6L9EN4Q1a5

The Search Committee and I also ask that you please come to the "Beyond Categorical Thinking" worship service and workshop on Sunday, November 13th. Led by a guest presenter from the UUA, "Beyond Categorical Thinking" will explore the qualities of ministers beyond their physical appearances and attributes. Inasmuch as there are biases regarding appearance, ability, or gender, now is the time to recognize and discuss them.

Lastly, during Hurricane Matthew last weekend, there was a morning when my cell phone coverage was spotty. I composed a text and tried to send it, but received a failure message. When that happens, my cell phone holds the message in the outbox, and continues to try to send it out. This means the world to me-- "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night" prevents my cell phone from its efforts to convey my text to its intended recipient. That is the standard I am asking that we all strive to uphold-- for our Capital Campaign, for our search for a new minister, in our pastoral care for one another, and in our living out our congregation's principled values and mission. I have confidence that we can meet both our goals of the Capital Campaign and the Search. Those achievements will be cause for great celebration! But even more importantly, our journey toward achieving them is enhancing our congregation with more caring connections, positive energy, and occasions for fellowship and fun.

I look forward to seeing you soon,

Rev. Jennie ("It's a privilege to be here.")

President's Column

I hope that each of you weathered the storm this week with no more than raking to set things right. Thank you for the wonderful offers of hospitality to those seeking shelter!

We are a little over two weeks into our Capital Campaign for Building Renovation and I am joyfully amazed at how much has been pledged (\$103,035 as of Sunday)! Special thanks to all of you who have pledged to date. I am so proud that 100% of your Board and 100% of the Capital Campaign Committee have pledged!

As you know, the goal is \$175,000, which is the projected cost of new bathrooms, critical renovations in the RE wing, and a significant upgrade to the social and worship areas. This monetary goal and the physical changes that it will support are extremely important. While the UUC is the sum total of the beliefs, passions, and actions of our members and friends, the building is the physical home for our endeavors. Every time I hear us reciting our congregational covenant, singing our benediction, or when I read our UU principles, I realize that we bring to the Midlands of South Carolina a unique approach to living life. Improving our religious and spiritual home is not just a gift to each other, it is a gift for generations to come.

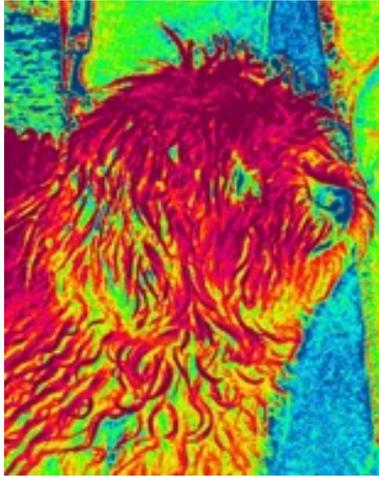
While reaching the goal of \$175,000 and enabling these building upgrades is very important, I believe that there is another goal of equal importance. 2701 Heyward Street is the home for *all* of us and it is very important that all of us participate in this campaign. If I were asked which is more important: Reaching 100% of the monetary goal or having 100% of our members and friends participate, I feel it is the latter. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of us will be able to look up at a new ceiling in the worship hall and think, "That's my ceiling tile!"

"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do little-do what you can." Sydney Smith

Phil Turner

New Art Exhibit

Nancy Hayes Washington, Columbia educator and artist will show her original photographs in the UCC Social Hall now through Sunday, November 13.



Nancy began to work as an artist later in life and says “I hope you will enjoy this show and if you are a secret artist as I was and would like to discuss art, please contact me. I would love to talk!” 802-777-2166, nancyhw@mailbox.sc.edu. **Meet the Artist Reception**, Monday, October 17, 5:30 – 7:30, UCC Social Hall



Candles of Community

We congratulate our beloved long-time member, Dr. Ron Edge, on the publication of his latest book! In "Tea at the Cavendish," Ron recalls his time at the Cambridge Laboratory following World War II. During that time, he had weekly teas with Watson and Crick, discoverers of the DNA structure. His book is filled with humor and charming detail. We encourage you to check it out through Amazon for only \$9.99. Ron is the distinguished Professor Emeritus in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of South Carolina.

Our caring concern goes out to everyone in Townville, North Carolina. On September 28th, a 14 year old boy shot and injured students and a teacher at an elementary school. One victim, Jacob Hall, who was 6 years old, died. The shooter's father was also killed. I pray for healing, and I hope for peace of mind in the Townville community's hearts, schools and towns. (from Rev. Jennie)

Our caring thoughts and prayers go out to everyone affected by the train crash in Hoboken, New Jersey on September 29th. One woman died, and over 100 people were injured. I pray for the healing of their pain, both physical and emotional. (from Rev. Jennie)

On a celebratory note, my friend and colleague, Laurie Stewart, was ordained to the professional Unitarian Universalist ministry on October 1, 2016, at the South Nassau UU Congregation of Freeport, Long Island, New York. Laurie's ministry is always compassionate, creative, and responsive to the needs of the individuals, groups, and communities around her. In a bruised and hurting world, I know that she will be of great help. (from Rev. Jennie)

Important Reminders

Remember to turn your clock back on the night of Saturday, November 5th.

Remembers to vote on Tuesday, November 8th.

News and Notes

October 16, 2016

"Elements of Character" [Rev. Jennie preaching] Talking about character has come back into fashion lately. Most of us have several elements of good character. But all of us have some ways we can develop our character more. And being part of a congregation such as ours is an excellent way to do that, regardless of our individual religious beliefs. This sermon will be informed by several books about character, including David Brooks' recent bestseller, *The Road to Character*.

October 23, 2016

"UU Ethnic Bread Communion" In this morning's worship service, we will honor our diverse backgrounds and family heritages. Please bring bread that is representative of your family's ethnic roots or traditions. Families are encouraged to bake bread and share stories across generations. We will make time in the service to hear your stories. Rev. Jennie's homily will be about "Healthy Relationships at Home and Beyond." After the service, we will partake of the breads together! [Rev. Jennie and the CYRE Team will co-lead this multigenerational service.] [The Adult Choir will also sing.]

October 30, 2016

"On Magic and Magical Thinking" [Rev. Jennie preaching] Do you believe in magic? Is there a normative way UUs tend to view Magical Thinking? The last week in October is National Magic Week, in honor of the great magician Harry Houdini, who died on October 31, 1926. This sermon will explore a spectrum of beliefs about magic and the supernatural.

November 6, 2016

"The Election Sermon" [Rev. Jennie preaching] [The Adult Choir will also sing.] Traditionally on the Sunday before Election Day, Unitarian Universalist ministers preach about the democratic process, the Constitution, or the importance of voting. We will come together this Sunday to reexamine and reaffirm all that is good at the heart of these things.

Capital Campaign More than Halfway to Goal...

Thank you to the UUCC folks who contributed another \$4,800 this past Sunday. The Capital Campaign pledge total is now over \$103,000. We will be doing another editorial on Sunday, October 23 during the service, this time focusing on the social hall and sanctuary.

With these last contributions we now have enough cash to begin work on the bathrooms. However, our architect, Peck Drennan, reminded me just this past week of how much cheaper it is to hire one contractor to do the whole job rather than one for each project. Wanting to be a good steward of your money, this is what we're shooting for.

So if you haven't contributed yet, talk to your significant other or your banker or stockbroker now. If you're thinking of doing a check later (e.g., January), complete a pledge card this Sunday so we can at least plan ahead and maybe even make it happen before a potential minister visits this spring. We still need \$72,000 to reach our goal.

Let's not lose our momentum---this is your chance to pledge enough to make a religious home of which we're proud. WE CAN DO THIS, UUCC!

Pat Mohr, Chair, Capital Campaign Team

Search Committee Survey

We want to hear from you! It is important to us to know your thoughts about the congregation and where we go from here. If you have not done so, we'd like you to fill out a survey. They are available on the front table in the foyer or you can download a copy from our website or open the attachment to this Unigram email.



Harvest Hope in Need of Donations

Hurricane Matthew has hit and Harvest Hope is one of the main sources that helps those in need in the Midlands. They can use non-perishable canned goods, financial donations, and volunteers. As always you can bring the canned goods to our food basket, which is inside the social hall and is waiting for your donation. To make a financial donation or volunteer go to the Harvest Hope webpage harvesthope.org. Any help you can give will be appreciated. These are the times that we all need to pull together and Harvest Hope is a good coordinator for this purpose.



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. Your FRAT (Fund-RAising Team) has already staged a UU Coffeehouse concert and a garage sale to raise funds. Our next event is the **Holiday Bazaar on November 19**.

If you can help, please contact Jean Capalbo at jacapalbo@gmail.com.

Fun-draiser Dinner

At the home of Jean Capalbo, Saturday, November 12. Only two seats remain open. Make your reservation with a check for \$40 made to UCC and given to Jean or Ginny Verne. Be sure to write "November 12 dinner" on the memo line.

Chalice Lighters Needed

Help shine a light on the diversity of UUism. Become a Chalice Lighter! Write: dre@uucolumbia.org today to reserve your date. Or sign up in the book found on the information table in the Social Hall.

Fall Garden 2016

Garden therapy is available to anyone interested. Fall crops of cauliflower, fennel, beets, Swiss chard and Brussel sprouts have been planted. Check it out! Visit any time. We lost our sunflowers before most of them could open

due to a mold but look for winter ornamental kale and pansies coming soon in our Minister's Walk Way garden. Your input/action/etc. is appreciated. Contact Stephanie at: dre@uucolumbia.org. (This Northerner is undertaking her first fall garden! All help is greatly appreciated!)

Holiday Pageant

Good King Wenceslas

One Adult Male and One Child Needed to Fill Roles for Pageant

Nancie needs one more male adult and one child, preferably a male age 8-12, to complete this year's cast of *Good King Wenceslas*. We have a wonderful time forming community and performing for our UCC peeps and friends. Please contact Nancie with any questions you may have at nancierr@sbcglobal.net. The rehearsal schedule is as follows. One needed absence from rehearsals is acceptable with the exception of dress rehearsals.

Oct. 16 12:30-1:30	Principle Roles
Oct. 30 12:30-1:30	Principle and Secondary Roles
Nov. 13 9:15-10:15am	Building Scenery, Lighting & Mics, Costumes & Make Up (In Back Rooms)
	Run Through for Actors (In Sanctuary)
Nov. 20 12:45-2:45	Principle and Secondary Roles and Villagers
Dec. 4 12:45-2:45	DRESS REHEARSAL for All Involved; Actors, Vocalists, Crew, Make Up, Costumes, Scenery
Dec. 11 8:30-10:00am	Curtain Call - Run Through
Dec. 11 11:00am	Performance for Service

Harvest Hope Volunteer Opportunity, Saturday, October 15

Join members and friends on Saturday, October 15 for a group service opportunity at Harvest Hope Food Bank. We will be packing food boxes for distribution to seniors in our community. It is required that all volunteers wear closed-toe shoes. Please follow the link on Sign Up Genius at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45a4aa2da2fc1-harvest> or contact Cheryl Soehl at csoehl@soehl.com to register for this event. We will gather at 8:50 a.m. and work until about Noon.

Vegan Potluck

Come To Our Vegan Potluck and Hear a Special Speaker!

The Animal Ministry is proud to announce another one of its vegan events on **Sunday, October 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the UCC Social Hall!** This particular dinner is special because we are having as our guest Trisha Mandes, MPH, who will speak on "Dietary disease prevention and reversal: an introduction to the evidence." Trisha has spent her career as a nutritionist and researcher, and is a former staff member at USC.

We are asking that for this event you bring a **vegan** dish to share with the group. ("Vegan," simply means no animal products of any kind, including meat, fish or dairy). If you prefer not to cook, we are gladly accepting modest donations to offset the cost of the event. Please let Anita Grossman (anitaj48@aol.com) know what you will bring to aid the organizers in planning a well-rounded potluck. (Also contact Anita with any questions).

As at prior potlucks, we will be collaborating with Columbia Veg for this event. Also joining us, for the first time, will be the SC Progressive Network, so we should have a terrific group.

Food Not Bombs Service Day Sunday, October 16

Our Pre-K through 5th graders will unite on Sunday, October 16 to make sandwiches for the Food Not Bombs project which feeds an average of 150 homeless each Sunday. To make this day a success, we need: 1 teacher from each grade level, 2 adult volunteers to help the students assemble and **we still need 4 jars of Sunflower butter**. The sandwiches will be given to our regular Food Not Bombs volunteers to take to Finley Park.

Parents of Pre-K through 5th grade – Please consider taking your children to the Foods Not Bombs homeless project after service that day. Your children will have talked about homelessness and will have been coached during their service project to treat all people with the same respect regardless of their economic situation. This is a great opportunity to serve the public as a family!

Adult Choir Schedule

We will rehearse and sing on **Sunday, October 23, at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary** and every two weeks after. Bill Moody, Director

Ethnic Bread Communion Servers Needed

Bread, cider and communion will bring us together at our service on **Sunday, October 23** and this service allows our children and youth to participate in a wonderful tradition. Please encourage your children and youth to participate by signing up to serve bread and cider. Sign-up sheet will be on the CYRE table this Sunday.

Halloween Spook-tacular, Saturday, October 29



All ages welcome to a spook-tacular evening Saturday, October 29 on our UCC grounds. Add your jack-o-lantern to the Great Pumpkin patch, dress your Halloween best and join our community under the stars for games, music, trick-or-treating and a whole lot of holiday fun. For more info or to sign up to help contact Gail Dawson 336-575-6425 or gailzebub@msn.com

UCC Book Club, Sunday, October 30

The next UCC Book Club meeting is Sunday, October 30 at 6:30 pm. Phil Turner will facilitate a discussion on *Strangers Drowning: Grappling with Impossible Idealism, Drastic Choices, and the Overpowering Urge to Help* by Melissa MacFarquhar. We will meet at a member's home. The UCC Book Club is open to all members and friends of UCC. Please contact Ruthie Saunders if you have questions or would like more information: rsaunders@sc.edu



The Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, November 6

The Animal Ministry will be sponsoring our annual Blessing of the Animals before you know it...**November 6, 3:00-4:00 p.m., outdoors, on the Heyward side of the church.** Reverend Jennie will officiate. All well behaved animals and their people are invited. Don't forget leashes and/or crates when appropriate for your welfare and the safety of your pets!!. Questions? Anita Grossman (anitaj48@aol.com)

Writing Group, Tuesday, November 8

Please join us for the UCC Writing Group on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30–7:30 pm in Room 5. Feel free to bring something that you have written and would like to share with the group. Each month we will discuss different writing styles, topics for writing, and share our stories, biographies, poems, songs and anything else we can imagine. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Seel at 803-776-7138 or chseel@bellsouth.net

Women's Book Group, Date Change

 The Women's Book Group will meet **Tuesday, November 15** (not the 8th), at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 to discuss *The Guns of August* by Barbara Tuchman. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon, sjchubon@sc.rr.com or 776-0784.

Chair Yoga, Tuesdays & Thursdays

Chair Yoga is now twice a week on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Both classes meet in the UCC 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 in-



structors are Molly Jones and Ruthie Saunders. Please contact Ruthie rsaunders@sc.edu if you have questions.

Art for All Group, Tuesdays

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 UCC Social Hall. Bring your own supplies and prepare to enjoy the company of other artists at no cost. No instruction provided. Please contact Ruthie Saunders at rsaunders@sc.edu if you have questions.

Transitions Volunteers Needed Second Saturday of Each Month

UCC has a recurring obligation to help serve the evening meal at Transitions Homeless Recovery Center, 2025 Main Street in Columbia, on the second Saturday of every month. Contact Bob Whitaker at bobwhit46@gmail.com to volunteer.

Save Toiletries from 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 travels. 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.

Religious Education

Junior Choir Performances through December 2016

Rehearsal at 10:20 a.m. and performance during service:

October 16

November 13

December 11

CYRE Classes are 11:15 am to 12:15 pm

We request that parents remain in the social hall or the nursery hallway until CYRE is dismissed at 12:15 p.m. If you need to pick up your child earlier any particular week, please let the teachers know upon drop off.

Registration for Fall CYRE Classes Continues

Please fill in a registration form for children ages 3-18 and hand it to your child(ren)'s teacher or to our DRE Stephanie Palmer-Smith. The nursery is available for children ages 0-2 whenever CYRE is scheduled throughout the year and from ages 0-3 whenever there are no CYRE classes scheduled.



CYRE Teacher Line-Up for Sunday, October 16

Pre-k through grade 5 Service Day

Martha Weeks will lead/organize the sandwich making service with Brandi Mimbs, Andrea Dudick, Erin Lowry, and Gail Dawson assisting.

Middle School Lead: Bauer Westernen
Assistant: Bethany Storlazzi
High School Lead: Cale Ureda
Assistant: Cynthia Blackman

CYRE Calendar

- Sunday October 16** Social Action for PreK-5th **Regular CYRE for Middle and High Schoolers**
Jr. Choir rehearsal - 10:20 a.m.
- Sunday October 23** Ethnic Bread Communion – A multigenerational Service
NO CYRE
- Saturday October 29** Halloween Festival
Sunday October 30 CYRE

UCC Board of Trustees

Summary of August 17, 2016 Meeting

The Board of Trustees met August 17, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:50 PM.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Whitaker reported that July was a good month financially. Pledge payments were \$2,600 over our monthly expectation. Plate collections were higher than expected. We had anticipated collecting \$1,000 from un-met pledges for the 2015-16 budget year; we actually received \$1,230. Bob noted that there were five Sundays in July.

Committee Reports

David Roof is chair of the **Technology Services Committee**. The **Personnel Committee** is accepting applications for the custodial position. **Building and Grounds** has hired a contractor to work on our grounds. The **Finance Committee** plans to launch a Capital Campaign on September 25. The **CYRE** lost money on Hogwarts Camp this summer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Brokerage Account The Board opened a brokerage account so we can receive gifts of stocks.

Approval of Goals for 2016-17 During our all-day retreat on August 6, the Board developed goals for this fiscal year. They were refined slightly since that meeting and are listed below.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Representative to Ministerial Search Negotiating Team The Board selected Bob Whitaker to serve with Linda Brennison and David Crockett from the Search Committee on this Team. They will develop a draft ministry agreement that reflects the relationship the congregation hopes to have with the minister it calls. After the Board approves that draft, the Team will negotiate it with the ministerial candidate.

Appraisal of Interim Ministry It is time for another appraisal of the interim ministry to be sent to Boston (September 30 deadline). Rev. Jennie will prepare a draft of her appraisal by September 6 and share it with the Board. Board members will each complete a form and send it to Sandy Chubon who will compile the responses and return them to members before the September meeting. We will discuss the report at our September meeting.

Sponsored Events Budget Procedure A procedure has been developed for use this fiscal year to encourage better financial planning and control for sponsored events. If expenditures for a UCC sponsored event are predicted to exceed \$1,000, the sponsoring entity should: (1) designate a person responsible for administering the planning of the event and (2) submit a budget to the Administrator that includes estimated expenditures and income. The Administrator will forward this information to the Board President who will follow up with questions, if necessary.

UCC FY17 Major Board Goals

- Complete successful ministerial search process
- Enhance membership growth and retention
- Enhance printed and digital communications
- Strengthen the financial foundation
- Improve building and grounds
 - Conduct a successful building renovation Capital Campaign
 - Complete at least Phase I of the building renovation
 - Continue improvements outside of areas impacted by Capital Campaign
- Enhance the interaction of the whole congregation with RE
- Analyze and propose revisions, if necessary, of the UCC governance

Minutes summarized by Sandy Chubon

Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	Thursdays	10:00 am	Social Hall
Board Meeting	Wednesday, October 19	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Chair Yoga	Tuesdays Thursdays	11:00 am 1:00 pm	Social Hall Social Hall
Children & Youth RE Committee	Sunday, November 20	12:30 pm	Classroom # 5
Choir	Sunday, October 23	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
Visitor Orientation	Sunday, TBA	12:15 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 nd Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, October 28	6:00 pm	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Wednesday, November 2	7:00 pm	Classroom
Technology Committee	Wednesday, November 2	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	Wednesday, November 9	6:00 pm	Classroom # 5
UU Book Club	4 th Sunday	6:30 pm	Member's Home
UU Humanist	4 th Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
UU Partner Church Committee	Lee Minghi, 798-0904; Carita Barr, 782-0053; or Susan Robinson, 446-0675	TBA	
Women's Book Club	Tuesday, November 15	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Writing Group	Tuesday, November 8	6:30 pm	Classroom # 5
Rentals			
La Leche League	3rd Tuesdays	6-8pm	Classroom # 5
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 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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