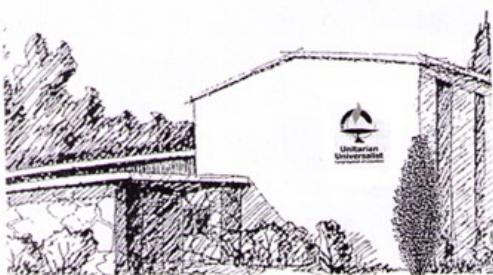




# The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

January 9, 2019



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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

### January 13, 2019

#### 9:30 am Forum Topic

Alternative, holistic approaches against cancer, especially prostate cancer.

#### 11:00 am Sermon Topic

Finding Peace in an Imperfect World  
by Patrice Gaines

### January 20, 2019

#### 9:30 am Forum Topic

Climate change and the possibility of future mass migrations?

#### 11:00 am Sermon Topic

Being More than an Ally  
by Todd Shaw

### Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, February 10**, for publication on **Wednesday, February 13**. Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.

Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to  
[uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).

## Happy New Year, Members and Friends!

During our Fire Communion, *Beyond the Burn*, our opening words included the lyrics of the song that we also used to close our year's first service, *The Boy in the Mirror*. The words helped bring a close to the year, as well as inspiring us as we move ahead in the new one.

*The ceaseless flow of endless time no one can check or stay;  
we'll view the past with no regret, nor future with dismay.*

*The present slips into the past, and dream-like melts away;  
the breaking of tomorrow's dawn begins a new today.*

*The past and future ever meet in the eternal now:  
to make each day a thing complete shall be our new year  
vow.*

As we turned the page of 2018, and welcomed the new year, many of us took some time to reflect on the past year and its triumphs and disappointments.

I had the honor of sharing the opening words at our Fire Communion service that included the lyrics to the song Scare Away the Dark by Passenger. Those were the same words that ended a service in late-May, when we all came together working to come to grips with a situation that impacted us in many different ways. But we found that what was most important was how we handled the situation and our understanding that there are some things we can change, others that we cannot and what was most important was embracing the wisdom that comes with knowing the difference.

We moved on; knowing that we are the UUCC—we are a community dedicated to our principles and our mission to nurture and respect each other in our spiritual growth and pursuit of meaning and create a welcoming and engaging environment through which we work for positive change in our community and in our world.

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We value each other and we work together to make this an inclusive community in which every member is given full justice, compassion, dignity, and respect.

That's who we are and when we come together to worship in our sanctuary, we find ourselves in a safe, welcoming place that we call our spiritual home. This, in a world where so many people spend a lifetime finding out just where that is.

This year's fire communion was an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the past year and let go of what we cannot control and identify goals for the upcoming year. The service provided us a chance to let go and take that energy and to channel it elsewhere and helped us reflect and consider poignant questions that serve to stretch us. Helping us determine our own fate rather than placing our destiny in the hands, words, or beliefs of others.

As the chalice was extinguished, the service ended our 2018 series and set the stage for the next few months. The worship committee has lined up high quality, inspiring and spiritually-enriching services through July and we are excited for the opportunity to hear from such gifted and respected presenters.

Being a time for personal reflection, resolutions, and planning, Richard McLeod will lead off the year with *Boy in the Mirror*. Noted author and motivational speaker Patrice Gaines will follow with *Finding Peace in an Imperfect World*, a talk based on the Japanese aesthetic called Wabi Sabi, a world view centered on seeing beauty in the imperfect, impermanent, and incomplete.

USC's Todd Shaw will be returning to the pulpit to share ways we can build a better community in his service entitled *Being More Than an Ally*. Closing out the month will be Lester Young, a member of JustLeadershipUSA, who works to challenge legislative barriers that exclude people from getting the fair chance they deserve, will share his topic, *MyPath2Redemption*.

In February, our own beloved Dr. Ron Edge will be joined by his son Chris for our *State of the Universe* service. Rev. Stephen Robinson will be back for a service dedicated to *All You Need is Love* just in time for Valentine's Day. Rev Pat Jobe will be with us for Presidents Day weekend and Rev. Robinson will return to close out the month.

In March, Laura Hartwig will lead the service that was cancelled in September because of the hazardous weather that accompanied the hurricane, the service, *Embracing Transformation*, will include a post-service discussion about issues facing our transgender community.

Ed Proulx will present his service, *Wizard of Oz and Kung Fu Panda*. Rev. Jobe and Rev. Robinson will once again close out the month of March with back-to-back services.

April's line up includes the return of Patrice Gaines, Richard McLeod, and Rev. Roger Ray, along with Michael Sullivan, sharing a service on a topic dear to his heart, volunteerism.

There is a sense of wonder and anticipation as we begin any year, but members and friends can rest assured, knowing that our congregation will have a chance to hear a variety of speakers, topics, and music. There is definitely something for everyone with something special about them all since the all will inspire our members to always want to return to the place we call our spiritual home.

Happy New Year,  
Marc Drews  
Chair UUCC Worship Committee



## Candles of Community

The memorial service for **Ruth Thacker**, who died on November 17, 2018, will be held at UUCC on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.

## Thank You

### **UUSC**

From all of us at UUSC, please accept our sincere thanks for UUCC's generous Guest at Your Table gift of \$1,020.

### **Palmetto Health Foundation**

Dear CYRE, thank you for your gift of \$25. As requested, your gift has been designated for Camp Kemo programs of Palmetto Health Children's Hospital.



## Denominational Connections – January 9, 2019

Happy New Year!

**Life Lessons coming soon!** “In some religions, what’s authoritative is a sacred scripture or an official dogma or a revered tradition, but for UUs, our primary authority is our life experience – our own personal experience and our shared experience, past and present. Based on our experiences, we draw conclusions as to what makes life meaningful, purposeful, and worthwhile, and as we accumulate more experiences, we typically modify our conclusions.” (From Rev. Dr. Neal Jones in his presentation of this series several years ago.)

What are your life lessons? Come with us on this intriguing journey as we explore:

- *Who are three people who have had the greatest impact on your life?*
- *What have been three of the most important decisions you have made in your life?*
- *What have been two of the saddest and two of the happiest experiences of your life?*
- *If your life story were a movie or a novel, what would be the title and the main plot?*

Does this sound thought-provoking to you? It certainly does to me! I’m already working on that movie title! Look for sign-ups and more from the Adult Religious Education Committee coming soon! For more info contact Rebecca Drennan at [rebecca@creativetransformation.com](mailto:rebecca@creativetransformation.com).

### Registration Is Open for Spring Online Leadership Courses

Deeper than a single webinar or workshop, the [UU Leadership Institute](#) offers core leadership courses online with on-demand materials. They are perfect for the congregation who wants to learn together at an affordable cost—only \$30 per course per semester. Courses open on [January 25, 2019](#). For more information contact [info@uuinstitute.org](mailto:info@uuinstitute.org)

[Centered Leadership, Part 1](#) [syllabus](#) [sample](#)

[Centered Leadership, Part 2](#) [syllabus](#) [sample](#)

[Strategic Leadership](#) [syllabus](#) [sample](#)

[Adaptive Leadership](#) [syllabus](#) [sample](#)

**Monthly Webinar Series from the Southern Region -- for congregational leaders and members.** No cost to attend but **pre-registration is required**. Save the dates for these webinars:

**Stewardship, January 17, 2019, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Eastern Time. Planning Your Pledge Drive – Late!**

Your pledge drive needs to happen soon, but it is late and you still don’t have a drive leader, or maybe just got one in place! We will present 11th-hour strategies and learn from each other’s experiences. Register [here](#).

**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.

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## Denominational Connections – Continued

**Also from your Southern Region Staff – Virtual Open Office Hours** -- Feel free to drop in to introduce yourself, say hello, ask a question, share some good news, or fill us in on congregational updates on **January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, and June 27**. from **7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (EST)**. This is an open Zoom meeting:

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/876011174>

Join from Telephone: US: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 669 900 6833, Meeting ID: 876 011 174. We look forward to seeing you! New to Zoom? 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](mailto:denomconn@uucolumbia.org). Keitha Whitaker, Chair, Denominational Connections.



# **Upcoming Services**

## **January 13**

**“Finding Peace in an Imperfect World”**

**Patrice Gaines**

Loving the Imperfectness of Life:

This talk is based on the Japanese aesthetic called Wabi Sabi, a world view centered on seeing beauty in what is imperfect, impermanent and incomplete. In this talk we explore how to use this philosophy to experience peace in our own lives.

**Patrice Gaines BIO**

As a youth, Patrice Gaines became a drug abuser who was speeding toward a heroin addiction—until she landed in jail. Meanwhile, she lost friends to drug overdoses and drug-related violence. Looking back, Patrice believes what they were all trying to do, really, was to make sense of this often nonsensical world.

She survived, partially saved by a tiny angel, her daughter Andrea. But before she'd find peace she experienced a brutal beating and rape and was busted with drugs and spent part of a summer in jail. Since that time she has had to live with being labeled a “convicted felon.”

Still, she became a journalist, working for 16 years as a reporter at the Washington Post. She has written a memoir, "Laughing in the Dark"-- and a self-help book, "Moments of Grace," which outlines her path to change. She is a motivational speaker, a writing teacher and a social justice activist who volunteers at the Charlotte Jail and advocates for drastic change in our criminal justice system.

## **January 20**

**“Being More than an Ally”**

**Todd Shaw**

Using an important concept from social and political psychology -- linked or common fate -- Todd Shaw will discuss how we as a community of persons seeking to build a better world can use this concept to think about the joys and obligations of serving as allies to communities to which we do not directly belong. Todd Shaw is an Associate Professor of Political Science and African American Studies and Chair of the Department of Political Science.

## **January 27**

**“On Prison Reform: My Path2Redemption”**

**Lester Young, Jr. with Laura Hartwig**

The story of my pain and struggle from a life of violent crime, drugs and incarceration to finding a place of healing for my victims and purpose for myself.

**Lester Young, Jr. BIO**

A formally incarcerated person who served 22 years and 5 months in South Carolina Department of Correction. Since returning back to his family, community and society, he's been using his story to prevent others from a life of crime and advocating for #WORKINGfuture for those after incarceration.

## **February 3**

**“State of the Universe”**

**Ron Edge with Chris Edge**

## **February 10**

**“All You Need is Love”**

**Rev. Stephen Robinson**

# News and Notes

## Membership at the UUCC

Have you been attending the UUCC for a while and considering making the congregation a larger part of your life? If you are interested in joining or have questions about membership, please contact [membership@uucolumbia.org](mailto:membership@uucolumbia.org). You may also speak to the Membership Committee volunteer at the Welcome Table with the red tablecloth after the service.

## Are You Missing Someone?

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

## Recycle Your Christmas Tree

 Don't let your Christmas tree end up buried with the trash – instead recycle it through the annual Grinding of the Greens program offered by Keep the Midlands Beautiful! Trees can be dropped off between December 26 and January 10. Then free mulch made from the recycled trees will be made available to the public at two locations in early to mid-January. Your congregational Green Team will keep you posted on where to take your trees, and where to get the free mulch! You can also check the 'Grinding of the Greens' page online: <http://keepthemidlandsbeautiful.org/grinding-of-the-greens/>



## Set Your Clocks for our Pancake

## Breakfast, 9-10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 13

Arrive early and with an appetite Sunday, Jan. 13 to share in our Pancake Breakfast. From 9-10:30 a.m. our youth will be serving you pancakes that are plain, blueberry or vegan along with fruit salad, juice and coffee. Support our high schoolers as they raise money for their 2020 Boston Heritage trip. The cost is only \$5 per person, or a maximum of \$15 per family.

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## 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.

# **ROBERT DODSON**

## **Wildlife Photography Exhibition Opening**

Friday, January 11, 2019 5:30-7:30pm

Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia, SC  
2701 Heyward Street

Come meet Robert and see some of his amazing  
glimpses of nature in the wild.

*refreshments served*



Robert has travelled extensively and is an accomplished wildlife and nature photographer. For the last twenty-five years he has photographed endangered and threatened animals across the globe including the black rhino in Nepal and Africa, mountain gorillas in Rwanda, and polar bears in Manitoba, Canada.

## **Meaning in Movies**

February through May, the Membership Committee will show a series of movies, one per month, to spark discussions about the meaning and purpose of life. Our former pastor, Rev. Neal Jones, did this series this fall in his congregation, and he was willing to share his discussion questions with us! Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

Traditional religions typically rely on a sacred text for direction, such as the Bible, the Torah, or the Koran. Unitarian Universalists look for guidance wherever wisdom may be found, not only in religious texts, but also in the words and deeds of prophets and teachers, nature, history, literature, art, reason, science, personal experience, conscience, and even movies.

### **Friday, February 15, 6:30-9:00 p.m.: *About Schmidt***

Warren Schmidt, portrayed by Jack Nicholson, has led a safe, predictable life working in the insurance industry in Omaha, Nebraska. Upon his retirement, he embarks on a journey to his estranged daughter's wedding, only to discover more about himself and life than he ever expected.

### **Friday, March 15, 6:30-9:00 p.m.: *Good Will Hunting***

Our second movie in the series is about a genius janitor who is avoiding life and the caring counselor who helps him find it, featuring Robin Williams, Matt Damon, Ben Affleck, & Minnie Driver.

### **Friday, April 12, 6:30-9:00 p.m.: *Last Holiday***

Upon learning of a terminal illness, a shy department store sales clerk (Queen Latifah) decides to sell off all her possessions and live it up at a posh European hotel. In the process, she learns how to truly live, and she teaches others, as well.

### **Friday, May 10, 6:30-9:00 p.m.: *One True Thing***

This drama, starring Meryl Streep (who was nominated for Best Actress), William Hurt, and Renee Zellweger, tells the story of how a mother's cancer diagnosis causes her family to reexamine the meaning of their lives.

## **Adult RE Classes on Religion & Violence in February**

Is religion inherently violent---or is violence the exception to the rule? Come join us for four weekly classes using videos from The Great Courses series to discuss the relationship of religion and violence. Topics will range from martyrdom and demonology to racial and sexual violence to anti-semitism and Islamophobia to religious violence occurring across our country and in our homes.

The class will meet each Tuesday night in the UUCC Library at 7:00 p.m. throughout the month of February (2/5, 2/12, 2/19, & 2/26). In each of the 1.5-hour classes led by Angie Rabon, a long-time UUCC member, we will watch a Great Courses video followed by discussion. To sign up for the class or for more information email Angie at [angierabon@earthlink.net](mailto:angierabon@earthlink.net).

## **Visitor Orientation, Sunday, January 13, 12:20 p.m. Library**

Our next Visitor Orientation will be held on Sunday, January 13, at 12:20 p.m. in the UUCC library. 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 at [membership@uucolumbia.org](mailto:membership@uucolumbia.org).

## **UUCC Green Team Meeting Sunday, January 13**

The Green Team invites all interested folks to join us for our monthly meeting in room 9/Murray on January 13 at 12:30 p.m. Contact Kevin McKinney, [kdmsooboy@gmail.com](mailto:kdmsooboy@gmail.com).

## **Christian Heritage Group, January 15**

The Christian Heritage Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 15 at 12:00 noon in room 8. Bring a light lunch or snack for yourself if you would like to stay and eat or chat after our hour-long meeting. If you are interested in our group, do come and join us. If you have questions, call Rebecca Drennan at 415-377-1791.

## **Funeral Consumers Alliance, January 15**

On Tuesday, January 15, the Funeral Consumers Alliance of SC will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Room 10 at the UUCC.

## **ENCORE Men's Chorus Rehearsal Sunday, January 20**

It's time to warm up for the new year. First rehearsal will be on January 20 at 9:30 a.m. in room 9. ENCORE is open to men (and women tenors) who can carry a tune and like to sing. We rehearse and perform once or twice each month. First performance is February 3. Want to join this impressive group? Just show up at 9:30 on January 20!

## **UUCC Book Club, Sunday, January 20**

The next UUCC book club discussion is **6:30 pm**

**on Sunday, January 20.** Carolyn West will facilitate a discussion on "Lincoln in the Bardo" by George Sanders. We will meet at a member's home. The UUCC Book Club is open to all members and friends of UUCC. We welcome new and returning participants! Please contact Ruthie Saunders if you have questions or would like more information: [rsaunders@sc.edu](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu)



## **September Set, Friday, January 25, Noon**

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 **Noon on Friday, January 25!** If you have questions, email or call Pat Mohr ([patmohr@mindspring.com](mailto:patmohr@mindspring.com); 803-463-3504) or Jean Capalbo ([jacapalbo@aol.com](mailto:jacapalbo@aol.com); 803-799-1001).



The UUCC Kitchen Committee is seeking additional members for our committee. The more we have the less often each of us needs to take our turn in the kitchen and we welcome all genders to our team. Helping to serve for our Sunday Social Hour is our main task and as you might have noticed it is enjoyed by so many. Wouldn't you like to be a part of this group that "Loves to Serve"? We do have fun and we get many thanks and kudos for what we do. (We also get to eat cookies!) If you would like to be a part of this great team please come and see Linda McLeod in the kitchen or email her at [bonneylass44@gmail.com](mailto:bonneylass44@gmail.com). We are waiting for you.

## Riverwalk & Potluck with the Outdoor Group, Saturday, February 9

Getting cabin fever? We have just the right medicine! Join us for a riverwalk on Saturday, February 9 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The exact meeting place will be announced later. When done walking, we will gather at Mary and Morgan MacLachlan's house for a potluck. Please R.S.V.P. at [membership@uucolumbia.org](mailto:membership@uucolumbia.org) with the number of guests and if you plan on bringing a salad, appetizer, dessert, or other item.



## Chocolate Auction, Feb. 10

In this annual UUCC high holiday, you can expect opportunities to eat chocolate, buy chocolate and even bet on chocolate (we'll have a cakewalk). We'll hold it after the service on Sunday, February 10, so it will begin shortly after noon. This will benefit the high school youth's 2020 trip to Boston. Every two years our youth visit places where Unitarians first left their mark in the United States. It's an expensive trip, so plan on investing in chocolate and the next generation of Unitarian Universalists. If you'd like to help, contact Choco-Chair Jim DuPlessis at [jim5Richmond@gmail.com](mailto:jim5Richmond@gmail.com).

## Women's Book Group, February 12



The Women's Book Group will meet Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 10 to discuss *Hiddensee*, by Gregory Maguire. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon at [schubon@sc.rr.com](mailto:schubon@sc.rr.com) or 776-0784.

## UUCC Ladies LUUnch BUUnch

### February 14, Noon



Our Ladies LUUnch BUUnch wanted to try something different this time so we have found the **Magnolia Buffett at 10052 Two Notch Road, Columbia**. This is a lovely new Chinese Buffet with a delightful array of Asian foods as well as some traditional fare (they even have mac & cheese.) The buffet includes sushi and a hibachi grill and works well for vegetarians and vegans with plenty to choose from. The price is \$8.99 for all you care to eat and the selection is excellent. They have a very large private dining room that is available for groups and we have tables reserved in that room. If you haven't joined this group of ladies before make 2019 the time to try us out. It is a fun time to get together with old friends and new. Sign up at the Membership/Welcome table to join us or email Linda McLeod at [bonneylass44@gmail.com](mailto:bonneylass44@gmail.com). We want to see you there!



## 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](mailto:jacapalbo@gmail.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.

## **Insight Meditation Community of Columbia Meets Mondays**

Join us on Monday evenings in the UUCC Library. Meditation instruction at 6:30, silent sitting at 7:00 and Dharma talk at 7:30. Free and all are welcome.

## **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. No special clothing or equipment is needed. We meet in the UUCC Social Hall 11:00-11:45 a.m.



## **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 Connie Hudson at chudson2666@att.net 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 Candace at shewhowonders2000@yahoo.com for more information.



# CABARET

**UU BROADWAY REVUE**

*A Memorable, Magical Evening  
Your Table's Waiting...*

*Enjoy delectable hors d'oeuvres and desserts  
Enter to win raffle prizes*

*Sunday, February 3  
UU Church, 2701 Heyward Street  
doors open 6:45, curtain 7:30  
suggested donation \$20pp*

*Benefitting the UU Partner Church Committee  
Contact Susan (803)446-0675 or  
Jean@ (803) 799-1001 for more information*

# Social Action

## **Harvest Hope Food Donations Needed**

Please bring your donations, such as canned soups, vegetables, fruits, juices, peanut butter (in plastic jars), and pastas for Harvest Hope Food Bank and leave them in our shopping cart in the social hall. Another item always needed is disposable diapers – NO adult sizes.

## **Inclement Weather Donations Needed**

The Social Action Committee is collecting clean and gently used or new gloves, warm hats, winter clothing, magazines and unused personal-sized toiletries for clients using the shelter. Please place your donations in the basket in the social hall. For more information contact Tom Clements, [tomclements329@cs.com](mailto:tomclements329@cs.com), cell 803-240-7268.

**Next Social Action Meeting, Sunday, January 27 at 12:30 pm the Sanctuary. All welcome.**  
Please join us. Email [SocialAction@uucolumbia.org](mailto:SocialAction@uucolumbia.org) with any questions.

## **Clayton Memorial UU Church in Newberry Has Announced Sanctuary Status**

We plan to support them when they let us know what their needs are. In the meantime, please post supportive messages to their website and Facebook pages to offset the negative messages they are receiving.



## **Don't Forget T-shirt Money is Due!**

If you've signed up for a shirt but haven't turned in your money yet, please do so by Sun, Jan 27th. If you'd still like to order a t-shirt, there is still time. Just email your order to [SocialAction@uucolumbia.org](mailto:SocialAction@uucolumbia.org). Please specify short sleeve or long and size. Short sleeves are \$8; Long sleeves are \$10.

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

# Religious Exploration

## CANstruction in January

Children should bring canned food items to RE classes in January. CANstruction will be January 27.

This is a fun event where RE Classes compete for the best construction made of cans and other donated food items. Congregation members vote with their dollars. The food and proceeds go to Harvest Hope Food Bank.



## Suicide Prevention Training-

**Friday, Jan 25 4:30-6pm**

## Game Night and Pizza afterwards 6-9pm

Here are some of my questions for you: Would this particular afternoon work for you and/or your youth? Do they want to bring friends? Does this time work for them to meet on Friday? I need to know that we have at least 8 people coming for sure so that they can legally do the training for us. It's okay if you don't know for sure yet.

Please give me a call or message if you have any hesitations. This training is to help youth recognize signs, be an ally, and know where resources are available for help.

This is open to all 6-12th graders and young adults. contact Mckenzie at [reassist@uucolumbia.org](mailto:reassist@uucolumbia.org)

## CYRE Committee Meeting February 17

The next CYRE committee meeting will be February 17 from 12:30 to 1:30 in room 8. If you're interested in supporting CYRE, please contact Beck Sullivan [rechair@uucolumbia.org](mailto:rechair@uucolumbia.org).

# The Gertrude Edge Pilgrim Travel Assistance Award to Beszterce!

Have you dreamed of traveling to Romania to explore our Unitarian roots? Would you like to deepen your connection with our rich history? Is the only thing keeping you from joining our pilgrims on their 2 week journey to Beszterce a lack of funds? Read on, my friends, as help is here! Thanks to the Gertrude Edge Pilgrim Travel Award and the Partner Church Committee, round trip airfare is available to one member or friend of the UUCC for the pilgrim trip in July 2019! Interested? Follow the guidelines below to apply for this amazing opportunity!

*Must be 18 or older to enter*

Please write and submit a 200 - 300 word essay describing: why you would like to go, how the folks in Beszterce might benefit from a visit with you, and how will your travel to Beszterce benefit the UUCC. Your essay, unsigned, must have your name on a separate piece of paper.  
**DO NOT SIGN THE ESSAY!**

Mail entries to:

Administrator UUCC  
2701 Heyward Street  
Columbia, SC 29205

**Entries due on or before January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Please note: the winner is responsible for the expenses of this trip while in Romania. An estimated amount of money needed is approximately \$1,200.00**

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## **Transylvania Trip Deposits Due January 31**

The Partner Church Committee proposes an exciting second pilgrimage to be led by Rev. Zsolt Solymosi from about July 10 - 20, 2019. A \$500 deposit is due by the end of January. Checks should be made to Julian Minghi with "Partner Church trip" on the subject line. Mail to 883 Pine Forest Court, Columbia, 29210. Possibly another \$100 will be due in February. Romania is extremely affordable and Zsolt uses his many connections to obtain best hotel and vehicle prices, and this will enable him to start making our travel arrangements. The committee pledges to keep costs as affordable as possible.

In September about 15 UUs expressed interest, which would require two vans, but now we need to know. The pilgrimage will start in Kolosvar (Cluj) and end in Budapest. Sites included will be Beszterce (location of our Partner Church), Sibiu, Torda, Brasov, and Toroko (a mountain village). In Beszterce there MAY be opportunity for in-home stays with host families. The roundtrip air fare will be at least \$1,600 and other expenses beyond the deposit are estimated to be around \$700. For more information, please contact Yoli or Tony Ganong ([ganong@bellsouth.net](mailto:ganong@bellsouth.net)), who were pilgrims in 2016, or Lee & Julian Minghi at [alminghi@aol.com](mailto:alminghi@aol.com).

# 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	Social Hall
Children & Youth RE Committee	Sunday, February 17	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)	TBA	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	3rd Tuesdays	5:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Forum	Every Sunday	9:30 am	Library
Green Team	Sunday, January 13	12:30 pm	Classroom # 9
Knit or Not	Every Monday	2:00 pm	Classroom # 10
Membership Committee	Sunday, February 17	12:30 pm	Classroom # 10
Visitor Orientation	Sunday, January 13	12:20 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, January 25	12:00 pm	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, January 27	12:30 pm	Sanctuary
Technology Committee	Wednesday, February 6	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	Thursday, January 24	5:00 pm	Classroom # 10
UU Book Club	Sunday, January 20	6:30 pm	Member's Home
UU Humanist	4 <sup>th</sup> 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, February 12	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
<b>Rentals</b>			
La Leche League	3rd Tuesdays	6-8pm	Classroom # 10
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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