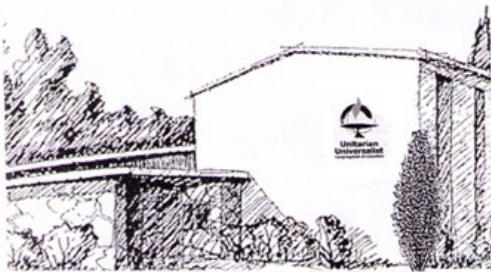




# The Unigram

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## Sunday Schedule

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

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

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

### March 4, 2018

#### 9:30 am Forum Topic

Is it reasonable to be expected to change our belief system to please/conform to someone else's beliefs?

#### 11:00 am Sermon Topic

Me Too, by Rev. Jeff Liebmann

### March 11, 2018

#### 9:30 am Forum Topic

Moral standards that all mainline religions have in common.

#### 11:00 am Sermon Topic

Mystic and Prophet: Jesus (Yeshua) and the Goddess, by Rev. Elizabeth Reed

### Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, March 11**, for publication on **Wednesday, March 14**. **Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.** Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).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

Excitement is on the rise. Every committee and group at UUCC is talking about new ideas. With the beginning of the renovation work, people see change afoot in our building. New faces attend our worship services every week, as well as familiar faces we haven't seen for many years.

The buzz is real, and now is the time to feel it.

When churches enter times like these, they naturally look to the future. Where are we heading? What will we look like in a year? Three years? Five years? Ten years? When people we meet hear the phrase "Unitarian Universalist," what will immediately come to their minds?

Your Board is working hard to discern answers to these questions by looking at revisions to the UUCC Mission Statement. Now, I want to carefully distinguish between our Mission and the UUCC Mission Statement. Our religious community *has* a mission. Whether spoken or not, whether articulated on paper or not, we live our mission every day.

The challenge, however, is this. How do we help people understand our mission quickly and clearly. What words do we want to pop into people's minds when we say, "I am a Unitarian Universalist," or "Yes, I go to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia."

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Crafting an effective Mission Statement is not merely a task of bureaucrats or wordsmiths. The Board wants to create a statement that, (1) accurately reflects our congregation, (2) encourages like-minded people to join us in our spiritual journey, and (3) tells the community what principles most guide our beliefs and our actions. So, this is no trivial task.

An effective Mission Statement, however, must be concise in order to be effective. No one wants to read a manifesto when looking for a place to go on Sunday morning. So, our Mission Statement must not only be accurate and inspiring, but succinct and to the point.

Key to creating such a statement is recognition of what makes us unique as a religious body. What makes us different from churches a few blocks away? What, in fact, makes us unique among all of the religious organizations in Columbia?

That is our challenge. I have asked our Committee Chairs to take this challenge to their members. Now, I want every one of you to consider the question, “What words do you want to pop into people’s minds when you say, ‘I am a Unitarian Universalist,’ or ‘Yes, I go to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia.’” Let me know your thoughts.

As we approach our pledge drive season, I cannot emphasize enough how each of you are stewards of a marvelous gift to this region – the gift of religion and spirituality merged with reason and freethought, committed to creating the Beloved Community. We do need your pledge. We need your time and energy. But we also need your expressions of what UUCC means to you and what you want UUCC to mean to Columbia and to South Carolina.

Rev. Jeff



# Denominational Connections – February 2018

## General Assembly!

Close your eyes and imagine four thousand plus Unitarian Universalists in one place at the same time. What are the possibilities? Imagine a place where people speak openly and honestly with one another about their pain, their joys, their frustrations, their dreams – and where people listen. Imagine sharing with someone with whom you disagree and still being able to have a respectful, loving conversation. Impossible, you say? Then go to General Assembly. You'll meet four thousand or so individuals able to listen and respect and do good things together.

General Assembly is not just an opportunity and an experience you want to have on your UU bucket list. It's an opportunity to *Side with Love* on some of the most critical issues facing all of us today. And it's your opportunity to have a voice in what those issues are and what we choose to do about them. From Actions of Immediate Witness to Statements of Conscience, it all happens at the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations General Assembly.

### *All Are Called*

*Grounded in a deep belief that we are all prophets, Unitarian Universalists ask, “How can we faithfully meet the demands of our time?” The call to witness and act for justice in our society and in the world is clear. So, too, is the call to examine our structures and practices, dismantling and transforming those which fail to recognize the full humanity of all people and to honor the interdependent web of life. Join us in Kansas City as we dive deeply into questions of mission for our Unitarian Universalist Association, for our congregations and communities, and for each of us as individuals. Together, we'll ask:*

*Who and how are we called to be at this time, individually and collectively?*

*How are we called to act and to live?*

*How does our Unitarian Universalist legacy strengthen us in living out our mission? In what ways does our legacy present challenges and impediments to answering our call?*

*The call of our faith has a place for each of us. Join us in Kansas City to build courageous, collective leadership with tools, skills and connections.*

General Assembly is for any Unitarian Universalist or friend of Unitarian Universalism to learn more and to delve deeply into what it means to be a person of faith and strong principles in these extraordinary times. If you are a member and you'd like to attend General Assembly as a delegate this year, speak with Rev. Jeff or a member of our Board of Trustees.

Remember to check out UUCC's Denominational Connections for updates and, please visit us on Facebook. If you have questions or suggestions or *if you feel called to join this committee*, please contact me at denomconn@uucolumbia.org. Keitha Whitaker, Denominational Connections Chair.





## Candles of Community

Our congratulations go out to...

Sophomore Drew Johnson, who is the starting goalie for Spring Valley Varsity Soccer team, played in a three day tournament in February. After winning all their games on Friday and Saturday, the final match for 1st/2nd place came down to a sudden death shoot-out (this is where each team picks their top 5 players to take a shot at the keeper)! While the whole stadium chanted Drew's name, he triumphantly blocked the balls of the top-ten-ranked opposing team and was carried off the field on the shoulders of his teammates!

Saturday Garrett Dawson's Vex Robotics team from Dutch Fork High School took first place in a regional competition beating out 45 other teams! His team will go to state competition on Saturday March 17 at the Convention Center. Congrats to Garrett and his team.

# News and Notes

## March 4

### “Me Too”

#### Rev. Jeff Liebmann

The increasingly shocking revelation of case after case of discrimination against women, harassment, and sexual assault by prominent men calls us to ask ourselves if our churches are doing enough to dismantle male privilege in our society. Today, we will listen to the voices of women, and to one confession.

After the service, lunch will be available for \$5 in the Fellowship Hall. Then, at 1:00, join us for a Sexual Assault/Human Trafficking Teach-In featuring local experts and discussion about future directions we can pursue to eradicate misogyny and systemic sexism. For those who cannot attend, the event will be livestreamed on the UUCC Facebook page.

## March 11

### “Mystic and Prophet: Jesus (Yeshua) and the Goddess”

#### Rev. Elizabeth Reed

## March 18

### “Sowing Heresy, Growing Spirit”

#### Rev. Jeff Liebmann

A church is like a farmer’s field. With care, the land produces a bountiful harvest. Sometimes, events beyond our control can restrict growth or ruin existing plants. Over time, we must rotate crops to maintain a healthy balance of nutrients in the soil. Our future depends on the seeds we sow and our investment in cultivating the land.

## March 25

### Flower Communion – “Religion Nouveau”

#### Rev. Jeff Liebmann

Alphonse Mucha was a Czech artist who founded the Art Nouveau movement in the mid-1890’s in Paris. Mucha’s “new” approach to applied art influenced design and architecture for decades. Perhaps the time has come for a similarly organic approach to religion, emulating the floral designs in nature.

## Shared Ministry Committee

The Board accepted the nominations of the Leadership Development Committee and appointed Patty Drews, John Logue, and Janet Swigler to serve on the Shared Ministry Committee. The Shared Ministry Committee provides a reflective and advisory role with regard to the quality of congregational life, modeling healthy and deepening relationships with the Minister and the staff. The Committee works regularly with Rev. Jeff assessing the status of the congregation and addressing issues of potential conflict as needed. Please feel free to speak to Rev. Jeff or members of the Committee at any time with your thoughts.

## 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, you can ask our Administrator, Andrea, at [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).

## Bill Moody Performance Fund

Bill Moody, who has been our choir director for over 30 years, started the choir with a wave of his baton. In recognition of Bill’s musical efforts, a fund is being established that will pay an honorarium to music students from USC and other local colleges who perform for us. If you would like to make a contribution, please make checks out to UUCC with “Bill Moody Performance Fund” in the memo line; cash may be placed in an envelope labeled in the same way for the collection plate.

**See Page 11 for the  
Social Action  
Calendar**

## **Membership at the UUCC**

Have you been attending the UUCC for a while and considering making the congregation a larger part of your life? Then this may be the perfect time to make the leap and become an official member! We will be hosting a "New Member Dinner" and "New Member Introduction Service" on April 14 & 15 and would love to add you to our new member list to attend.

The process of joining is simple: we ask that you have attended a visitor orientation and services for at least a couple of months. We are flexible about these requirements if you have belonged to another UU congregation elsewhere or have been attending here for a long while.

If you are interested in joining, or have questions about membership, please contact our Membership Co-Chair, Nancie Shillington-Perez, at 803-553-2280 or [membership@uucolumbia.org](mailto:membership@uucolumbia.org). You may also speak to the Membership Committee representative at the table with the red tablecloth after Sunday services.

## **Women of the UUCC**

Our congregation is made up of some pretty spectacular women. Aren't there a few you would like to see honored? Please write up a brief sentence or two describing their contributions to our congregation and submit as many as you would like. This information will be shared in the future. Deadline for submissions is Monday March 5th! Submit to: [dre@uucolumbia.org](mailto:dre@uucolumbia.org)

## **Don't Let the Flu Bug Breed at UUCC**



Please do your part to protect us from the flu epidemic that is advancing in our community. We have placed hand sanitizers at the front door and on the serving table for Social Hour.

Please use them! Also please be reminded of the many guidelines we have posted in the kitchen to help us keep it clean and sanitary.

The countertops are to be wiped down after use. This means if you use it, you wipe it down! There are Clorox Wipes by the sink and 401 Spray under the sink. Use a clean dishcloth or sponge. Food is not to be left in the refrigerator more than 7 days and must be in sealed containers (found in the lower cupboard just to the right of

the door from the Social Hall.) Spills on the floor should not be wiped up with our dish towels. There is a container of rags in the storeroom for that purpose. Do not leave dirty dishes in the sink at any time. This is an invitation for bugs.

## **Donations for Pets**

The UU Animal Ministry has a new aqua blue donation bin in the Social Hall for pet food, pet care and pet toys. We wish to thank everyone for their generous donations which support Senior Resources. Small bags and cans of pet food are preferred because these can be more easily delivered by Meals on Wheels volunteers at the same time meals for the elderly are delivered. Opened bags are not accepted. Thank you!

## **Requiem for Mother Emanuel**

'Requiem for Mother Emanuel' is currently being exhibited at the South Carolina State Museum. Created by renowned visual artist Leo Twiggs, this nine piece batik work reflects his experience following the 2015 shootings at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC. Aware that this exhibit will evoke a variety of emotions in viewers, the museum is sponsoring small group discussions for those who wish to further examine personal reactions to the art and the events which precipitated it.

Brochures with details are available on the table in the social hall.

## **Knit or Not Group, Mondays**

**Now Meeting at 2:00 p.m.**



Do you knit or have other needle-craft you would like to share? If so, you are invited to join us for our weekly Knit or Not meetings on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. in classroom 8 of the CYRE wing. Or if you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, we have folks who can help with the basics.

## **Chair Yoga, Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Classes to be held in Library until construction is completed**

Chair Yoga runs Wednesdays through March 28. We will not meet in April, but will meet every Wednesday in May. 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. If you have questions, contact Ruthie Saunders [rsaunders@sc.edu](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu) or 776-6608 with questions.



## **Art for All Group, Thursdays**

### **Classes to be held in RE Wing until construction is completed**

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 RE Wing. 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.

## **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.

## **Dances of Universal Peace and "Appreciating the Divine Feminine"**

All are invited to these related events in the UUCC Social Hall:

**Friday, March 2, from 7-9 pm, Dances of Universal Peace** Local leader guides us through gentle chants and dances inspired by different faith traditions; themes: sun energy, renewal, and divine love.

**Saturday, March 10, from 2-4:30 pm, "Appreciating the Divine Feminine" workshop** (suggested donation \$20) with Dr. Elizabeth Munira Reed ,United Methodist minister as well as a Sufi minister and

teacher. Her workshop will explore the Great Mother through history and in our lives today. We will actively use focused silence, body prayer, breathing practices, and chanting during our inner exploration.

**Saturday, March 10, from 5-7 pm.** Potluck dinner.

**Saturday, March 10, from 7-9 pm.** Dances of Universal Peace.

**Sunday, March 11,** Dr. Reed will present the Sunday Service.

Info: Marguerite <[mff426@gmail.com](mailto:mff426@gmail.com)>, 803-743-0731.

## **Fellowship Luncheon and Teach-In Sunday, March 4**



Don't miss out on another great Fellowship Lunch. There will be Homemade Soup (Vegetable Beef, Vegan, and Potato) and subs and wraps - ham/turkey and vegetarian. And to top it off fresh fruit! All of this for only \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Now that's a deal! This will be another chance to get to know one another and have a nutritious meal. You will want to be there.

Then, at 1:00 p.m., join us for a "Me Too" Sexual Assault/Human Trafficking Teach-In featuring local experts and discussion about future directions we can pursue to eradicate misogyny and systemic sexism. For those who cannot attend, the event will be livestreamed on the UUCC Facebook page

## **Visitor Orientation - Sunday, March 11, 12:30 p.m. Library**

Our next Visitor Orientation will be held on March 11 in the UUCC library, the detached building on Heyward Street with the red door. It usually lasts about 45 minutes, and 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 may 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).



## **September Set, Friday, March 23**

### **Note Time Change: 6:00 p.m.**

On the fourth Friday of every month the UUCC has a pot-luck for seniors (self-defined: no ID required:-) that we call September Set. This is a great opportunity to simply talk and eat with old friends---and make new ones! Sometimes we will have a program after the meal, but usually we just catch up with what's happening in each other's lives.

No need to sign up; all you have to do is bring a dish to share with others. We are now back on our regular schedule we begin at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you at our next September Set lunch at **6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23!** If you have questions, email or call Pat Mohr ([patmohr@mindspring.com](mailto:patmohr@mindspring.com); [803-463-3504](tel:803-463-3504)) or Jean Capalbo ([jacapalbo@aol.com](mailto:jacapalbo@aol.com); [803-799-1001](tel:803-799-1001)).

## **Beltane Committee Meeting, March 11**

Our Beltane Committee will meet Sunday, March 11 at 12:30 p.m. in the Judith Sargent Murray/room 9. Please come prepared to report on progress!



## **Art Exhibit, Nostalgia Part 1 by Jennifer Kelly Hoskins**

Jennifer Kelly Hoskins is a visual artist and arts educator currently based here in Columbia. Hoskins' paintings and drawings have been shown in both the United States and internationally. She currently teaches design and drawing courses in Chapin. Her exhibit runs through March 15.

## **Women's Book Club, Tuesday, Mar. 13**

The Women's Book Club will meet Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 to discuss *Plum Island*, by Nelson DeMille. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon at 776-0784 or [sjchubon@sc.rr.com](mailto:sjchubon@sc.rr.com)

## **UUCC Book Club, March 18, 6:30 p.m.**

Peck Drennan will facilitate a discussion on *Leonardo Da Vinci* by Walter Isaacson. 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)

## **Vegan Potluck Dinner & Special Speaker, Saturday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m.**

Please be sure to mark your calendars for another in the series of vegan potlucks sponsored by the Animal Ministry!! Our next Vegan Potluck Dinner Buffet will be held on Saturday, March 24, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to come! (*There is no charge for attending this event*). We encourage all attendees to try their hand at a vegan dish to share at the potluck, but *this is not a requirement*. "Vegan" dishes are simply those that are plant based and do not contain animal products. If you need any assistance in selecting a recipe or would just like to talk to a member of the Animal Ministry about the event, don't hesitate to contact me ([anitaj48@aol.com](mailto:anitaj48@aol.com); 803-960-2206). We plan to open this event up to the community at large so bring along a friend or neighbor!

A second feature of the evening will be a wonderful presentation by a speaker representing the Ethical Choices Program. Ethical Choices has as its mission to strive toward a healthy, sustainable, compassionate world. Her topic will be "The Ethics of Eating," which should tie in with our Ethical Eating principles. Her presentation may offer information to those striving to follow a plant based diet already, as well as possibly inspire others to adopt this life style.

## **Membership Committee Meeting - Sunday, March 25, 12:30-1:30 Room 9**

All are welcome to join the Membership Committee for their meeting in which we will make final plans for the New Member Dinner & Introduction Service ! Snacks will be served. Questions?

Contact [membership@uucolumbia.org](mailto:membership@uucolumbia.org).

## **The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center:**

### **Visit The Mountain for Cheap! Friday, March 30-Sunday, April 1**

Easter Work Weekend is a way to spend Easter with family and friends. This is also an opportunity to meet new friends through working side by side with other Mountain-lovers. You may choose what work project to join on Saturday and enjoy a traditional Easter feast on Sunday. Labor is appreciated with a 100% lodging discount! So join some of our members who have already committed to participate. This is not an April Fool's joke! Visit The Mountain's website at [www.themountainrlc.org](http://www.themountainrlc.org).

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

Those who attended The Mountain annual retreat last year had a great time. This 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.

### **UUCC Annual Picnic**

Saturday, April 21. Lunch at 1:00 p.m. At the home of Suzi Garland and Shelly Bon.

Plans are coming together, but we are asking for help in two areas. First, we need a pick-up truck to help us move our banquet tables from the church to the site either that morning or the day before. Of course, those tables must be returned at the close of the picnic.

In the past, some members have loaned portable gazebos or open-sided tents to place over our food tables. We do not know who those members are, but if you are willing to loan them again, we would appreciate it. Please contact Nancie Shillington-Perez at [nancierr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nancierr@sbcglobal.net).

If you have not already, mark your calendars now. And keep watching for additional information. A good time will be had by all.

## **Get Your Ducks in a Row! Workshop on Funeral Planning, April 28**

Find out everything you wanted to know about planning a dignified, and affordable, funeral by attending a workshop hosted by the Funeral Consumers Alliance of SC (FCASC) on Saturday, April 28. The workshop will take place at the UUCC from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

FCASC speakers will cover the benefits of planning, describe how recent changes in the funeral industry affect consumers, explain available funeral options, goods, and services, and spell out consumer rights under the federal Funeral Rule. They will also offer advice on money-saving strategies and ways of paying for a funeral. Satisfaction is guaranteed, or your money back.

The pre-registration fee is \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a couple. Walk-ins are welcome, but the fee at the door will be \$15 per individual and \$20 per couple. Register by check payable to FCASC. Send to FCASC, 2701 Heyward St., Columbia, SC 29205 or leave check in FCASC box in mail room. Please include your name, mailing address, telephone number, and, if you have one, your email address.

In addition to lots of useful information, you will leave with a rubber ducky to give your grandchild or other lucky youngster, or to play with yourself and congratulate yourself for getting your ducks in a row.

# Social Action

## **March for Our Lives: Sat, March 24**

10am – 1pm at the State House hosted by our own Jody Liebmann. Thoughts and prayers are not enough to honor the victims of gun violence. We need action. Follow our five-step action plan to kick out lawmakers beholden to the Gun Lobby.

**Social Action Committee Meeting: Sun, March 25:** In classroom 8. All welcome. Let's get together to do great things! Any questions, please contact [socialaction@uucolumbia.org](mailto:socialaction@uucolumbia.org).

## **NAMI Walks, Saturday, April 7**

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will be having its annual 5K walk on Saturday, April 7 at Finlay Park. Check in time is 9:00 a.m. and walk begins at 10:00 a.m. When you walk with NAMI, you join the movement to raise awareness of mental illness and raise funds for our mission to help individuals and families right here in our region. Please save the date and plan to wear your yellow t-shirts. Last year we raised over \$500 for the cause and we are hoping to do even better this year. Support our team by signing up to walk with us or making your donation here: <http://bit.ly/UU-NAMI>

**Mon & Tues, April 9-10: WREN (Women's Rights & Empowerment Network) Summit** Our focus this year is the economic empowerment of women, which appropriately falls on Equal Pay Day.

## **Poor People's Campaign | A National Call for Moral Revival**

You heard Rev. Jeff speak about this during his February 18 sermon and the UUCC plans to be very involved in the planned 40 days of action from May 13th- June 19th. Civil disobedience training is coming in April! Find out more about it at [PoorPeoplesCampaign.org](http://PoorPeoplesCampaign.org) and contact Laura Hartwig at [SocialAction@uucolumbia.org](mailto:SocialAction@uucolumbia.org) to find out how you can get involved.

## **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.

**Please check our website for new events posted almost daily: [bit.ly/social-action](http://bit.ly/social-action).**

# Kitchen News

## **Snacks and Cookies Needed**

The Cookie Monster has been visiting our kitchen and we have been wiped out of cookies! We are running very low on cookies or snacks for our Sunday Social Hour. We depend on you to bring the delicious and healthy snacks we have each Sunday and put in the colorful green box that sits on the counter. We like crackers, cookies, cheese, humus, chips, fresh veggies, and fruit. Share what you can to make our Social Hour enjoyable for all. Please remember that the cookies in the kitchen cupboard are only to be used for the Sunday Social Hour - nothing else.

## **Have You Seen...?????**

We have some items missing from our kitchen and hope you can help find them. A large Tupperware type cake or sandwich carrier was left for a member to pick up this past Sunday but it has disappeared. It did have her name on it and we do want her to fill it with sandwiches again. If you picked it up by mistake please return it. Also we were given 4 very nice thermal coffee carafes but we now only have 3. Can you help find our missing white carafe?

Please help us keep our kitchen well supplied by returning what you use. If you think that we have a need and would like to help then please talk to Linda McLeod, usually found in the kitchen on Sunday mornings, or email her at [bonneylass44@gmail.com](mailto:bonneylass44@gmail.com).

## **Please Claim Your Food Containers**

There are several platters, bowls, and baking dishes left over from this past weekend's events. Please pick them up this Sunday or sooner. Our storage space is very limited. Thanks.

## **Thanks!**

Thanks to those who have given us the much needed knives. We have been without decent knives for a long time but the "Good Kitchen Fairy" saw our need and delivered.

# Religious Exploration

## CYRE Committee Meeting, March 7

Please join the UUCC committee members on Wednesday, March 7 for a potluck at 6:00 and a committee meeting at 6:30 in the Judith Sargent Murray Room. Children are welcomed! Make it a special family night and support our CYRE!

## Hogwarts Camp

It's COMING! Hogwarts Camp of Magic and Fun will take place the weeks of July 16 – 20 and July 23 – 27! Pricing and registration coming soon!



## OWL Summer Camp

In an effort to give our children the best opportunity to receive the award-winning Our Whole Lives (OWL) lessons, we have designed an OWL day camp experience for the elementary OWL programs. K-1 and 4 – 6. Day camp begins the week of July 30 – August 3. The camp will run from 9:00am to 3:00 pm with plenty of fun games and activities between OWL lessons. We will release the cost and sign up procedure in the near future. Please speak with McKenzie Scott ([reassist@uucolumbia.org](mailto:reassist@uucolumbia.org)), Lis Jenkinson, or Stephanie Palmer-Smith ([dre@uucolumbia.org](mailto:dre@uucolumbia.org)) for more details.

## CYRE Calendar

Sunday March 4 – Jr. Choir 10:15 a.m.  
CYRE  
Congregational Pot Luck and Teach-In  
Saturday March 10 – Divine Feminine Workshop  
2-4:30 pm: Appreciating the Divine Feminine  
5-6:30 pm: Pot Luck Dinner  
7-9 pm: Dances of Universal Peace  
Sunday March 11 – CYRE  
Beltane Committee Meeting

# Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	Thursdays	10:00 am	RE Wing
Board Meeting	3rd Wednesday of month	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Chair Yoga	Wednesdays through March 28	11:00 am	Library
Children & Youth RE Committee	Wednesday, March 7	6:00 pm	Social Hall
Choir (adult)	TBA	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Choir (women)	Thursdays	6:30 pm	Classroom # 9
Choir (men)	TBA		
Christian Heritage	3rd Tuesdays	11:00 am	Classroom # 10
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	2:00 pm	Classroom # 8
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Membership Committee	Sunday, March 25	12:30 pm	Classroom # 9
Visitor Orientation	Sunday, March 11	12:20 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, March 23	<b>NOON</b>	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, March 25	12:30 pm	Social Hall
Technology Committee	Wednesday, March 7	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	TBA	5:00 pm	Classroom # 10
UU Book Club	Sunday, March 18	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, March 13	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Writing Group	Suspended	6:30 pm	
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<b>Rentals</b>			
La Leche League	3rd Tuesdays	6-8pm	Classroom # 8
Tai Chi 803-772-9557 columbia.sc@taoist.org	Every Thursday	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Insight 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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