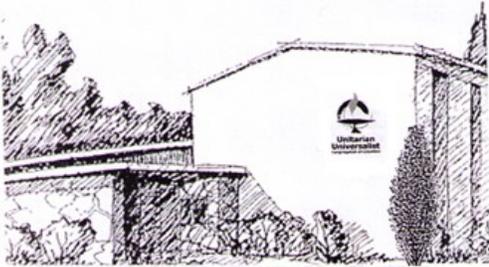




# The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

March 22, 2017



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## **Sunday Schedule**

**Forum:** 9:30 am in the Library

**Worship:** 11:00 am-12:15 pm

**Nursery:** Available during service for infants through age 2

### **March 26, 2017**

#### **9:30 am Forum Topic**

How can we keep America from becoming a theocracy?

#### **11:00 am Sermon Topic**

*"The Earth Laughs with Flowers,"* by Rev. Jennie Barrington

### **April 2, 2017**

#### **9:30 am Forum Topic**

When do individual rights conflict with civil rights?

#### **11:00 am Sermon Topic**

*"Planning a Memorial Service,"* by Rev. Jennie Barrington

## **Unigram Deadline**

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, April 9**, for publication on **Wednesday, April 12**. **Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.** Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).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**

*"Getting along well with other people is still the world's most needed skill. With it...there is no limit to what person can do. We need people, we need the cooperation of others. There is very little we can do alone." (Earl Nightingale)*

Dear Members and Friends,

One thing the world needs now is more people who are practiced at getting along with other people. In an earlier column, I wrote about our congregation's "Affirmation" or "Covenant," which is posted on the wall between our Social Hall and Sanctuary. I suggested that we bring it back into more regular visibility, use, and conversation. I am writing to renew that suggestion. Here it is, in its lovely and thoughtful entirety:

**"The Way We Are with Each Other"  
The Affirmation of  
The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of  
Columbia, South Carolina  
(Adopted on February 9, 2003;  
Renewed on October 2, 2005)**

\*We will make ours a positive, welcoming environment -- one that includes the diverse perspectives of our spiritual community and builds a sense of connectedness.

\*We will practice direct communication in all facets of UUCC life, using the power of our words to work toward solutions rather than additional problems. We will refrain from spreading hearsay.

\*We will nurture each other's spiritual and personal growth by entering into conversations and interactions with compassion, deep listening, and respect for differences of opinion without judgment.

\*We will value and express appreciation for each contribution, whether it is time, money or effort.

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\*We will acknowledge conflicts, address them openly and honestly, and resolve them as close to their source as possible, using mediation if necessary.

\*We will practice forgiving each other and ourselves.

**Congregational Covenant:**  
*Love is the doctrine of this congregation  
The quest for truth is its sacrament  
And service is its prayer.  
To dwell together in peace,  
To seek knowledge in freedom,  
To serve others in community,  
Thus do we covenant with one another.*

You are wonderful about understanding that we have differing beliefs; strengths, weakness, and flaws; we don't always get things right the first time; and we can take a while to get to the point we want to make. I am very impressed to experience such graciousness here. But what we all need to get better at is speaking up when someone is somehow out of line. This happens at times in a variety of our gatherings or events. Fortunately, the answer to this is right under our noses. It's time for us to bring it into the light again. I recommend that we give our Affirmation and Covenant a second life. Let's put it up in all the rooms in our building, and have it at all our meetings, discussions, and other gatherings. Let's discuss it with each other, and practice using it to hold each other accountable when any of us is out of line.

When it comes to the first part of the Affirmation, you've got it down beautifully. You are a congregation that is welcoming, tolerant, and maintains your connections to each other really well. But we need to stretch ourselves more to renew and practice the part that says: "We will acknowledge conflicts, address them openly and honestly, and resolve them as close to their source as possible, using mediation if necessary." Our Affirmation is our back-up. Let's practice using it, with the goal of ways we will be in right-relationship with each other that are mutually understood and honored, throughout the whole congregation. Especially now, in the aftermath of the national elections, our Affirmation is even more important. Not all UCCers feel the same way about the results of the elections, nor the prognosis for certain social programs. And there are real constraints prohibiting a church from speaking against a political party or candidate. Keeping within boundaries and constraints when we gather is not solely up to a facilitator or lay leader or the minister who is serving you. My job and my role are to help you figure out ways to manage people's expressions of their feelings and beliefs-- ways that are healthy, respectful, and in the best interest of the good purposes for which we have gathered, and the good purposes of the whole congregation.

Once we have spent some time discussing and practicing our Affirmation, you may even find that you want to change it. You may want it to have some different wording than it did when it was adopted in February of 2003, and renewed in October of 2005. It is the covenant of your congregation, so you can agree to adapt it, or expand it, if you'd like to. We won't know how well it will work for you, the current members and friends of UCC, until you try. And I am recommending that, together, we give this a try. But I do know what we'll feel when we begin asserting limits and boundaries that are more clear, and when we honor those limits and boundaries: relief, and renewed assurance that our congregation is a safe and supportive place for us to continue our work to make our "beloved extended communities" more fair and compassionate places, too.

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



## **Candles of Community**

Janet Swigler is thrilled to have had another piece juried into ArtFields. Her quilt "Room for Magic" will hang in the ROB in Lake City, SC, during the event, April 21-29.

## **Thank You**

From CYRE CANstruction proceeds:

Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$508.40 to Harvest Hope Food Bank. Your donation is a blessing to hungry families in South Carolina. Warmest Regards, Denise Holland, CEO

# News and Notes

March 26<sup>th</sup> “The Earth Laughs in Flowers” (Rev. Jennie preaching) This sermon will honor the author of those words, famous Unitarian Ralph Waldo Emerson, and it will be Flower Communion Sunday, and we will hold a Joining Ceremony to welcome New Members. Please join us in celebrating beauty, joy, wisdom, and openness to new ideas. Also, please bring a flower or green to add to the common vessel. These represent that we each have unique gifts we bring to the congregation, as well as things we receive. At the end of the service we will take home a different flower than the one we brought.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> “Planning a Memorial Service” (Rev. Jennie preaching) Have you ever thought about what you would like to have as part of your eulogy? Or the music or readings for your memorial service? Our congregation is here to help us explore these choices when we feel well and calm, inasmuch as that is possible. This sermon will show us the minister’s role in helping people create a memorial service that is a beautiful and fitting tribute to a life well-lived.

April 9<sup>th</sup> Guest Speaker Jane Lawther “A Word of Encouragement is like Water in the Desert”

April 16<sup>th</sup> “Easter Sunday” (Rev. Jennie preaching)

April 23<sup>rd</sup> “Honoring Earth Day” (Presented by the CYRE Team and Rev. Jennie) This will be a multi-generational worship service on the theme of Earth Day. We also plan to have a Child Dedication ceremony.

## Search Committee Update

The UCC Ministerial Search Committee has completed our ‘pre-candidating’ weekends and we are currently working towards making a recommendation to the Board on our next called Minister. Per UUA guidelines, the Search Committee can extend a preliminary offer on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The preliminary offer serves as a notice of intent to hire a candidate, but is subject to final approval by the Board and ratification by congregational vote, per UCC bylaws. Once the candidate notifies the committee of his or her intent to accept the preliminary



offer, and a few additional administrative tasks are completed, the Search Committee will inform the Board of Trustees, and they will make an announcement to the UCC congregation.

## Fellow Members and Friends of UCC

Our pledge drive for the 2017-18 UCC programmatic year, *Giving on the Side of Love*, is scheduled to end on March 30. At that point we will begin to plan what our wonderful professional staff and committees will be able to do next year. What we can plan to do depends critically on the pledges we receive. If you haven’t turned your pledge card in yet, won’t you please do so, remembering its importance to our congregation and the services it provides both to us and to the wider community? We have much to look forward to this year, including a new minister, but what we can do depends on you and your generosity. You may email your 2017-18 pledge in confidence to our Administrator at [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org). All our thanks, Joe Long, Finance chair.

## Unigram: Change in Publication Date for the Month of April

We are trying an experiment where we will only be publishing one Unigram during the month of April. This Unigram will be published on April 12. **The deadline for ALL submissions is Sunday, April 9.** The subsequent Unigram will be published on May 10.

## New Sign: "All Are Welcome"

Have you seen our sign at the entrance to the church declaring "All Are Welcome"? This is part of our bigger campaign to show our Welcome and Tolerance attitude. Be sure to take a look and see. A banner of the same sentiment is being considered but cost is a challenge at this time.

## Children & Adult Chalice Lighters Needed



Please celebrate a special event by becoming a Chalice Lighter. Having a birthday? An anniversary? New to UUCC? UUCC longtimer? 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.

## The Mountain: Save the Dates

Our annual weekend at The Mountain has been changed by popular demand from spring to the fall season. So put the date on your calendars: **September 29-October 1**. We especially want to invite those who have never been to The Mountain. It is a beautiful setting in the Blue Ridge Mountain range and a wonderful experience. Contact Joan Watterson with questions at 803-787-7873 or [joan.l.watterson@icloud.com](mailto:joan.l.watterson@icloud.com).



## Maintaining our 501(3)(c) Non-Profit Status

Our congregation is a 501(3)(c) non-profit organization under IRS rules. This status means that we cannot participate in any substantive way in partisan political activities without endangering our non-profit status. That does not mean we cannot weigh in on issues like civil rights, women's rights, environmental problems, marriage equality, income inequality, etc. It means that we cannot endorse candidates for political office. To clarify the IRS rules, you may find the information provided by the UUA helpful when deciding what events or activities may be appropriate for our congregation: <http://www.uua.org/action/realrules>.

## Friendship Dinners

Our Friendship Dinners have begun and have proven to be very popular. We would like to add more hosts to our roster as these seem to fill up as soon as they are offered. You pick the day and time, set the menu/theme and let the good times roll. These can be such fun and are a great way to get to know each other on a deeper level. Please see any member of the Membership Committee (look for the blue ribbons on name tags) or visit the Welcome Table for more information and the sign-up sheets or contact Patty Drews, [membership@uucolumbia.org](mailto:membership@uucolumbia.org) or 931-6799.

## 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.

## Please Donate to Harvest Hope

Items that are most wanted are: Canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, and soup. Always non-perishable items. A new item that Harvest Hope is always very desperate for are disposable diapers and adult diapers. They break up the packages and make small packages of 4 to distribute to each client just to help them get by. **DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD ITEMS IN GLASS CONTAINERS - WE CANNOT GIVE THOSE TO HARVEST HOPE**

## UUCC Fantasy Baseball League

Whether you are a casual fan or MLB junkie, we have a spot for you in our UUCC Fantasy Baseball League. This is going to be a low-effort, auto-draft, weekly points league played for fun amongst UUCC Friends and members. We will be using a Yahoo fantasy league with no entry fee required. We need 8 teams and we already have 5 teams, so we only need 3 more teams to get the league started, so if you enjoy baseball and are interested, please send an email to Brian Dudick at [brian.dudick@outlook.com](mailto:brian.dudick@outlook.com) and he will help get you registered on Yahoo and ready for **Opening Day which is Sunday, April 2.**



## **September Set is at NOON on Friday, March 24**

### **Please note the time change: NOON**

Our monthly September Set for our UUCC Seniors will be held Friday, March 24. We will begin at **NOON** in the Social Hall with conversation and getting to know each other better. Bring a dish to share and join in the fun. Long time and new members and friends are welcome. We hope to see you there. Contact Jean Capalbo at jacapalbo@gmail.com or Pat Mohr at patmohr@mindspring.com.

### **Adult Choir Schedule**

We will rehearse and sing this **Sunday, March 26, at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary** and every two weeks after. Bill Moody, Director

### **UUCC Work Day, Saturday, April 1**

A congregational work day will be held Saturday, April 1, from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Come for an hour to help paint, wash interior walls, move bricks, trim trees on north side of RE wing, and generally beautify in preparation for saying goodbye to Rev. Jennie. Sign up in the Social Hall for an hour and you are done for the year with your Building and Grounds responsibilities. This is a fun way to get to know new people in the Congregation. Contact Carolyn West with questions at cwest3@att.net.

### **NAMI Walks, Saturday, April 1**



Plan on being a part of the NAMI Walk again this year on Saturday, April 1, at 10:00 a.m., when UUCC supports this important event. We have participated in this for several years as a part of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. It is very likely that most of our lives have been touched by mental illness in one way or another at some time, so this annual event should be meaningful to you. The UUCC Social Action Committee helps to sponsor this awareness drive every year and have always shown how much we care. We look forward to seeing you out walking with us proudly carrying our banner and wearing our Standing on the Side of Love t-shirts. The meeting place will be Finlay Park and registration will begin at 9:00, however you can register online at the donation site. The actual walk will begin at 10:00 with the route starting at the

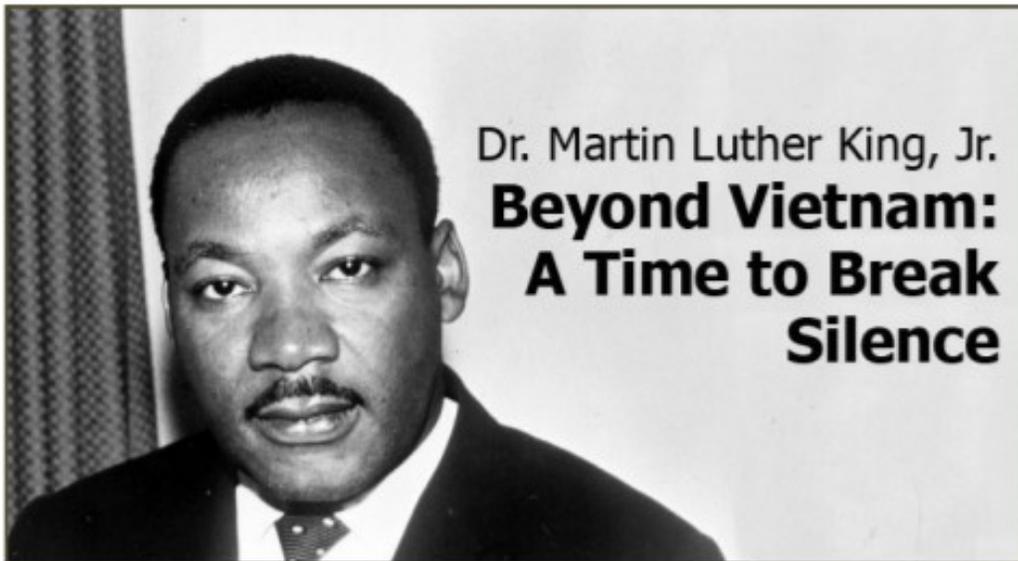
stage in the park and then walk around the park and into the tunnel that leads under the bridge and railroad track. Walkers will go to the turn-around point and come back into the park. We will not be walking on the streets. This should work well for those of you who are not strong walkers so we hope to see many of you there.

We are off to a good start with our monetary donations currently at \$500 with a goal of \$1,700 this year. At this point we have had 7 donors so we should be able to reach that goal if each of you gives a little. Please join us and show the typical strong support of UUCC by going to the NAMI website at <http://bit.ly/NAMI-UUCC> today to make your donation - small or large it all adds up to help us reach our goal. The Social Action Committee says thanks, UUCC says thanks, and most importantly, all of those helped by NAMI say thanks. If you have any questions about this event please contact Laura Hartwig at 914-482-2899 or laurahartwigdesign@gmail.com

### **MLK's "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence"**

#### **Movie & Discussion Sunday, April 2, 3:00**

You won't want to miss the Fifth Community Conversation coming up on April 2, at 3:00 p.m. UUCC will be in collaboration with Carolina Peace Resource Center for this program of MLK's "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence" Movie and Discussion. This will be the screening of a Tavis Smiley Reports Special of "MLK: A Call to Conscience" It will commemorate the anniversary of the actual speech given on April 4, 1967 by MLK and is considered one of his most famous. The film will be followed by Q&A panel discussion which will include Dr. David Crockett of UUCC, David Matos -President of Carolina Peace Resource Center, Ty DePass -Simple Justice # Black Lives Matter, and Meeghan Kane -an educator at Benedict College and Editor in Chief of Antebellum Magazine. This will definitely be both an educational and stimulating afternoon that you will want to attend. Refreshments will be served afterward allowing time to visit others and discuss all that you have learned. Contact Linda McLeod at [socialaction@uucolumbia.org](mailto:socialaction@uucolumbia.org) with any questions.



**Sunday, April 2, 3 PM**

**Movie & Discussion**

The public is invited to the UUCC's fifth *Community Conversation* – the screening of the Tavis Smiley Reports Special "MLK: A Call to Conscience" of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence" speech. This event will commemorate the anniversary of the actual speech given on April 4, 1967.

Sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia in collaboration with Carolina Peace Resource Center.

**Location:** Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia,  
2701 Heyward Street, Columbia, SC 29205.

803.799.0845 or visit: [www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/](http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/)  
and click on the "Social Action" tab

**Event is free and open to the public.**

## UUA General Assembly, June 21-25

Where: New Orleans, LA, Web Link: <http://www.uua.org/ga>

The UUCC may have up to four delegates (in addition to the minister and RE Director). If you are planning on attending UUA GA this year and would like to be one of UUCC's delegates, **please contact Joan Watterson [joan.l.watterson@icloud.com](mailto:joan.l.watterson@icloud.com) by Friday, March 31.**

The UUCC board must approve our delegates. Other helpful links: <http://www.uua.org/ga/congregations/delegates/faq> and <http://www.uua.org/ga/congregations/delegates/general-sessions>

## Social Action Committee Meeting, April 2

The Social Action Committee will meet on Sunday, April 2, immediately after church service for their regular schedule meeting in Classroom 8. This will be a brief but important meeting as we have many important Social Justice issues that we are addressing at this time. This date is also the date of our important Community Conversation presentation of the MLK "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence" film and discussion that you have seen advertised elsewhere. This event will take place at 3:00 p.m. and is sponsored by the Social Action Committee in collaboration with Carolina Peace Resource Center. We are going to be asking for assistance from our SAC group to help set up for this event and also will need a few to help with cleanup. Please let us know that we can count on some of you. Be sure to plan on staying after the meeting or returning after the meeting at **3:00** for this program. It will definitely be to your benefit to be there.

## Bark to the Park 2017, April 8

Update: Time is running out!! The walk is only *two weeks from this Saturday!!! Unfortunately we have only raised \$210!! Remember you do not have to commit to walk; you are still free to give a tax-deductible donation of any amount, regardless of your commitment to participate on April 8th.*

To review a few facts regarding the walk:

The Animal Ministry will once again have a team to walk in the annual Bark to the Park event to benefit Pawmetto Lifeline on Saturday, April 8. You don't need to walk! Donations are gratefully accepted and both registration fees and donations are completely tax-deductible! Pawmetto Lifeline is an animal rescue organization that works to address the problems created by pet overpopulation and include: Adoption, Medical, Rescue, and Education.

To register to walk in Bark to the Park:

Go to [barktothepark.com](http://barktothepark.com)

- \* Click on the **Join an Existing Team** button
- \* Search for Team Name (Our team name is **Animal Ministry**)
- \* Click on the team name
- \* Select **Join Team**
- \* Register as an individual walker to join the team
- \* Proceed to edit your personal page and *start recruiting team members and raising donations!!*

ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE TO OUR TEAM:

Go to [barktothepark.com](http://barktothepark.com)

- \* Search by the team's name (**Animal Ministry**) or the individual's (team member) name
- \* Select the team or the individual
- \* Click on the **Donate Now** button
- \* If you selected a participant name, click on the **Support this Walker**
- \* Enter the donation amount and proceed with the transaction

**AND IF YOU PREFER NOT TO REGISTER OR DONATE BY COMPUTER:**

ANITA GROSSMAN (team captain - [anitaj48@aol.com](mailto:anitaj48@aol.com)) has hard copies of the registration and donation forms which you can fill out and mail in with your check.

## Sign Making Party, Sunday, April 9



Join us in the UUCC Social Hall on Sunday, April 9 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. to make protest signs and banners for the upcoming *March for Science* on

Earth Day. Bring your own sign making supplies and snacks and join us for songs, chants, and great ideas! Bring home a sign and some great memories. Free and open to the public!

## Women's Book Group, April 11



The Women's Book Group will meet Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 to discuss *Day After Night* by Anita Diamant. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon at 776-0784.

## UUCC Book Club, Sunday, April 23

The next UUCC Book Club discussion is 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 23. Peck Drennan will facilitate a discussion on "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho. We will meet at a member's home. The UUCC Book Club is open to all members and friends of UUCC. We welcome new and returning participants! Please contact Ruthie Saunders if you have questions or would like more information [rsaunders@sc.edu](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu)

## Chair Yoga, Tuesdays & Thursdays

Chair Yoga is offered twice a week: 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 Bonnie Stronach. Please contact Ruthie at [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.

## 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).

## Keep Gathering Toiletries

The Social Action Committee wishes to thank everyone who donated toiletries, magazines and clothing for the In-clement Weather Center (winter shelter) over the past months. We can attest first-hand that many homeless people benefited from your thoughtfulness. The weather is warming and the shelter will close for the season on April 1. We encourage you to hold further donations until late October or take them to the Transitions homeless shelter or elsewhere. For more information contact Tom Clements, cell 803-240-7268, [tomclements329@cs.com](mailto:tomclements329@cs.com)

# Religious Education

## Earth Day Service Pageant – Seeking Children and Youth Talent!

Roles are still available to children and youth who would like to take part in our Earth Day service on April 23. We will have two rehearsals, one occurring Saturday, April 22 at 3:00 and we will organize once all the roles have been filled. Please contact Stephanie ([dre@uucolumbia.org](mailto:dre@uucolumbia.org)) if your child or youth would like to participate!

In addition to filling the roles, we would appreciate help with making papier mache costumes and creating other costumes. And CYRE would welcome a few potted faux trees to use.



## Hogwarts School of Magic and Fun

Registration for Hogwarts is currently open to families and friends of UUCC. Choose July 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> and/or July 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>! An ad will be released on March 29 in the Free Times Summer Camps publication with registration opening up to all of Columbia! Please, reserve your child’s space before our rolls are filled! The cost to members for registering your child for one week is \$150.00 and a deposit of \$75.00 is required at time of registration.

## Miniature House Raffle

Our miniature house will have a new home on Friday, March 24! At noon, during the September Set luncheon, a winner will be selected. Look for the announcement of the winner in Sunday’s Order of Service! And thank you all for making this campaign a success. We reached our goal and Hogwarts School of Magic and Fun will be advertised in the Free Times’ Summer Camp stand-alone publication coming out March 29!

## Children’s Choir

March 26 – Junior Choir practice  
April 9 - Junior Choir practice

## CYRE Calendar

Sunday Mar. 26 - Flower Communion and Junior Choir Practice at 10:20!

Sunday April 2 – CYRE

Sunday April 9 – CYRE (DRE out)

Sunday April 16 – Easter Celebration

Sunday April 23 – Multi-Generational Service “The Choice”

### CYRE is Grateful for:

*All the youth who participated in the car wash congregation’s support in our fundraising efforts! Our car wash was a huge success as was our Miniature House raffle*

*Bonnie Stronach - filling in on Sunday*

*All our excellent teachers*

*Buzzie Kelly - stepping in to help Erin in the nursery while Katie was sick*

*Cynthia Bowie - creating such an exciting Hogwarts ad for us*

*Lis Turner – creating and serving up such delicious snacks*

*Gail Dawson – hauling books to “His House” helping us on Science Night, and the 1,000 other things you do*

*Bethany Storlazzi – taking on the role of DRE one Sunday this month*

*Morgan Gauthreaux-Hanes – helping with Science Night*

*Meg White – considering coming on the “team” as an elementary advisor*

*Kitchen team – washing up the trays, glasses, etc. from our snack*

*Mercedes, Brianna, Ronan, Sabine, and Quentin – taking on roles for our Earth Day service*

# Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	Thursdays	10:00 am	Social Hall
Board Meeting	Wednesday, April 19	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Chair Yoga	Tuesdays Thursdays	11:00 am 1:00 pm	Social Hall Social Hall
Children & Youth RE Committee	Saturday, May 6	9:00 am	Classroom
Choir	Sunday, March 26	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	TBA	12:15 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, March 24	<b>NOON</b>	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, April 2	7:00 pm	Classroom
Technology Committee	Wednesday, April 5	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	Thursday, April 6	5:00 pm	Classroom # 5
UU Book Club	Sunday, April 23	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, April 11	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Writing Group	Tuesday, April 11	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

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