



# The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

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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 3

### January 1, 2017

**9:30 am Forum Topic**  
FORUM WILL NOT MEET

**11:00 am Sermon Topic**  
*Beginnings & Endings*, by Pat Mohr

### January 8, 2017

**9:30 am Forum Topic**  
Young men raping on college campuses—what is going on?

**11:00 am Sermon Topic**  
*They Called it a Miracle*, by Rev. Jennie Barrington

## Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, January 8**, for publication on **Wednesday, January 11**. *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.*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**

*"Tea, to the English, is really a picnic indoors." (Alice Walker)*

*"Tea-ism is a cult founded on the adoration of the beautiful among the sordid facts of everyday existence. It inculcates purity and harmony, the mystery of mutual charity, the romanticism of the social order. It is essentially a worship of the Imperfect, as it is a tender attempt to accomplish something possible in this impossible thing we know as life." (Kakuzo Okakura)*

Dear Members and Friends,

It has been such an anxious month, with political conflict in our nation and around the world. Through making time for heart to heart conversation and companionship, we are making a start at making sense of the discord around us. As I think back on this past month, I am also heartened to realize that we have had many wonderful gatherings in and around the church, to which we've invited neighbors, friends, and guests. These included the Blessing of the Animals ceremony (thank you so much, Anita, and the Animal Ministry team); the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop (thanks to the Search Committee); Thanksgiving Day at the church (thank you so much, Kevin and Michelle); the celebration of the success of our Capital Campaign (with a taco bar!) (thanks to the Capital Campaign team); the Dedication of the Historical Marker honoring our congregational home as the former site of our friends, the Tree of Life Jewish congregation; and the holiday party for the board and staff (thank you, Phil and Lis!). It might seem incongruous that we have continued to gather, feast, talk, and laugh together in such disturbing times. Yet that's exactly what we should be

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doing- - creating oases of respect, reverence, and compassion, where we can renew our sense of calm and strength. I envision such oases joining together as a force for even wider and broader respect, reverence, and compassion. In order to continue to be a force for love, in the face of discrimination and hate, we need to give ongoing attention to the renewal of our minds, bodies, and spirits. Here is my prayer for our need for such times of renewal in the New Year:

God of respite for the weary and worried—

Give us a break, at mid-afternoon, whether for coffee or tea-- a break from the stress of the day.

Give us a jumble of mismatched treats, to share with old friends and new:

Warm pie with a dollop of ice cream; cold hard-boiled eggs; biscuits with marmalade; crackers and cheeses; delicately patterned china and brightly colored cloth napkins; cucumbers and kiwis, freshly sliced.

May our mid-afternoon break be a portal—

--a portal through which treasured memories of those we loved long ago float gently back to us;

--a portal through which we can more clearly see what our best next steps should be;

--and a portal through which we feel: we have labored enough; been clever enough; and apologized for ourselves enough, that we deserve divine forgiveness and love, not just as an occasional respite, but all the live-long day. Amen.

I look forward to seeing you again soon,  
Rev. Jennie (“It’s a privilege to be here.”)

Directions

Reflections

Expressions

***To remain indifferent to the challenges we face is indefensible. If the goal is noble, whether or not it is realized within our lifetime is largely irrelevant. What we must do therefore is to strive and persevere and never give up. -Dalai Lama***

2017 promises to challenge people who long to see justice upheld as it threatens to challenge many of the injustices many of us have already worked to overcome. 2017 may bring on some of the biggest challenges to income equality, healthcare availability, as well as pose more threats to immigration and racial matters. As I have talked with many of my friends and family, I hear fear eating away at their hopes and dreams. People who have been beside me marching, writing letters, making calls and attending rallies are wondering where they will find the energy to continue their actions. There has never been a time when our resolution to work on social issues, environmental issues and many others meaningful matters will demand more of us than ever before. Yet I remain hopeful and energized by my faith, the faith I share with you that promises that each one of us will strive to uphold our goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

Our UU faith is there to pull us along as we continue to bring about the world we strive to create. We have our own practices that offer ways to renew ourselves and strengthen our collective fortitude. I imagine 2017 will see poets writing more prolifically, musicians playing and singing more often, artists devoting more time to their art and dancers giving themselves over to longer practices. And thanks to the collective energy that feeds us when we come together to practice our faith I am uplifted and will strive to spend a little more time in quiet reflection.

Let's make 2017 a year we devote ourselves to working as diligently as humanely possible to create a cohesive, protective web around the rights of those in need of our protection. Let's make 2017 a year we resolve to renew our congregational mission "to create a welcoming and engaging environment through which we work for positive change in our community and the world."

I look forward to working with you one and all.

Stephanie Palmer-Smith, DRE

# News and Notes

## **January 1, 2017**

"Beginnings and Endings," by Pat Mohr. The Adult Choir will also sing.

## **January 8, 2017**

"They Called it a Miracle" Eight years ago, something happened that was so inspiring, encouraging, and improbable, people called it a miracle. Can you guess what that was? Join us for this true story sure to reaffirm our hopes for the New Year. (Rev. Jennie preaching)

## **January 15, 2017**

"Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday" (Rev. Jennie preaching)

## **January 22, 2017**

"Some of Our Unitarian and Universalist Martyrs" (Rev. Jennie preaching)

## **January 29, 2017**

"Our Second Annual Standing Up Against Gun Violence Sunday" (Rev. Jennie preaching)

## **UUCC offices closed Monday, January 2**

### **Rev. Jennie's Study Leave**

Rev. Jennie will be out of the office from Monday, December 26 – Monday, January 2, for a week of study leave. She will be reading emails only infrequently. So if an urgent concern comes up, please contact a board member, or the Administrator; they will be able to reach her on her cell phone. She will be back in the office on Tuesday, January 3.

### **Harvest Hope Donations**

Please don't forget to pick up extra at the grocery store the next time you are there. Remember those Buy One Get One Free bargains. That extra one can be a gift to Harvest Hope to be sure no one goes hungry. Bring your donations to add to the basket just inside the Social Hall. To make a much needed monetary donation go to Harvest Hope Food Bank [jpeebles@harvesthope.org](mailto:jpeebles@harvesthope.org) via [auth.ccsend.com](http://auth.ccsend.com) and read the possibilities of how your money can go even farther to help Harvest Hope to provide more food for the many hungry people they feed.

## **Capital Campaign Update**

We now have over \$190,000 in pledges for our building renovations. The board has already started planning the financing, and we have a Committee on Building Renovations to supervise the projects. We're on our way toward new bathrooms, a well-lit RE wing with decent floors, new ceilings in the social hall/sanctuary, and a sanctuary you won't recognize!

But other than raising as much money as possible, the essence of a successful capital campaign is engagement by the entire congregation. At this point, we still have pledges from only about 58% of the congregation; our goal is 100%. No gift is too small because it shows you care! Just fill out a pledge card (behind the sanctuary seats), or mail a check to the UUC with "Capital Campaign" in the memo line, or send an email stating your pledge to our Administrator at [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).

The Campaign will officially end on January 31, so whether you do it now or later, please don't forget us! We've made so many improvements to our "fixer-upper" over the past thirty years. Help us make it into a place we're proud to show people.

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

## **Toiletry and Magazine Donations Solicited for Winter Shelter**

Now that the Inclement Weather Center - the winter shelter for the homeless - is open for the season, the Social Action Committee is again collecting magazines and personal-sized toiletries. Please place your donations in the designated donation box at the entrance to the Social Hall. For more information about donating or about how to volunteer at the shelter on evenings when the temperature falls below 40 degrees F, contact Tom Clements, [tomclements329@cs.com](mailto:tomclements329@cs.com), cell 803-240-7268.

## Adult Choir Schedule

We will rehearse and sing on **Sunday, January 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary** and every two weeks after. Bill Moody, Director

## Social Action Committee Meeting, Wednesday, January 4

This meeting will follow the regular committee night potluck at 6:00 pm to which you are invited to bring your favorite dish and join us for dinner. This meeting will be of particular importance to many of you as we will be discussing the placement of a sign on our grounds regarding the welcoming of all individuals to our congregation. This is a part of the refugee and Islamophobia piece that the Social Action committee is working on. Joe Long presented the following sign idea to us that he found online from NPR. "It's a simple sign. One message — "No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbor." Three languages: Spanish, English and Arabic."

The NPR article can be found on the internet at <http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/12/09/504969049/a-message-of-tolerance-and-welcome-spreading-from-yard-to-yard>. There has been much discussion about this sign - all very positive. There have been thoughts offered of modification keeping with the same theme. If you have an interest in this you are welcome to come to this meeting and join in this conversation. It will be the first item on our agenda. Hope to see you there.



## Upcoming Concerts at UUCC

**January 7:** Jack Williams with Winterline (Susan Douglass Taylor, Cary Taylor, and Danny Harlow) annual New Year's Show

**January 28:** Ultrafaux

**February 18:** Harpeth Rising

You can reserve tickets by leaving a message at (803) 200-2824. Tickets are \$17 at the door, but \$15 if purchased or reserved prior to the concert. Bring some extra money for the wonderful home-baked treats and hot coffee from our volunteer staff. You can even bring your own beverages! Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Shows start at 8:00 p.m.

## CYRE Committee Meeting, Sunday, January 8

Parents, grandparents, guardians, and anyone interested in the direction of our Children and Youth Religious Education (CYRE) program is encouraged to attend our CYRE committee meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 8.

## Transylvanian Pilgrims Tell All, Sunday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m.

The Partner Church Committee is hosting a slide show and reception at the UUCC on Sunday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m. to give members of our congregation an opportunity to share in our Unitarian pilgrimage to Romania and Hungary, which twelve of us joined last August. Our guide was Szolt Solymosi, minister of our partner church in Beszterce, Romania. A photo tour, narrated by Tony Gannon, will take you to places important in the history and contemporary practice of Unitarianism, as well as to other captivating historic sites in a part of Europe seldom visited by Americans. We will also introduce you to our partner church congregation, with whom we held an emotional service of fellowship and communion. Join us as we relive this wonderful experience. Light snacks and dessert will be served.

### **Women's Book Group, January 10**



The Women's Book Group will meet Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. to select books to read in 2017. Please come with good ideas for books you would like to read. For more information contact Sandy Chubon, 776-0784 or [sjchubon@sc.rr.com](mailto:sjchubon@sc.rr.com)

### **Adult RE Movie Club: Friday, January 13** ***Fix It: Healthcare at the Tipping Point***

The Adult Religious Education Committee would like to invite everyone to watch the movie: *Fix It: Healthcare at the Tipping Point*. This film was two years in the making, with more than forty voices advocating for reform, including: activists, health policy experts, economists, physicians, nurses, patients, business and labor leaders. This 48-minute documentary takes an in-depth look into how our dysfunctional health care system is damaging our economy, suffocating our businesses, discouraging physicians and negatively impacting the nation's health, while remaining un-affordable for a third of our citizens.

The idea is to have you watch the movie at home and then have a discussion and Q&A session at church. It'll be like a book club, but we call it "movie club".

**The link for watching the movie is: <http://fixithehealthcare.com/>**

The discussion session will take place in the UUC Social Hall on Friday, January 13, at 6:30 p.m. Emilio Perez, MD will be the facilitator of the discussion. No dinner/food provided, but you may bring your own. Everyone with an interest in healthcare policy is invited. Bring a list of questions or tell us about your personal experiences as a patient, employee, business owner or healthcare provider. **RSVP to Emilio Perez if you plan to attend: [eperezjorge@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eperezjorge@sbcglobal.net)**

### **UUC Book Club, January 22**

The next book club discussion is 6:30 pm on Sunday January 22 (we skip December). Carolyn West will facilitate a discussion on "H is for Hawk" by Helen Macdonald. We will meet at a member's home. The UUC Book Club is open to all members and friends of UUC. Please contact Ruthie Saunders if you have questions or would like more information: [rsaunders@sc.edu](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu)

### **Cabaret 3, Sunday, January 29**

Mark your calendars for Cabaret 3, on Sunday, January 29 in the UUC Social Hall...Showstoppers of stage and screen.

### **UUC Islamophobia Workshop, Sunday, February 5**

UUC will be hosting an Islamophobia workshop on Sunday, February 5. We will be having a potluck after our regular Sunday Service so please bring your favorite dish to share. The workshop will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will be open to the community. This workshop will teach us about discrimination in many forms and will be a worthwhile afternoon of learning for all of us. Now more than ever we need to be aware of this subject that threatens our nation. Grant Seuser, a very knowledgeable person on this subject, will be chairing this event.



# Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War

Be sure to join us on **Sunday, January 15**, for a potluck and movie. The Social Action Committee will be sponsoring a second showing of *Defying the Nazis: Sharps' War*, a film by Ken Burns and Artemis Joukowsky, about Unitarians Universalists involved in helping refugees during World War II and how it relates to the refugee situation that we face now. The movie will begin at 2:00 p.m. after the potluck. We will be inviting the community.

Plan on joining us for this important viewing and the discussion that will follow. This is a very important event that you will not want to miss.



**Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War** is an account of a daring rescue mission. It tells the story of a Unitarian minister and his wife, who helped to save hundreds of imperiled political dissidents and Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazi occupation across Europe.

**Sunday, January 15, 2017 - 2 pm**  
**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia**  
**2701 Heyward St. Columbia, SC 29205**

For childcare reservations or more information: 803-799- 0845.

This fourth Community Conversation is sponsored by the Social Action  
Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

## **Adult RE Short Course: *God Is Not One*, Beginning February 12**

This spring, a short course at UUCC will be devoted to the eight most broadly practiced world religions (Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism, Confucianism, Yoruba religion, Daoism, and Atheism). It will be based on the book God is Not One by Stephen Prothero (2010). This book is the successor to Prothero's best-seller Religious Literacy, which emphasizes the importance of a broad acquaintance with the world's religions in a modern America in which there are more Moslems than Episcopalians. The book provides a valuable background for UUCC's greeters, Membership activists who help integrate new friends and members to the congregation, and in general for members of the committees and board of UUCC. The book is inexpensively available from such sources as Amazon and addall.com. The short course will meet from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Sundays in the Library. It will meet in six sessions, first on February 12, and continuing on alternate Sundays, with accommodations for other congregational activities as necessary. The instructor will be Don Cooper. Don's e-mail is [dndcooper@gmail.com](mailto:dndcooper@gmail.com), with mobile phone (803) 466-5087. If you are interested in participating in this short course, please contact him before the end of January, preferably by e-mail.



## **UUCC Governance and Structure Ad Hoc Committee**

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).

## **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.

## **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.



## Join Us For Lunch After Coffee Hour!

The Membership Committee has noticed that people have been arranging last minute group lunches after the service. Head over to the restaurant-of-the-day after coffee hour on Sundays when there are no other UUCC events scheduled for after coffee hour. Here is the current schedule (Please Note: The Fourth Sunday is no longer Sato Japanese Restaurant):

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: *Miyo's Chinese Restaurant*, 3250-B Forest Dr.

Note: These restaurants are subject to change. We welcome feedback. Of course, these lunches will be "separate checks".

## 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 or for the Inclement Weather Center (winter shelter). For more information, contact Tom Clements, 803-240-7268 or [tomclements329@cs.com](mailto:tomclements329@cs.com).

## Fair Trade Coffee Crusade

We will again join the crusade for fair trade coffee this holiday season. Like many UU congregations throughout the US we will promote fair trade by encouraging our members to order their coffee through The Fair Trade Coffee Company. On Sunday please look for youth circulating brochures about the coffee and see one of them to place your order. In addition to supporting fair trade coffee practices this project raises funds for the Boston Heritage Trip 2018. For more information, please see Sara Williams.



## Chair Yoga, Tuesdays & Thursdays

**DECEMBER 29 CLASS CANCELLED.** 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, Thursdays

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



## 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

**No CYRE Class this week!**

## **CANstruction Donations**

Please leave your cans for Harvest Hope in the baskets in the Social Hall. They will be distributed to classrooms for use in their CANstruction projects. CANstruction is set for the end of January. To encourage fun competition between the classrooms we need all the cans we can get. Not only will your canned goods provide much needed food sources for those in need, it will provide an avenue of learning and fun for our students. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## **OWL Classes for grades 4 – 6**

Registration continues for OWL grades 4 – 6. Classes will begin in February. Forms are available in the Social Hall at the CYRE table. Please see Stephanie Palmer-Smith or Keitha Whitaker for more information.



## **Save the date: The 2017 Charlotte Con, February 5-7**

This is available for 9 – 12 graders and is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the connection our high schoolers have to our UU faith. For more information, contact Morgan at: [reassist@uucolumbia.org](mailto:reassist@uucolumbia.org).

## **CYRE Calendar**

**Sunday Jan. 1** – Family worship today. *No CYRE. Nursery services are available for infants to 3 years old. CANstruction collection continues.*

**Sunday Jan 8** – *CYRE resumes! Nursery services are available for infants to 2 years old. CANstruction collection continues. OWL registration continues.*

**Sunday Jan. 8** – CYRE Committee meeting 12:30 – 1:30

**Sunday Jan. 15** - CYRE

## **UUCC Board of Trustees**

### **Summary of October 19, 2016 Meeting**

The Board of Trustees met October 19, 2016 from 6:32 to 8:34 PM.

#### **Welcome to New Board Member**

Since our last meeting the Leadership Development Committee recommended to the Board that they select Emilio Perez-Jorge as a member at large. Board members voted electronically to accept this recommendation. Tonight they welcomed Emilio to the Board.

#### **Ministerial Search Committee**

Linda Brennison and David Crockett came to this meeting to discuss the salary and benefits to be offered to a prospective settled minister. The Negotiating Committee (Linda, David, and Bob Whitaker) met with two UU consultants; they generally followed the UUA guidelines. The salary to be offered will be a little higher than average for our geographic area; that should make us more attractive to candidates. We will offer UU retirement, health insurance, group disability and life insurance, dental insurance, a professional expense allowance, and one-time moving expenses. The Board approved the Negotiating Committee's salary/benefits recommendations.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Bob Whitaker reported that we are still \$6,000 behind on pledge collections. We collected \$3,800 from fundraising; we had donations for memorials and tributes. We have a positive variance of \$4,100 at the end of the first quarter of our fiscal year.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Technology Services Committee** Donald Griggs reported that Lis Turner has been doing wonderful work posting information to the new web page.

**Finance Committee** The Capital Campaign is progressing nicely. We have 50 pledges totaling \$119,000+ and we have collected \$47,500 to date. New members Quillin and Judy Davis have made an offer to match any amount pledged or donated before November 30, up to a maximum of \$30,000.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **UUCC Coffee House**

Tim VanDenBerg met with Steve Fisher and Steve accepted the terms Tim offered. Steve is not interested in forming a tax exempt entity. Apparently some upcoming shows have been cancelled. Some of the more successful shows will be presented later in the season and then the Coffee House will cease to exist.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Holiday Bonuses**

The Board agreed to provide year-end bonuses to our staff in compliance with our Personnel Policy. Rev. Jennie requested that she not receive a bonus.

##### **Ad hoc Committee for Building Renovation**

The Board approved the formation of an Ad hoc Committee for Building Renovation. This group will work with the Finance Committee to make recommendations to the Board for financing and timing of the project; work with the Architect in planning; solicit and review input from the congregation on design options and desired use of facilities; recommend contractors; coordinate to minimize disruptions to UUCC activities during construction; keep the congregation apprised of construction plans and progress; participate in ongoing inspections of work; participate in final inspection and approve final payment to general contractor. Members of this group are Richard Culler, Carolyn West, Pat Mohr, Richard McLeod, and Quillin Davis.

Minutes summarized by Sandy Chubon, Secretary

# Meetings & Rentals

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| Art For All Group                              | Thursdays  | 10:00 am  | Social Hall               |
| Board Meeting                                  | Wednesday, January 18  | 6:30 pm   | Social Hall               |
| Chair Yoga                                     | Tuesdays   | 11:00 am  | Social Hall               |
|  | Thursdays  | 1:00 pm   | Social Hall               |
| Children & Youth RE Committee                  | Sunday, January 8  | 12:30 pm  | Classroom # 5             |
| Choir  | Sunday, January 1  | 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             |
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| 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, January 27   | 6:00 pm   | Social Hall               |
| Social Action Committee                        | Wednesday, January 4   | 7:00 pm   | Classroom                 |
| Technology Committee                           | Wednesday, January 4   | 6:00 pm   | Workroom 1                |
| UU Animal Ministry                             | Wednesday, January 11  | 5:00 pm   | Classroom # 5             |
| UU Book Club                                   | Sunday, January 22   | 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;<br>Carita Barr, 782-0053; or<br>Susan Robinson, 446-0675 | TBA       |                           |
| Women's Book Club                              | Tuesday, January 10  | 7:00 pm   | Classroom # 8             |
| Writing Group                                  | Tuesday, January 10  | 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<br>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.

### UUCB Board of Trustees

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