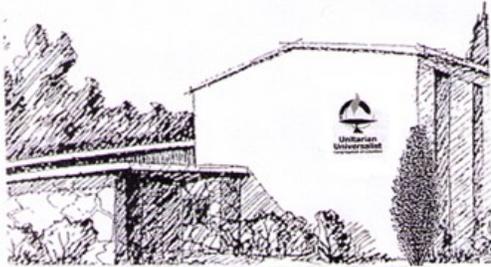




# The Unigram

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## Sunday Schedule

**Forum:** 9:30 am in the Library  
**Worship:** 11:00 am-12:15 pm  
**Nursery:** Available during service for infants through age 2

### November 13, 2016

#### 9:30 am Forum Topic

What do UUs really mean when they say they want “diversity”?

#### 11:00 am Sermon Topic

*Boxed In-Beyond Categorical Thinking*, by Amanda Schuber, UUA Representative

### November 20, 2016

#### 9:30 am Forum Topic

Savannah River nuclear waste storage.

#### 11:00 am Sermon Topic

*TBA*, by Gloria Talcove-Woodward

## Unigram Deadline

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 **Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.** Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).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

*"Well, if you want to sing out, sing out. And if you want to be free, be free-- 'cause there's a million things you can be; you know that there are..... You can do what you want. The opportunity's on. And if you can find a new way, you can do it today. You can make it all true. And you can make it undo... Well, if you want to say yes, say yes. And if you want to say no, say no-- 'cause there's a million ways to go; you know that there are..... So if you want to sing out, sing out. And if you want to be free, be free..." (the singer/songwriter formerly known as Cat Stevens, now called Yusuf Islam)*

Dear Members and Friends,

As I write, it is the Saturday before Election Day, and you will read this column on the day after. Regardless of who wins in the elections, there will still be a lot of big emotions, and our nation will still be in need of reconciliation and healing. Many people will be left feeling unsatisfied, including because of the fact that there were so many candidates in the primaries, and there are actually five candidates for President, and a variety of names will be written in.

Please know that I am here to listen to your concerns, and to be present to your big emotions, and to help in any way I can. The state of this Presidential election has been agonizing, disheartening, and frightening. I will not try to gloss over that. Yet we all have to keep looking for glimmers of hope, and sharing them with each other and the wider community, across the labels that seem to divide us.

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Last night I found a glimmer of hope in an unlikely place: the new ad for the 2017 Jeep Grand Cherokee Trailhawk and Summit models. It's called, "Free to Be," in homage to a beloved old song by Cat Stevens, now known as Yusuf, since he converted to Islam, in 1977. Here is the link to the full ad:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rV-KdxLb2E&feature=em-share\\_video\\_user](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rV-KdxLb2E&feature=em-share_video_user)

Each time I play it, it is inspiring me with its dream of the many disparate groups in our country finding common ground. I am charmed and heartened. And I also have to call it brilliant. They had two models to market, a luxury one and an outdoorsy one. Instead of making two ads, they have presented us Americans as indistinguishably driving through thriving downtowns and rugged terrain, dining at BBQs and vegan grills, kick boxing and doing yoga. It employs a split screen to show that many groups will love riding in both models of the jeep. By extension, it is preaching that the people in these many groups can achieve understanding with each other. My favorite split screen is a woman with short hair alongside a man with long hair, breaking through outdated stereotypes. And then there are the bumper stickers: "Make Love, Not War," and "Support Our Troops," and the word, "Together" with a Star of David and a Crescent Moon. The ad begins with an American flag that is made by hand, and ends with, "What unites us is stronger than what divides us."

I want to go to that America. And though it is so hard to see it through the fog of the warring factions of this election season, that America is here, now. People have been saying, with anguish, that even after the election is over, people whose words and actions are so hate-filled will still be here. Well, people who are working for peace, unity, and equal rights will still be here, too. They always have been, they always will be, and our Unitarian Universalist congregation is part of the movement toward a more fair, unified, and compassionate world.

We achieve this when we put ourselves in the shoes of people we think we have nothing in common with, people who we think we will vehemently disagree with on principles. Inasmuch as that is true, these are times that call us not to write off whole groups as "enemies" based on an overarching label they are categorized under. It is very difficult not to do so in an election season that is so anxious, conflicted, and emotionally painful. It is very difficult not to do so when so much of what we hear through the media is superficial soundbites and overgeneralizations. But these are times that call us to remember that, within any overarching label --even political affiliations, religious designations, and supporters of candidates we would never vote for-- there are individual people-- people with whom we share common fears, sadness, and needs; people with whom we could find common interests, causes, and joy. If I have one longing in this maddening election season above all others, it is that we all stop separating people into so many different, and conflicting, categories. Too many times, the news has sounded as though groups like men, women, African Americans, fill-in-the-blank-supporters, Millennials, Hispanics, North Carolinians, and residents of Ohio, only care about similar people in that group. We, the people of the United States, know better than that, and we are better than that. These are times that call us to remind the world of all of the empathy Americans are extending across the categories that divide us.

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That lovely Jeep Grand Cherokee ad reminded me of another Cat Stevens song. Here is a live version of his, "Peace Train." Its optimistic vision of a more united and loving America is explosive in the best possible way:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sjSHazjrWg>

*("Now I've been happy lately, thinking about the good things to come. And I believe it could be, something good has begun. And I've been smiling lately, dreaming about the world as one. And I believe it could be, something good's bound to come. For out on the edge of darkness, there runs a Peace Train. Peace Train, take this country-- Come take me home again..... Well, I've been crying lately, thinking about the world as it is. Why must we go on hating? Why can't we live in bliss? For out on the edge of darkness, there rides the Peace Train. Peace Train sounding louder-- Ride on the Peace Train.")*

In faith and care,

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



# What Is Governance?

Did that make your eyes glaze over? I thought so. However, try to think about it this way. Our Vision and our Mission are the driving force behind our work in this beloved community -- our work with one another, our work in the community, and our work in the wider world. Governance – eyes open, please – is the structure that supports us in that work. So, it's more important that you might first have thought.

In June 2016 the UUCC Board established an ad hoc committee, *UUCC Governance and Structure*, to review, analyze, and recommend revisions to our UUCC governance structure, ensuring a clearer picture of who we are as an organization. We have been meeting regularly since June and sending monthly reports to the Board as well as to the other committee chairs in our congregation.

The UUCC Governance and Structure Ad Hoc Committee would like to know what questions, concerns or suggestions our members might have about how UUCC operates. Do you have ideas about governance that you would like to share? Has your experience in other congregations or faith communities given you some insight into governance that you feel might benefit UUCC? Do you have concerns or questions and are not sure where or how to share those concerns or ask those questions? We want to hear from you, our members. Please direct your comments, questions, concerns, or suggestions to our Chair, Keitha Whitaker, at [uukeitha@gmail.com](mailto:uukeitha@gmail.com).

Some resources you might like to check out:

Our current governance and structure can be found here:

<http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/about-us/our-governance/>

Some of the other resources we are currently researching include:

<http://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/documents/congservices/governance.pdf>

<http://www.uua.org/management>

Dan Hotchkiss' book, *Governance and Ministry: Rethinking Board Leadership*, Second Edition. Available from inSpirit (<http://www.uuabookstore.org/Governance-and-Ministry-Second-Edition-P17796.aspx>) or Amazon.com or other book sellers.

# Social Action

## Social Action Committee Now Has a Facebook Page

Laura Hartwig has set this up for us and we are beginning to see some great activity on it. We just want to be sure everyone at UUCS knows it is there. The name is UUCS Social Action Committee. It is easy enough to use and we want to see more names and faces on it. Here are the simple directions on how to use it:

- 1) Visit link: <https://www.facebook.com/uuccsocialaction/>
- 2) Write something where it says "Write something on this Page"
- 3) The message will be approved by one of the admins and then it will show on the page.

Our Facebook page is just waiting for you to enter comments, invitations, information or whatever you think is of interest to UUCS Social Action.

## Volunteers Needed at the Inclement Weather Center

The "Inclement Weather Center" (IWC), also known as the "winter shelter," is due to open its doors when the temperature is 40 degrees or lower between November 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017. Volunteers are needed to help with operation of the facility, which houses around 150 homeless adults per night.

For more information about volunteering or to donate toiletries, contact Tom Clements of the UUCS Social Action Committee at [tomclements329@cs.com](mailto:tomclements329@cs.com), or 803-240-7268. You can also directly contact Transitions, which manages the shelter for the City of Columbia. See <http://www.transitionssc.org/get-involved/volunteer/inclement-weather-center-iwc-volunteers>

From the IWC link above:

"Transitions, in partnership with United Way of the Midlands, Salvation Army, and the City of Columbia, operates an Inclement Weather Center (IWC) at 191 Calhoun on nights where the temperature is expected to drop to 40 degrees or below. Volunteers are needed to help with check-in as well as serving meals. Contact Margaret Deans at [mdfawcett@transitionssc.org](mailto:mdfawcett@transitionssc.org) to volunteer."

## Families Helping Families

The Social Action Committee has kicked off another successful year for Families Helping Families. UUCS has four families in need to purchase and wrap gifts for during the month of November. The two decorated trees in the Social Hall are covered with colored circles, each one representing a family member and a gift they have requested. There are also special needs that each family has asked for and as well as a \$60 gift card for each family to Walmart for groceries. All that you need to do is take a circle of your choice from the tree and sign your name on the proper register for that family, purchase the gift, wrap it, and return it with the circle taped to it prior to **December 4**. In years past it has been common for two people to share in some of the more expensive gifts such as the gift cards or bikes. This is something you may want to consider. Christmas may seem a ways off at this time but this is a big job covering many families across the Midlands so we need to be ahead of the game. Be sure to check out the trees and choose that special gift that you want to give. The instructions are available at the tree tables. If you have questions about this program please ask any of the Families Helping Families committee members, Bonnie Stronach, Jeanette Walton, Grant Seuser, and Linda McLeod.

## 2017 SHARE THE PLATE BALLOT

Below are the 20 organizations (in 10 categories) that received the most nominations as Share the Plate recipients. Please vote for your choices with a check mark after that organization's name. You may select only 1 (one) per category. \*Name and signature required to vote\*

Category	Nominated Organizations	Vote for 1 (one ) in each category:
Animal shelters/ Animal services	Howlmore Animal Sanctuary	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pawmetto Lifeline	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's services	Family Connection of South Carolina	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Palmetto Place Children's Shelter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food banks/ Food support	Harvest Hope Food Bank	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Meals on Wheels	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental issues	Congaree Riverkeeper	<input type="checkbox"/>
	SC Beekeepers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health issues	Free Medical Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/>
	SC Respite Coalition	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homeless shelters	Columbia Family Shelter	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Transitions	<input type="checkbox"/>
International aid	Doctors Without Borders	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Partner Church	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal aid	SC Progressive Network	<input type="checkbox"/>
	SC Appleseed Legal Justice	<input type="checkbox"/>
LGBT issues	Harriet Hancock Center	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lambda Legal Aid	<input type="checkbox"/>
Women's Issues	Planned Parenthood	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sister Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Minister's Discretionary Fund</b>	<b>Pre-selected</b>	<b>No vote necessary</b>
<b>UU Service Committee (human rights programs)</b>	<b>Pre-selected</b>	<b>No vote necessary</b>

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Required)\*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (Required)\*

Ballot may be placed in the Share the Plate Ballot Box in the foyer, mailed to UUC, or emailed to [socialaction@uucolumbia.org](mailto:socialaction@uucolumbia.org) or completed on our webpage at [www.uucolumbia.org](http://www.uucolumbia.org).

**VOTING DEADLINE NOVEMBER 27, 2016.**

## Information on Nominees for Final Ballot

**Columbia Family Shelter-** A shelter that provides emergency food, shelter, resources and hope to homeless families with children in the Midlands area. Started in 1979, this agency works towards the goal of providing a secure, structured environment where families can regain a sense of stability, responding to identified client needs with a variety of supportive services. For more information visit [columbiafamilyshester.org](http://columbiafamilyshester.org) is a 501(c)(3)not-for-profit organization

**Congaree Riverkeeper-** Congaree Riverkeeper is affiliated with the [Waterkeeper Alliance](http://WaterkeeperAlliance.org), a global movement of on-the-water advocates who patrol and protect rivers and coasts all over the world. We work to protect and improve water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreation on the Congaree, Lower Saluda and Lower Broad Rivers through advocacy, education and enforcement of environmental laws. [Congareeriverkeeper.org](http://Congareeriverkeeper.org) a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

**Doctors without Borders-** provides assistance to populations in distress, to victims of natural or man-made disasters, and to victims of armed conflict. They do so irrespective of race, religion, creed, or political convictions. [doctorswithoutborders.org](http://doctorswithoutborders.org) a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

**Family Connection of South Carolina** – is a statewide non-profit organization that connects families of children with special healthcare needs or disabilities with helpful resources, support and education. [Familyconnections.org](http://Familyconnections.org). 501(c)(3) not-for-profit

**Free Medical Clinic-** The Free Medical Clinic, Inc. provides quality healthcare, at no cost, to residents of the community who cannot pay for such services and who have no health insurance. This clinic is their only option to have access to health care. The clinic is able to offer its services free of charge due to the efforts of dedicated volunteers and faithful financial support from the three area hospital systems, corporations (notably BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina), organizations (notably USC School of Medicine), the United Way of the Midlands, churches and individual donors in the Columbia . [freemedclinic.org](http://freemedclinic.org) a 501(c)(3)not-for-profit organization.

**Harriet Hancock Center-** Located in the heart of Columbia, the Harriet Hancock LGBT Center is the hub of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender activity in the Midlands of South Carolina. Our facility offers a variety of resources including a free lending library, meeting spaces for LGBT-supportive groups, and a directory of LGBT-friendly businesses, organizations, and counselors while also serving as the headquarters for the South Carolina Pride Movement.[lgbtcentersc.org](http://lgbtcentersc.org) a 501(c)(3)not-for-profit organization.

**Harvest Hope Food Bank-** The mission of Harvest Hope Food Bank is to provide for the needs of hungry people by gathering and sharing quality food with dignity, compassion and education. Harvest Hope has continued to increase the scope of its operations and now provides food, comfort and hope to hungry individuals and families in the Midlands, Pee Dee and Greater Greenville regions of South Carolina.[harvesthope.org](http://harvesthope.org) a 501(c)(3)not-for-profit organization

**Howlmore Animal Sanctuary-** Howlmore Animal Sanctuary has been formed to provide for the rescue, rehabilitation, housing, and lifelong care of abused, abandoned, neglected, or otherwise unwanted dogs and cats. When appropriate, the animals cared for at the sanctuary will be made available for adoption into individual homes. In the absence of such a home, the animals at the sanctuary will be maintained throughout their lifespan. They rely on the donations from concerned and caring individuals. They receive no state or federal funding [howlmore.org](http://howlmore.org) a 501(c)(3)not-for-profit organization.

**Lambda Legal-** Founded in 1973, Lambda Legal is the oldest and largest national legal organization whose mission is to *achieve* full recognition of the civil rights of **lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people** and those with **HIV** through impact litigation, education and public policy work.As a nonprofit organization, they do not charge clients for legal representation or advocacy, and receive no government funding. Lambda Legal is a 501(c)(3)not-for-profit organization.[lambdalegal.org](http://lambdalegal.org)

**Meals on Wheels-** South Carolina rank #8 in the nation for seniors with food insecurity. Meals on Wheels has been meeting the nutritional needs of the homebound, elderly and disabled for over 40 years. [mealsonwheelsamerica.org](http://mealsonwheelsamerica.org) a 501(c)(3)not-for-profit organization.

**Palmetto Place Children's Shelter** provides a safe and nurturing environment for abused and neglected children and unaccompanied teens, offering them a broad range of services concentrating on personal healing and development. The shelter is open 24 hours each day of the year and provides medical and mental health care, crisis adjustment/transitional counseling, after-school tutoring and recreational and social activities in addition to food, clothing and shelter. [palmettoplaceshelter.org](http://palmettoplaceshelter.org) 501(c)(3)not-for-profit organization.

**Pawmetto Lifeline- Pawmetto Lifeline** is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit animal rescue organization solving pet overpopulation in in the Midlands. There are over 16,000 homeless pets in the Midlands and over 10,000 are euthanized each year. Our plan uniquely positions us to correct this problem through four distinct initiatives: adoption, medical, rescue collaboration, and education efforts. [pawmettolifeline.org](http://pawmettolifeline.org) 501(c)(3)not-for-profit organization.

**Planned Parenthood-** for nearly 100 years, Planned Parenthood has promoted a commonsense approach to women's health and well-being, based on respect for each individual's right to make informed, independent decisions about health, sex, and family planning. - [plannedparenthood.org](http://plannedparenthood.org) Contributions to Planned Parenthood Federation of America is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowable under the law. 501(c)(3) non-profit

**SC Progressive Network-** A coalition of grassroots activists who have joined forces to promote social and economic justice in SC. Created in 1995 as a tool to engage South Carolinians in their communities and in their government, the Network connects people to each other and to resources designed to leverage the work of progressive organizations [scpronet.com](http://scpronet.com) 501(c)(3) non-profit

**Transitions-** Engages clients with various services and provide them a place to stay as they transition from the streets to permanent housing. Also partners with many community agencies that use their expertise to help clients reach their goals. As a result, clients receive services that enable them to stabilize their lives, increase their income, and secure permanent housing. [transitionssc.org](http://transitionssc.org) a 501c(3) non-profit organization

**SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center-** SC Appleseed fights for low income South Carolinians to overcome social, economic and legal injustice. [scjustice.org](http://scjustice.org) a 501c(3) non-profit organization.

**SC Beekeepers Association-** a private non-profit organization dedicated to education and advocacy ensuring that South Carolina beekeepers have the information & tools they need to meet the challenges of modern beekeeping. Their mission also includes public education as we strive to provide individuals, and public and private organizations with factual and up to date information about the honey bee, beekeeping, and its importance to our food supply. [scstatebeekeepers.org](http://scstatebeekeepers.org) 501c(3) non-profit organization

**SC Respite Coalition-** The mission of the SC Respite Coalition is to increase respite statewide for S.C. families of ALL AGES who have a member with ALL TYPES of special needs. It works to create a true respite system that makes respite services and providers easy to find, when possible providing small amounts of funding to help family caregivers purchase respite. Respite helps both family care giver AND receiver. [screspitecoalition.org](http://screspitecoalition.org) a non-profit, 501c-3 organization

**SisterCare-** Sistercare is a program of services for battered women and their children residing in Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, and Richland counties in South Carolina. [sistercare.org](http://sistercare.org) a 501(c)(3)not-for-profit organization.

**UUCC Partner Church-** Beszterce Unitarian Church was elected to become our "Partner Church" in Transylvania, Romania in October, 1990, after the collapse of the Soviet Union. This is a unique charitable opportunity for us to honor our shared Unitarian roots as the UUCC remains their main source of outside help during these very difficult economic times in this area of Eastern Europe.

# News and Notes

## November 13, 2016

"Boxed In-Beyond Categorical Thinking Sunday," by Amanda Schuber, UUA Representative (see Page 4)  
In our continued efforts to find the best match, our congregation will host a *Beyond Categorical Thinking* workshop after the service on Sunday, November 13, with trainer, Amanda Schuber, from the UUA. Amanda will meet with the Search Committee on Saturday, lead the Sunday worship service, and then facilitate a 3-hour dialogue after church from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Lunch will be provided to those attending the workshop.**

## November 20, 2016

"TBA," by Gloria Talcove-Woodward  
Gloria Talcove-Woodward, Past President and Member of the UUC for 30 years, has worked as a waitress, a secretary, a journalist, a managing editor, and a HS Spanish Teacher. She has a BA from The University of Texas and a Masters of Education from the University of South Carolina, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Married to Doug Woodward, she has two adult sons in Oakland, California. She sponsored the first viable Gay Straight Alliance in South Carolina in 2008 at Irmo High School. Now retired, she travels with Doug, is a vegan cook, makes earrings and handbags, and gives free haircuts and unlimited advice. A poet, rapper and writer of short stories, she authors the blog, "The Talcove Fiction Faction," and is currently writing her first novel, "The Our Little Secret Travel Agency." [The Adult Choir will sing]

## November 27, 2016

"The Salem Witch Trials," by Rev. Jennie  
Regardless of the outcome of the Presidential Election, we will still be feeling some big emotions, and our nation will be in need of healing and reconciliation. The period of the Salem Witch Trials was a time when communities were divided, too, especially between those who welcomed new ideas, enterprises, and people from far off lands, and those who wanted to close themselves off from those things. Come hear what we can learn from the trials of early Salem, and apply to divisions in our nation today.

## 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 state. 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](http://harvesthope.org). Any help you can give will be appreciated.

## Capital Campaign Update

We are happy to report that we have now received \$179,848 in pledges to the Capital Campaign! That means that we have met our monetary goal for this drive, but it's not time to celebrate quite yet---for two reasons:

1. We have not met our goal of 100% participation. Current pledges come from less than half of the congregation. At its most profound level this campaign is about the deep and passionate commitment that members and friends of UUC have to their congregation, its buildings, its future, and all that Unitarian Universalism has to give to the world. Every single contribution, no matter how large or small, is evidence of that commitment.
2. The monetary goal is based on estimates. Any of you who have done renovations on your own home know that no matter how carefully they are calculated, the estimates are always surpassed by the actual costs. We want to make sure we have enough to complete all the projects. And wouldn't it be nice if we could add a few little things, like maybe a new sink and counters in the kitchen?

Then there's the primary reason to contribute right now---the matching offer will go away at the end of this month. So please, please make your first (or second pledge) to the capital campaign ASAP.

Your Capital Campaign Team: Pat Mohr, Dot Brown, Don Dodson, Kevin Meredith, & Nancie Shillington-Perez

## Ministerial Search Committee Survey Results

The Ministerial Search Committee recently finished completing a congregational survey and the result are now available. The Search Committee conducted the survey during August, September and October of this year and the results will be used to provide the UUCC with a clear understanding of what our congregation desires from our next settled minister as well as to provide prospective ministers with an overview of our congregation. The survey results, along with a presentation, are available on the UUCC web site under the **News -> Ministerial Search** section or by using the following link: [http://](http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/blog/ministerial-search/)

[www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/blog/ministerial-search/](http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/blog/ministerial-search/)



## Holiday Bazaar, November 19

The Holiday Bazaar will be from 10am - 4pm, Saturday, November 19, in the UUCC social hall. If you would like to sell your arts and crafts or supply holiday goodies to benefit the UUCC operating budget, please contact Jean Capalbo at [jacapalbo@gmail.com](mailto:jacapalbo@gmail.com). If you are willing, we ask you to donate a portion of your sales to the church. If you have baked goods, please drop them off before 10:00 a.m. the day of the sale. An elegant lunch featuring European style crepes will be available.

## Children & Adult Chalice Lighters Needed

Please celebrate a special event by becoming a Chalice Lighter. Having a birthday? An anniversary? New to UUCC? We would like to celebrate with you! Write: [dre@uucolumbia.org](mailto:dre@uucolumbia.org) today to reserve your date or sign up on the clipboard found on the information table in the Social Hall.

# Holiday Pageant

## Good King Wenceslas

### One Child Needed to Fill Role for Pageant

Nancie needs one more child ages 7-10, to complete this year's cast of *Good King Wenceslas*. There are only four rehearsals for this role. We have a wonderful time forming community and performing for our UUCC peeps and friends. Please contact Nancie with any questions you may have at [nancierrr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nancierrr@sbcglobal.net). The rehearsal schedule is as follows. One needed absence from rehearsals is acceptable with the exception of dress rehearsals.

### Upcoming Rehearsals for the pageant,

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

### We're Formalizing the Informal! Join Us For Lunch!

The Membership Committee has noticed that people have been arranging last minute group lunches after the service. We'd like to make this a bit more formal to be sure that everyone knows about the lunch and, perhaps, can plan ahead to be sure they are available. Just head on over to the restaurant-of-the-day after the coffee hour. So, here is the current schedule:

First Sunday: *Arabesque Lebanese Cuisine*, 2930 Devine St.

Second Sunday: *Dano's Pizza*, 3008 Rosewood Dr.

Third Sunday: *Casa Linda Mexican Restaurant*, 2009 N. Beltline Blvd.

Fourth Sunday: *Sato Japanese Restaurant*, 1999 N. Beltline Blvd.

Note: These restaurants are subject to change. We welcome feedback.

So, the adventure begins after the service this Sunday, November 13, at **Dano's**. See you there!

Of course, these lunches will be "separate checks".

## Women's Book Group, Date Change



The Women's Book Group will meet **Tuesday, November 15** (not the 8<sup>th</sup>), 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](mailto:sjchubon@sc.rr.com) or 776-0784.

## September Set, moved from Friday, November 25 to Friday, November 18!

Our monthly September Set for our UUCC Seniors will be held **Friday, November 18 instead of November 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](mailto:jacapalbo@gmail.com) or Pat Mohr at [patmohr@mindspring.com](mailto:patmohr@mindspring.com).

## Adult Choir Schedule

We will rehearse and sing on **Sunday, November 20, at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary** and every two weeks after. Bill Moody, Director

## November Birthdays

Birthday cake and singing will occur on Sunday, November 20. Born in November? Please let Stephanie [dre@uucolumbia.org](mailto:dre@uucolumbia.org) know about it so your name can be on the birthday banner.

## UUCC Book Club, Sunday, November 20

The next UUCC Book Club meeting is Sunday, November 20 at 6:30 pm. Jim Verne will facilitate a discussion on *Lies My Teacher Told Me*, by James w. Loewen. 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)

## Thanksgiving Gathering at UUCC, November 24



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

This year we will be joined by The Harriet Hancock LGBT Center! Named after longtime activist and co-founder of the South Carolina Pride Movement, the Center provides a safe and welcoming space for South Carolina's LGBT community and its allies.

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

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



## UUULE—Unitarian Universalist Little Elves—a Child-Sitting Celebration & Santa Shop!

Coming **Saturday, December 3, from Noon to 4:30 p.m.**, the UUCC will offer **FREE** child care. Parents can free up this afternoon before holiday mayhem hits! Children will:

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| Eat lunch              | Play games           |
| Make holiday crafts    | Bake holiday cookies |
| Shop in the Santa Shop |                      |

We are also accepting donations of gently used items for the Santa Shop. Children can purchase these items for \$1 or less. The Santa Shop donation box is located in the Social Hall (see wrapped box near the information table).

To reserve a spot, please email Beck Sullivan at: [beck.sullivan.sc@gmail.com](mailto:beck.sullivan.sc@gmail.com). Reservations help with planning for enough food for lunch.

## 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 UUCC 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.

## 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 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.



## Transitions Volunteers Needed Second Saturday 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. Contact Bob Whitaker at [bobwhit46@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:tomclements329@cs.com).

## AmazonSmile: Free Money for UUCC

Thanks to everyone who has been using AmazonSmile for the past year or so! How does AmazonSmile work to help our budget? Simply go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0509045>, and bookmark that address and use it every time you order something from Amazon. Our Congregation will receive 0.5% of the purchase price of whatever you buy. We have been getting on average about \$25 each quarter, but many members and friends may not be aware that UUCC is eligible for this lagniappe!! Please note that this shopping experience is identical to the "regular" Amazon Site. You have the same selections, pay the same prices, and there is no charge to you or to UUCC. Please contact Bob Whitaker at [treasurer@uucolumbia.org](mailto:treasurer@uucolumbia.org) if you have any questions, or sign in to <http://org.amazon.com> and click on the Help tab to see their FAQ topics.

# Religious Education

## Youth Group Volunteer Workday at the Family Shelter, Sunday, November 13, 12:30-3:30pm

Both High School and Middle School Youth Groups will be volunteering at the Family Shelter on November 13th 12:30-3:30pm. We'll meet in the RE wing where PB&J sandwiches will be provided before the event. E-mail Morgan Hanes at [morgan.gotro@gmail.com](mailto:morgan.gotro@gmail.com) with questions.



## Junior Choir Performances through December 2016

Rehearsal at 10:20 a.m. and performance during service:  
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, please let the teachers know upon drop off.

## Fall Youth CONferences at The Mountain

The Fall Youth Mountain CON weekends are approaching. Important dates for each age group are as follows:

Elementary (3rd-5th graders): November 18 – 20

Intermediate (6th – 8th graders): December 2 – 4

Senior High (9th-12th graders): December 9 – 11

Registration deadline: 2 weeks prior to start date

The CON weekend program is filled with a variety of workshops, activities, good food, a safe environment and warm, cozy cabins. Youth participate in all the activities, share with new friends in small get-to-know-you groups, bond during free time, contribute to times of fun and reflection and grow spiritually through worship. \$100 for each youth attendee. Contact Morgan Hanes at [morgan.gotro@gmail.com](mailto:morgan.gotro@gmail.com) with questions. For registration form go to <http://themountainrlc.org/event/elementary-youth-con-fall-2016/>

## CYRE Calendar

Sunday 11/13 CYRE

9:15am-10:15 Pageant Rehearsal

10:20am Junior Choir Rehearsal

12:30 – 4:00 pm High School and MUUGS out-  
ing to Family Shelter

12:00pm – 4:00 Congregational Meeting on  
“Beyond Categorical Thinking”

Saturday 11/19: 10:00am – 4:00pm Holiday  
Bazaar

Sunday 11/20 CYRE

November Birthday celebration

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

CYRE Committee Meeting

Sunday 11/27 **NO CYRE**

Saturday 12/3: 12:00 – 4:30pm UULE (see write up)

Sunday 12/4 CYRE

10:20 Junior Choir Rehearsal

12:45pm – 2:45pm Pageant Rehearsal

\*Children’s Capital Campaign Pledge Cards Due

## Thank You!

### Halloween Spook-Tacular

This event was so much fun for everyone who participated. A huge WOW goes out to Gail Dawson for her vision and hard work in ensuring we got this done and done well. And also a big thanks to: The Sullivan family for their hard work and expertise, Mark and Patty Drews, Lis and Phil Turner, Donald Griggs, and the many others whose passion for fun made this day a success. Please see photos in the RE wing.

## 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, November 16	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, November 20	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	Library
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 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, November 18	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 <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	TBA	
Women's Book Club	Tuesday, November 15	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Writing Group	Tuesday, December 13	6:30 pm	Classroom # 5
<b>Rentals</b>			
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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