

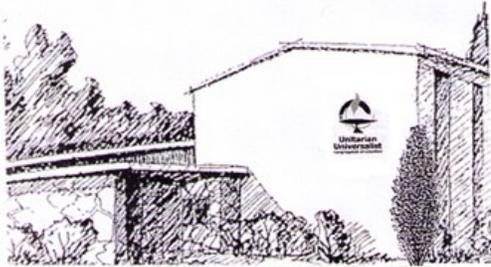


The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

October 10, 2018

Message from our Board President



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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

October 14, 2018

9:30 am Forum Topic

Are religions 'cults'? Are all 'cults' religions? Is Unitarian Universalism a cult, a religion or a fellowship?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

"Gaia, Mother Earth and the Oneness of Everything," by Jim Scott

October 21, 2018

9:30 am Forum Topic

What is the real reason for the current administration's push for charter schools? What will it do to public education? To education in general?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

"An Interdependent Web Of Care" by Rev. Pat Jobe

Unigram Deadline

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 *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.* Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to uucc@uucolumbia.org.

"No State shall...deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

Simple, straight-forward, easy to understand, no interpretation needed, right? Of course not, which is why we need our courts – particularly and ultimately, the U.S. Supreme Court.

There was a time when I thought that the best job in the world would be as an Associate Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. I graduated college and moved to Washington, D.C., with plans to apply to law school after gaining some life experience.

I had fallen in love with the law while an undergrad political science major and particularly enjoyed reading the abridged landmark court opinions in my Constitutional Law textbook. I read and re-read biographies of the justices, toured the Supreme Court, and listened to oral arguments from the visitor's gallery. My life-plan seemed complete, until Clarence Thomas was nominated to Thurgood Marshall's seat and my initial euphoria eventually fell victim to the depressing and infuriating details revealed during his confirmation hearing.

Twenty-seven years later, I am a little wiser, a lot more cynical, but still protective of the notion that all men and women are created equal. With last week's confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to fill Justice Kennedy's seat, I find myself once again questioning our collective resolve towards this end.

What can we do to advance the notion of equality? By accepting personal accountability for promoting this ideal, being informed, and participating in conversations and activities that encourage love and acceptance.

On October 19th, we will be marching in the Columbia Pride Parade. There is a role for everyone, whether you want to help decorate, march, or celebrate and cheer on participants along the parade route. Contact Social Action Chair Laura Hartwig (socialaction@uucolumbia.org) for more information.

Listen. Advocate. Vote.

Timothy VanDenBerg



Denominational Connections – October 10, 2018

Ships Ahoy! Youth (ages 15-18) are invited to participate in **Ships Ahoy!**, an amazing journey into Unitarian Universalism which will prepare them for membership and leadership in congregations and the Association at large. This four-module youth leadership experience will be held from **October 12, 2018 - March 10, 2019**, and includes in-person and on-line sessions. [Learn more](#) and [apply](#) today!

New Monthly Webinar Series from the Southern Region -- The Southern Region staff team is offering a series of webinars for congregational leaders and members. There is no cost to attend but **pre-registration is required**. Save the dates for these webinars:

Safety First, October 18, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Eastern Time. Our congregations strive to be safe and welcoming places to all. It is impossible to make a congregation 100% safe; however, there are steps that you can take to make your congregation safer while still creating a supportive space for learning, growth, and challenge as well as actively working for the inclusion and safety of all people. Learn about some of these steps in this webinar. Register here: <https://goo.gl/forms/tMWxHRvtlO5k1PVU2>

Membership Resources, November 7, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Eastern Time. Our congregations have come a long way in welcoming visitors and new members but they still struggle to engage and keep them for the long term. Join us for this webinar where we will discuss what a path to membership might look like. You will get some tools that will be helpful on how to begin to see the membership path in a new light. Register here: <https://goo.gl/forms/iSgB9sH2Zzg8H7mp1>

Stewardship, January 17, 2019, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Eastern Time. Registration opens soon.

Justice, February 20, 2019, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Eastern Time. Registration opens soon.

Leadership Resources, March 21, 2019, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Eastern Time. Registration opens soon.

Adjunct Team -- The Southern Region provides resources to aid in the health and successful continuance of congregations in our region. One resource we are providing is a new Adjunct Team of lay and clergy leaders, trained to assist congregations in creating and sustaining thriving religious communities. SR Adjunct team members are partners in shared ministry with SR professional Staff.

Starting in the Fall of 2018, Adjunct Team members will be available for [a small fee](#) to Southern Region congregations, usually for a weekend workshop/retreat focused on any of these topics: ***Congregational Governance, Congregational Planning, Congregational Growth, Congregational Stewardship, Lay Leadership, Professional Leadership, Faith Development.***

Request a consultation from the Adjunct Team and [learn more here](#).

Meanwhile, please check out our [Denominational Connections](#) pages for updates and connect with our wider UU world. Find the latest news on immigration justice and the UUA and information about *Get Out the Vote Project Grants* [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.





Candles of Community

Dottie Gennaro

Dorothy (Dottie) Emma Soehl Gennaro (nee Junker) died peacefully Monday, September 3. A memorial service will be held at UUCC at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 13.



Share The Plate Nominations Deadline Extended

The Share the Plate Committee has extended the nominating deadline one more week to Sunday, October 21 due to so many of you being away at the Mountain last Sunday. You now have an additional week to submit your nomination forms with the choices you would like to be considered as candidates for Share the Plate recipients for 2019. The forms with the instructions are available on the table in the foyer or on our website <http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/justice/share-plate/>. Be sure not to miss out on making your choice known.

Fun at The Mountain!

A great time was had by all 25 people who went to our annual Mountain weekend. The weather could not have been better and the folks at The Mountain were wonderful hosts. Our thanks to the great musical talents of Rod Brown and Kevin McKinney and to Ann Cargill for sharing her artistic talents in teaching us origami. A most inspiring service on Sunday morning by Rod was the perfect way to end the weekend.

Elementary RE Children Win Prize!

UUCC RE elementary children won a prize for their art at the Second Annual Peace in the Park sponsored by the Interfaith Partners of SC. The comic book created by the elementary class won third place in their age group. The children plan to donate their \$50 prize once they're able to vote on a charity.

Request to Borrow a Fire Pit

The Membership Committee is planning a special fall event that would be enhanced by having a fire pit available. If someone has one we could borrow, please contact Nancie at membership@uucolumbia.org.

Upcoming Services

October 14

“Gaia, Mother Earth and the Oneness of Everything”

Musician Jim Scott

We will celebrate the earth with Jim's original songs and readings along with his personal reflections on the idea of Mother Earth or "Gaia" being one living organism. Our "spiritual response" in word and action is so timely now, as "the spirit of life on earth is in crisis." Jim's uplifting songs provide the balance to the wake up call, leaving us a vision and inspiration to take the healing into our own hands. From his work with the Paul Winter Consort, where he was co-composer of their celebrated "Missa Gaia/Earth Mass" Jim has long been an activist for peace and the earth with his music. Former Co Chair of the UU Ministry for the Earth, Jim helped create the "Green Sanctuary" program. His songs of earth have educated and inspired audiences across the US and the world and his "Earth and Spirit Songbook," supported by a grant from the Fund for Unitarian Universalism, has been widely acclaimed by UU congregations.

October 21

“An Interdependent Web of Care”

Rev. Pat Jobe

What if we could lose ourselves in caring for another and find it a source of joy not lost self? Melody Beattie and others have warned us of the dangers of codependency, but Rev. Pat Jobe spent a fraction of his life caring for a dear friend who died last year, a man who dealt with muscular dystrophy for 54 years, a man about whom he has written a new book that he will have with him. Tommy Hicks understood the interdependent web of life as well as anyone and Jobe brings his love of this man and the love that was reciprocated to our pulpit for fun and a tenderizing of the heart. As Monty Python's Flying Circus used to love to say, "And now for something completely different . . . "

October 28

Sermon Topic TBA

Dr. Brie Turner-McGreivey (USC) will be in the pulpit preparing us for World Vegan Day (11/1/18)

November 4

Sermon Topic to be announced

Rev. Stephen Robinson

November 11

Sermon Topic to be announced

Jessica Kross

Jim Scott in Concert at the UUCC

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

2701 Heyward St., Columbia SC 29205

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13

7:00 pm

Free Will Donations Accepted

Jim Scott has brought his contemporary and multicultural music to more than 700 UU Churches over three decades. His much loved "Gather the Spirit" and a number of others are included in the UU hymnbooks. He was awarded a grant from the Fund for Unitarian Universalism to compile and arrange the Earth and Spirit Songbook, 110 songs of earth and peace, acclaimed as a great resource for worship and RE programs.

www.JimScottMusic.com

News and Notes

Our Administrator Will Be Out of the Office on Friday, October 12

Wake Now Our Vision Campaign

The UUCB Endowment Committee recently had its initial FY2019 meeting and we have decided to focus our main efforts on the UUA Wake Now Campaign. The Wake Now Campaign provides an amazing opportunity in which a legacy gift (including the UUCB in one's will) of a UUCB member or friend will immediately be *matched at 10% of the gift*. This will be *in cash to UUCB no strings attached*. As an example, if someone has in their will that UUCB will receive \$10,000 upon execution of the will, UUCB would receive \$1,000 now if that person had submitted the Wake Now form and a copy of the relevant pages of the will to the UUA.

That's the good news. The not so good news is that there is a limited amount of money and it is on a first-come basis, and this campaign will be conducted for a limited time.

The board has set \$500,000 in legacy gifts as a goal. If reached, this would mean an infusion of \$50,000 into the UUCB budget. Think of what that could mean! If you have already submitted a Wake Now form and the relevant portion of your will and have not let the Endowment Committee know, please consider doing so.

No names will be shared, and the information will only be presented in the aggregate for publicity and planning.

Wake Now Campaign information is available in the Social Hall and on the UUCB web site. If you have questions, please see a member of the Endowment Committee. Thank you!

Phil Turner, Chair

Dot Brown, Financial Secretary

John Logue

Darrell Shier

Judy Pearce

UUCB Transitions Library Volunteer Staff

For the past 7 years, UUCB has staffed the Transitions Library from 4-5 p.m. on Fridays. This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of providing a much-needed quiet area, recreational reading, and a source of information to the clients of Transitions. The work is fun and involves checking materials in and out and re-shelving. It is a great way to get to meet folks from a variety of backgrounds who have in common a lack of housing.

There is a group of UUCB volunteers who staff the library during our slot, but we need a couple more so that each person only has to serve once every two months. Phil Turner schedules volunteers and provides the training. Please email him (pturner@unt.edu) if you are interested or have questions. Thank you!

Ministerial Discretionary Account

Our congregation has a Ministerial Discretionary Account [MDA] to be used by the minister to assist members and friends with emergency financial needs. The board has recently adopted more formal Policies and Procedures for management of this account; these are on our website. The Board oversees the management of the account in the absence of a minister and has asked the Caring Committee to handle requests for assistance with emergency needs.

This account is the recipient of Share the Plate in January, but this year it has been depleted more quickly than in the past, with several more months to go in the year. Contributions would be most welcome at this time. If contributing by check, please write "MDA" on the memo line.

**See Page 11 for
Social Action Events**

Unigram Ongoing Publishing Schedule

The Unigram is published once a month, on second Wednesdays. Please submit all articles and announcements by the preceding Sunday.

New Art Exhibit in Social Hall



Our UCC member Ann Cargill is our featured artist of the month. Her work is on display in the social hall and in the foyer display case. Ann is a retired software developer. She began experimenting with art after her children went off to college. She began drawing for pleasure using colored pencils and other media, and discovered the magic of color combinations. Over the years she has worked in other artistic media, but her current favorites are colored pencil and book binding. Her artistic and creative book binding methods are both unique and beautiful and can be seen in the foyer.

Important Notice! UUCC Ladies LUUnch BUUnch Rescheduled

Our first UUCC Ladies LUUnch BUUnch has been re-scheduled due to tropical storm Michael. The new meeting date will be next Wednesday, October 17, at 12:30, still at Arabesque, 2930 Devine St. This may give some of you who weren't able to attend on the original date to join us now. We have room for more so please email Linda McLeod at bonneylass44@gmail.com or sign up at the Welcome Table on Sunday. We are still looking forward to a good time together visiting in a private dining room and having a nice meal from the great menu selection at Arabesque.

UUCC Book Club, Sunday, October 14

The next UUCC book club discussion is **6:30 pm on Sunday, October 14**. Angie Dodd Rabon will facilitate a discussion on *We Were Eight Years In Power: An American Tragedy* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. 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

Christian Heritage Group, October 16

The Christian Heritage Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 16, at 12:00 noon in Room 8 of UUCC. Bring a light lunch or snack for yourself if you would like to stay and eat and chat after our hour-long meeting. We will be discussing Christian mysticism. If you are interested in our group, do come join us. If you have any questions, call Rebecca Drennan at 415-377-1791.

Men Singers Alert: If You Love...

... to sing in the shower, to your pets, or anyplace else.
... to display your talents, hear thunderous applause, and take a bow.
... the fellowship of other talented singers.
... to learn beautiful and fun music (You do need to be able to carry a tune!).

Then join ENCORE, the UUCC men's choral group. We practice twice a month and sing once a month

(and sometimes more on other occasions). We would love to have you join us. **Next rehearsal is October 21 at 9:30, right before the service, in room 9.** Just show up, or email me with comments or questions. Richard McLeod, director richardmcleod@bellsouth.net

Back by Popular Demand---Another Catered September Set Dinner, October 26!



All seniors are invited to join us for another September Set dinner catered by that celebrated culinary trio of Verne/Capalbo/Mohr. That's right, all you have to bring is yourself! This time we're doing Italian. We'll have two varieties of pasta, sauces (marinara and Alfredo), several toppings, a salad, and dessert with wines. As usual, we meet on the fourth Friday of the month in the social hall, and for the last time this year, we'll meet in the evening (6PM). The date for this one is Friday, October 26.

Remember, because we are providing the food, we need to know who's coming to this dinner. If you plan to attend, RSVP by Wednesday (10/24) to Jean Capalbo at [803-799-1001](tel:803-799-1001) or jacapalbo@gmail.com or Pat Mohr at [803-463-3504](tel:803-463-3504) or patmohr@mindspring.com. This is a great way for newcomers to meet people and for all of us to renew friendships. Please join us!

Visitor Orientation, Sunday, October 21

Our next Visitor Orientation will be held on Sunday, October 21, at 12:20 p.m. 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 a while and have questions, this session is for you. This class is designed to help familiarize you with the principles of Unitarian Universalism and answer any questions you 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.

The Outdoor Group is BACK! Hike at the Congaree National Park, Saturday, October 27, 10:00-12:30 p.m.



This month, John Logue, botanist, naturalist, and UUC member, will lead a hike and help us discover the amazing diversity of plant life and perhaps a critter or two. Please wear comfortable footwear; bring water, insect repellent, and a brown bag lunch for after the hike. We will meet at the Visitors' Center at 10:00 and will begin the hike by 10:10 a.m. Ability to use cell phones is spotty so plan your arrival time carefully. Directions: <https://www.nps.gov/cong/planyourvisit/maps.htm>. Questions? Contact membershipchair@uucolumbia.org.



8th Annual Blessing of the Animals Sunday, November 4

This year's **EIGHTH ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** is right around the corner!! The Animal Ministry wants to cordially invite *everyone in the congregation*, as well as guests from the community, to spend an entertaining hour of fellowship with us (guaranteed to make you smile!). As in previous years, we will meet on the Heyward side of the church (near the playground) at 3:00 on Sunday, November 4. We are especially honored this year that Reverend Candace Chelley-Hodge has enthusiastically agreed to preside. Not only is Candace an experienced orator and lover of animals, she is an accomplished musician and we will be able to enjoy songs she has written specifically with this event in mind!!

All animals are welcome as long as they are able to follow basic good citizen rules. Hey, we have even had chickens, rats and a lizard at prior events! *It is imperative that each animal remain on a leash or be in a carrier for the duration of the event!* This ensures your safety and the welfare of your pet. Remember that you do not have to have a pet to attend. In addition, you may bring a represen-

tation of your animal (a photo or toy, for example) and an appropriate blessing will be bestowed.

There will of course be treats for the animals (take-home treats for cats who choose not to participate) and wonderful goodies for the human animals as well. *THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE ANIMAL MINISTRY AND IS COMPLETELY COMPLIMENTARY. This is true for the dog and cat toys that will be given away at no cost.*

If you should have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Anita Grossman, Chair of the Animal Ministry (anitaj48@aol.col) and she will be happy to address any concerns.

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee "Guest At Your Table Potluck," Nov. 11

Plan to be a part of the UUSC traditional "Guest at Your Table" potluck on Sunday, November 11, after our service. We will be recognizing this annual event with one of our delicious potluck lunches giving you an opportunity to bring your favorite main dish, side, salad, or dessert to share with others. You will learn about UUSC's latest projects and be hearing some of our members share the true life stories of the UUSC focus for 2018. There will be a "Guest at Your Table" donation basket for you to show your support for this UU organization that is so crucial to the social justice work done by Unitarian Universalism around the world. Learn more about this work on the UUSC website <https://www.uusc.org> that began in 1939 when Rev. Waitstill and Martha Sharp took an extraordinary risk, helping refugees escape Nazi persecution in Europe. This same kind of work is continuing as the workers for UUSC focus on "Justice Across Borders". Check out the website for Guest at Your Table <https://www.uusc.org/resources/congregations/guest-at-your-table/> for more information. The Social Action Committee is looking forward to seeing you there.

Funeral Consumers Alliance, November 13

On Tuesday, November 13, the Funeral Consumers Alliance of SC will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Room 10 at the UUCC. The FCASC educates the public about funeral planning and consumer options and rights. It also monitors the funeral industry in South Carolina and advocates for consumers. It performs comparative funeral price surveys in various metropolitan areas of the state and publishes a semi-annual newsletter. The organization is not-for-profit, has no affiliation with the funeral industry, and is run entirely by volunteers. Formed at the UUCC in 1993, the FCASC is an affiliate of the national Funeral Consumers Alliance, headquartered in South Burlington, Vermont. Volunteers are welcome.

Women's Book Group, November 13

The Women's Book Group will meet Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM in Room 10 to discuss *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon, 776-0784 or sjchubon@sc.rr.com

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 10 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



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 enjoy (or for physical reasons cannot do) the typical yoga class. The class will meet every Wednesday through November 14 in the UUCC Social Hall 11:00-11:45 am. No special clothing or equipment is needed.

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 Johnnie Nelson at 729-4319 or l_c_r_1@live.com for more information.



Spring Yard Sale: Don't Get Rid Of That Stuff...Yet!

UUCC will have a Yard Sale this Spring, so hold on to all of your unbroken, working, unwanted items until then. Anything you have except large appliances and clothing will be accepted as long as they are in reasonably good condition. This year books will be welcomed.

We cannot accept items until the week of MAY 12.

If you would like to join in the fun of taking in, arranging, pricing, or selling, and getting to know our UU community, let Jean Capalbo know at (803)799-1001 or jacapalbo@gmail.com.

Social Action

Next Social Action Meeting Sunday, October 28 at 12:30pm in the sanctuary. All welcome. Please join us. Email SocialAction@uucolumbia.org with any questions.

Feeding the Hungry at Transitions: Sat, Oct 13th

UUCC has a continuing commitment to help serve the evening meal at Transitions Homeless Recovery Center, 2025 Main Street in Columbia, on the second Saturday of every month. Please arrive by 5:15, as the service window is 5:30 to 6:00. Park in the Transitions lot. Sign in at the Security Office. Remember to bring a hat unless you prefer to wear one of the disposable hair nets they provide. We have stools for anyone who might find it uncomfortable to stand for 30 minutes. Please email Bob at bobwhit46@gmail.com if you are available.



Famously Hot SC Pride Parade: Fri, Oct 19

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. Please be at the parade site at 4:30pm to help decorate the float. This has always been a big event for UUCC, so come join the fun and wear your yellow shirt. Please bring bags of candy to hand out to kids.



Poor People's Campaign Pot Luck: Mon, Oct 22

6-8pm. Friends. For six weeks this summer we pulled together a dynamic and diverse coalition for our times—people from across the state of South Carolina converging on Columbia to demand a prophetic politics of love to counter the politics of fear and death that run our statehouse and our White House. We “died” in the Rotunda and occupied the Governor’s campaign headquarters as we challenged the systemic evils of racism, poverty, militarism and ecological devastation. Our acts of non-violent civil disobedience led to more than 80 arrests. 30 of us continued on to Washington for the Poor People’s Campaign national march, where our own Louise Brown, with Rev. Barber and Rev. Jesse Jackson at her side, offered a stirring oratory on the National Mall. NOW ITS TIME TO CELEBRATE! Join us at our PPC home in Columbia to renew our bonds of friendship and solidarity and to lay the groundwork for the campaign’s next phase. Feel free to bring a dish to share, photos and your memories of the 40 Days of action. Click here to sign up to bring a dish <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/VPWD1402> And most importantly, bring a friend who may be interested in joining us as we move forward. See you at the UU!



Harvest Hope Volunteer Day: Sat, Nov 3

9am-Noon. Sign up to support our local food pantry by volunteering. Contact SocialAction@uucolumbia.org



Guest at Your Table Potluck: Sun, Nov 11

Join us after the service on Sunday, Nov 11th for a potluck fundraiser for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. This year’s theme is Justice Across Borders. Read a little bit about their work with this [here](#). Then, please plan to participate in the potluck. Bring a dish and a donation! Our sign-up sheet will be up soon!

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

Religious Exploration

Middle School Local Buzz Outing: Sat, Oct 13 2:30-4pm

UU Middle Schoolers are invited out to the Local Buzz to get to know each other and play some games and eat ice cream (or whatever you'd like). Snack is on the UU. Another chaperone is needed! Contact reassist@uucolumbia.org

High School Dinner at Cantina 76: Sat, Oct 13 5:30pm-7:00pm

UU High schoolers are invited to a dinner together at Cantina 76 off of Devine Street to relax, hangout and possibly play some dinner table games. Dinner is on the UU. Another adult chaperone is needed!

Boston Heritage Trip Meeting, Sunday, October 14, 9:45-10:45am

This is an informational meeting for parents and teens who will be in high school in 2020 about trip options and volunteer hours/ fundraisers this year. Bring your calendars! We have a lot of really cool options if we decide to make this next trip focused on social action. For example, there are opportunities to get trainings in Arizona with immigrant rights or experience living poverty and resilience in Appalachia through the UUA. Contact Mckenzie Scott at reassist@uucolumbia.org for questions and to RSVP.

The Inter-Gen Variety Show Interest Meeting: October 14 from 1:00-2:30pm

The moment you've been waiting for! Show off that obscure skill or talent! The only catch -- all groups must be made of 2 people or more and have a 30 year age difference between the oldest and youngest members. Teams must work together to put on a short (5 min max) skit, performance, or demonstration. Teams will be judged in categories such as Greatest Age Difference, Most Actual Talent, and Least Actual Talent/Most Variety. This is not called a Talent show because you do not have to have a talent to provide entertainment!

Mark your calendars for The Inter-Gen Variety Show to happen on Sat, Nov 3rd 6-8pm. At the Interest meeting you will get to mingle and find group members for your team. Bring some materials/ instruments if needed. There will be a few practices at the UU in the weeks leading up to the show. **If you're interested, contact Mckenzie Scott at reassist@uucolumbia.org and Beck Sullivan at rechair@uucolumbia.org**

CYRE Committee Meeting October 21

The next CYRE committee meeting will be October 21 from 12:30 to 1:30. If you're interested in supporting CYRE, please contact Beck Sullivan rechair@uucolumbia.org.



Wood Cutter Needed for RE Curriculum Pieces

The RE program needs someone who can help cut pieces of wood that will be used to make small block buildings (props) for Spirit Play stories. If you have a miter saw and this ability, please contact Beck Sullivan rechair@uucolumbia.org.

Youth CON 2018 Fall Dates and Registration

Elementary- Nov 16- 18, 2018

Intermediate- Nov 30- Dec 2, 2018

High School - Dec 7- 9, 2018

Registration deadline is 2 weeks prior to the start of the CON date. Scholarships are available for this unforgettably fun experience! Teens and Chaperones are needed to sign up asap. Please contact Mckenzie at reassist@uucolumbia.org to get signed up!

RE Program Needs a Few More Volunteers

The RE program needs a couple of volunteers who can help as substitute assistant teachers. The Middle School Class is in particular need AND the curriculum uses old Twilight Zone episodes to spark discussion. If you are interested, contact Beck Sullivan. rechair@uucolumbia.org.

Lock-IN for Middle and High Schoolers Sat, Nov 10

It's finally here! I need four chaperones this evening. Two to stay from 6pm-overnight and two to stay from 6pm-11pm.

Suicide Prevention Training for Teens Sat, Nov 17

One of our own UU young adults has been a volunteer here and recommended this SC Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative training. The coordinator asked me if any of the youth in this group has expressed thoughts of suicide, attempted suicide or lost someone to suicide recently or some time ago. In order to be sensitive to your teen, below is a link from their website to finding words about talking about suicide. This training is a great resource to young people and provides education on how to prevent suicide and be a good listener and discerning friend to someone who is in need. Please let Mckenzie know privately if you have any personal concerns: reassist@uucolumbia.org.

<http://www.scyspi.org/find-the-words/>

September Board Meeting Highlights

by Linda Brennison, President Elect

- A new UUCC covenant drafted by Shannon Edwards, Pat Mohr, and Jeannette Walton will receive a final reading in about a week. It has been 10 years since our covenant was originally created.
- The Tech Committee will require additional time to study the door lock code process.
- Pat Mohr and the ARE Chair, Rebecca Drennan welcome suggestions for ARE programs and activities.
- Bob Whitaker, Treasurer reported that the amount pledged to the Capital Campaign is somewhat lower than expected.
- Due to low attendance, the potluck portion of Committee Night will be discontinued. Most Committees are now meeting on Sundays.
- The Board was reminded that the Pride Parade will take place on Oct. 19th. UUCC will have a float that can accommodate 8 persons. SAC will decorate the float on the evening of the event.
- Rental Income is lower than expected. Linda Brennison suggested advertising on our website that our Building may be rented.
- The Board would like all Committees to report monthly even if only to say they have nothing to report. A report to Andrea Dudick from each committee by the 15th of the month is requested.
- Linda McLeod was appointed Interim Memorial Service Coordinator. She will work with the Caring Committee, the Worship Committee and the Kitchen Committee.

Please note, these highlights are not intended to replace the official Board Minutes which will be posted to our website when approved by the Board. Please be sure to read the official minutes for more information.

Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	Every Thursday	10:00 am	Social Hall
Board Meeting	3rd Wednesday of month	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Chair Yoga	Every Wednesday	11:00 am	
Children & Youth RE Committee	TBA	12:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Choir - UUCC (adult)	TBA	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Choir – Prism (women)	Thursdays	6:30 pm	Classroom # 9
Choir - Encore (men)	Sunday, October 21	9:30 am	Classroom #9
Christian Heritage	3rd Tuesdays	12:00 am	Classroom # 8
CUUP's, Gaia's Rising	Every Thursday	7:30 pm	Library
Funeral Consumers Alliance	2nd Tuesdays	5:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Forum	Every Sunday	9:30 am	Library
Green Team	TBA	12:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Knit or Not	Every Monday	2:00 pm	Classroom # 9
Membership Committee	TBA	12:30 pm	Classroom # 10
Visitor Orientation	Sunday, October 21	12:20 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 nd Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, October 26	6:00 pm	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, October 28	12:30 pm	Sanctuary
Technology Committee	Wednesday, November 7	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	Thursday, October 11	5:00 pm	Classroom # 10
UU Book Club	Sunday, October 21	6:30 pm	Member's Home
UU Humanist	4 th Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
UU Partner Church Committee	TBA Lee Minghi, 798-0904; Carita Barr, 782-0053	12:30 pm	Classroom # 10
Women's Book Club	Tuesday, November 13	7:00 pm	Classroom # 10
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 I	Every Tuesday	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Women's AA I	Every Wednesday	6:30 pm	Library
Men'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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