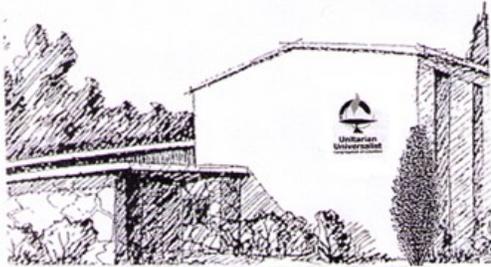




# The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

December 13, 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 3

### December 17, 2017

**9:30 am Forum Topic**

Does television cause people to 'turn' gay?

**11:00 am Sermon Topic**

Holiday Pageant:

"A Very Martian Holiday"

### December 24, 2017

**9:30 am Forum Topic**

Open Forum

**11:00 am Sermon Topic**

Jesus and the Syrophenician Woman,

by Rev. Jeff Liebmann

**7:30 pm Service**

Starlight, by Rev. Jeff Liebmann

## Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, December 24**, for publication on **Wednesday, December 27**. *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.*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).

## Pulpit Ponderings Rev. Jeff Liebmann

As a light-skinned person, it is sometimes difficult to know what to do to combat systemic racism in our country. While not rich, I have never been completely destitute. So, it is sometimes hard to know what to do to fight poverty in America. As a straight male, I sometimes think there is more I can do to challenge homophobia and transphobia in the United States. And as a man, I sometimes wonder what I can do to battle misogyny, domestic abuse, and sexual violence in our society.

Regardless of my situation, however, because I am a white, middle class, straight male in America, I have choices. I do not live in fear that a police stop will result in my death. I do not live in fear of homelessness, or having to choose between food, heat, or medical care. I do not live in fear of businesses discriminating against me because of who I love. And I certainly live in no fear of sex-based harassment or objectification. I never worry about how I am dressed in public, being out alone at night, or whether no will really mean no. I wish my wife, my daughters and granddaughters, and women friends could feel the same way.

The tragic reality, however, is this. Accused pedophile Roy Moore lost his bid to become a U.S. Senator yesterday. But his defeat was a narrow one, with well over 600,000 citizens of Alabama willing to put political party over substantial and disturbing allegations of abuse of women and teenage girls. And the President of the United States still stands accused of multiple counts of sexual misconduct and immoral treatment of women.

Men, perhaps we don't always know the most effective way to combat the dysfunctional treatment of women in America. But, we must do more.

We must avail ourselves of every opportunity to stand by women, supporting their empowerment and challenging systems of discrimination. We must educate every boy and man about the dangers and hypocrisy of patriarchal thinking. When women ask for our help, we must have the courage and the commitment to offer that assistance without reserve or revision, honoring their wisdom and respecting their wishes.

In this holiday season, let us remember the millions of women who helped build the nations, sustain our societies, held our communities together in times of disaster, and bore every child. And in the coming year, may we eliminate every barrier to equality faced by women, so they may blossom fully and enjoy all of the benefits our century offers.

# Share the Plate Ballot Results for 2018

The voting is complete for the 2018 Share the Plate recipients. The Social Action Committee thanks everyone who voted this year with a total of 58 completed ballots being received.

Below are the 2018 recipients for the eleven categories. Thanks to our congregation's generosity, we have donated over \$75,000 in Share the Plate contributions to community charities over the past six years.

Category	Month	Organization
Animal Shelters / Services	October	Cotton Branch Farm Animal Sanctuary
Children's Services	August	Palmetto Place Children's Shelter
Environmental Issues	March	Congaree Riverkeeper
Food Banks/Food Support	June	Meals on Wheels
Homeless Shelters	December	The Family Shelter
Legal Aid	July	SC Appleseed Legal Justice
LGBT Issues	September	Harriett Hancock Center
Mental Health Issues	April	Mental Illness Recovery Center (MIRCI)
Physical Health Issues	November	Free Medical Clinic
Social Justice Issues	February	SC Progressive Network
Women's Issues	May	Planned Parenthood
Pre-determined	January	Minister's Discretionary Fund

# UUCC Holiday Happenings



## **UUCC Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, December 16**

Come to the UUCC Holiday Bazaar in the Social Hall from 10am-2pm to shop for lovely wreaths, knit items from the Knit or Not group, and unique gifts. Contact Carita at 803-782-0053 or Stephanie Palmer-Smith at [dre@uucolumbia.org](mailto:dre@uucolumbia.org).

## **CANCELLED: Holiday Party, Saturday, December 16**

**Due to illness, it is with great regret that the Holiday Party at Lis and Phil Turner's home has been cancelled.** If you have purchased reading glasses to benefit the Transitions Library, please bring them to Andrea Dudick at your convenience.

## **UU Winter Sing, Friday, December 22**

Please join us in the UU Sanctuary from 6-8 p.m. to celebrate the season in song at the first UU Winter Sing! This informal sing-along event will include the music of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, St. Lucia's Day, and the Winter Solstice. You will have the opportunity to request your favorite holiday songs to sing, and to enjoy performances by UU musicians. All are welcome to sing or listen! Music and cocoa will be provided; please bring a plate of cookies or treats to share. Questions can be directed to Anna Hamilton, UUCC Music Coordinator, [music@uucolumbia.org](mailto:music@uucolumbia.org).

## **Christmas Eve Service, Sunday, December 24, 7:30 pm**

In addition to our regular 11:00 a.m. service, please join us in the Sanctuary for a special Christmas Eve Service, "Starlight", by Rev. Jeff Liebmann.

# News and Notes

## December 17 Holiday Pageant: “A Very Martian Holiday”

### December 24 “Jesus and the Syrophenician Woman” Rev. Jeff Liebman

There are many reasons why Unitarian Universalists should familiarize themselves with the Bible. For one, we live in a society dominated by Christian culture that requires a certain degree of literacy on our parts to engage meaningfully. More important, there are stories in the Bible - often overlooked stories - with deep meaning for Unitarian Universalists. Intergenerational

### December 24 Christmas Eve – “Starlight” (7:30 p.m.) Rev. Jeff Liebmann

From ancient times, stories tell of lights guiding us toward answers, toward revelation. But what are our questions? What frames our view of revealed truth and allows us to choose the right path?

### December 31 New Year’s Eve “The Real Work of Christmas”

#### Rev. Jeff Liebmann

For two months we have withstood the bombardment of TV commercials and the Bacchanalia that is Christmas in America. Well, what next? Needles are falling, bags of wrapping paper are at the curb. The real work of Christmas is ready to begin.

## Harvest Hope Holiday Donations Needed

Please donate to Harvest Hope for the holidays. We need 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. Please do your share to feed hungry people. Thanks from the Social Action Committee



## UCC Green Team



The UCC Green Team is rebooting! If you want to help create a more sustainable church and community, then you are invited to be part of the Team, either as a member or supporter. To join or to learn more about the Team, contact Kevin McKinney by email [kdmsooboy@gmail.com](mailto:kdmsooboy@gmail.com) or phone (678) 267-0108.

## From the Finance Committee

As we near the end of the calendar year, the congregation’s financial leadership would like to remind you that your contributions must be received in the office by Friday, December 29, or deposited in the collection plate no later than Sunday, December 31, to take them as deductions on your 2017 income taxes. To help our hard-working Administrator out, the sooner the better!

Depending on what Congress does with the current Tax Reform bill, your contribution may benefit you much more if it’s made in 2017 rather than in 2018, so we encourage you to consider paying ahead.

Money is not our focus here, but it is necessary to do all the things we want to do, for each other and the world, and we greatly appreciate your generosity.  
Bob Whitaker, Treasurer; Joe Long, Finance Chair

## Are You Missing Someone?

Do you know someone who has stopped coming to services? Please consider getting in touch with them to see how they are doing. If you don't feel comfortable doing this, please let someone from the Membership Committee (red ribbons attached to their name badge) know. If you need their contact information, as our Administrator, Andrea at [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org) or 799-0845.



We would like to send a personal birthday greeting to anyone that would enjoy hearing from us. All you need to do is stop by the Welcoming Table (with the red tablecloth) after Sunday services to put your first and last name on the date of your special day on a calendar that will be out each week from now through the end of January. If your address has not been updated since 2016, then please provide that too. Then it will be announced that it will be put out again periodically after that. If you would like to include the year of your birth, we can do the math to figure out how many years wise you are! Contact Ceren Farr or Nancie Shillington-Pérez.

## Temporary Help Needed

Everyone deserves a vacation; especially our hardworking staff. To make it possible for our custodian and our administrator to be away for more than a few days at a time, we are seeking individuals to serve as fill-in staff when they are away for longer periods. For more details, please contact Richard Culler at [president@uucolumbia.org](mailto:president@uucolumbia.org) or Andrea Dudick at [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).

## Cookies, We Need Cookies!



Our Sunday morning cookie supply is running low. Would you please help out by bringing a package of cookies on Sunday morning and putting them in the Cookie Donation Box on the window counter in the kitchen. We also welcome healthy snacks like veggies, fruit, cheese, etc. We count on you for all those cookies and treats we enjoy every Sunday morning. Thanks for your donations.

## Kitchen Help Wanted!

The Kitchen Committee could use a few more able-bodied people to join our group to be regular kitchen helpers. It only requires making coffee and putting out cookies on Sunday morning and cleaning up after our social hour. Each one of us has an assigned Sunday and the more we have the less Sundays we have assigned. There are usually two of us cleaning up just because we like to help each other and it goes faster. The more the merrier. We also help with potlucks and special occasions. If you are enjoying our Sunday morning social time how about becoming a part of the group that puts this together. Email Linda McLeod at [bonneylass44@gmail.com](mailto:bonneylass44@gmail.com). If you can't be a permanent member we could at least use you on an occasional Sunday for cleanup. Just sign up on the clipboard provided on the cookie table. Thanks.



## Organizers Needed for Annual Picnic

This fun, community building, activity needs volunteers to find a venue, submit announcements to our administrator, take RSVPs, and order chicken. The picnic was postponed due to bad weather earlier this year. Let's make sure to continue making memories with our fellow UUs! Please contact Nancie Shillington-Pérez at [nancierrr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nancierrr@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to see this event take place this spring!

## 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 UUC Social Hall. Bring your own supplies and prepare to enjoy the company of other artists at no cost. No instruction provided. Contact Ruthie Saunders at [rsaunders@sc.edu](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu) if you have questions.

## UUC Women's Choir, Thursdays

You are invited to join the new UUC Women's Choir! We meet every Thursday from 7:00-8:00 p.m., in Classroom 5. Please contact Anna Hamilton, our new Music Coordinator, at [music@uucolumbia.org](mailto:music@uucolumbia.org) with questions or if you are interested in singing with the group but unavailable for the Thursday rehearsals.

## Gaia's Rising CUUPS, Thursdays

Join the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Library unless otherwise noted. Contact Lewis Richardson at 729-4319 or [l\\_c\\_r\\_1@live.com](mailto:l_c_r_1@live.com) for more information.

## **Visitor Orientation, Sunday, December 17, 12:30 p.m. Library**

Our next Visitor Orientation will be held on Sunday, December 17 in the UUCC library, the detached building on Heyward Street with the red door. We will begin about 15 minutes after the service. It usually lasts about 45 minutes. Light refreshments will be served. If you are new to the UUCC, or have not come for a while 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 email: [membership@uucolumbia.org](mailto:membership@uucolumbia.org).

## **Christian Heritage Group meets Tuesday, December 19**

Join us on Tuesday, December 19 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5 to share memories of Christmas in Christian homes with an emphasis on the positive life lessons learned. We invite all with a Christian background and anyone with interest to join in our discussion. Several of us bring along a sandwich or light lunch so that we might extend our time of sharing. If you have any questions, please call Jenny Beale at 803-261-0286.

## **Women's Book Group, Tuesday, January 9**

The Women's Book Group will meet Tuesday, January 9, to select books to read in the new year. Participants are encouraged to bring several suggestions of books which they recommend for reading next year. If you have a copy of the book, bring it along. If possible, find out whether the public library in your county has the book available. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon, [sjchubon@sc.rr.com](mailto:sjchubon@sc.rr.com) or 776-0784.



## **Chair Yoga Returns Beginning Wednesday, January 10**



We are delighted to welcome two additional, experienced yoga instructors for Chair Yoga at the UUCC: Debbie Gillikin and Linda Campbell! Chair Yoga at the UUCC will start up again

on Wednesday January 10 at 11:00 a.m. The Winter session meets on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and runs Jan 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, beginning with Debbie as instructor. We anticipate holding Spring and Summer sessions, as well.

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. This class is fun and benefits mental and physical well-being. No special clothing or equipment is needed—come as you are. There is no cost for the class. We welcome new and returning participants! If you have questions, please contact Ruthie Saunders [rsaunders@sc.edu](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu) or 776-6608.

## **UUCC Book Club, January 21, 2018**

The next book club discussion is **4:30 pm** on Sunday January 21, 2018. (We skip the month of December.) Bauer Westernen will facilitate a discussion on “Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right” by Arlie Russell Hochschild. **We will meet in the Social Hall at the UUCC for this discussion.** 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)

## **The Mountain Retreat: October 2018**

Those who attended the Mountain annual retreat this year had a great time. Next year we hope to have a record-breaking group and even more fun. We were able to reserve a prime spot for our 2018 weekend, so mark your calendars for October 5-7, 2018. Reminders will be coming in the future.

# Social Action

## **Inclement Weather Center Donations**

The Social Action Committee is soliciting donations of current magazines and unused personal-sized toiletries for the Inclement Weather Center, the winter shelter for the homeless, which is managed by Transitions. The shelter is open during winter months when the temperature falls below 40F. **Please no clothing or shoes without advance arrangement.** Place donations on the left after entering social hall, in the marked receptacle. For more information about donations or volunteering, contact Tom Clements at [tomclements329@cs.com](mailto:tomclements329@cs.com) or 803-240-7268.

## **UUCS Transitions Library Volunteer Staff**

For the past 6 years, UUCS 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 UUCS 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](mailto:pturner@unt.edu)) if you are interested or have questions. Thank you!

# Denominational Connections – December 2017

Social Justice is our middle name. Wherever there are issues that impact people who are marginalized, our environment, education, health care, environmental justice, the criminal justice system, voting rights, and many other issues, you will find Unitarian Universalists positioning themselves on the side of love. Many of us have our “favorite” social justice issues and we each take part, as we are able, in different ways, at different times, as individuals.

Our association of congregations also takes part in social justice issues as we come together over issues that impact our wider world or our neighbors right next door. *We are stronger together.* Since its merger in 1961 the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations has used a consistent process to explore the issues it will study and act on as an association and has decided by a voting process at its annual General Assemblies what those issues will be. The UUA makes two different types of social witness statements: Statements of Conscience (SOCs), which arise from Congregational Study/Action Issues, and Actions of Immediate Witness (AIWs). More information may be found here: <https://www.uua.org/action/process>. The delegates who go to General Assembly from our congregation each June are part of this process. Perhaps, most of the time, the issues that are chosen coincided with yours or perhaps, occasionally, you have felt that issues you support should have gotten more attention.

Wherever you have found yourself on the side of UUA social justice issues, you have a couple of unique upcoming opportunities. The UUA is re-thinking how it does social witness work and YOUR voice is important. Please visit this page if you would like to share your ideas: <https://www.uua.org/action/process/visioning-forum>.

Additionally, because the UUA is re-thinking its social witness process, the normal deadline of October 1<sup>st</sup> for submitting our congregational vote on the Congregational Study Action Issues (CSAIs) to be voted on next June has been extended. We will have an opportunity in early January to give our input on which CSAIs our delegates will vote on in June that all UU congregations will study and act on for the next 4 years. Anne Mellen, a member of the Denominational Connections Committee, will organize opportunities for you to come together, discuss the issues, and send our vote to the UUA. So, please stay tuned for more on this significant aspect of our Unitarian Universalist experience. You may reach Anne at [annemellen@yahoo.com](mailto:annemellen@yahoo.com) or me, Keitha, at [denomconn@uucolumbia.org](mailto:denomconn@uucolumbia.org) for updates and more information. And, please, visit the UUA website to learn more about Congregational Study Action Issues and Actions of Immediate Witness as well as the changes that are happening in the structure and process by which these issues are chosen (<https://www.uua.org/action/process/csais>).

Remember to check out the Denominational Connections updates we share on our website, <http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/connection/denominational-connection/>, and on our UUCC Facebook pages. If you have questions or suggestions or if you feel called to join this committee, please contact me at [denomconn@uucolumbia.org](mailto:denomconn@uucolumbia.org).

Keitha Whitaker, Denominational Connections Chair.

# UUCC Art Exhibit: “Quilted Fascinations”

“Quilted Fascinations,” a show of quilted art by Janet Swigler, will be on exhibit through January 22. The body of work in “Quilted Fascinations” uses images from the artist’s surroundings and nature’s organic shapes that have been enlarged and abstracted. It is constructed using the medium of quilting—a sandwich of a top, batting, and backing all quilted together.

Please join Janet at her reception on Sunday, January 7, at 2:00 p.m. in the UUCC social hall.

Janet’s work has been exhibited at the SC State Fair, winning three awards; Gallery West in West Columbia, S.C.; juried into USC’s McKissick Museum twice; ArtFields 2015–2017, winning a Merit Award in 2017; and Anderson Arts Center Juried Show twice. Janet was chosen as an artist-in-residence for the S.C. State Parks in 2014 and 2017. Contact Janet at [jlswigler@aol.com](mailto:jlswigler@aol.com) or 608-1042 to schedule a private showing.

No photography please.



# Religious Exploration

## Holiday Pageant

### "A Very Martian Holiday"

We have a very special holiday pageant this year as not only are our children starring without adults, we also are celebrating Bauer Western's beginnings as a playwright. This is so cleverly written. We invite you all to come celebrate with our young Martians as they discover meaning in holiday rituals.

### CALLING ALL CAST MEMBERS

Dress rehearsal for our wonderful pageant begins promptly at 9:30 a.m.!

## Coming of Age Teen Class

This class provides our teens with a greater appreciation of their UU faith. Teens get to explore the responsibilities and benefits of belonging to a congregation as they explore in greater depth our UU principles. This is a special class for our teens and for mentors. Mentors will meet one Sunday with teens and parents, another Sunday as a whole group, and will be encouraged to meet their students at least one more time during this semester long course. The first meeting will occur in January with the exact date to be announced within the next two weeks!



## Canned Goods Collection for CANstruction

CANstruction, a competition between CYRE classes, gives the children and youth a way to raise money and food for the Harvest Hope Food Bank. **Canned goods from the congregation will be collected beginning Sunday, December 17.** Please deliver your cans to the CANstruction box in the Social Hall! The CYRE will build sculptures using the cans on the last Sunday of January.

## CYRE Calendar

Sunday Dec. 17 – Holiday Pageant dress rehearsal at 9:30!

Sunday Dec. 17 – Holiday Pageant

Sunday Dec. 17 – CYRE Teacher Appreciation Luncheon  
12:30 – 2:00

Sunday Dec. 17—Beginning of CANstruction!

Sunday Dec. 24 morning – CYRE Holiday Cheer! (story and special craft – Lis Jenkinson as substitute DRE)

Sunday Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve – multi-generational Service with special gifts for children

Sunday Dec.31 – CYRE – high Schoolers to work on service writing and all other students will meet with substitute DRE (to be announced)

## UUCB Board of Trustees

### Summary of October 18, 2017 Meeting

The Board of Trustees met October 18, 2017.

#### Treasurer's Report

Bob Whitaker reported that at the end of September our positive variance was \$4,439.92. The Capital Campaign Fund balance as of October 16, was \$119,631.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Building Renovations** Bids were invited from six contractors; two have responded that they plan to bid on the project. Their bids are expected this week.

**Confirmation of E-mail Votes** It was noted that votes had been cast via e-mail to address these issues: the letter of agreement for the new Music Coordinator, the position description for the CYRE Assistant, hanging two banners on our building at the same time. All were approved.

**UUCB Governance Report Follow Up** Richard and Tim met with Rev Jeff recently to discuss how we might try implementing a different governance system. They suggested that we make some changes and try them out before we change our by-laws. Rev Jeff thinks these committees provide governance in our organization: Leadership Development, Endowment, Finance, Building & Grounds, Personnel, and Technology Services. These committees will continue to report to the Board of Trustees and they will have liaisons from the Board. All the remaining committees and program groups will constitute the ministry of our church; their chairs will report to Rev Jeff. He will be informed of their activities by their monthly reports; he will meet with all the committee chairs together at a frequency to be determined, perhaps quarterly.

The Board appointed liaisons to the committees as follows: Building & Grounds – Phil Turner; Endowment – Bob Whitaker; Leadership Development – Linda Brennison; Technology Services – Cheryl Soehl; Personnel – Emilio Perez-Jorge. Richard will serve as liaison to the Building Renovation Committee.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Green Committee Chair** Kevin McKinney has volunteered to chair this committee this year. His offer was accepted.

**UUCB Personnel Handbook** Richard will ask the Personnel Committee to revise this document.

Minutes recorded and summarized by

Sandy Chubon, Secretary

# Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	Thursdays	10:00 am	Social Hall
Board Meeting	3rd Wednesday of month	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Chair Yoga	Wednesdays, beginning January 10	11:00 am	Social Hall
Children & Youth RE Committee	TBA	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Choir (adult)	Sunday, December 17	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Choir (women)	Thursdays	7:00 pm	Classroom # 5
Christian Heritage	3rd Tuesdays	11:00 am	Classroom # 5
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	Sunday, January 14	12:30 pm	Classroom # 5
Visitor Orientation	Sunday, December 17	12:45 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, January 26	<b>NOON</b>	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, January 7	12:30 pm	Classroom # 5
Technology Committee	Wednesday, January 3	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	TBA	5:00 pm	Classroom # 5
UU Book Club	Sunday, January 21	4:30 pm	Social Hall
UU Humanist	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
UU Partner Church Committee	Lee Minghi, 798-0904; Carita Barr, 782-0053	TBA	
Women's Book Club	Tuesday, January 9	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Writing Group	Suspended	6:30 pm	Classroom # 5
<b>Rentals</b>			
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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