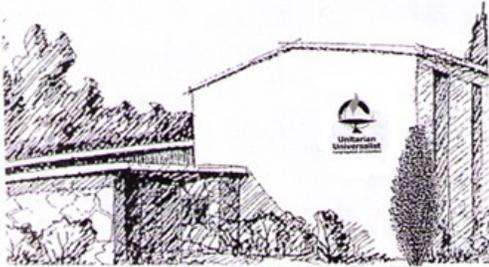




The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

January 8, 2020



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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 12, 2020

9:30 am Forum Topic

Guest Speaker

11:00 am Sermon Topic

“The Many Rivers that Feed the Flame,”

by Rev. Stephen Robinson

January 19, 2020

9:30 am Forum Topic

Since Martin Luther King Jr.’s death have we done anything to get closer to what he dreamt?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

“The Side of Love: The Right Side of History,” by Rev. Stephen Robinson

Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, February 9**, for publication on **Wednesday, February 12**. *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.*

Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to uucc@uucolumbia.org.

Message From Our Minister

“The Two Faces of Janus”

On the first Sunday in January, our worship theme focused on one of the Roman gods, Janus. He is considered the custodian of the universe, the god of beginnings and endings. There were five shrines built to honor Janus Geminus in Rome, all of which were located near crossings of rivers or watercourses, owing to his early connections to water and bridges. The most important of these shrines was near the Argiletum entrance to the Forum. This particular shrine had bronze doors on the east and west sides, and according to tradition, the doors were kept closed in times of peace and open in times of war. The Romans were most often at war on some front so the doors were almost never closed. Soldiers had to exit the city according to ritual in order to be protected by Janus. Failure to do so could result in defeat.

The image of Janus always consisted of two faces. The face on one side was older and bearded and was believed to be looking to the past. The face on the other side was younger and clean shaven, and believed to be looking toward the future. The rituals around Janus fall naturally at the beginning and end of things, months, years, events. He provides us an opportunity to look backwards and reflect on the life we just lived. Reflection gives us a chance to grieve, to celebrate, to hold we have learned, name what we regret, and let go. The other face provides us an opportunity to look toward the future and articulate our hopes and dreams, set personal goals for development and growth, give a voice to our fears and dread, and prepare for the journey ahead. Meditating on the two faces of Janus centers ourselves perfectly for the beginning of 2020.

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The poet, Rumi, says that “life is a balance of holding on and letting go.” In our personal lives, as we stare through the bearded eyes of Janus looking back, we can ask ourselves: what do we want to hold onto and what do we want to let go. The same questions can guide the future ahead of us as we look through the other face of Janus. We can also practice this as a congregation. The UUCC has a life of its own, with a rich history and a promising future. As we look back on our history, what do we need to grieve? What do we need to celebrate and hold onto as the soil that has sustained us? What regrets, frustrations, and anger do we need to name out loud so we can let it go? As we look toward our future, can we risk the vulnerability of expressing our hope and dreams for the UUCC? Will we have the energy to name our fears and our dreads concerning the journey ahead of us. As we hold ourselves in the tension between past and future, can we find the courage to take the steps and make the plans to be the kind of congregation we want to be?

Please join me on Sunday, January 19, immediately following the worship service for our Congregational Conversation. We will have a chance to talk about all of this as we sit and dialogue together. See you there!

Rev. Stephen Robinson



Candles of Community

We extend our concern and support to **Sandy Chubon** who is at Richland Hospital in Room 1044, 803-434-6557.

Jan Kelley is at Pruitt Skilled Nursing Facility, 123 Tanglewood Court, Room 411, Ridgeway, SC 29130. The phone there is 803-337-3211. Cards and visits will be most welcome.

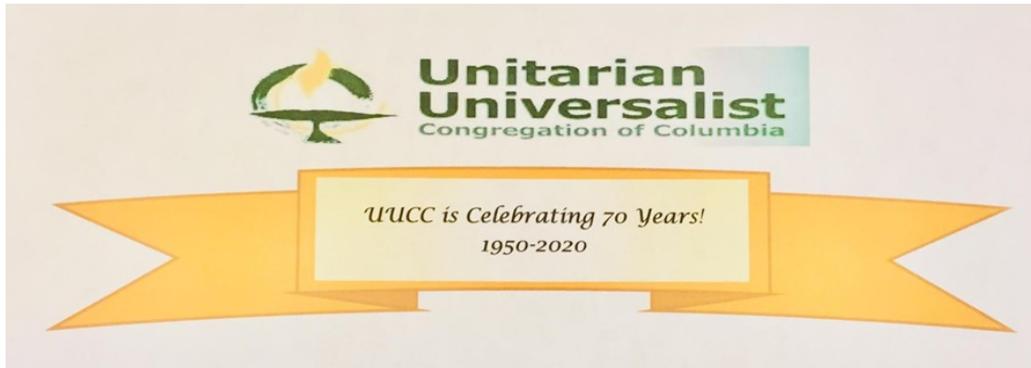
Thank You

Lee Minghi is grateful to the UU friends, well-wishers, and members of the caring committee who have reached out with healing thoughts during the past painful weeks. Being with you rather than apart would have been much More fun! But knowing out of sight was not out of mind has been comforting. Thank you.

Oh, What Fun...

Lis Turner wants to give one more cheer of gratitude to all who helped (or didn't help but were there in spirit) in putting up and taking down the Holiday Décor. It could not have been accomplished without your many hands. She doesn't want to name names for fear of forgetting someone, but honorable mention must go to two indispensable people. First, Phil Turner who hauled heavy things and climbed perilously high to get the job done. Then there was Ginny Verne who had to work on take-down day, but made a huge pot of vegetable stew accompanied by the three B's: Bread, Butter, and Brownies to fortify us during the removal of the décor. Thank you one and all!!!

News and Notes



Membership at the UUC

Have you been attending the UUC 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. You may also speak to the Membership Committee volunteer at the Welcome Table with the red tablecloth after the service.

Audio Recordings of Sermons Available on Website!

We have finally started putting up audio recordings of our sermons on a regular basis. You can now go to our website (uucolumbia.org) and look on the right-hand side of the Home Page. Select the Service Archive link and scroll down to the sermon you'd like to hear. When on that page, simply select the play button, sit back and enjoy the sermon. We have some from July and all of August and September up now. Continuing from now on, you can expect that they will be up within two weeks of the sermon. We're aiming for much less time (a couple of days), but typically, three sets of hands must deal with these, so we don't want to over promise. Color us happy! Now when you miss a Sunday you don't have to miss a sermon.

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

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.

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. You can do this by signing up for the Sunday of your choice on the UUC 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 UUC 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) 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.

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



January 9 & February 13

The UCC men's breakfast group meets at 9:00am on the second Thursday of each month at Lizard's Thicket on Beltline. If you are interested, please let Phil philturmer2009@gmail.com know so we can have space available.

Story Circles Expanded: Every Wednesday

Fun & fellowship every Wednesday beginning January 8 from 10:00-11:30am in the UCC Library. Newcomers welcome. Questions? Call Barbara Bates Smith at 828-421-7685.

Enneagram Classes

Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30

The Enneagram is an ancient personality typing that describes how human beings are wired. It teaches that early in life we learn to feel safe or unsafe and to cope with our family situations and personal circumstances by developing a strategy based on our talents and natural abilities. By working with the Enneagram, we develop a deeper understanding of others and learn alternatives to our own patterns of behavior. We break free from worn-out coping strategies and begin to see life from a broader point of view. Classes will meet in the Library at 4:00pm and end promptly at 5:30pm. For information and to register, please call, text, or email Rebecca Drennan, at 415-377-1791 or rebecca@creativetransformation.com.

Ladies Luncheon

Ladies LUUnch BUUnch, Thursday

It's not too late to start off the New Year by joining the UCC Ladies LUUnch BUUnch on Thursday, January 9 at Za's on Devine at 12:00 noon for a fun time together. We will have a large private room and will order from their varied menu that includes both vegan and vegetarian options. This is a fun time to visit with old friends and a perfect opportunity to get to know others better. We always have a good time so don't miss out. Email Linda McLeod at bonneylass44@gmail.com. Hope to see you there.

CYRE Pancake Breakfast, 9:00-10:30am Sunday, January 12

You are cordially invited to attend the CYRE Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, January 12. Our students will be serving delicious pancakes, fruit, and juices in the Social Hall from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., so bring your appetite!



Visitor Orientation, Sunday, January 12, 12:20pm Library

Our next Visitor Orientation will be held on January 12 at 12:20pm in the UCC library. If you are new to the UCC, 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 at: membership@uucolumbia.org.

The Women's Book Group

Tuesday, January 14, 7:00pm



The Women's Book Group will meet Tuesday, January 14, at 7:00pm in Room 10 to discuss *Innocent*, by Scott Turow. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon at 803-776-0784 or sjchubon@sc.rr.com

Morgan Maclachlan's Birthday Potluck Saturday, January 18, 4-7pm

Members and Friends are cordially invited to attend Morgan Maclachlan's 80th Birthday Party in the UCC Social Hall on Saturday, January 18, from 4:00-7:00 pm. The party will be a potluck meal, so please bring something to share. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to 803-348-4370 or drmarymaclachlan@gmail.com.

Congregational Conversation

Sunday, January 19

Join us as the Board of Trustees sponsors another Congregational Conversation to get your input about our future. We'd like to hear your ideas and thoughts on direction, growth, and membership through a discussion led by Rev. Stephen Robinson. Please join us in the Social Hall immediately after the service for a light lunch and friendly conversation.

September Set, Friday, January 24, Noon

On the fourth Friday of every month the UUCC 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 **Noon on Friday, January 24!** If you have questions, email or call Pat Mohr (patmohr@mindspring.com; 803-463-3504) or Jean Capalbo (jacapalbo@aol.com; 803-799-1001).

CYRE CANstruction, Sunday, January 26



The annual CANstruction competition will be here soon! Please donate cans to the RE classrooms during the month of January.

Children will create sculptures with the cans. You will vote for the best sculpture with a monetary donation. All proceeds go to Harvest Hope Food Bank. Contact DRE Scott Sargent at dre@uucolumbia.org

CYRE Pre-K Program Needs One Additional Teacher

The Pre-Kindergarten program needs one additional teacher. Each week, teachers read a classic book written by Dr. Seuss and lead a discussion of the UU principles it reinforces. With an adequate number of volunteers, teachers can rotate out of the classroom more often to attend Services. If you can assist with this fun and rewarding activity, please contact Scott Sargent, DRE at dre@uucolumbia.org.

UUCC Choirs Invite You To Sing!

Do you like to sing? Please consider joining one of our UUCC choirs. All are welcome and no previous experience is required. Opportunities include the UUCC ADULT CHOIR which rehearses twice monthly before Sunday services (9:30-10:30am); ENCORE, the Men's Choir, which rehearses twice monthly before Sunday services; and PRISM, the Women's Choir, which rehearses weekly on Thursday evenings (6:30-7:30pm). UUCC youth will have opportunities this year to sing in RE and perform in inter-generational services! Each choir performs in service once a month, and you can access information and rehearsal schedules on our UUCC website, columbia.dreamhosters.com, under Worship: Music at the UUCC or contact Music Coordinator Anna Hamilton, music@uucolumbia.org

An Opportunity to Help The Mountain

An informal group of UUCC members and friends are planning a trip to The Mountain in February. We will be spending several days doing laundry, cleaning, and repair to help get facilities ready for the 2020 season. If you think you might like to join us, contact Ginny Verne at vmverne33@att.net or 803-606-6260 for more information.

CYRE Committee Meeting Sunday, February 2

The Children and Youth Religious Exploration Committee will meet Sunday, February 2, at 12:30pm, in room 8. An agenda will be sent out in advance of the meeting. For more information, contact Beck Sullivan at rechair@uucolumbia.org.

Dances of Universal Peace, February 7

Please save the date for our next DUP: Friday, February 7 from 7-9 pm in the Social Hall. Our theme will be the creative energies at work in winter months, which work toward spring flowering. DUP are moving spiritual practices honoring many faith traditions. Each dance has its own chant and motions that are taught and led. Respectful eye contact, hand-holding, and occasional hugs are part of the dances. As we move through several iterations of each dance, we become more aware of the energy of the universe flowing through us. Usually we socialize after dancing. DUP are free; we are happy to accept small donations to support the Dances. The February DUP is part of the SC Interfaith Harmony Month celebration, organized by Interfaith Partners of SC, at www.interfaithpartnersofsc.org

We need several people present to hold our dances. If you are planning to attend the February 7 dance, RSVP to Marguerite via phone [803-743-0731] or e-mail [mff426@gmail.com] by 5 pm on Wednesday February 5. If enough people are coming, we will have the dance; if not, it will be canceled. The status of Friday's DUP will be announced in the February 6 eblast.



Chocolate Auction, February 9, 12:15pm

In this annual UCC high holiday, you can expect opportunities to eat chocolate, buy chocolate, and even bet on chocolate (in the cakewalk)! This fundraiser benefits the high school youth group's 2020 trip to Boston. Every two years the group visits 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. Questions: contact Choco-Chair, Nancie Shillington-Pérez, at nancierrr@sbcglobal.net.

Your Baking Skills Needed for February 9 Chocolate Auction

Brownies, cookies, cakes — no item is too small for our bake sale or too large for the silent auction. All items will need to be in the fellowship kitchen either Saturday afternoon the 8th between 3:00–6:00pm or Sunday the 9th starting at 9:00am so we can prepare for the sale and auction. Please package individual portions for bake sale items. So tie on your apron and bake with a loving spoonful! Contact Nancie Shillington-Pérez at nancierrr@sbcglobal.net, or text 803-553-2280, to let her know what you can contribute.

Ladies Luncheon

Ladies LUUnch BUUnch, February 13

Join the UCC Ladies LUUnch BUUnch on Thursday, February 13, at noon. The location will be announced soon but the good times are for sure. We always enjoy getting together each month for lunch and visiting at different local restaurants to renew old friendships and make new ones. Watch for the signup information in the Order of Service. If you have a suggestion for a restaurant that has a private dining room that you would like us to try please contact Linda McLeod at bonneylass44@gmail.com.

UCC Book Club, Sunday, February 16, 6:30pm (No January Book Club)



Angie Dodd Rabon will facilitate a discussion of *There Will Be No Miracles Here: A Memoir* (2018), by Casey Gerald. We will meet at a member's home. The 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. We hope to see you there!

New Members' Joining Ceremony and Reception, March 29

The Membership Committee will formally recognize people that became or will become new members of the UUCC from April 2019 - March 2020 during our March 29 Joining Ceremony and Reception. Are you interested in learning more about becoming a UUCC member? Please contact Nancie Shillington-Pérez, chair of the Membership Committee, at membership@uucolumbia.org or anyone else on the committee about the simple steps to make that happen!

Volunteers Needed: CYRE Free Play Days

CYRE schedules a "Free Play Day" about once each month, usually on the first Sunday. These days are important for a few reasons, and it is difficult to say which reason is more important. First, it gives our hardworking volunteer teachers a well-deserved day off, so they can either attend the service or relax at home. Their commitment to the program requires them to miss nearly every single Sunday service! It also gives the children a chance to play board games, listen to a story, engage in arts and crafts, visit the playground, or just hang out. Finally, it allows adult members of the congregation to interact with the young people and demonstrate their UU values. None of these things will happen if we don't have at least four volunteers for each Free Play Day.

Please consider volunteering at least one day per school year for this vital need; we are currently well below this required level of participation and may have to cancel some days. If interested, please contact DRE Scott Sargent at dre@uucolumbia.org, or simply add your name to the sign-up sheet on the CYRE Registration and Information table in the Social Hall each Sunday, and on a table in the RE wing the rest of the week. On behalf of the UUCC children, thank you for your support!

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 Brennisson at 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 for information.

CABARET 2020

Singers in the Spotlight

Anna Hamilton - Music Coordinator

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Unitarian Universalist Church

2701 Heyward Street, Columbia



Delectable hors d'oeuvres and
drinks...raffle items!

YOUR TABLE IS WAITING!

Doors open 7:00pm

Curtain 7:30pm

Suggested donation \$20pp

Sponsored by the UUC Partner Church Committee

Contact Susan 446-0675 or Jean (928)202-0286

CABARET 2020 SOLE FUNDRAISER FOR PARTNER CHURCH

Our Romanian partnership began in 1990. Our friends there still suffer hardships as a Hungarian Unitarian minority. They meet in a small room upstairs in a Lutheran church. The money we sent these past 29 years installed a tiny bathroom in a closet and a handrail on their steep staircase. It buys a Christmas treat for all the 40 members each year and helps defray gasoline expenses for Rev. Zsolt Solymosi, who travels 5 hours round trip every other Sunday, without compensation, to conduct their services. Some went towards Rev. Zsolt purchasing a used car. It sponsored a young woman through 4 full years of college in Romania. After 4 visits to Beszterce and 5 visits from their ministers over the years, our friendship continues to grow.

Social Action

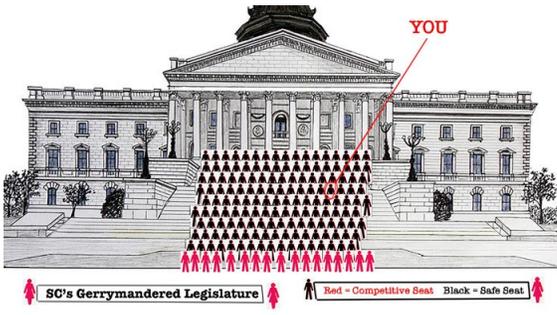
Shelter Donations Needed

The Social Action Committee is soliciting donations of: Current magazines and unused personal-sized toiletries for the Inclement Weather Center, the winter shelter for the homeless. The shelter, managed by Transitions, is open from November 1 to April 1 when the temperature falls below 40F. 100 to 150 or more clients use the shelter on a nightly basis. *For donations of new or gently used shoes and clothing, such as coats, hats and gloves, advance arrangement is preferred.* Place donations in the basket on the left after entering the social hall. For more information about donations or volunteering, contact Tom Clements at tomelements329@cs.com or 803-240-7268.



The Sunday, January 12 live on-line event will bring UUs together who are bringing our passion to the polls through issue-based advocacy, voter registration, outreach, and organizing around the 2020 elections to #VoteLove and #DefeatHate. On the call we'll hear from the National UUtheVote Team, from UUs already organizing in their communities and states, and from partner organizations who are working with UUs. We'll introduce you to organizing tools and spiritual grounding resources the UUA Organizing Strategy Team has put together to support your efforts and let you know about key moments coming up in 2020. When UUs show up with our values, our bodies, and our resources at the ready, we can have big impacts in bending the arc of the universe toward justice. Let's UUtheVote! We'll gather on-line on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 4 p.m. ET. Register at : <https://secure.everyaction.com/RBj7sMuqSUaLQu3gsNzylw2>

Unrig the system! End gerrymandering in SC Jan. 14, 10:30-11:45am, SC State House steps Join activists from the Fair Maps SC Coalition to take a stand against partisan gerrymandering in South Carolina. Just 10% of the 170 seats in the General Assembly are competitive, making South Carolina's elections among the nation's least democratic. On Jan. 14, 170 citizens will assemble on the State House steps, each representing a lawmaker, to illustrate the shocking reality of our gerrymandered legislature. Be one of them.



King Day at The Dome & Parade: Monday, January 20

Join us at Zion Baptist Church, 801 Washington St, Columbia on the morning of MLK Day. We will meet and march to the State House and then listen to a variety of speakers there. More info coming soon on times but I believe it will be at about 9:30am. I will need 4 people to carry the banner. Contact SocialAction@uucolumiba.org if you can attend.



Revolutionary Love Toward a More Perfect Union Conference
April 24-26, 2020 | Washington DC

See Page 11 for More Events...

Social Action...continued

Jan. 13, 6pm: Fair Maps SC meeting (2nd Monday), GROW, 1340 Elmwood Ave. This is a regular monthly meeting to organize around the Richland County Fair Maps petition drive. We will finalize plans for our press conference/photo op on the opening day of the legislative session on Jan. 14. Details about the citizens campaign to end gerrymandering at its web site. Follow the coalition on Facebook and Twitter.

Jan. 13, 7pm: monthly SC Progressive Network meeting (2nd Monday), GROW, 1340 Elmwood Ave. Get updates on current projects and campaigns, and a look ahead at the coming legislative session. Questions? Contact the Network at 803-808-3384 or email network@scpronet.com. Get social with us; follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Bookmark our web site to easily access our calendar, blog, and ongoing projects.

On January 13th, the “We Must Do M.O.R.E.” national tour will come to Charleston, South Carolina for a Moral Monday March and Mass Meeting. On the Saturday before, we will have a day of canvassing and registering people for a movement that votes. RSVP Today! Join us to hear from South Carolinians impacted by the interlocking injustices that we are organizing to end and to hear from Rev. Barber and Rev. Theoharis, Co-Chairs of the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. Contact Laura Hartwig if you are looking for a ride to Charleston at SocialAction@uucolumbia.org.

The Premiere of NO ADDRESS Documentary Series pt. 1 (Columbia, SC) will be held at Spotlight Cinemas Capital 8 on Thursday, Jan. 23rd and Friday, Jan. 24th! Featuring our own Judy Turnipseed! About the Doc: NO ADDRESS, depicts the criminalization of homelessness and how communities across the country can implement proven practical solutions to this growing epidemic. By cross pollinating programs that work versus programs that don’t across the United States, we can begin a more effective approach to dealing with human beings without homes. Visit: www.NoAddressDocumentary.com to learn more.

Sunday, January 26th Sierra Club: A Dayhike to Greenville County’s Newest Protected Area Early last year, the Tall Pines Wildlife Management Area was protected as public land, largely with \$3 million support from the South Carolina Conservation Bank. At 1750 acres, this undeveloped and forested area is about the size of Paris Mountain State Park and is only 12 miles from Travelers Rest. There are numerous hiking possibilities. We will see 3 small lakes, hike to the South Saluda River, and see signs of beaver activity. We will also see the tall pines that give this quiet area its name. Come and see for yourself why the State Conservation Bank valued this excellent wildlife habitat. This hike will be about 5 miles with limited elevation gain, less than 500 feet. Rated moderate. Consistent with Sierra Club policy, pets are not permitted on this outing. Contact Outings Leader Norm Sharp, at 864-268-9409, or norm.sharp@att.net, for additional information.

Jan 28: Atlantic Institute Presents: TEDx Talk Dialogue Nights

“Reconnecting with Compassion” by Krista Tippett, a journalist, author and radio host best known for the NPR program On Being. This program explores what it means to be human by touching on a wide variety of topics from religion to politics to culture. “Reconnecting with Compassion” looks at why compassion is seen as a weakness and should instead be viewed as a strength. We are happy to present this Interfaith Discussion in partnership with the Interfaith Partners of South Carolina. Please RSVP below and visit our Facebook page for more information. [Click Here to RSVP!](#) January 28th, 2020 6:30-8:00, Columbia [Please RSVP for location.](#)

Sat, Feb 8, 2020: Adopt a Highway Cleanup with Sierra Club

Volunteers are needed to clean-up the Sierra Club’s John Bachman Group’s segment of Old Bluff Road near the entrance to the Congaree National Park. We will assemble at 8:30 AM at the church parking area on Old Bluff Road about 1 mile East of the main entrance of Congaree National Park at the intersection of Old Bluff Rd and Mt View Rd. (1003 Old Bluff Road). If you would like to participate, or if you need more info, please contact Lawrence Haselden by email at lhaselden2000@yahoo.com or by telephone at 803-917-5092. Please invite anyone you think might be interested. In case of inclement weather such as rain or storms we will reschedule this event.

Please check our website for new events posted almost daily:

bit.ly/social-action

Denominational Connections—January 8, 2020



Rooted, Inspired, & Ready!

February 29, 2020.

Register Now and Save! - Registration is now open at [uua.org/ga/registration](https://www.uua.org/ga/registration). Full-time registration is \$400 for adults, \$250 for high school youth and retired and candidate ministers, and \$150 for off-site registrants. Early bird registration is now through March 15, 2020. Rates increase on March 16. Prefer smaller payments over a longer period? We've designed a payment plan just for you. When you register, simply click "payment plan" when prompted and, for as little as \$50 down, you can spread out the balance of your registration over several months. Payment plans must be paid in full on or before **February 29, 2020.**

New WorshipWeb App - A new WorshipWeb app is available for Apple and Android! This app allows you to access the entire *WorshipWeb collection* (<https://www.uua.org/worship>) with an internet connection, or mark "Favorites" to remain accessible on the app when you're offline. You can also share selections with friends and family.



Conversations for Liberation - UUA leaders want Unitarian Universalism to be a faith movement where people of all identities and abilities thrive. The "Conversations for Liberation" framework and discussion guide are new resources to help Unitarian Universalist faith communities engage with the question: How will we move our faith forward toward greater justice? Learn how your congregation can participate and download the discussion guide here: <https://www.uua.org/conversations>.

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:

Right Relationship, January 14, 6:30 pm ET/5:30 pm CT - Why does it matter to Me? To You? To Us? When there are challenges or issues are brewing in your congregation, who can you call? What's the difference between a Right Relations Team and a Committee on Ministry? Now let's add a Healthy Congregations Team to the mix. And then, just to complicate things further, what is Mediation? How does it differ from Facilitation? And oh, by the way, where does Accountability fit into this grand mix? It's time to talk! Please join us at a Webinar on Right Relationship hosted by Southern Regional Field Staff Kathy McGowan, and Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson. Register here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0ZVKhx8STXH4Rf-m5LHXpl3awQM7UJuAmgIUYWgr9JoMfQQ/viewform>.

There's a LOT more! View the entire Southern Region November Newsletter here: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/2?ui=2&ik=c822b0d363&view=lg&permmsgid=msg-f:1649669768990331929>

Denominational Connections pages: (<http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/connection/denominational-connection/>) for updates and connect with our wider UU world. (<https://www.facebook.com/uucolumbia/>)

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact me at denomconn@uucolumbia.org. Keitha Whitaker, Chair, Denominational Connections.

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A sharing from Rev. Dr. Pippin Whitaker, Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, Burke, Virginia:

Integrity

Integrity involves wholeness, a sense of internal consistency, and honesty. What do you imagine when you consider the concept of integrity? Who do you imagine? I invite you to reflect on this for a moment...

In your mind's wandering, did you imagine that integrity must adapt and change over time? Consider this; if you act with integrity now, that action with integrity may very well change into a new action with just as much integrity after several more years of life experience. This is because experiences change us, we learn new things, the outside world changes, and integrity must be true to all of this. Thus, to retain internal consistency, honesty, and wholeness, the shape and form of integrity *must* change over time.

In this quote, the Rev. Dr. Kendyl Gibbons reflects on the covenants we make in Unitarian Universalist Communities: "It is necessary to be reminded from time to time of what you said you were going to do, and what you really want, over and above the lure of momentary comfort." Rev. Gibbons simultaneously invites us to recall covenant, revisit what we want, and face the challenge of change. Keeping covenant invites us out of self-comfort and into integrity with how we want to be in relationship.

What covenants or commitments have you made with yourself? As a congregation, we have entered into a covenant as members of the Unitarian Universalist Association to promote and affirm our principles while drawing on and holding ourselves accountable to the wisdom in our sources. As members of this church, we uphold a congregational covenant with one another in the ways we will be together, supporting one another and this congregation in serving our mission as the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church.

At the beginning of this new year, I invite you to reflect on what you have said you wanted to do and be, as individuals and as a congregation. What may need to change and shift with new experience and a changing world? Is there something we need to remind ourselves of? Is there a new sense of integrity emerging in our lives that we need to be true to?

As individuals and as a covenantal community, may we always find the consistency, honesty, and wholeness that we need for who we are becoming.

Rev. Dr. Pippin Whitaker



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	Sunday, February 2	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	10:00 am	Classroom # 9
Christian Heritage	TBA	Noon	Library
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 # 8
Knit or Not	Every Monday	2:00 pm	Classroom # 10
Membership Committee	Sunday, February 2	12:30 pm	Classroom # 9
Visitor Orientation	Sunday, January 12	12:20 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 nd Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, January 24	Noon	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, January 29	12:30 pm	Library
Technology Committee	Wednesday, February 5	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	Thursday, January 16	5:00 pm	Classroom # 10
UU Book Club	Sunday, February 16	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, January 14	7:00 pm	Classroom # 10
Rentals			
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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