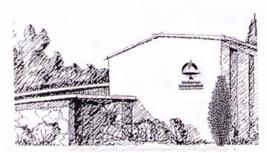


# The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

August 23, 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

August 27, 2017 9:30 am Forum Topic What is "peace of mind"?. 11:00 am Sermon Topic "Reclaiming the "A-Word" by Rev. Jeff Liebmann

September 3, 2017 9:30 am Forum Topic Women's rights. 11:00 am Sermon Topic "A Case for Reason," by C. Joseph Long

#### **Unigram Deadline**

The deadline for the next issue is Sunday, September 10, for publication on Wednesday, September 13. Items submitted after the deadline will not be published. Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to uucc@uucolumbia.org.

#### Rev. Jeff Liebmann

"I didn't join a church to attend committee meetings." One of the challenges churches face as they grow larger and expand their offerings and activities is that all those offerings and activities require planning and monitoring beyond implementation. Some of us are naturally drawn to this work. But many of us need a more direct connection to the spiritual mission of the congregation in order to feel fulfilled.

All of us came to Unitarian Universalism seeking something. Some desired a moment of the sacred in a hectic week of the secular. Some sought fellow travelers on the road toward greater understanding. Some face challenges in their lives and want help coping with the stress and strain. And some wish for some order in a world that sometimes seems to have gone mad. A religious community can meet all of these needs. Sometimes, we just need to ask each other for guidance, even permission, to engage in the work.

For instance, We all know that there will be a worship service every Sunday morning. That is a constant we can count on each week. But, until a crisis happens in our lives, we may be unaware of what the church offers the sick, the grieving, those suffering from anxiety, as well as the people who love them. So, in addition to ongoing committees such as Worship, we have other committees that step into action when needs arise.

A critical group is the Caring Committee, who helps those dealing with illness or other life challenges beyond our capacity to endure alone. Members of the Caring Committee bring the direct ministry of the church to people in need when they need it, by providing transportation, meals, or other assistance. Along with Rev. Jeff, they visit people in hospitals and keep track of the general welfare of the congregation. Caring is the ultimate act of giving, of devoting ourselves to each other in Beloved Community.

It is blessed work, and the benefits are often exceeded by the rewards to those who engage in the work. Here at UUCC, we have many families dealing with long-term illnesses, individuals coping with addictions and mental and physical challenges, and caregivers stretched to their limits. As a covenanted community of love and principle, we dedicate ourselves to help each other and support each other.

So, if this work speaks to you, if you feel called to help others in this way, let me know. In the coming months, we will be strengthening our Caring Committee by adding members, providing training in ways to help, and creating new support groups in areas such as addiction and caregiving. Email me at <a href="mailto:minister@uucolumbia.org">minister@uucolumbia.org</a>, or talk to me anytime to learn more.

Rev. Jeff

#### **Committee on Building Renovations Update**

Friends, the Committee on Building Renovations ("CBR") wishes to keep the congregation informed about the progress of our upcoming renovation effort! I realize that scant information has been forthcoming as of yet, because we have been working diligently, internally, through the architectural plans and preparing to be submitted to contractors. We have finalized the plans for the major parts of the work, this week. We are submitting for building permits and to several selected contractors this upcoming week, August 21-25. We estimate it may take two weeks or so to get back bids for actual construction costs of the primary project. At that point, the CBR and your Board will be reviewing and comparing the bid details to select a contracting firm to do the work, as well as evaluating the final bid pricing with regards to the full extent of renovations that we are able to achieve within our cost estimates, finalizing the financial details of allocation and disbursement of the funds raised.

Until the actual contracting firm is retained and the details of construction begin to be worked out, we have not had additional information to pass on to the members of the congregation, but we are getting closer to having real information about the construction process to disseminate. The actual timeline of demolition and construction will be determined with our selected contracting firm and the availability of their subcontractors, workers, materials, and equipment. There will likely be a period of time when the hall and sanctuary will be unavailable for use, as the demolition of the wall between, and installation of a new roof support truss and beams replacing that wall, such that the glass wall and doors can be installed, will take over that whole area. Our hope is that once the primary structural work is done on the hall/sanctuary area, that the finish work can be done on one side and then the other, so that we can have some of the space to continue to use for a significant portion of the construction period. One of our primary goals for the construction is to limit unavailability of our facility during the build, and we will be working with the contractor to minimize that time. The CBR has already discussed and identified potential local churches and spaces that we intend to reach out to for use for our own meetings and services during that time. As soon as we have a firm contracting timeline, we will be able to finalize substitute facilities for our use, to the best of our ability, and availability of other meeting space. We are well aware of the importance of doing the work in a timely and efficient manner so that we can minimize disruption.

We thank you very much for your patience! I think it is safe to assume that the primary construction will likely occur in the range of late September/October/November, and just as soon as we have the contractor approved plans, with the agreement of the board, as well as the workflow and timeline, we will post both the plans and the timeline in a prominent location for everyone to view. Depending on the pricing we receive from the different firms, as well as their availability and reputation, the firm selected will be a balance in between these elements: the pricing, their reputation, capability, and availability to do the work, and their proposed timeline for completion. This is why we do not have hard dates as of yet, because that is dependent on the contracting firm, which has not yet been selected.

In summary, we will have firm plans for construction and timelines before too long, and they will be made available to all, as soon as the final bids are in and the Board selects the contracting firm to do the project. It is a very exciting time! With these updates to our facility, the capable, cost-effective, and quality design work that has been done for us by our own Peck Drennan, the hard work and cooperation of the members of the CBR and the Board, and most importantly, the generous support of our congregation to improve and expand our facility and space, the UUCC is poised to move into our next era with a comfortable and spacious, modernized facility that will serve us well! If there are any questions, I can be emailed at quillindavis@icloud.com, and I would be happy to answer as best I can!

Thanks so much, Quillin Davis, CBR Chair

### **News and Notes**

### August 27 [Reclaiming the "A-Word"] Rev. Jeff Liebmann

Atheists have long been considered troublesome and untrustworthy people. Many in this country consider a person lacking a God-centered theology as morally bankrupt or spiritually bereft. And the litany of books by writers such as Sam Harris, Christopher Hitchens, Richard Dawkins, and Daniel Dennett do little to endear the atheist cause. Perhaps the time has come for religious atheists to reclaim the A-word, and come out in support of the benefits of belonging to a religious community without an underlying belief in a supernatural being.

#### September 3 [A Case for Reason] C. Joseph Long

We like to think of ourselves as more rational than the church down the street, and this is broadly true. I'd like to examine five examples of unreason, ranging from one that's specifically characteristic of conservative Christianity, but a real threat to public education, to a couple that seem to be more popular among liberals, including one that's a real threat to public health.

#### Be sure to see the **Social Action** Page!

#### **How Can You Help Hungry People?**

Bring canned goods (fruits, vegetables, and meats), peanut butter in plastic jars, pasta, disposable diapers - children and adult sizes - to add to our Harvest Hope basket. They also need plastic grocery bags to bag up the groceries. We deliver these goods every three weeks and like to have a nice big delivery for them. Please do your share to feed hungry people. Thanks from the Social Action Committee

#### **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 today to reserve your date or sign up on the clipboard found on the information table in the Social Hall.

#### **Denominational Connections Committee**

I am delighted to serve as the Denominational Connections Chair for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia. First order of business:

- Members and friends, if you are interested in our congregation's connections with the wider world of Unitarian Universalism, please connect with me and join me in this exciting endeavor. Committee members needed and welcomed!
- See our Facebook page for recent posts concerning denominational happenings in the wide, wide world of Unitarian Universalism including, our 2017/2018 Common Read, white supremacy, our UUA President, Susan Frederick-Gray's, response to President Trump's plan to ban transgender people from serving in the U.S. Military, and more.

I look forward to hearing from you and to serving with you. Let me know what you'd like to see and hear more about concerning denominational connections.

Keitha Whitaker, Chair, Denominational

Connections, <a href="mailto:uukeitha@gmail.com"><u>uukeitha@gmail.com</u></a>

Check out our Denominational Connections web page here: <a href="mailto:http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/"><u>http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/</u></a>
<a href="mailto:connection/">connection/denominational-connection/</a>

#### The Mountain Weekend

Our annual weekend retreat at The Mountain is fast approaching, September 29 through October 1. Don't be left out of a wonderful opportunity to get away, relax, get to know your fellow UUCC-ers and enjoy the lovely North Carolina mountains in the fall.

The Mountain encompasses it's surroundings and provides rustic but comfortable living arrangements. The Lodge has rooms similar to a motel with two twin beds and a private bath per room. Some of the cabins have similar arrangements and the camp cabins are perfect for families with open rooms, bunk beds and a shared bathroom. Activities can be as much or as little as you want. Our traditional activities are a getting-to-know-you gathering in the group meeting space Friday after dinner with games, ping pong and foosball and the Saturday evening campfire with s'mores and sing-along.

The all-inclusive prices are for 6 meals (dinner on arrival Friday-lunch on Sunday)

The prices have not changed. They are as follows:

Adult 2-night double occupancy- \$190

Adult 2-night single occupancy (private room)- \$260

Adult 1-night double occupancy, 4 meals (lunch on arrival, lunch on departure)- \$135

Adult 1-night single occupancy (private room)- \$170

Weekend charges for youth 8-17 \$70, 0-7 FREE

To register go to TheMountainRLC.org or call The Mountain during office hours at

828-526-5838.

More to follow. Questions call Joan Watterson-803-787-7873

#### The Human Experience

On display in the social hall are 10 unsigned, undated collages by returning Vietnam veterens. They were created in the 70s under the artistic direct of artist and teach, Sonia Vellani. The hand on work was performed by veterans returning from Vietnam and receiving treatment at the VA Hospital in Los Angeles, CA.

The general theme of the exhibit is the celebration of the full human experience. It reflects the joy of multiculturalism, the diversity of life, and the joy, and the time limits, of the human experience. Each is priced \$150 and are for sale through the UUCC. For more information, contact Jean Capalbo at jacapalbo@gmail.com or 799-1001.



# September Set is at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 25

Our monthly September Set for our UUCC Seniors will be held Friday, August 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 jacapal-bo@gmail.com or Pat Mohr at patmohr@mindspring.com.

#### Visitor Orientation, Sunday, August 27

Our next Visitor Orientation class will be held on Sunday, August 27 in the UUCC library, the detached building on Heyward Street with the red door. We will begin about 15 minutes after service and usually end in about 45 minutes. Light refreshments will be served. If you are new to the UUCC, or have not come for awhile and have questions, this session is for you. This class is designed to help familiarize you with the principles of Unitarian Universalism and answer any questions you might have. For more information or to arrange child care (with at least 48 hours notice please) contact: Nancie Shillington-Pérez at membership@uucolumbia.org or 803-553-2280.

#### **UUCC Book Club, Sunday, August 27**

The next book club discussion is 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 27. Phil Turner will facilitate a discussion on *Five Easy Theses: Commonsense Solutions to America's Greatest Economic Challenges* by James Stone. 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

# **Short Course: American Grace Begins September 3**

What is the role of religion in modern America, and how do congregations work as social systems? A short course on the sociology of American religion, based on American Grace by Robert B. Putnam and David E. Campbell (2012) will be offered this fall at UUCC. The book is based on extensive surveys of religion and public life in America. Studies of congregations complement interview findings. The course should assist those who are active in religious groups to understand and work with the dynamics of congregations. The course will meet in the library for an hour and a half on alternate Sundays, starting at 1:00 p.m. after services. It will meet in seven sessions from September 3 through December 3. The instructor will be Don Cooper; his e-mail is dnldcooper@gmail.com, with a phone (803) 466-5087. For details, contact him before the end of August, preferably by e-mail.

# Women's Book Group, Tuesday, September 12



The Women's Book Group will meet Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 to discuss *The Guest Room*, by Chris Bohjalian. Anyone with questions

may contact Sandy Chubon at 776-0784 or sjchubon@sc.rr.com.

# Christian Heritage Group, Tuesday, September 19

The Christian Heritage Group will meet Tuesday, September 19 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 8. Our discussion will focus on how our Christian background influences and guides us in responding to the current political climate of hatred and bigotry. If you would like to extend our discussion into lunch time, bring your brown bag lunch and drink. If you have any questions please call Jenny Beale at 776-2625.

#### 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 if you have questions.

#### **Kitchen Committee Cleanup**

The Kitchen Team has started the big cleanup of our kitchen. If you have food, dishes, or other items (e.g. ice packs in the freezer) in the kitchen please take them home this week. Thanks

# The Kitchen Committee Needs Sunday Helpers for Coffee Service or Cleanup

willing to give an occasional Sunday to help before church at 10:15 or after church when the service is over for

cleanup. You will be assisted by a Kitchen Committee member to show you the ropes. The more of you that sign up, the less often we will need you. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table at the kitchen door. Thanks for your willingness to serve. If you have questions please contact Linda McLeod at 803-319-3594 or bonneylass44@gmail.com.

# The Kitchen Committee Needs Snacks and Cookies for Coffee Time

Ever wonder where those cookies come from that we gobble down each Sunday? They are your kind donations and we say thanks.



Please keep them coming. Not just cookies but healthy treats like cut veggies and fruit, cheese, crackers, and snacks with less sugar. Let's think healthy. Please put your snack donations in the box marked "coffee time donations". Thanks for your kindness.

#### **Chair Yoga is Resuming!**



After a break for the summer, it is time to check on interest in resuming Chair Yoga for the coming year! Chair yoga entails about 45 minutes of real yoga but it takes place mostly seated. It is ideal for people

who want to improve flexibility but who do not like (or, for physical reasons, cannot do) the typical yoga class. The class will meet once per week, with scheduling details worked out with those who wish to participate. Whether or not you have participated in the past, if you are interested in participating in chair yoga please contact Ruthie Saunders at RuthPSaunders@outlook.com or 776-6608.

#### **Seeking Chair Yoga Instructors**

We are seeking additional Chair Yoga Instructors for the upcoming year! The goal is to have several instructors for a once-per-week class that would alternate on some agreed-upon schedule with some built-in breaks over the year (scheduling details to be determined based on interest and availability). If you have yoga instruction background OR are interested in a one-day training session in adapted yoga to become a Chair Yoga instructor please contact Ruthie SaundersRuthPSaunders@outlook.com

### **Social Action**

#### Social Action Committee Meeting: Sunday, September 10, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Date change! Meet us at 12:30 p.m. after service in classroom 5. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm! We need your help to make great things happen.

#### **Critical Blood Shortage**

The Red Cross is experiencing a shortage of blood so please donate. They would especially appreciate donations before Thursday, August 31. Find your nearby donation location at <u>redcrossblood.org/summer</u> or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

#### **UUCC Transitions Library Volunteer Staff**

For the past 6 years, UUCC has staffed the Transitions Library 4-5 p.m. on Fridays. This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of providing a much-needed quiet area, recreational reading, and a source of information to the clients of Transitions. The work is fun and involves checking materials in and out and re-shelving. It is a great way to get to meet folks from a variety of backgrounds who have in common a lack of housing.

The goal is to identify 8-9 UUCC members/friends who are willing to staff the library one Friday (4-5 p.m.) every couple of months. Training will be provided and you will be accompanied for your first time. No prior experience or special skills are needed. Phil Turner will schedule volunteers and lead the training. Please email him (pturner@unt.edu) if you are interested or have questions. Thank you!

#### **Transitions Volunteers Needed Second Saturday of Each Month to Serve Meals**

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 to volunteer.

#### Hoechella 2017, August 25-28

2nd annual free music festival/community event for and by women/poc/lgbtqia+ to raise awareness of and combat slut shaming, rape culture, and unjust legislation that affects people's bodily autonomy. This event is a safe space for all women, people of color, queers, and gender non-conforming individuals. Free with suggested donation (\$5/night). 8/25 – New Brookland Tavern (122 State Street) - DOORS AT 7 PM. 8/26 – New Brookland Tavern (122 State Street) - DOORS AT 5:30 PM. 8/27 – The Capital Club (1002 Gervais Street) – DOORS AT 8 PM. More info on our website's Social Action Activities page.

# Social Action, con't.

#### Love Thy Neighbor: Saturday, September 23, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

State House Grounds. Join us as a #commUNITY to show that we do, in deed, Love our Neighbor – ALL our Neighbors. Condemn hate. Condone LOVE. Join with elected officials and community leaders to show that bigotry has no place in South Carolina. Partner fair 10-2, speakers & presentations 11-1, agenda forthcoming. Please contact <a href="mailto:socialaction@uucolumbia.org">socialaction@uucolumbia.org</a> if you are able to help work a UU table that day with us. Wear your yellow Standing on the Side of Love t-shirts.

#### Harvest Hope Volunteer Day: Saturday, October 7, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Each year UUCC volunteers at <a href="Harvest Hope Food Bank">Harvest Hope Food Bank</a> working side by side with other organizations packing Senior Boxes to help with the many needs of this important Food Bank of the Columbia area. Volunteers should be age 10 and over, but anyone under the age of 16 should have an adult with them. You can sign up on the Social Action Activities page of our website or by emailing <a href="mailto:socialaction@uucolumbia.org">socialaction@uucolumbia.org</a>. We are limited to 15 spaces, so sign up quickly!

Pride Parade - Please save the date for Columbia's pride parade on Fri, Oct 20th at 7pm. Yes, that's right, the parade will be on a Friday night this year, so start collecting glow in the dark wearables! We'll need your help to get our float ready for the parade. Contact <a href="mailto:socialaction@uucolumbia.org">socialaction@uucolumbia.org</a> for more info.

# **Religious Exploration**

#### **CYRE Classes**

Welcome Back! On Sunday, September 10 CYRE will enjoy their first 2017 – 2018 CYRE classes.

PARENT and Caregivers – please sign up your children by going to <a href="http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/">http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/</a> and Select "Learning" to get to our downloadable CYRE registration page. You can submit this to Stephanie via email, <a href="mailto:dre@uucolumbia.org">dre@uucolumbia.org</a> or bring it in on Sundays. As children grow and change, the in-

formation you give to us needs to be updated every year. Thank you!

#### **New CYRE Volunteer Opportunities**

We have new volunteer opportunities this fall as our Children & Youth Religious Exploration classes rev up! The many, varied roles include: snack coordinator, hall monitoring, Greeters, and ushers! Sign yourself and your children up today!

#### **CYRE Summer Presentation**

On Sunday, August 27, during service, our children and youth will present the knowledge they acquired and the gratitude they feel towards the folks who took them on their wild and exciting travels during their Passport Program.

#### CYRE Teacher Orientation and Committee Meeting

Our busy teachers will meet this Saturday for their orientation and classroom overviews. The training starts promptly at 10:00 with breakfast served before the meeting. Training will end at 1:00 and our CYRE committee will start their short (1:00-2:00) but important meeting. ALL parents and grandparents of CYRE children are encouraged to attend the meeting WITH their children in tow! Child care will be provided for

children under 10 during the meeting. Children and youth 10 and older are encouraged to attend the CYRE meeting. Youth and parents of Youth aspiring to go to Boston for the 2018 Heritage trip next summer are required to attend! Please notify Stephanie if you are unable to make this 1:00 meeting!

# UUCC Board of Trustees Summary of July 19, 2017 Meeting

The Board of Trustees met July 19, 2017 from 6:33 PM to 9:39 PM. The meeting was chaired by Richard Culler.

#### Report of ad hoc Committee on Governance and Structure

Keitha Whitaker, chair of the ad hoc committee, presented an overview of their findings which had been made available to the trustees before this meeting. The board discussed the report for about an hour and will work on it again at their all-day retreat on August 26. The board hopes to begin implementation in the coming year. Re-structuring is expected to be a long term process. Richard thanked the committee for their hard work and study which led up to their recommendations and he disbanded the committee.

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

Although the new fiscal year has begun the books have not been completely closed for the old year. Bob Whitaker reported he expects a positive variance of about \$15,500 at the end of the year. Part of that money is designated for Rev. Liebmann's moving expenses and his installation in the new year.

The Capital Campaign Fund balance on July 17 was \$116,550.52. Pledges to the Campaign total \$193,699.

#### **Building Renovation Committee**

Peck Brennan is working with the structural engineer to sign off on a new truss design. When that is complete, the plans will be ready to go out for bids.

#### **Endowment Committee**

John Logue has been elected chair of the committee. Phil described an opportunity that is available: the Shelter Rock Congregation has pledged \$5 million to match any bequest in a will or an estate gift to their foundation; they will give the person's congregation 10% of his/her gift in 2019-20. Phil has the pledge form to be used.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

<u>Position Description for Music Coordinator</u> The position description was discussed, revised, and approved. Plans are to begin advertising soon. Rev. Jeff would like to be part of the selection process.

<u>Confirmation of Interim Music Advisor</u> The Board agreed to hire Richard McLeod to fill this position until a music coordinator is hired.

<u>Appointment of Board Member to LDC</u> Linda Brennison was appointed to serve as a voting member of the Leadership Development Committee.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

<u>Kitchen Committee</u> Linda McLeod is recruiting members for a Kitchen Committee which she will chair. They will be responsible for the social hour after Sunday services, including making the coffee.

Minutes recorded & summarized by Sandy Chubon, Secretary

# **Meetings & Rentals**

Art For All Croup	Thursdaye	10:00 cm	Social Hall
Art For All Group	Thursdays	10:00 am	
Board Meeting Chair Yoga	3rd Wednesday of month Suspended for Summer	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Children & Youth RE Committee	TBA		
Choir (adult)	Sunday, August 27	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Christian Heritage Group	3rd Tuesday of month	11:00 am	Classroom # 8
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	TBA	12:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Visitor Orientation	Sunday, August 27	12:15 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 <sup>™</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, August 25	6:00 pm	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, September 10	12:30 pm	Classroom #5
Technology Committee	Wednesday, September 6	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	TBA	5:00 pm	Classroom # 5
UU Book Club	Sunday, August 27	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	ТВА	
Women's Book Club	Tuesday, September 12	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Writing Group	Suspended for Summer	6:30 pm	Classroom # 5
Rentals			
La Leche League	3rd Tuesdays	6-8pm	Classroom # 5
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
Women's AA I	Every Wednesday	6:30 pm	Library
Women's AA II	Every Sunday	5:00 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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