



The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

May 9, 2018

Message from our Board President

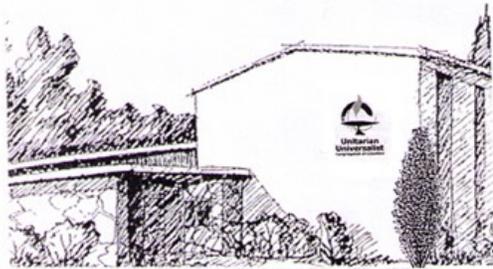
Friends,

Greek philosopher Heraclitus said, “The Only Thing That Is Constant Is Change.” However, we have experienced more than our share of changes over the last year at UUC. After months of planning and delays our building renovations finally got underway, but have dragged out, interrupting scheduled events and causing disruptions longer than wanted. After a year of study we began experimenting with a new governance structure similar to one being used by a number of other UU congregations, but requiring us to learn new ways of doing things. We said goodbye to our Interim Minister and greeted a new Settled Minister; as is normal in such transitions it takes time for us to get to know one another and learn to work together.

Any one of these changes alone would cause stress in our community. Having all three occur at one time has brought a monumental level of pressure to bear on our membership, staff, and leadership. Mistakes have been made along the way that have become obvious in hindsight; but at the time those decisions made looked like the reasonable things to do. We now find ourselves in conflict and out of covenant.

Congregational leadership has been aware of the growing discord for some time. We counted on our existing systems to address these concerns, but those systems were not functioning well due to the transition and our governance experiment. By the time we realized this, the situation had grown beyond the capability of our usual means. Trust has been lost and relationships have been broken and when that occurs the capacity to handle conflict is lost without objective mediation.

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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

May 13, 2018

9:30 am Forum Topic

What is the impact and implications of moving the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem to the Palestinian people?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

Mother's Day – “Rethinking Our Holidays” by Rev. Jeff Liebmann

May 20, 2018

9:30 am Forum Topic

How do we take into account the different ways that people think during debates?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

UUC Annual Bridging Ceremony

Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, May 20**, for publication on **Wednesday, May 23**. **Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.** Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to uucc@uucolumbia.org.

It is human nature to seek a quick and easy solution. Such a solution may feel good and may seem to fix the issues on the surface, but does nothing to rebuild trust, heal broken relationships, and repair damages below the surface. Only through a process of mediation can we bring all the problems out into the light, find resolution, and reestablish our covenant.

Over many weeks congregational leadership has been meeting, seeking a common path, and ultimately requested mediation assistance from our UUA Regional Staff. I have had multiple conversations that have resulted in a process we began in recent days as outlined below with a team of two of our Regional Staff.

On May 3rd our Shared Ministry Committee met with this Regional team by video call and the same occurred on May 4th with our Board and the mediation team. During this same time the Regional team has had multiple conversations with our Minister. Next will be a meeting of leadership and the Minister with the Regional team to decide on the next steps.

Whatever those steps are, they will be publicized to the membership and will include a face-to-face meeting with the Regional team on July 14th. What the event in July will be is not known yet, but will be determined by the decisions and progress made before then.

We will make this as transparent a process as possible, communicate with the membership as much as we can, and ask that you participate with us, keeping in mind our Seven Principles; most importantly, *The inherent worth and dignity of every person; Justice, equity and compassion in human relations; and Acceptance of one another....*

And our Covenant:

- We will make ours a positive, welcoming environment — one that includes the diverse perspectives of our spiritual community and builds a sense of connectedness.
- We will practice direct communication in all facets of UUCC life, using the power of our words to work toward solutions rather than additional problems.
- We will refrain from spreading hearsay.
- We will nurture each other's spiritual and personal growth by entering into conversations and interactions with compassion, deep listening, and respect for differences of opinion without judgment.
- We will value and express appreciation for each contribution, whether it is time, money or effort.
- We will acknowledge conflicts, address them openly and honestly, and resolve them as close to their source as possible, using mediation if necessary.
- We will practice forgiving each other and ourselves.

None of us want to be in this conflict; but by working together to seek solutions in love and mutual respect, we can find a way through and be a stronger community as a result.

Richard Culler, President

Notice of UUCC Annual Meeting for 2018

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia will have its annual meeting immediately following the service on **Sunday, June 3, 2018**. All attending are requested to sign in in the foyer so that we can confirm a quorum and have a complete record of attendance.

Items to be Voted On:

Approval of minutes of the Annual Meeting of June 4, 2017

Receipt of UUCC Annual Reports and Minister's Annual Report

Election of Officers, Trustees, and Members of Leadership Development & Endowment Committees

Officers and Trustees

President-Elect	Linda Brennon
Secretary (2 year)	Bob Gillespie
Trustee (2 year)	Jeanette Walton
Trustee (2 year)	Terrence Sullivan
Trustee (1 year)	Richard McLeod (partial term 2018-2019)
Trustee (1 year)	John Logue (partial term 2018-2019)

Leadership Development Committee

Keitha Whitaker (2 year)

Endowment Fund Committee

Phil Turner (3 year)

Judy Pearce (3 year)

Nominations may also be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

Adoption of 2018-2019 Budget

A light snack will be served after service and child care will be available during the meeting.

Direction
Reflection
Exploration

“When I came here, I was looking for community. Then I realized I was helping to create one.” Anonymous quote

A huge round of applause to our Beltane co-chairs, Beck Sullivan and Cindy Blackman. They helped create a broader UUCC community by inviting outside vendors to join us. By advertising our event at Columbia’s First Thursdays and Soda City Market day. We have a wonderful, supportive community here at the UUCC and I would like to mention a few of our creators and builders of such. We reached out to neighbors by knocking on doors to inform them of our event and the street closing. And our Boston Heritage funds grew due to the generosity of vendors like Ruthie Saunders, Brandi Mimbs, Sarah Westeren, and many, many others. The time it takes to plan such a spectacularly lively event is ginormous and the CYRE thanks you all for your time and support. And thank you, Bauer, for donating your tarot readings. And to Susan Scaccia for her help running the crown making table and Lis Turner for painting faces. And in addition to the Boston Heritage fund raising, our 3-5th graders made, sold, and donated over \$60.00 to the St. Jude Children’s Hospital. May they always feel a warm glow thinking about the good they have done. And Nancie Shillington-Perez – your skill in leading the Maypole is amazing!

There are many ways to build community but working together to create a fun and time-honored event is an act of love that plants seeds that will bloom on into the future. Imagine the impression this event has made on our children! May their enthusiasm and commitment continue to grow and flourish!

Stephanie Palmer-Smith



Denominational Connections – May 9, 2018

Southern Connections

There's a good read in the Southern Region Blog for this month, *A Paradigm Shift* by Connie Goodbread. Connie Goodbread is UUA Staff serving as the Acting Co-Lead of the Southern Region Congregational Life staff team.

"If you don't believe that your enemy can be redeemed you will become what you hate." - Rev. Dr. William Barber II

"I learn from my enemies," Killmonger retorts. *"You have become them,"* T'Challa responds.

"I have said this so many times in the past year that it rings in my head at night when I am trying to sleep. If we are going to do things differently - then we must do them differently. Changing the race, face, gender, age of the oppressor does not end oppression. The way we end oppression is to stop being oppressors. Stop bullying. Stop manipulating others to get our way. Stop treating people like things. Stop feeling sorry for ourselves—find our power. Use it for love and justice.

Are we actually at the edge of a Paradigm shift? What does that mean?" [Read more here.](#)

There is a lot happening around the Southern Region in the next three months. Check out the happenings and events below and see what might fit in with your summer plans and travels.

- *UU Womenspirit Spring Retreat – May 16 – 20, 2018*, is happening at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center. [Learn more and register here.](#)
- *The Mountain Homecoming Weekend and Annual Meeting – May 25 – 28.* This
- Memorial Day tradition is an intergenerational 3-night weekend full of fun, family and fellowship with a diverse set of workshops for all ages. On Saturday afternoon, we will hold The Mountain's Annual Meeting and Report to Mountain Members. [Learn more and register here.](#)
- *From Sustainability to Climate Justice -- May 20 - May 25.* It's easy to become discouraged or overwhelmed by the climate crisis. Responding to the comprehensiveness of climate justice issues, this conference is designed to broaden your understanding of:
 - ⇒ the science of climate change and its worldwide impact;
 - ⇒ opportunities for addressing climate justice – personally, locally and globally;
 - ⇒ the importance of self-care in the work of climate justice. [Read more and register here.](#)

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Denominational Connections – Continued

- *UBarU Family Camp* -- **Friday May 25 - Monday May 28, 2018**. Spend time with your family in the beautiful Texas Hill Country! This long weekend of camp will offer opportunities to learn, grow, and share as a family, as well as opportunities for parents to enjoy some free time and activities designed just for them. Activities will include cookouts, campfires, sing-alongs, worship, swimming, nature education, and star party (pending conditions). [Learn more and register here..](#)
- *Meaning Makers* -- **Jun 5 – 9, 2018** - UBarU Camp and Retreat Center, 277 U-Bar-U Drive, Mountain Home, TX 78058, USA. *Meaning Makers* is a spiritual development program for young Unitarian Universalists (UUs). Through in-person retreats, virtual small group ministry and mentorship, emerging adults explore different aspects of our faith and gain lasting connections. [Learn more here.](#) [Register here..](#)
- *The Mountain-Summer Camps for Children and Youth* -- **Jun 10 – Jul 21, 2018**. Learn more on [The Mountain Camps Homepage](#).
- *UBarU-Summer Camps for Children and Youth* -- **Jun 17 – Jul 14, 2018**. [Learn more here.](#)
- *The Mountain-Intergenerational Family Camp* -- **Jul 22 – 29, 2018**. A program for families to come together for traditional MountainCamp activities. Parents, children, grandparents all are welcome! Activities include: workshops, crafts, hiking, campfires, music and singing, storytelling, time for relaxation and reflection. Family Camp makes memories that last a lifetime. [Learn more here.](#)

Wherever your travels take you this summer there are some fun UU activities and events to enjoy. Oh, and don't forget GA! [Register for GA here.](#) [Get ready for GA here.](#) Happy UU travels!

***Also, if you are interested in serving as a delegate to GA this year (whether attending GA or as an off-site delegate), please contact me (denomconn@uucolumbia.org) so I can distribute your member credentials. Keitha Whitaker, Denominational Connections Chair.*

Meanwhile, please check out our [Denominational Connections](#) pages for updates and connect with our wider UU world. This week you'll find information about [the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival here](#). Please, visit us often 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, Chair, Denominational Connections.



News and Notes

May 13

Mother's Day – “Rethinking Our Holidays”

Mother's Day was given a meaningful (albeit forgotten) birth by Unitarian Julia Ward Howe. Today, we call for a reinvigoration of Mother's Day to its original intent as a holiday celebrating world peace, as well as peace in the home and peace in the heart.

May 20

UUCS Annual Bridging Ceremony

One of the most important things we can do for our young adult members of our congregation is to support them into adulthood, to keep them connected to Unitarian Universalism, and continue to inspire their spiritual growth and social activism as they become adults.

See Pages 10 & 11 for Social Action Events

Shared Ministry Committee Survey is Now Available On-Line

The Shared Ministry Committee would like to encourage EVERYONE to take the survey it has crafted to help us gauge the health of our community. Many of the surveys that have already been returned show thoughtful consideration of what is working and what needs improving. Here is the link to complete and submit your survey electronically. Please submit only 1 survey. The deadline is Sunday, May 13. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Patty Drews (pdrews@sc.rr.com/803-931-6799), John Logue (jlogue3@att.net/803-312-4053), or Janet Swigler (jlswigler@aol.com/803-608-1042) Janet The URL for the form is:

<https://tinyurl.com/UUCCSMCSurvey>

Custodian Coverage Help Needed

We need a few more folks to help substitute for our Custodian, Bill Dolley, so he can enjoy occasional time off. Please let our Administrator, Andrea, know of your interest, uucc@uucolumbia.org.

Chair, UUCS Personnel Committee

2018/2019 Pledges Were Due May 1

We have scheduled a meeting on May 9 to prepare a draft budget to present to the Board and then the Congregation. As things stand, the Finance Committee, the Executive Committee, the Board, and the Congregation will face some extremely difficult decisions. Please consider whether you can increase your pledge if you've already made one, and please make one if you haven't. An e-mail to our Administrator uucc@uucolumbia.org will be as effective and confidential as a card. Please indicate whether the amount you're quoting is weekly, monthly, or annual. Thanks.

Wake Now Our Vision Collaborative Campaign

When we designate the UUCS as a beneficiary in our will, the impact of this generosity is often far out in the future (We hope!). Now, through the Wake Now Campaign, the impact can be NOW.

Simply put, if you designate UUCS in your will, UUCS can receive 10% of the amount designated in cash NOW!

Of course, it is not quite that simple, but close. See the brochure and FAQ sheet in the Social Hall or talk to Phil Turner pturner@unt.edu (940) 453 8214. Let's Not Miss This Opportunity!

Bookkeeper Position Open

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia is in search of a person to fill the position of bookkeeper.

Interested candidates are asked to email a letter of interest and résumé to the Personnel Committee at personnelchair@uucolumbia.org on or before May 18.

The candidate should have accounting experience and successful completion of related coursework. This part-time position requires up to twenty (20) hours per month to complete the required tasks described in the position description, which can be found on the UUCS website, www.uucolumbia.org.

Into the Woods

Saturday, May 19

Join us for this lively performance of *Into the Woods!* Our talented youth and supportive members will enact scenes from this Broadway musical in our sanctuary at 7:00 pm Saturday, May. Maggie O'Toole is directing and starring in this along with many others. Admission is free and donations will be given to the Boston Heritage Trip fund.

Into the Woods

Synopsis by [The Professional Theater at Southern Utah University](#)

Into the Woods begins with a montage of familiar fairy tale characters and stories. Cinderella wishes to attend the Prince's festival, but her cruel stepsisters and stepmother are trying to prevent her from going. Jack (of Jack and the Beanstalk) wishes for a better life; but his mother, desperate for money, makes him take his cow, Milky White, into the woods to sell her. Little Red Riding Hood visits the Baker and the Baker's Wife to purchase bread to take to her sick grandmother in the woods.

Meanwhile, the Baker and his wife lament the fact they are childless. Soon, the Witch from next door visits and reveals she is the cause behind their infertility: in the past she placed a curse on their family because they stole from her precious garden. In order to reverse the curse, the Witch assigns them a series of tasks to complete in "three days time." During their quest to fulfill the witches' demands, they encounter Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, Cinderella, and numerous other fairy tale figures in the woods. Each story is altered and intertwined, and most eventually work towards the same goal, but not until they each realize the repercussions of their desired "happily ever afters."

Cast and Youth Pizza Party!

The Cast of *Into the Woods* and UUCC youth are invited to stay for an after-the-show pizza and ice cream party! The party begins after the sanctuary has been reconstructed, dressing rooms have been put back into order, and everything looks great for our Bridging ceremony being held the next day. Come for the show and stay for the party! ***chaperones needed* See Mckenzie or Stephanie!!!**

Unigram Summer Publishing Schedule

The Unigram will only be published once a month, on second Tuesdays, during June, July and August. Please submit all articles and announcements by the preceding Sunday.

Membership Committee Contact During Summer:

Please contact Buzzie Kelly, co-chair of Membership, for any Membership needs: buzzielik@juno.com or text/call her at 803-727-8068.

Volunteers Needed as Greeters and at Welcome Table

The Membership Committee requests help over the summer to provide friendly faces for visitors at the front doors before services and/or at the Welcome Table with the red tablecloth after services. This is a great way for children, youth, and people of all ages to give back to their community! Please contact Nancie Shillington-Perez at membership@uucolumbia.org by May 31 to commit to serving at least once June-August. Nancie is available for quick "training" sessions before and after service on May 27.

Crafting Night, Tonight!

Join us Wednesday, May 9 for Crafting night. We will gather in the Social Hall. 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.

Animal Ministry Monthly Meeting, May 10

All are welcome to join us in room 10 of the RE wing at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 10.

Encore Practice and Sing, Sunday, May 13

It's time for Encore (men's chorus) to practice and sing this Sunday, May 13. We'll sing in honor of Mother's Day. So bring your best voice and meet in one of the piano rooms in the RE hall at 9:30 a.m. New singers always welcome. See you then! Richard McLeod

Ice Cream and Cookies for Mothers' Day



Let's all join together in the Social Hall to honor all of our Mothers with ice cream and cookies after our service on



Sunday, May 13. This will be a Mother's First occasion so let's let them be first in line to enjoy a cup of ice cream and delicious cookies. Thanks to all of our Mothers and all of the women who have been like a Mother to someone! We think you are great!!!

Christian Heritage Group, May 15

The Christian Heritage Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 15, at 11:00 a.m. in room 10 at the UUC. We will discuss the topic: "as followers of the way" what are we called to do in this present political, turbulent time? We hope you can join us and add to our discussion. If you have any questions I can be reached at 803-261-0286, Jenny.

Membership Committee Meeting, Sunday, May 20, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join the Membership Committee for their meeting in room Priestly/10. Please bring your calendars. We need to set our summer schedules and discuss possible plans for a big event in September. Snacks will be served. Questions? Contact membership@uucolumbia.org.

Green Team Meeting, Sunday, May 20

The UUC Green Team will meet Sunday, May 20 at 12:30 p.m. in room Emerson/8. All are welcome to attend. Contact Kevin McKinney, kdmsooboy@gmail.com

UUC Book Club, Sunday, May 20

The next UUC book club discussion is at **6:30 p.m. on Sunday May 20**. Ruthie Saunders will facilitate a discussion on *I Contain Multitudes: The Microbes within Us and a Grand View of Life* by Ed Yong. We will meet in the UUC Social Hall. 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

September Set, Friday, May 25, 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. Hope to see you at our next September Set dinner at **6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 25!** If you have questions, email or call Pat Mohr (patmohr@mindspring.com; 803-463-3504) or Jean Capalbo (jacapalbo@aol.com; 803-799-1001).

Animal Ministry Movie, Saturday, June 2

The Animal Ministry will be presenting the next in its series of films related to plant-based eating, on Saturday, June 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the social hall. The movie is titled, "What the Health" and attempts to uncover the secret of preventing and even reversing chronic diseases. From the film maker's point of view, many of the nation's leading health organizations (such as the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, to name a few) don't want people to know about this discovery, and his goal in the film is to investigate the reasons why.

It wouldn't be "a night at the movies" without snacks, of course, so the Animal Ministry will be serving plant-based finger food prior to the film and during intermission. There will be an optional discussion following "What the Health," and those who are interested are encouraged to stay.

Please remember, as in the past, there are no costs involved with this event, either for the movie or for the food.

Anyone who is interested in bringing a plant-based snack to share with the group is encouraged to do so and we are limiting ourselves to "finger food." Plant based food is food that contains no animal products.

Questions? Contact Anita Grossman at anitaj48@aol.com and she will be happy to assist you.

Women's Book Club, Tuesday, June 12

The Women's Book Club will meet Tuesday, June 12, at 7:00 p.m. in room Emerson/8 to discuss *Strangers In*

Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right, by Arlie Russell Hoschschild. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon at 776-0784 or sjchubon@sc.rr.com

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.

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.

Art for All Group, Thursdays

If you are interested in working on your art with others for support, encouragement and feedback, then this group is for you. We meet weekly on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - noon in the UUCC Social Hall. Bring your own supplies and prepare to enjoy the company of other artists at no cost. No instruction provided. Contact Ruthie Saunders at rsaunders@sc.edu if you have questions.

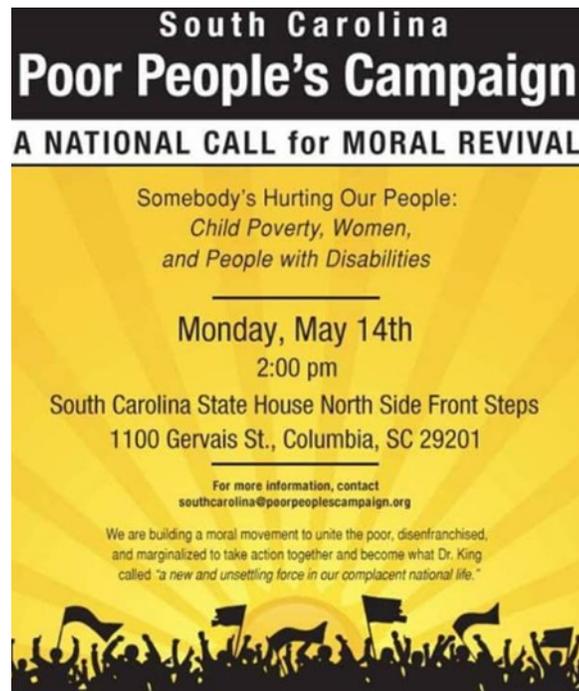
Gaia's Rising CUUPS, Thursdays

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.

Social Hour Healthy Snacks and Cookies

Thanks for your response to the request for healthy snacks. We always appreciate them to balance the sweets. Please keep them coming but we are running low on cookies too. Keep on bringing humus, cheese, corn chips, crackers, veggies, fruit, and of course we all love cookies. Thanks from the Kitchen Committee for keeping our cupboard well stocked.

Social Action



Rally at the state house Monday, May 14th 2pm SC Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival

We stand together on May 14 to show the power of people united across issues and geography. We stand together because there are over 40 million people living in poverty in this country including 13 million children, and because although the U.S. spends more per capita on health care than any other country, 32 million people remain uninsured. And with fewer voting rights in place today for people of color than 50 years ago when the Civil Rights Act was passed, we stand together to say that we cannot go down this road any longer.

Join us at 2:00pm at the State House on May 14 for the first of six consecutive Monday rallies. We will gather each Monday morning at 11:00am at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia for a brief training for those who wish to participate in the direct action following the rally.

Email southcarolina@poorpeoplescampaign.org for more information on direct actions and trainings.

Get more info here: <http://bit.ly/uucc-ppc>

Social Action Committee Meeting: Sunday, May 27

in the sanctuary. All welcome. We have lots of opportunities in the next couple months, so please join us! Any questions, please contact socialaction@uucolumbia.org.

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Social Action, continued



Friday, June 8: Ramadan Presentation & Dinner

We will be hosting our Ramadan Presentation and Dinner again this year in collaboration with the [Atlantic Institute](#). During the month of Ramadan, Muslims fast by not consuming food or water until after sundown. Once the sun sets Iftar – or fast breaking – dinners take place each night. It is truly a special time when people of all backgrounds come together and share in the Iftar experience, learning about different cultures and faiths in the process. Last year we had about 80 people attend this event and it was even featured on WIS 10. We are hoping to make it a huge success again this year! A big thanks to the kitchen committee who will be helping the social action committee with this event. We need people to sign up to bring food. Please click below to add your name to the list, or email SocialAction@uucolumbia.org to let me know what you can bring. **Half the tickets are already sold, so be sure to get your tickets right away.** *Note: You do not need to print out a ticket or bring it to the event. We just need a count for planning purposes.* All welcome so tell your friends!

Get your free tickets: <http://bit.ly/ramadan-uucc>

Sign up to bring food: <http://bit.ly/ramadan-signup>

Coming this Summer: Seeds of Hope Farmers' Market

Our annual fresh market stand in front of the church will be available from mid-June through mid-August. This is a nice project that sponsors low income farmers, and is a great treat for us with fresh produce available each Sunday right at our front door! We'll need two volunteers each Sunday to work the table, so please consider signing up.

Save the Date - Fri, Oct 19: Famously Hot SC Pride Parade

Another fun night parade! Come out and help us support, celebrate, educate, and advocate for the LGBT community and culture of South Carolina. Parade starts at 7pm. This has always been a big event for UUCC, so come join the fun and wear your yellow shirt. We'll have a float to decorate, so plan to come early to help!

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

Religious Exploration

UCC Summer Camps

Registration forms are available on our website for Hogwarts School of Magic and Fun camp and OWL camp. Please visit: [UCC Summer Camps](#) for more information or to register.

Summer CYRE Volunteers

Please talk with Stephanie about leading a discussion with our youth or helping out with arts, music, and social action with our children. Your gifts and talents are appreciated!



Hiring for Hogwarts Positions!

Headmistress Moonacre and Professor Patchouli will be working on staff requirements to ensure we are hiring the most gifted witches and wizards for our Hogwarts Camp of Magic and Fun. If you have experience with children and are interested in sharing your talents with our children, please send a letter of interest to: dre@uucolumbia.org. Applications will be available soon.

CYRE Calendar

Sunday May 13 – CYRE (last day of class!)
Saturday May 19 – Into the Woods performance
Sunday May 20 – Bridging Sunday (Intergenerational Sunday)
Sunday May 27 – CYRE playground day!
Sunday June 3 – 1st day of CYRE Summer programs

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	Wednesday's in May	11:00 am	Social Hall
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	Wednesday, June 6	6:00 pm	Social Hall
CUUP's, Gaia's Rising	Every Thursday	7:30 pm	Library
Forum	Every Sunday	9:30 am	Library
Green Team	Sunday, May 20	12:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Knit or Not	Every Monday	2:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Membership Committee	Sunday, May 20	12:30 pm	Classroom # 10
Visitor Orientation	Sunday, June 10	12:20 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 nd Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, April 27	6:00 pm	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, May 27	12:30 pm	Sanctuary
Technology Committee	Wednesday, June 6	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	Thursday, May 10	5:00 pm	Classroom # 10
UU Book Club	Sunday, May 20	6:30 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, June 12	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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