

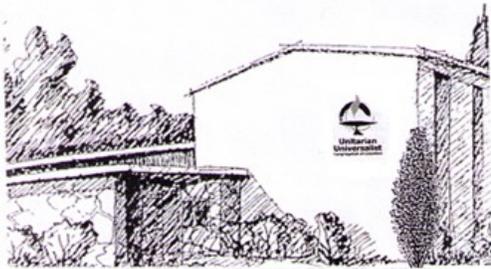


# The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

September 11, 2019

## Message From Our 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

### September 15, 2019

#### 9:30 am Forum Topic

According to Janis Joplin, 'Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose.' But what exactly is 'Freedom'?

#### 11:00 am Sermon Topic

"Leaving Room for Compassion"  
by Rev. Stephen Robinson

### September 22, 2019

#### 9:30 am Forum Topic

Scientology-clearing the air about dianetics.

#### 11:00 am Sermon Topic

Green Team Presentation  
by Kevin McKinney



*"There are no shortcuts to any place worth going."* Helen Keller

Recently I broke my foot for the second time in 12 years. The sad part about that is, both times I broke my foot, I was trying to take a short cut. Obviously I should have learned the first time **not** to take short cuts if I want to get where I am headed in good shape.

As our Congregation heads into the unknown future, it is important for us to avoid the temptation of short cuts. As my orthopedist said to me: "No more short cuts for you!" We must take the long and winding road, searching our hearts and souls along the way. A healthy beloved community must be nurtured with ongoing love and good intention until we have, as Helen Keller said, finally reached a "place worth going" to.

Sometimes in our rush to reach our goals for UUC, we fail to remember that as Unitarian Universalists, we adhere to a belief in Seven Principles to guide us around the dangerous short cuts and help us stay on the road to creating a better world. Let us work together as one, in true Unitarian fashion to create a place where all who enter in feel both valued and welcomed.

In the coming months, the Board of Trustees will develop goals for improving and sustaining UUC for both a future we can imagine as well as the future we do not or cannot anticipate. We will strive to create goals that are **SMART**: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time Specific.

What are *your* goals and wishes for UUC? Is UUC just a building that can be used for thoughtful, intellectual or fun entertainment, or is UUC an *idea* that can grow and be sustained for years to come?

With love and respect,

Linda Brennon

### Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, October 6**, for publication on **Wednesday, October 19**. *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).



## Candles of Community

We extend our support and condolences to **Robin Scherer** in her loss of her mother, Diane Schrader, on Friday, September 6. Diane Schrader's Memorial Service will be held at UUCS on Sunday, September 15, 5:30 p.m. A reception will follow the service.



## Thank You

### Marky Deese

I'd like to thank everyone in my UU family for the lovely cards, the kind words, and all the support I received when my sister died. –Marky Deese

### Bill Dolley

To my fellow UU members and friends, I wanted to take a moment to send a heartfelt thank you for the cards, texts, emails, and phone calls Bonnie and I have received during my convalescence. My procedure of August 1st went well and I am gaining strength daily. I'm anxious to return to work and see all of you again.

Bonnie and I took advantage of my down time to travel to Maine and visit family. I've taught three of my four granddaughters to bait a hook and remove a catch. When you see me, ask to see the picture of the large mouth bass GD #3 caught...

The closeness and friendship of our little community makes me proud to be a UU. Sincerely, Bill Dolley

### S.C. Appleseed Legal Justice Center

Dear Friends, thank you! Your recent generous donation of \$879.50 shows that you are committed to spreading justice and equality in South Carolina. Thanks to you we will continue to: meet the legal needs of lower-income Veterans and immigrant families; combat high-cost, predatory loans; work alongside Dreamers to protect and secure their future; and fight to ensure vital programs that provide healthcare, prevent hunger and reduce poverty remain effective and available. Truthfully, we couldn't do this without you. Together we are making a lasting impact in the lives of South Carolinians every day. Thank you so much, Susan Berkowitz, Director.

## **Who Would You Like To See As a 2020 Share the Plate Recipient?**

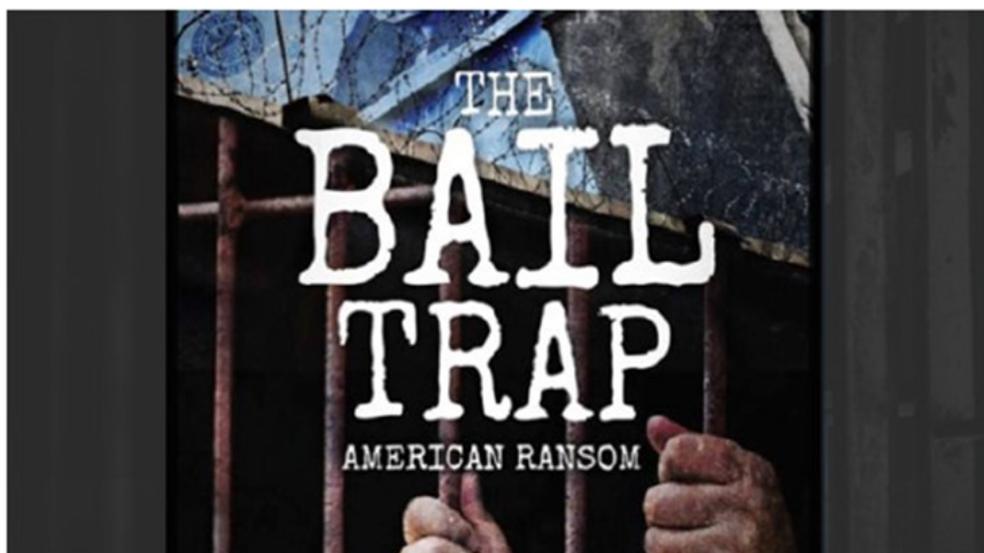
The Share the Plate Committee is getting ready to begin the Share the Plate process for the coming year. UUCC donates half of our cash collections each month to an outside charity or social justice organization chosen by our members.

Thanks to our congregation's generosity, we will have donated approximately \$95,000 in Share the Plate contributions to community charities over the past eight years. There are eleven categories of recipients determined by the Share the Plate Committee. Now is the time to be thinking about what organizations you would like to nominate for any one of these categories. The date of the nominating process will begin Sunday, October 6. The qualifying nominees must be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization not affiliated with UUA. To confirm the status, check the organization's website to determine if it is a 501(c)(3).

Share the Plate Nominations forms will be available in your Order of Service and on the Website on October 6. They will also be on the table in the foyer.

The eleven categories are as follows:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Animal shelters/Animal services | Children's services     |
| Environmental issues            | Food banks/Food support |
| Homeless shelters               | Legal aid               |
| LGBT issues                     | Mental Health issues    |
| Physical Health issues          | Social Justice issues   |
| Women's issues                  |                         |



## **The Bail Trap: American Ransom Screening and Discussion Sunday, September 15, 1-3pm**

**Do you know how the money bail system contributes to systematic racism? Money bail is one of the main feeders of America's mass incarceration system - and yet something most Americans know very little about.**

The money bail system is broken: private companies achieve exorbitant profits by scavenging off of communities (primarily of color) living in poverty. Low-income Americans are sitting in jails for days, months, and even years for the most minor of infractions simply because they can't afford to pay high bond amounts. The reality is that the majority of people -over 70% -are in jails for one simple reason: being too poor. This is both morally and legally wrong.

**Join us for a screening of The Bail Trap and discussion of why the system is broken and how we can help. This event is FREE and open to the public.**

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Simple Justice #film-Columbia/Midlands

# News and Notes

## **Membership at the UCC**

Have you been attending the UCC 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).

## **Would You Like To Donate Flowers For A Sunday Worship Service?**

Do you have a special occasion you want remembered or person honored with flowers at our Sunday Worship Service? Perhaps there is an upcoming birthday or anniversary or just someone you want to say a very special 'Thank You' to. Plans are now being made for you to do this by signing up for the Sunday of your choice on the UCC Flower Calendar located at the Membership Table. The cost of this floral arrangement will be a \$30 donation made at least two weeks in advance of the date you have chosen to the UCC Flower Fund. A group of our talented members will prepare an arrangement for our sanctuary for that Sunday. The flowers will be yours to dispose of as you wish after the service. Linda McLeod ([kitchen@uucolumbia.org](mailto:kitchen@uucolumbia.org)) will be the contact person once you have signed up to make a flower donation and will explain all the details upon contact. We hope you will all want to share in this opportunity to enhance our sanctuary and at the same time recognize a special day.

**See Pages 10 & 11 for  
Social Action Events**

## **UCC Men's Breakfast Group, Second Thursday of Each Month**

The UCC men's breakfast group will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month (**next one is September 12**). This time we meet at the Lizard's Thicket on Beltline. If you are interested, please let Phil Turner [pturner@unt.edu](mailto:pturner@unt.edu) know so we can have space available.

## **UCC Ladies Lunch Buunch Fall Startup Thursday, September 12**

It's time to get together again for our Ladies LUUnch BUUnch starting Thursday, September 12, at Noon. We will meet at Arabesque, 2930 Divine Street. This lunch gathering is open to all women of all ages. We have enjoyed many such occasions at different venues in the past. Arabesque offers a variety in their menu to include vegan and vegetarian options. We will have a private room but do need to know how many will be attending in advance. Please sign up at the Membership Table or email Linda McLeod at [bonneylass44@gmail.com](mailto:bonneylass44@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you all there and hope to see new faces as we get together after the summer break.

## **CANCELLED: UCC Book Club for Sunday, September 15**

The next UCC book club discussion is 6:30 pm on Sunday, October 13. Marlene Mackey will facilitate a discussion of *The Diary of a Bookseller*, by Shaun Bythell. We will meet at a member's home. The UCC Book Club is open to all members and friends of UCC. 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)

## **Buddhist Talk and Retreat: Fearless Living, September 20 & 21**

The Insight Meditation Community of Columbia invites you to two free special events being held at the UCC. Gina Sharpe, a senior Buddhist Vipassana teacher, will be here September 20 and 21. Meet Gina on Friday, September 20, 5:30-6:30pm, with Dharma Talk followed by Meditation from 7:00-9:00pm. Join us on Saturday,

September 21 from 8:30am-5:00pm for the Day Long Retreat (Fearless Living). There is no registration--just come. Questions may be sent to Jessica Kross at [jkross943@gmail.com](mailto:jkross943@gmail.com).

## **Pancake Breakfast Sunday, September 22**

Bring your appetite to the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 22 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. A vegan option will be available. The cost is \$5.00 per person with a max of \$15.00 per family. This is a fundraiser for the Boston Heritage trip.



## **September Set, September 27, 6:00pm**

On the fourth Friday of every month (Please Note: We do not meet in November or December), the UCC has a potluck for seniors (self-defined: no ID required:-) that we call September Set. This is a great opportunity to simply talk and eat with old friends---and make new ones! Sometimes we will have a program after the meal, but usually we just catch up with what's happening in each other's lives.

No need to sign up; all you have to do is bring a dish to share with others. Hope to see you at our next September Set dinner at **6pm on Friday, September 27!** 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).

## **Congregational Conversation, Sunday, September 29**

After socializing for a bit, we invite you to join the Board of Trustees in the Sanctuary at 12:30pm for an informal Congregational Conversation. One item to be discussed is plans for new window coverings in the Sanctuary. Don't miss this "shady" conversation!

### **Transylvanian Travels with Zsolt, Sunday, September 29, 7:00pm**

Join us in the Social Hall to hear about and see photos of the recent July pilgrimage and vicariously get to know the Beszterce partner church members who shared the adventure for 3 days. Enjoy getting a feel for your Unitarian roots dating from 1568 and see unique parts of Transylvania new to both UUCC pilgrims and also new to our Beszterce companions. (And just possibly you may be tempted to join a future pilgrimage.) Light refreshments to follow the presentation.

### **Dances of Universal Peace, October 4**

All are invited to Dances of Universal Peace [DUP] on Friday October 4, from 7-9 pm in the Social Hall. Sponsored by the universalist Sufi Ruhaniat International order, DUP are active meditative practices honoring the positive spiritual energy in the world's diverse faith traditions. Each dance is has its own chant and movements that are taught and led. Expect respectful hand-holding, eye contact, and occasional hugs as part of the dances. As we move through several iterations of each dance, we deepen our own connection to the energy of the universe. This month our special theme is celebration of a bountiful harvest. After dancing, we socialize a while over refreshments. DUP are free, and we are happy to accept small donations to support the Dances. If you are planning to come to this dance, please RSVP by noon on 10/4 to Marguerite at <[mff426@gmail.com](mailto:mff426@gmail.com)>, or 803-743-0731. For more information about North American DUP, see <http://www.dancesofuniversalpeacena.org>.

### **The Women's Book Group Tuesday, October 8, 7:00pm**

The Women's Book Group will meet Tuesday, October 8, at 7:00pm in Room 10 to discuss *The Round House*, by Louise Erdrich. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon at 803-776-0784 or [sjchubon@sc.rr.com](mailto:sjchubon@sc.rr.com)

### **Fun on The Mountain, October 4-6**

Our annual retreat to The Mountain is coming up soon. We always enjoy the relaxing and spiritual atmosphere of The Mountain. We look forward to socializing, hiking, workshops, waterfalls, singing around a campfire and, as always, enjoying the beautiful views of Blue Valley. REGISTER NOW while beds are still available. Rates for six meals, two nights: adults \$195, youth 8-17 \$70, under 8 free. To register call during working hours 828-526-5838. Questions: Joan Watterson 803-787-7873 or [joan.l.watterson@icloud.com](mailto:joan.l.watterson@icloud.com).

### **Visitor Orientation, Sunday, October 20, 12:20pm**

Our next Visitor Orientation will be held on Sunday, October 20, at 12:20 p.m. in the UUCC library, the detached building on Heyward Street with the red door. It usually lasts about 50 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 childcare (with at least 48 hours' notice please) contact: Nancie Shillington-Pérez. email: [membership@uucolumbia.org](mailto:membership@uucolumbia.org).

### **Membership Committee Meeting, Sunday, October 27, 12:30pm**

The Membership Committee will meet in Room 10. Questions? Contact [membership@uucolumbia.org](mailto:membership@uucolumbia.org).

## **UUCC Holiday Bazaar**

**Saturday, November 9, 10am-2pm**

If you have arts or crafts or any items to sell in at our Holiday Bazaar, or would like to help out on that day, please let Jean Capalbo know. Each vendor will be responsible for their sales and the commission to UUCC will be at least 20%, or more if you wish. If you would like to reserve a table or just want to join in the fun, contact Jean at [jacapalbo@gmail.com](mailto:jacapalbo@gmail.com) or (928)202-0286.

## **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.

## **The Buddhist 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.

## **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 Linda Brennon at [linbrenni@gmail.com](mailto:linbrenni@gmail.com) 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](mailto:shewhowonders2000@yahoo.com) for more information.

## **Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, November 3**

The Animal Ministry will once again proudly sponsor the 9th annual Blessing of the Animals Sunday, November 3, at 3:00pm on the Heyward side of the church.

Reverend Stephen will preside and the event will include the blessing of the animals and a short discussion about the importance of animals in our lives. As in years past, this event is open to *everyone* in the congregation, even if you do not have a furry friend to bring in your lives at this point. If you have a representation of your pet (a photo or toy) that is unable to attend then bring that for a "blessing in absentia." We are open to the public and so if you have a friend or neighbor who is interested, encourage him/her to come.

Along with the spiritual benefits of having your animal blessed, we plan to include toys for the animals to take home, treats for the animals, and vegan refreshments for the human attendees.

There are a few ground rules which are extremely important to mention. All animals must remain on leashes (or in crates) during this event for your pet's safety and the welfare of the group. Aggressive behavior such as growling or lunging at others is unacceptable, and if it is persistent, the offending parties may be asked to take a walk around the building until civility is established. Finally, please clean up after your pet, baggies will be provided.

If you have any questions, please email Anita Grossman at [anitaj48@aol.com](mailto:anitaj48@aol.com).

# Social Action

**Fri, Sept 13: Harvest Hope Needs Volunteers at the Colonial Life Arena** collecting donated goods and money out front. 5-8p. *You'll get a free T-shirt too!* If you are able to help email Kara Hernandez ([khernandez@harvesthope.org](mailto:khernandez@harvesthope.org)) with your shirt size.

**UU Conference – Advancing Economic and Climate Justice as a Moral Issue: Building a Movement for a Green New Deal – Sept 15-17** in Washington, DC. Come for the first day at All Souls Unitarian Church to hear from some amazing speakers from our most impacted communities and learn about actions we can take – or stay for the next day or two to get trained in advocacy and visit congressional representatives. [Learn more about how to register at http://bit.ly/social-action.](#)

**Fri, Sept 20: Climate Strike: Vigil for a livable climate**

Gather to support sane climate action in South Carolina and beyond, as we join with concerned citizens around the world in the International Strike for Climate, September 20. (SC Statehouse, 5:30 -7PM). Hosted by our own Green Team.

**Sept. 21, 10:30am: Critical Theory Reading Group: *Capital Volume 1*.** Meet at 1340 Elmwood Ave. Why should we read Marx today? With the failures of the 20th century emancipatory movements and the globalization of capitalism, should we just resign ourselves to reforms: capitalism with a human face? The problems of the *commons* that Marx outlined remain: the problems of the commons of nature (ecology), the problem of our biogenetic commons, the problem of our cultural commons and, last but not least, the problems of the commons as the universal space of humanity of which no one should be excluded. Whatever the solution, it will have to deal with *these* problems. Join us for a monthly reading of Marx's *Capital Volume 1* as we review these problems and maybe even start to think about new solutions. Reading: Chapter 4 Contact [Daniel@scpronet.com](mailto:Daniel@scpronet.com) for details and the free text. The reading group is project of the [Modjeska Simkins School](#).

**5th Annual Peace Day at the Statehouse SATURDAY Sept 21st 9AM-NOON** SC Statehouse, North Grounds (Main & Gervais) Columbia, SC. A festival style event celebrating the International Day of Peace Sept 21st! Featuring live music, speakers, activities, an organizational fair of groups working for peace, justice and the environment. [RSVP/Share on Facebook](#) To volunteer with the Peace Day Organizing Committee or reserve a place for your organization to participate...CONTACT David, 803-215-3263 or [david@carolinapeace.org](mailto:david@carolinapeace.org)

**Social Action Committee Meeting: Sun, Sept 22**

12:30pm in the sanctuary. All welcome. Please join us! Any questions, please contact [socialaction@uucolumbia.org](mailto:socialaction@uucolumbia.org).

**Pride Parade Planning Meeting: Sun, Sept 22nd (1-2pm) & Mon, Sept 23th (7-8pm)**

Sunday 1-2pm in the sanctuary and Mon in the social hall. This will follow the SAC meeting. We will be painting banners and making the final decisions on how to decorate the truck for the event. All welcome!

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# Social Action...continued

## **Famously Hot Pride Parade: Friday, Oct 4th**

The 2019 Get Lit Night Parade will begin at 7:00pm. We will be having committee meetings to discuss this year's float decorations. Since it's another night parade, start collecting your glow in the dark paraphernalia and plan on wearing your yellow t-shirt. We will have a truck this year instead of a float, so we need to make sure there is room for everyone to ride and enough people to carry the banner.

## **Harvest Hope Volunteer Day: Sat, Oct 26th**

9am - Noon at their warehouse at 1117 Bluff Industrial Blvd., Columbia. Please wear closed toe shoes and wear your yellow t-shirts. Anyone 16 or over is welcome to sign up and 10 and over are welcomed with an adult. Email [SocialAction@uucolumbia.org](mailto:SocialAction@uucolumbia.org) to sign up.

## **Sun, Nov 10: Guest at Your Table Potluck Fundraiser for UUSC**

Guest at Your Table is the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's annual intergenerational program to raise support for and awareness about critical human rights issues. This year – focusing on the theme Women Leaders, Strong Communities– we are highlighting the following women leaders from UUSC partner organizations: Learn more about UUSC at [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org). Contact [SocialAction@uucolumbia.org](mailto:SocialAction@uucolumbia.org) with any questions or to sign up to help.

**Please check our website for new events posted almost daily:**

**[bit.ly/social-action](http://bit.ly/social-action)**



## Denominational Connections—September 11, 2019

### *From the Southern Region:*

As Susan Frederick-Gray mentioned during her president's report at General Assembly in June, **LeaderLab** is a tremendous resource for congregational leaders. Check it out at: <https://www.uua.org/leadership>.

You can go there for extensive training by taking one of the full length leadership courses from the Unitarian Universalist Leadership Institute that are designed to help leaders with the basics of leadership and to help them understand the unique complexities of leading in the context of our UU congregations. Enrollment for these online courses is typically in the fall, winter and summer. Registration for the fall courses is open now; **classes begin September 6**. For a complete list of the courses offered, both elective and on demand, go to: <https://www.uuinstitute.org/course-list/>. Courses are \$30 each. If you need assistance with registration for any of the courses, please talk with Keitha Whitaker at [denomconn@uucolumbia.org](mailto:denomconn@uucolumbia.org).

### **SR Monthly Webinar Series**

The Southern Region staff team offers 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 upcoming webinars:

**October 2 (7:00 to 8:30 pm Eastern Time)**, *Stewardship Practices* - Please join us for a webinar on communication strategy for canvas time with guest presenter, Elizabeth Ann Terry, UUA Congregational Giving Specialist. What difference does a strategy of “abundance” create in a giving campaign and how can we use lessons from “asset-mapping” and “appreciative inquiry” to create excitement and joyful community discernment about what makes your congregation special. Register here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdK8oTDN4usTHKMutBI5Q8pr2NVM-jVFbIoGTDe8OpOpwtAgw/viewform>

**November 5 (6:30 to 8:00 Eastern Time)**, *Staff Supervision and Ethical Employment* - Churches are employers, and employees must be supervised. This webinar is for board members, personnel committees, ministers and anyone who supervises staff. Learn about effective, values-based practices for supporting your staff, including job descriptions, team-building, performance feedback, and staffing with marginalized identities. Register here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdQDkGCX8fhyn\\_r5Yv13AE99s3FrmzA7xP4PQ0jqXh5AMRMg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdQDkGCX8fhyn_r5Yv13AE99s3FrmzA7xP4PQ0jqXh5AMRMg/viewform)

### ***UUA Moderator: Position Open***

The UUA Moderator Search Committee is currently seeking applicants to fill the remaining five years of a six-year term as Moderator(s) of the Association. A Special Election be held in June 2020 at the General Assembly in Providence, RI.

Learn more about the moderation position. <https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/officers/moderator/moderator-search>

Apply for the moderator position (no later than October 1). <https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/officers/moderator/moderator-search/moderator-application-2020>

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## Denominational Connections—Continued

**There's a LOT more!** View the entire Southern Region September Newsletter here: <https://mailchi.mp/uua/southern-region-september-2019-newsletter?e=4d351a7f1e>

Meanwhile, please check out our **Denominational Connections** pages (<http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/connection/denominational-connection/>) 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: <http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/connection/denominational-connection/uua-connections/>. Please, visit us often on Facebook. (<https://www.facebook.com/uucolumbia/>)

This committee needs more members! *Time commitment is minimal*. Please talk with Keitha Whitaker or Anne Mellen about joining us! If you have questions or suggestions, please contact me at [\*\*denomconn@uucolumbia.org\*\*](mailto:denomconn@uucolumbia.org). Keitha Whitaker, Chair, Denominational Connections.

### *Water Communion*

Keitha Whitaker

September 5, 2008

We bring water from the Gulf  
that came there from the ocean  
that met with other oceans  
that slipped up on distant shores  
and snatched a grain of sand  
to deposit at our feet.

We live on separate islands  
and the sea is where we meet.

To connect with one another,  
all we need do is touch the water.



# Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	Every Thursday	10:00 am	Social Hall
Board Meeting	3rd Wednesday of month	6:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Chair Yoga	On Hiatus		
Children & Youth RE Committee	October 13	12:30 pm	Classroom # 10
Choir - UUCC (adult)	TBA	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Choir – Prism (women)	Thursdays	6:30 pm	Classroom # 9
Choir - Encore (men)	September 15	9:30 am	Classroom # 9
	September 29	10:00 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	TBA	12:30 pm	Classroom # 9
Knit or Not	Every Monday	2:00 pm	Classroom # 10
Membership Committee	Sunday, October 27	12:30 pm	Classroom # 9
Visitor Orientation	Sunday, October 20	12:20 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, September 27	6:00 pm	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, September 22	12:30 pm	Sanctuary
Technology Committee	Wednesday, October 2	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	September 12	5:00 pm	Classroom # 8
UU Book Club	Sunday, October 13	6:30 pm	Social Hall
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, September 10	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
Buddhist 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

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# 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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