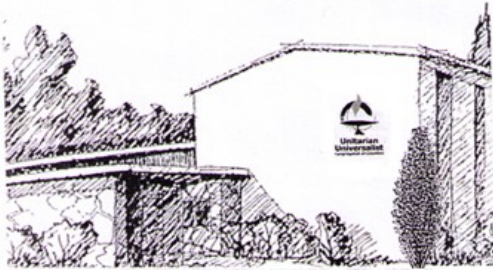




The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

June 10, 2020



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Sunday Schedule

Online Worship: 11:00 am-12:15 pm
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June 14, 2020

“Sanctuary Congregations”
by Rev. Michelle Robinson

June 21, 2020

To be announced
by Rev. Stephen Robinson

June 28, 2020

“Commemorating Stonewall”
by Joseph Eisenreich

Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, July 5**, for publication on **Wednesday, July 8**. *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.* Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to uucc@uucolumbia.org.

What You Can Do to Stop Racism

Laura Hartwig, Social Action Chair

Here is a short list of things you can do from home.

1. Make an #endwhitesilence sign and head to an action, plan your own or post a photo of you with it online.
2. **[Volunteer with UU the Vote!](#)** There is a role for everyone in this work. Volunteers are critical to building a massive coordinated campaign. Join the team of UUs fighting for justice and democracy.

3. **[Unfinished Business: A Study of DuBois' Reconstruction in America to Now](#)**

Four Wednesdays: June 10, June 17, July 1 and July 8. This political education series offered by Side With Love and Love Resists will explore the history of the reconstruction era (post-civil war), to give us a deeper understanding of the origin of today's systemic racism in policing and mass incarceration as well as the Black-led movements resisting it. In this pivotal protest movement sparked by the law-enforcement-linked murders of George Floyd, Amaud Ahmery, Breonna Taylor, and Tony McDade - only the most recent Black lives to be lost to police violence - we'll learn from the past to be ready for today, and to build towards the world we dream of.

4. **Follow I Can't Breathe March** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/icantbreathesc/>

5. **The local Simple Justice Black Lives Matter group** suggests that we donate to the Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL) at Soda City Bail (Run by Julie Edwards) through Cashapp or Venmo. PSL is doing a lot of organizing around these protests. They plan to focus on arrests made in connection with the protest, which are mostly curfew violations. Read more about this bail fund here: <https://www.thestate.com/news/local/article243266031.html>

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6. Other ways from Planned Parenthood to join the movement and support Black communities:

- Take action with Color of Change [here](#) or text FLOYD to 55156.
- Call your U.S. Senators to urge them to pass additional federal relief using this [click-to-call tool](#).
- Contact your representative and urge him to support Reps. Ayanna Pressley, Ilhan Omar, Barbara Lee, and Karen Bass's [resolution](#) to condemn police brutality, racial profiling, and use of excessive force.
- Donate to [Black Voters Matter](#) to support the voter registration efforts of Black voters.
- Educate yourself and the people around you by reading [these anti-racism resources](#).

7. Suggestions for how to take action from the UUA:

- We recommend joining and supporting the [Movement for Black Lives](#) and following their lead. Please donate to their organization, if you can.
- [Click here](#) for a list of actions from Courage Campaign to support BIPOC communities.
- **Demand that your local city or town enact these eight reforms.** Campaign ZERO, a data-informed platform to end police violence, has identified eight policies that can decrease police violence by 72%. Learn more about these policies on their [#8CantWait](#) website and demand that your city or town implement them.
- Read and support these [recommendations for Congressional action](#) from Ben and Jerry's.
- [Donate to support bail funds](#) for protesters of police violence.
- [Donate to organizations](#) fighting racism and police brutality.
- Take action with [Color of Change](#).
- More national actions are being added to an [Anti-Racism Toolkit here](#).

Online Sunday Services

The information below can be used to access Sunday services through June, 2020:

If you have email access and are dialing in with audio only, please send an email to philtturner2009@gmail.com with the phone number (including area code) you are calling from and your first and last name.

For audio only access using your phone:

Call +1-253-215-8782 US and enter the Meeting ID: 832 671 906

If you are accessing via smartphone or computer, please name your device in some recognizable way

For video and audio access, ctrl-click on the following:

URL: <https://zoom.us/j/832671906>

Sunday Services will be available beginning at 10:30am and the services will begin at 11:00am. Please consider accessing the service by between 10:30am and 10:50am to be sure your equipment is working.

We ask that everyone name your device in some recognizable way so we may know who is present for security purposes.

Sunday Services will be recorded and available for viewing on our website as soon as possible.

CYRE Classes Sundays at 2:30 pm

All CYRE students and teachers are invited to attend class via Zoom. Classes will be held each Sunday afternoon starting 2:30pm and will last about 30-45 minutes. We will be presenting and discussing Wisdom Literature from various world religions. Previous classes have centered around traditional tales from Islam, Christianity, Daoism, and Hinduism, followed by spirited, thoughtful, and insightful discussion. We hope to see you there! If you are interested in attending, please email Scott Sargent at dre@uucolumbia.org to receive your Zoom invitation. We look forward to seeing you Sunday afternoons!



Candles of Community

It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of Russell Hunnewell. Russell was the Facilities Director at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center. For many of us who volunteered there, Russell was the 'face' of The Mountain. He was available to volunteers and guests any time of the day or night and seemed to always have a resolution for any issues or difficulties. Russell will be greatly missed.

Sharing Our Abundance, June Share the Plate Recipient Free Medical Clinic

Half of our Share the Plate collection this month goes to the Free Medical Clinic, which provides quality healthcare, at no cost, to residents of the community who cannot pay for such services and who have no health insurance. This clinic is their only option to have access to health care. The staff and volunteers operate six examination rooms, a pharmacy, a small laboratory, a classroom for patient education and meetings, a waiting room, and offices. Community partnerships are key to the Clinic's success in providing comprehensive medical services and the continuous evolution of their programs. These partnerships also allow them to connect their patients with services currently beyond the Clinic's scope. Give by either going to our website, uucolumbia.org, and clicking on the 'donate' bar at the top of the page, or entering "abundant.co/uucc/give" in your browser. If donating by check please put "Share the Plate" in the memo line.

UUCC Now Accepts Contributions Electronically

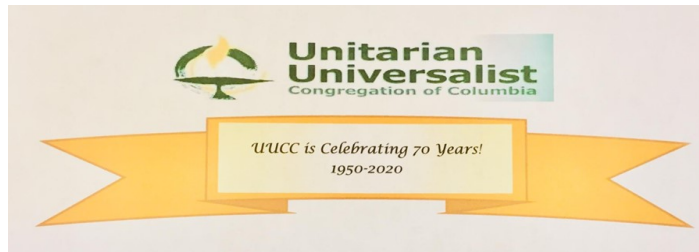
UUCC is a resilient community and although we've moved our ministry online during this crisis, we trust you will continue your generous support of UUCC and our community. Our eGiving service, Vanco, provides tools to make giving simple, safe and secure. It also allows you to designate your contribution to the funds you're most passionate about such as your Pledge and Share the Plate.

Give by either going to our website, uucolumbia.org, and clicking on the 'donate' bar at the top of the page, or entering "abundant.co/uucc/give" in your browser. If you should have any questions, need help, or more information, please contact our Administrator, Andrea Dudick, at uucc@uucolumbia.org or 803-799-0845, between the hours of 6am-Noon, Monday-Friday. Thank you for your generosity.

Through your contributions, we're able to share the message of our faith to our congregation and the larger community, giving people the strength and compassion needed to make it through difficult times such as these.

Please contact our Administrator, Andrea Dudick, so we can give you more information or help you get set up. Thank you again for supporting UUCC and the community we've all worked so hard to nurture.

News and Notes



Recordings of Sermons Available on Website!

Please 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 see. When on that page, simply select the play button, sit back and enjoy the sermon.

UUC Music on YouTube!

You are invited to visit the UUC Music Coordinator's YouTube page to view and listen to music from recent services and performances from our talented UUC Musicians. Go to: [UUC Music](#) New items will be added weekly, so please keep coming back!

Virtual Choir Rehearsals, Thursdays in June, 6:30-7:15 pm

Let's make music together! Virtual Choir rehearsals will continue in June. Anna Hamilton will be hosting one rehearsal a week, and teen/adult singers from all UUC choirs are invited to join. We will meet weekly on Thursdays 6:30-7:15 PM (meeting will open at 6:15 PM.) If you are not currently receiving emails and online invites for choral events at the UUC and would like to be added to the UUC Singers email list, please contact Anna Hamilton: music@uucolumbia.org

UUC Zappy Hour

Starting Wednesday, June 10, join with your fellow UUCers at 7:00pm for conversations and catching up. No agenda. BYOB and snacks. Rotating breakout rooms 6-8 people. *Weekly as per demand.* Questions: Phil Turner philturner2009@gmail.com

Topic: UUC Zappy Hour

Time: Jun 10, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82780556236>

Meeting ID: 827 8055 6236

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

**See Page 9 for
Social Action Events**

Free Fruit and Vegetable Drive-Thru Friday, June 12, 6-8pm

You can receive a free box of fresh fruit and vegetables at I. Dequincy Newman UMC, 7801 Wilson Boulevard, Columbia, 29203. For more information: 803-470-3961.

UUCC Book Club Discussion, Sunday, June 14, 6:30pm, online

Joe Long will facilitate a discussion on *Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World--and Why Things Are Better Than You Think*, by Hans Rosling. We will meet via Zoom rather than in person.

To use your phone to call (audio only), the number is +1 312 626 6799. See below for the meeting ID.

For smartphone (audio and speaker video), download the Zoom app and then enter the meeting ID below.

For your computer and tablet, use the URL below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83358041815>

Meeting ID: 833 5804 1815

The UUCC Book Club is open to all members and friends of UUCC. Please contact Ruthie Saunders if you have questions or would like more information:

rsaunders@sc.edu We hope to 'see' you there!

Christian Heritage Group, 4th Tuesdays

Many Unitarian Universalists have come from Christian roots and experiences. While many of us have let go of dogma and doctrine which no longer nourish our spirits, we still long for some of the rituals which enriched and guided our lives. All discussion topics are welcome, whether spirituality, prayer, favorite hymns, or questions about faith and practice. The Christian Heritage Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at noon with a brown bag lunch. When we were meeting face to face, we were in the Library, but in these challenging times we meet by Zoom. Now we bring our brown bag to our desks. If you are curious, we invite you to join us for a session. Contact Rebecca Drennan at rebecca@creativetransformation.com and she will send you a meeting ID number. All are welcome.

Virtual Story Circle, Wednesdays in June

Story Circle will continue on Wednesdays in June from 10:00-11:30 a.m. All welcome. Questions? Call Barbara Bates Smith at [828-421-7685](tel:828-421-7685).

Adaptive Living: From Fear to Love-- Pathways to Progress Wednesdays from 12-1:30 starting July 1

This virtual program designed for adults in this rapidly changing world is being offered free by The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center. The series is being facilitated (via secured Zoom link) by Dr. Rita Brodnax and Dr. Dudley Tower. Dr. Brodnax was the featured speaker for SUFFI last year and held her audience spellbound with her explanations of the brain and how it functions, especially in aging adults.

For more information and to register:

<file:///C:/Users/uucc/Documents/Scanned%20Documents/adaptive%20living%20program%20adapted.pdf>

Caring Committee

In coordination with the Minister, the Caring Network provides leadership in physical and emotional support to Members and Friends in time of crisis and need.

The Caring Committee:

- Helps members and friends connect to the services they may need (food, medical care, transportation, mental health care)
- Creates and maintains a list of Members and Friends available to assist Members and Friends who may have an illness or other needs (Caring Network)
- Assistance may include: transportation to medical appointments, delivering meals, shopping, visits, a listening ear.
- Sends cards to let members and friends know that we are thinking of them in their time of need.
- Organizes and hosts receptions following Memorial Services for members or friends of the congregation.

If you have a special need or know of someone who does, please email caringchair@uucolumbia.org or call (or text to) 803-605-8625.

If you would like to help the Caring Network on an occasional or as needed and available basis, please email caringchair@uucolumbia.org.

*Please note that during this time of sheltering in place to prevent further spread of Covid-19 some activities of the Caring Network may be suspended. **Moral support and a listening ear are always available.** Visits, rides to medical appointments, shopping – all will be determined on a case by case basis with the safety of Caring Committee members and all members and friends of the congregation our primary concern. We are often able to help members and friends find community resources to fill the gaps in the services we usually provide in person.*



Social Action

Other Social Action Events

June 17, 6pm: New Legacy Project meeting of SC Progressive Network youth contingent. For Zoom login info, email daniel@scpronet.com or 803-319-5349.

See No Stranger- A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love You are invited to our fourth Virtual Gathering on **Thursday, June 18th**. In conversation with special guest Bryan Stevenson, Valarie will orient us to the historical moment, read an excerpt from her forthcoming book, and host a live Q&A. [Register](#).

June 18: Digital Public Safety from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM for a deep dive discussion surrounding digital public safety. Panelists will include: Shambi Broome – Founder, Webgyrlz Code, Chandra Cleveland – Private Investigator, It's On Me 2, Thomas Maluck – Teen Services Librarian, Richland Library [RSVP](#)

Please see the weekly Thursday eblasts for more Social Action events.

Please check our website for new events posted almost daily:

bit.ly/social-action

Denominational Connections

June 10, 2020

GENERAL ASSEMBLY—JUNE 24-28, 2020 – Everywhere! The UUA Board of Trustees has passed a resolution to make the 2020 General Assembly a 100% virtual event. For many years we have offered virtual attendance as an option and, this year, we will scale and enhance our technology so that we can accommodate a wider, ideally more global, audience. Across the country, UU congregations have embraced virtual meetings and Sunday services and we know that the number of screens that log in has grown each week. We are excited for what lies ahead!

New Financial Aid Opportunities for 2020 - As we prepare for a 100% virtual event, new volunteer opportunities have become available. If you have moderate technical skills and can assist other participants during GA, consider applying to be a GA Volunteer (registration included). <https://www.uua.org/ga/registration/financialaid/volunteer>

Due to the generosity of our current 2020 registrants, additional registration scholarships have been made available. <https://www.uua.org/ga/registration/financialaid/scholarships>

Virtual GA Registration is \$150. REGISTER NOW <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/registrants>. *If you would like to serve UUC as a GA delegate, please contact Keitha Whitaker, Denominational Connections Chair at denomconn@uucolumbia.org.*

Southern Region - Summer Webinar Series for Congregational Leaders June - August 2020

There is an old saying: "May you live in interesting times." These certainly are interesting times, and many congregational leaders are learning how to lead and govern an organization with completely novel methods. These webinars will focus on supporting one another and learning to transition and train new boards in light of new challenges. We will share resources, information, support, and commiseration. You - and anyone involved in your board transition - are invited.

Cost: Free for all UUA Congregational Board Members

Eligibility: President, Vice President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, current Board Members, and other team members involved in your board transitioning.

These webinars will be offered twice monthly (content will be the same for each session). Join us on the **3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm ET or 3rd Thursday at 12:00 pm (noon) ET, in June, July, and August:**

Preparing for a year of social distancing; Business as un-usual: June 17, 7:00 pm ET or June 18, 12:00 pm ET

Stuff we gotta do anyway: July 15, 7:00 pm ET or July 16, 12:00 pm ET

Now what?: August 19, 7:00 pm ET or August 20, 12:00 pm ET

Call-in information will be sent to registrants before each month's webinar. After each call, we'll send out the resources we discussed, including video content which we produce exclusively for these webinars.

Register today! <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScRZIfWIAV-cVFjEWP-vaosQjsJNNZDkFX4LdHaPeHDKFypIQ/viewform>

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SR Webinar - Covenant in the Time of COVID-19

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 - 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm EDT - Whoa - now what? Covenant - the deep abiding promises we make to ourselves and then to others to bind ourselves together to do the work that we cannot do alone is hard enough in normal (whatever that is) times. So now how does this work? No one has ever been in this situation before. Come and let's talk about how to maintain covenant now. Let's share what has worked for you and things that concern you.

Join Southern Region UUA Congregational Life Staff, Kathy McGowan and Rev. Nathan Hollister, for this discussion. **Register today!** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevBts1-U00VTgFE4EDgWI05sOeHE5DkluAp2Mmp9z0_TbDmA/viewform

By Andrea J. Ritchie – Police Violence Against Black Women and Women of Color. A timely examination of the ways Black women, Indigenous women, and other women of color are uniquely affected by racial profiling, police brutality, and immigration enforcement. Available from the UUA Bookstore: <https://www.uuabookstore.org/Invisible-No-More-P18212.aspx>

From The Mountain: Attend a Mountain Retreat (Possibly.) Check this page for updates on Mountain Retreats. <https://www.themountainrlc.org/upcoming-events>

There's a LOT more! The Southern Region sends a monthly Southern Region newsletter and targeted emails based on subscribers' interests and roles. SIGN UP TO BE IN THE LOOP! <https://uaa.us16.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=da5be642710e23e8410015108&id=1c1af5f09b>

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.



Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	TBA	7:00 pm	Online Meeting
Board Meeting	Wednesday, June 17	6:30 pm	Online Meeting
Chair Yoga	On Hiatus		
Children & Youth RE Committee	TBA	12:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Choir - UUCC (adult)	TBA	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Choir – Prism (women)	Cancelled	6:30 pm	Classroom # 9
Choir - Encore (men)	Cancelled	9:30 am	Classroom # 9
Christian Heritage	4th Tuesdays	Noon	Online Meeting
CUUP's, Gaia's Rising	Cancelled	7:30 pm	Library
Funeral Consumers Alliance	Cancelled	5:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Forum	Cancelled	9:30 am	Library
Green Team	TBA	12:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Knit or Not	Cancelled	2:00 pm	Classroom # 10
Membership Committee	Cancelled	12:30 pm	Classroom # 9
Visitor Orientation	Cancelled	12:20 pm	Library
Science & Religion	Cancelled	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Cancelled	Noon	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	TBA	12:30 pm	Library
Technology Committee	Cancelled	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	TBA	5:00 pm	Classroom # 10
UU Book Club	Sunday, June 14	6:30 pm	Online Meeting
UU Humanist	Cancelled	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
UU Partner Church Committee	TBA	12:30 pm	Classroom # 10
Women's Book Club	Cancelled	7:00 pm	Classroom # 10
Rentals			
La Leche League	Cancelled	6-8pm	Classroom # 10
Tai Chi 803-772-9557 columbia.sc@taoist.org	Cancelled	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Buddhist Insight Meditation	Cancelled	7:00 pm	Library
Men's AA I	Cancelled	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Women's AA I	Cancelled	6:30 pm	Library
Men's AA II	Cancelled	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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