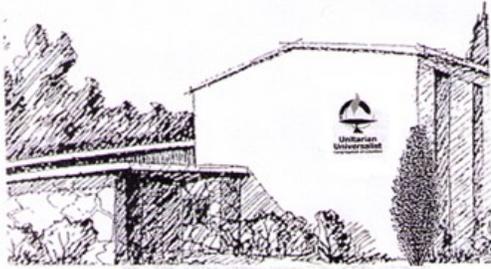




The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

March 14, 2018



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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 18, 2018

9:30 am Forum Topic

How and why do people join cults (ex. Jim Jones, Scientology)?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

Stewardship Sunday—"The Time is Now,"
by Rev. Jeff Liebmann

March 25, 2018

9:30 am Forum Topic

What is a "moral compass"?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

Flower Communion—"Religion Nouveau"
by Rev. Jeff Liebmann

Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, March 25**, for publication on **Wednesday, March 28**. *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.* Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to uucc@uucolumbia.org.

Pulpit Ponderings Rev. Jeff Liebmann

Historically, Unitarianism and Universalism have stood against great evil, such as slavery, and have helped begin the long process of social change in areas such as public education, sanitation, animal cruelty, mental health, and social work.

During the late 20th century, our denomination focused on matters of survival and redefining our theological underpinnings. Many congregations withered away, unable to change with the times and adapt to new demographics or build a sufficient base for stewardship.

Why did this happen? I am sure that many consultants have written many books on that problem -- one that certainly affects more denominations than our own. But, I have my theory. I believe that we are victims of our own insecurities, feelings of inadequacy, and pessimism.

Look at our current situation in this country. By any measure, our President is an incompetent and dangerous bomb waiting to explode. Congress is mired in complacency and corruption. Businesses have forsaken any obligation to the communities whose resources they plunder. The America of our Founders, even of the post-WWII boom, teeters on the brink of catastrophe.

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We are all suffering from trauma, and our churches must do whatever they can to keep us all sane. But the time has come for churches to step forward and retake the moral high ground of this nation. We must not let the selfish elite, the heartless bureaucrats, and the self-indulgent fear mongers throw this country over the cliff. Our churches must become a national force for reason, for compassion, and for action. And, I believe that Unitarian Universalism can lead the way.

But, if we have any hope of reclaiming moral sanity in our community, we must strengthen the foundation of our own house first. For this, we need:

- to stop being afraid, worrying about who we are going to offend;
- to be flexible, able to shift gears quickly to meet new challenges;
- to be organized, but to not let our own rules hold us rigidly in check from doing the right thing;
- to plan boldly, invest generously, and work tirelessly for the underprivileged, the oppressed, the victims of injustice.

I want to fight for the soul of Columbia, of South Carolina, of America. I will do everything in my power to change every system and make them more just, fair, and loving. And I invite you to help me lead this effort.

We will not lose anything, and we have everything to gain.

Rev. Jeff



Denominational Connections – March 14, 2018

All Around the Southern Region

There's a lot happening in the Southern Region so let's take a look!

The Chalice Lighter Call for UU Fellowship of San Miguel de Allende continues. Chalice Lighter contributions, along with support from other organizations and individuals, will assist people who have been involuntary deported from the United States. Your generosity in contributing toward this Chalice Lighter call will help the UU Fellowship of San Miguel de Allende meet the challenge of restoring the hope and dignity of deported persons. Learn more about this call and how you can contribute here.

This Chalice Lighter call closes on March 12th.

Is there something you'd like to do to spruce up our UUCC campus? How about a project to reach out to the community? Can you think of something you or your committee would like to accomplish if only you had the funds to do so? Applications for the Spring 2018 Round of Chalice Lighter Calls are now being accepted. Learn more and apply here. ***The deadline to apply is March 15th.***

The Dwight Brown Leadership Experience (DBLE) is scheduled for **May 20-25, 2018**, in Little Rock, AR at the Arkansas 4-H Center in Little Rock, May 20-25, 2018. Our Leadership Experiences ground congregational leaders in Unitarian Universalism and equip them to answer a deeper call to serve. Find complete information about DBLE and nominate your leaders and staff on our website.

PLEASE NOTE: Nominations are due March 25th. This is a firm deadline. We are currently evaluating the costs involved in hosting an event of this size. We need at least 55 participants to cover the costs involved. At this time, we have received very few nominations for this event. *Please do not make travel arrangements to attend DBLE 2018 until we've announced the event is a go.*

And, don't forget GA! General Assembly (GA) registration and housing reservations are now open online! Join us for the 2018 General Assembly to be held June 20-24 in Kansas City, MO. GA is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through a democratic process. ***Financial aid is available if you apply by March 31.***

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.



Direction
Reflection
Exploration

***"She changes everything she touches
And everything she touches changes."* Starhawk**

The above quote from Starhawk, a prominent leader of neo-paganism is most likely written about the goddess. But doesn't it speak about women in general to you? Think back to the many people in your life who have helped shaped you, who have nurtured you and made you the person you are today. How many of them are women?

Funny songs about
Peace and Justice

Rezist

**UU Congregation
of Columbia**

2701 Heyward Street

Wednesday, March 21

7 pm

\$20 or pay what you can

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Zimmerman**

"With music this good
and humor this insightful,
there is good reason
to be optimistic."
- No Depression Magazine

News and Notes

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.

April 1

Easter – “Thicker than Blood”

Rev. Jeff Liebmann

Blood is a powerful religious metaphor. Our Christian colleagues just remembered the blood of Jesus on the cross. Our Jewish colleagues this week remember the blood as the sign for death to pass over houses in Egypt. What has the power of blood for Unitarian Universalists?

April 8

Rev. Zsolt from our Partner Church in Transylvania

Pledge Kick Off Party

Sunday, March 18

This Sunday, March 18, after the service we’ll have the high point of our Congregation’s regular pledge drive for our 2018–19 fiscal year. We’ll have catered lunch fixings like last year, and door prizes, and, most importantly, a chance to party with fellow members. Please come prepared to make a generous pledge to support all the congregation can do this coming year.

Joe Long, Finance Chair

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 has been 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.

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**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](tel:803-553-2280) or membership@uucolumbia.org. You may also speak to the Membership Committee representative at the table with the red tablecloth after Sunday services.

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, 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 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 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 for more information.

Rev. Zsolt Returns Early April

What a treat for all! Rev. Zsolt, minister of our Beszterce partner church in Transylvania, returns after 3 years to be with us the first week of April. Everyone will enjoy spending time with him, and there are various opportunities....The GOULASH GALA [he puts on his chef hat] is FRIDAY, APRIL 6 @ 6:00 pm in the Social Hall...an evening of food, fellowship and entertainment you won't want to miss!!!

Note: volunteers are needed to help serve that evening, and also during the day to help Zsolt prepare, eg. peeling potatoes. [Kindly let Susan Robinson know if you're willing to help: srcarlton@gmail.com]

More cozy opportunities exist: WEDNESDAY EVENING @ 7 pm, drop by Jean Capalbo's for dessert and conversation. RSVP Jean: jacapalbo@gmail.com

THURSDAY, @ 3:00, a cozy "Teatime" with Zsolt @UCC.RSVP Lee Minghi.. [minghi@sc.edu]

SATURDAY is reserved for our Youth around 11:00 AM...3:00pm;

And SUNDAY, after his SERVICE and pot luck lunch, around 1:00pm, he'll meet with folks interested in learning about a PILGRIMAGE he'll lead, to Transylvania in 2019... Repeat pilgrims welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



Crafting Night...TONIGHT!

Join us in the RE Wing tonight for Crafting Night. CYRE supplies things for crafting pieces for Spirit Play and Hogwarts. However you are free to bring any project you are currently working on. It is a fun evening! Contact Stephanie (207-400-9428 or dre@uucolumbia.org) for more information.

Planning Meeting for Annual Picnic, Sunday, March 18

Looking for a short-term way to help our community and meet new people? Join our team on Sunday, March 18, at 10:00 a.m. in room Priestly/10 to finalize plans for our annual picnic scheduled in April. Questions? Contact Nancie Shillington-Pérez at nancierr@sbcglobal.net.

UUC 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 UUC Book Club is open to all members and friends of UUC. We welcome new and returning participants. Please contact Ruthie Saunders if you have questions or would like more information: rsaunders@sc.edu

Christian Heritage Group, March 20

The Christian Heritage Group will meet Tuesday, March 20 at 11:00 a.m. in room Priestly/10 at the UUC. At our last meeting it was so interesting to hear our members sharing their Christian experiences. This month we will be discussing how others have influenced our Christian faith, such as mentors, family, friends, or just people in passing through our life. Do come and join us. Bring a light lunch for yourself if you want to stay beyond 12 noon and talk more with each other while we eat.

September Set, Friday, March 23

Note Time Change: 6:00 p.m.

On the fourth Friday of every month the UUC has a potluck 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; 803-463-3504) or Jean Capalbo (jacapalbo@aol.com; 803-799-1001).

The Animal Ministry Vegan Potluck Saturday, March 24



Another in the series of vegan potlucks and featured speakers sponsored by the Animal Ministry is less than *two weeks away!* It will be held in the social hall *Saturday, March 24, at 6:00 p.m.* Everyone in the congregation

is encouraged to come! This event is open to the public, so invite your friends and neighbors to join us! (*There is absolutely no charge for attending this event!*). We encourage all attendees to try their hand at preparing a plant based dish to share at the potluck, but *this is not a requirement. ("Vegan" dishes are simply those that do not contain any animal products)*. If you should have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me (anitaj48@aol.com).

A second feature of the evening will be a wonderful presentation by our speaker, Diana Mallette. Her topic will be "The Ethics of Eating," and will offer information to those striving to follow a plant based diet already, as well as to anyone thinking of starting to adopt a plant-based lifestyle.

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.

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.

Easter Bunny Needs Assistants

Help us stock our annual Easter egg hunt on April 1 with (peanut free) treats for all ages. Small prizes are also welcome, just fun things slightly too large to stuff in a plastic egg. You could also join the fun as part of the volunteer Bunny Brigade stuffing, hiding and shepherding! Questions contact Gail Dawson at gailzebub@msn.com or Stephanie at dre@uucolumbia.org

Easter Parade, Sunday, April 1

Following service Easter Sunday, April 1, we will revive an old Easter tradition for the young ones by donning some dapper dress, our best bonnets (hats and caps for you gents) and leading an old-fashioned Easter parade starting in the fellowship hall, processing outside around the block to the open yard outside RE where the children can begin their annual egg hunt. With enough participants, we'll pick the sharpest chapeau and award a small prize. Won't you join us for our second annual Easter bonnet parade, a snack, and drink out on the lawn?

Women's Book Club, Tuesday, April 10

The Women's Book Club will meet Tuesday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 to discuss *The Underground Railroad*, by Colson Whitehead. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon at 776-0784 or sjchubon@sc.rr.com

Sign Up Now for

UUCC Annual Picnic Saturday, April 21

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

April will bring many spring activities, so make plans to attend and sign up for our Annual Picnic sooner rather than later! The sign up list will be found on the Welcome Table with the red tablecloth after Sunday services. This is a marvelous way to meet new people and visit with those you already know. Please contact Nancie Shillington-Pérez at nancierr@sbcglobal.net.

Beltane Crafters Faire April 29 Volunteers and Crafters Needed

Planning is underway for our annual Beltane celebration. We have a great group of volunteers but need a few more. We need two adults to assist our teen in charge of youth crafts. We also need help the day of the event to set up tables. **We need our UUCC Crafters to sign up!** If you would like to sell your crafts at the faire, please see Lily Hutton or Stephanie Palmer-Smith (dre@uucolumbia.org) for a sign-up form. You can also email beck.sullivan.sc@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Social Action

March for Our Lives: Sat, March 24

March lineup @9AM Calhoun St & Sumter St. March starts @10AM March For Our Lives is created by, inspired by, and led by students across the country who will no longer risk their lives waiting for someone else to take action to stop the epidemic of mass school shootings that has become all too familiar. They need volunteers, so please contact Jody Liebmann (jllibmann2@gmail.com) if you can help.

DiDi Delgado: A Voice of the Vanguard: Sat, March 24, Noon-2pm: Join Simple Justice #BlackLivesMatter for a very special event featuring a leading voice in activism, organizing and the arts, DiDi Delgado at Indie Grits, 1013 Duke Ave, Columbia.

About the speaker: "DiDi Delgado is an award winning poet, author, activist, and freelance journalist. She is currently Head of Operations at S.O.U.P (The Society Of Urban Poetry), facilitating writing workshops aimed at bridging the gaps between intersections of race, class, gender, sexual identity, and orientation. DiDi is also an organizer with Black Lives Matter Cambridge, and has served on the leadership team for the ACLU's BCPA Committee, and the Boston Branch of the NAACP's Young Adult Committee. She is consistently on the front lines blazing pathways, creating channels, and fostering connections in support of the most marginalized. DiDi is the 2017 recipient of the YWCA Cambridge Women of Color Leading Change Award, and the 2016 Drylongso Award honoring people doing "extraordinary anti-racism work in Greater Boston." She is also the recipient of the 2015 Jack Powers Stone Soup Savor award, an annual honor bestowed upon one poet serving the Boston/Cambridge community. Deeply passionate about both her local and global community; DiDi believes that poetry and activism go hand in hand."

www.thedididelgado.com

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.

NAMI Walks, Saturday, April 7: This is just a month away and we need to boost our donations. Please support this important issue. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will be having it's annual 5K walk on Saturday, April 7th at Finlay Park. Check in time is 9am; Walk begins at 10am. 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 making your donation here: <http://bit.ly/UU-NAMI>

Walk A Mile In Their Shoes: Thurs, April 12: At the Statehouse from 5:30-7pm. Walk A Mile In Their Shoes is a community coming together to support Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands, its mission, and the survivors we know and love. It is impossible to not know someone who has been impacted by sexual violence, even if you have not been told. Get more info here: <https://www.walkamilesc.com/about>

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Social Action, continued

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Training for Nonviolent Direct Action: Sat, April 14: The South Carolina Poor People's Campaign is sponsoring this important training in preparation for 40 days of civil disobedience taking place across the country in May and June. (See more info below.) The training is open to everyone. There is no cost and lunch will be provided (please indicate "going" in your event status on facebook so we can plan the food). See the Social Action page of our website for more info: <http://bit.ly/social-action>. This interactive training will be led by Todd May, the Class of 1941 Memorial Professor of the Humanities at Clemson University. He is the author of fourteen books, including *Nonviolent Resistance: A Philosophical Introduction*. He has been involved in grassroots organizing stretching back to protests against the Vietnam War, participating in such movements as the anti-apartheid movement, LGBT rights, anti-racism work, and the Palestinian rights movement. Participants will also learn from experienced attorneys about the legal aspects of civil disobedience, including serving as a legal observer. For more information, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PoorPeopleSC/>

Harvest Hope Volunteer Day: Sat, May 12th: It will likely be an event Saturday called Letter Carrier's Stamp Out Hunger. This is a national event where the actual mail carriers pick up food on their delivery routes and bring it back to the local post offices. We station about 3 or 4 volunteers per site to help bring in bags of canned food from the postal trucks. More info to come as soon as I get it. Please check the website, and Order of Service for updated info.

Poor People's Campaign | A National Call for Moral Revival: May 13-June 19

The UUCC plans to be a part of the moral revival planned by Rev. William Barber and the Poor People's Campaign. We encourage you to read up on this movement and prepare to participate with us. We are gearing up for a busy couple of months of organizing across the state, leading up to 40 days of direct action between May 13th and June 19th, with a event planned in DC on Sat, June 23rd. There is a civil disobedience training planned for April. More info to come soon. We need lot of people to help us spread the word. Please follow them on facebook, and spread the word through social media. We need people to talk to faith leaders, politicians, and friends and family. We need people to tell their stories. If you can be involved in any way, please contact Laura Hartwig at SocialAction@uucolumbia.org.

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 or 803-240-7268.

Please check our website for new events posted almost daily: bit.ly/social-action.

Religious Exploration

YRE and MUGGS OUTING

Join us on Friday, March 23, for a YRE and MUGGS hangout and walk from 5-8pm. We will meet at the Park on the corner by Montgomery Ave and Elm Ave in Rosewood. Be prepared for games and walking to the Rosewood Dairy Bar to end our time with some food. We will not meet at the UUC that evening.



Science Saturday

Pre-K through grade 5 students are invited to Science Saturday March 24 from 1:00 – 3:00 in the RE Wing. We will explore geological processes and make some discoveries! Please RSVP by Thursday March 22 to Stephanie at dre@uucolumbia.org. See you there!

Coming of Age Mentor Dinner

Saturday March 31st will bring an opportunity for our Coming of Age high schoolers to show their appreciation to their mentors by hosting a mentor dinner for them. We will meet in the kitchen at 3:00 to begin dinner preparations and our mentors will join us for dinner at 6:00. Mentors are then invited to join us for Game Night sponsored by the high schoolers. Weather permitting, we may even have a little glow-light Bocce!

Beltane Committee Meeting

Our Beltane Committee will meet Sunday March 25 in the Judith Sargent Murray room (last room on the right) in the CYRE wing. Please come prepared to report on progress!

Zsolt's Visit

The first week of April, our Partner Church's minister Zsolt Solymosi will visit us here in Columbia! And our CYRE family will have an entire day to visit with him. On Saturday of that week, April 7th we will have an outdoor expedition, weather permitting, and will meet back at the UUC for a meet and greet at 2:00. ALL CYRE families are encouraged to attend. Learn about our Partner Church in Beszerce, Romania. Stay tuned for times!

CYRE Calendar

Sunday March 18 – Jr. Choir 10:15 in the Emerson Room

CYRE – painting Peace Poles
Beltane Committee Meeting – 12:30 Emerson Room

Saturday March 24 – Science Saturday 1:00 – 3:00

Sunday March 25 – CYRE

Wednesday March 28 – Crafting night 6:00 pm Hogwarts crafting and other magical items

April Highlights

Sunday April 1 – Easter Sunday – Crafting, Easter Bonnet Parade, and Egg Hunt

Friday – Congregational Wide Goulash Dinner with Zsolt

Saturday April 7 – Youth Outing with Zsolt

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	TBA	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
Membership Committee	Sunday, March 25	12:30 pm	Classroom # 9
Visitor Orientation	TBA	12:20 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 nd Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, March 23	NOON	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, March 25	12:30 pm	Social Hall
Technology Committee	Wednesday, April 4	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 th Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
UU Partner Church Committee	Lee Minghi, 798-0904; Carita Barr, 782-0053	TBA	
Women's Book Club	Tuesday, April 10	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Writing Group	Suspended	6:30 pm	
Rentals			
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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