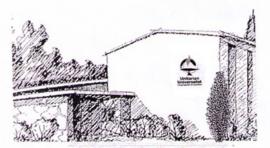


# The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

#### December 9, 2020



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#### Sunday Schedule

Online Forum: 9:30 am Online Worship: 11:00 am-12:15 pm See Page 8 for Access Information

#### December 13, 2020

9:30 am Forum Topic
"This Week in the News..."
11:00 am Sermon Topic
"A Season of Healing and Hope," by Scott Sargent and CYRE Youth

#### December 20, 2020

**9:30 am Forum Topic** "This Week in the News..." **11:00 am Sermon Topic** 'To Be Announced' by Rev. Stephen Robinson

#### **Unigram Deadline**

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, January 10**, for publication on **Wednesday, January 13**. *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published*.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** "A Light at the End of the Tunnel"

As we enter into our 10<sup>th</sup> month of being locked down by COVID-19, watching the infection and death rates rise, while we do our best to take every effort to keep ourselves and others safe, we have reached a point of exhaustion. I have heard the phrase, "light at the end of the tunnel," used to describe the help that is coming, the vaccines, new leadership, etc. We are looking for a light that brings hope and brings the darkness of the tunnel to an end, and we hope that the light at the end of the tunnel is not a train coming toward us.

The year 2020 is waning, with just a few more flips of the calendar days. As we often do with a new year, we internally build a structure for transformation while we look to external forces for hope. That work has never been more important than where we find ourselves this year, with the survival of ourselves, our planet, and all of its lifeforms on the line. We have to dig deep and find the courage to tap into our resiliency.

Annie Dillard, in her book, Pilgrim at Tinker Creek, writes, "You do not have to sit outside in the dark. If, however, you want to look at the stars, you will find that darkness is necessary. But the stars neither require nor demand it..." Sitting alone in the dark has become a norm for us, as we have sacrificed social gatherings and holiday traditions. We can find the goodness in the darkness, if we relax and allow our eyes to adjust to see the stars. The powerful lights from above do not depend on the dark or the light, our attention or our focus. These lights just radiate without our permission or our actions. Dr. Edge will help our vision propel past our atmosphere, as he and his family give us an update on the universe toward the end of December.

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So, we find ourselves looking for the light at the end of the tunnel. As UU's, we embrace the metaphor of light, centering ourselves around the chalice every time we gather. The UUCC chalice has continued to burn brightly through these months of pandemic. Unlike the stars, our chalice flame does need our attention and care. We have this precious gift with the power to be a generative, transformative force of love, hope, and change in our culture, and we must covenant with each other to keep it healthy and strong. We can stop craning our necks and straining our eyes, looking for the light at the end of the tunnel. We are the light!

Rev. Stephen Robinson

Dillard, Annie. Pilgrim at Tinker Creek. New York: Harper Books, 2007.

## **UUCC Financial Update**

December 2020

Thanks to all of you for being so faithful in keeping your pledges up, and special thanks to those who have gone the extra mile and responded to last month's update for giving extra. Not only have you come through for the congregation, but we also had an excellent response for the Families Helping Families fundraiser. It's been a rough 9 months, and it doesn't look like it will be letting up any time soon. UUCC is operating on a negative cash flow due to the drastic decrease in rental income (big thanks to the Buddhist group for their continued donations without even having use of the building) and the loss of spontaneous plate collections from congregants and visitors like. Some of the utilities are a little lower than they otherwise would be, but expenses - payroll, insurance, service agreements, water, waste, electricity and the cost of providing the wonderful music and guest speakers for the Sunday Services - are not that much less than they were before the COVID-19 shutdown.

The Board, staff and committees are all committed to keeping expenditures to a minimum. We are confident that we will maintain until we can once again safely use our facilities. In the meantime, any extra that you can give is greatly appreciated. We will make it through all this!

Jeanette Walton, Treasurer

## **Candles of Community**

We express our support and concern for ...

The family of Joseph Green, who passed away Thursday, December 3.

**Konni Shier**, whose mother, Harriet Burt, died peacefully Monday morning, December 7, after a short bout of cancer, for which she courageously chose not to pursue treatment. Harriet was a resident of Clemson for 50 years, where she made her mark for civil rights by leading the town's first multiracial Girl Scout troop. Harriet was a strong advocate for Clemson's black children, who still faced open

discrimination at Clemson's public elementary school in the 60s and 70s. The mother of a daughter with Down Syndrome, she also founded and taught the town's first Sunday School class for intellectually disabled children and adults. In the years before the Education for All Handicapped Children Act, she volunteered in the only area public school for intellectually disabled children. Harriet was also beloved by nearly every animal that she met, especially dogs, cats, and horses.

## **Thank You**

#### **UUSC Guest at Your Table Fundraiser**

Thank you to all those who donated to our annual Guest at Your Table Fundraiser. We raised \$450. This year had to be a little different because of the pandemic and we weren't able to have our usual potluck, but we are hoping to resume that next November. This year, donations help support UUSC's grassroots partners whose work includes protecting the right to safety in Central America; demanding justice for Rohingya people who have been forced from their homes in Burma; implementing protections-in-place in Alaska, Louisiana, and the Pacific where Indigenous communities are at risk of losing their homes to climate change, and much more. If you'd like to learn more about UUSC, please visit UUSC.org.



#### **UUCC Winter Sing goes Virtual! Saturday, December 19**

Please join us for the Fourth Annual Winter Sing at the UUCC from 6:30-8:00pm to celebrate the season in song! We'll meet on Zoom this year to celebrate and sing from our homes. The event will open at 6:30 pm with time for visiting - you're invited to wear a special holiday outfit and create a festive setting for your Zoom screen. The sing-along will begin at 7:00pm and will include the music of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, St. Lucia's Day, and the Winter Solstice. You are invited to sing-along and to enjoy performances by our UUCC musicians. All are welcome, and this is a family-friendly event! Please plan to enjoy special treats and drinks of your choosing during this event. Questions: Anna Hamilton, <u>music@uucolumbia.org</u>.





### **Another Successful Year for Families Helping Families!**

## Thank you to all who contributed and to our volunteer shoppers

The Social Action Committee decided to request one family this year and were given information on a family of three. Because of time constraints and concerns about COVID-19, volunteer shoppers bought the gifts for the family. Not only were the funds raised to reimburse their expenses, but greatly exceed our expectations. The FHF program staff are very appreciative of our help and will use the excess funds to assist even more families this holiday season.

I have to say this: UU's are awesome! Like most of the world, the people of this congregation have suffered major life changes, social isolation and financial distress because of the effects of COVID-19.

Thank you to the Social Action Committee, volunteer shoppers, Rev. Robinson, Administration and the entire congregation for supporting this vital program.

Kathy Farnsworth, Social Action Chair

#### **December Share the Plate Recipient: Homeless No More**

Half of our Share the Plate collection this month goes to **Homeless No More** (previously The Family Shelter,) which believes family homelessness is entirely solvable. Their continuum of care - from emergency services to transitional and affordable housing - keeps each family together and meets their needs at the right time with the right services. By providing the support to move each family toward a permanent, self-sufficient solution, they can eradicate family home-lessness and help parents and their children achieve lasting independence. <u>homelessnomoresc.org</u>. If sending a check please write "Share the Plate" in the memo line or you can give by either going to our website, <u>uucolumbia.org</u>, and clicking on the 'donate' bar at the top of the page, or entering "<u>abundant.co/uucc/give</u>" in your browser.

#### You Can Donate Virtual Flowers for Sunday Service

Would you like a floral display to remember an upcoming birthday, anniversary, or a special memory? Sunday flowers are now possible during the pandemic. A beautiful virtual floral arrangement will fill the screen and a tribute will be read honoring the person or occasion. If you would like to send a picture of the person you are honoring, we will display it along with the flowers. If you have flowers growing in your yard to use for the floral picture, please include it. Send an email request with a brief paragraph (50 words or less) of what you would like read and the Sunday date you would like recognized to Linda McLeod (kitchen@uucolumbia.org). She will get back with you with further instructions about payment of the \$30 donation. Your contribution to the flower fund will be moved to Share the Plate at the end of the applicable month.

#### **UUCC 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 choose.

Give by either going to our website, <u>uucolumbia.org</u>, and clicking on the 'donate' bar at the top of the page, or entering "<u>abundant.co/uucc/give</u>" in your browser. If you should have any questions, need help, or more information, please contact our Administrator, Andrea Dudick, at <u>uucc@uucolumbia.org</u> 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. Thank you again for supporting UUCC and the community we've all worked so hard to nurture.

#### The UUCC Membership Committee Needs You

Starting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6pm, the UUCC Membership Committee will resume our monthly meetings. As you know, we haven't been able to meet in person in our building since last March. Donations and membership have decreased; new members are few and far between. We need you and your ideas to turn this around. How do we keep current members engaged? How do we attract new people?

Please consider joining---or re-joining---this committee on Zoom. The co-chairs are Linda Brennison and Pat Mohr. You may contact either of them at <u>MembershipChair@uucolumbia.org</u> to get the link for the meeting. The link will also be posted on our web site. Come try it; you'll like it!

## **Online Sunday Services**

#### ZOOM ACCESS INFORMATION FOR ALL ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICES

#### For audio only access using your phone:

Call +1-312-626-6799 US and enter the Meeting ID: 973 0743 7107

#### If you are accessing via smartphone, download the Zoom app and enter the meeting ID above.

#### For computer access:

https://zoom.us/j/97307437107

Please use your first and last name on your device and/or rename when you enter the meeting. If your device is not recognized, you may be placed back in the Waiting Room.

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.

On most Sundays, you will have the opportunity to participate in small group breakout rooms following service to socialize.

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

#### UUCC Zoom Access Information "Meeting Info"

The access information for UUCC meetings delivered via the UUCC Zoom accounts can now be found on the UUCC website for Thursday-Wednesday of each week. To access this information:

#### Go to <u>www.uucolumbia.org</u>

Select the "News" tab dropdown menu and then "Meeting Info" Password is "community" without the quotation marks

Please read the notes at the bottom of the listing. Meetings hosted on non-UUCC Zoom accounts may not be listed.

#### Scheduling UUCC Zoom Meetings Delivered via UUCC Zoom Account

While the pandemic is preventing us from being physically together, we can still come together to enhance connections and further our spiritual growth, as well as conduct the business of our congregation.

The UUCC has obtained two Zoom licenses for congregational use. The following are the steps to schedule a UUCC Zoom meeting using these:

Check the UUCC calendar at <a href="http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/news/calendar/">http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/news/calendar/</a> to determine availability for a date/ time. NOTE: Two meetings can be held simultaneously (Z1 and Z2). You can schedule a recurring meeting, e.g., every Thursday 4-5 p.m., but make sure all these slots are available throughout the time period.

Contact Andrea Dudick by email at uucc@uucolumbia.org to confirm date/time slot availability.

You will be contacted via email by a UUCC Zoom Host with access information. The host will work with you to determine the assistance you might require in hosting your Zoom meeting.

The host will start the meeting and stay on as needed or leave the meeting making you or a designee the host.

NOTE: Use of the Zoom accounts follows the established policy on building usage, i.e., the use must originate from a UUCC committee or be approved by the Board and the event must be placed on the official UUCC calendar by our Administrator, Andrea Dudick (<u>uucc@uucolumbia.org</u>).

## **News and Notes**

#### Recordings of Sermons Available on Website!

Please go to our website (<u>uucolumbia.org</u>) 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.

#### **UUCC Music on YouTube!**

You are invited to visit the UUCC Music Coordinator's YouTube page to view and listen to music from recent services and performances from our talented UUCC Musicians.: <u>UUCC Music</u>

#### **Need Publicity For UUCC Events?**

If you are hosting a UUCC committee event that you would like advertised through our social networks, please email Laura Hartwig at <u>publicity@uucolumbia.org</u> with the details. And be sure to follow us so you don't miss out! <u>Facebook Instagram YouTube Twitter</u>

#### Virtual Buddhist Meditation, Mondays

The Buddhist Insight Meditation Community of Columbia, a UUCC rental, which had met in the Library, now meets on Zoom, Mondays 7:00-8:15pm. All are welcome. Please contact Jessica Kross, jkross943@gmail.com for access information.

#### Virtual Story Circle, Wednesdays 10am

Story Circle will continue on Wednesdays through February from 10:00-11:00 a.m. All welcome. Questions? Call Barbara Bates Smith at <u>828-421-7685</u>.

#### UUCC Zappy Hour, Wednesdays 5:30pm

Join with your fellow UUCCers on Wednesdays at 5:30pm for conversations and catching up. No set agenda, but we explore themes like memorable vacation events, weather experiences, wackiest vacation photo, craziest airplane flights, etc. BYOB and snacks. Questions: Contact Phil Turner <u>philturner2009@gmail.com</u>

#### UUCC Men's Breakfast Group, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays through March

Come have a virtual breakfast with fellow UUCC men. Contact Phil Turner philturner2009@gmail.com



#### UUCC Book Club, Sunday, December 13

Phil Turner will facilitate a discussion of *The Education of An Idealist,* by Samantha Power. We will meet via Zoom on December 13 at 6:30pm. The UUCC Book Club is open to all members and friends of UUCC. We welcome new and returning participants. Please contact Ruthie Saunders if you have questions or would like more information: rsaunders@sc.edu

#### Movie Night for High Schoolers, December 17, 7-10pm

Friends welcome! Heat up some popcorn and get cozy on your couch. Zoom link to follow. Email Mckenzie at reassist@uucolumbia.org for more information, to vote on the movie choice and to rsvp.

#### Movie Night for Middle Schoolers, December 18, 7-10pm

Zoom link to follow. Middle schoolers unite! Friends are welcome. Heat up some popcorn and get cozy on your couch. Email Mckenzie at reassist@uucolumbia.org for more information, to vote on the movie choice and to rsvp.

#### Pet of the Month: UU Animal Ministry

Would you like to see a photo of your pet featured in the Unigram? The UU Animal Ministry is sponsoring a "Pet of the Month" in the Unigram each month. If you would like to see your pet featured in the Unigram, please submit a photo and brief bio of your pet to: Linda Brennison, Board Liaison to the Animal Ministry at pastpresident@uucolumbia.org.

## **Social Action**

#### Virtual Social Action Committee Meeting, Sunday, December 27, 1:00pm

If you would like login info, please contact socialaction@uucolumbia.org. Hope to see you all then!

#### **Please Donate to the Transitions Winter Shelter**

The Social Action Committee is again soliciting donations of lightly used clothing (especially hats, gloves and coats), current magazines and unused personal-sized toiletries for the **Inclement Weather Center**, known as the "winter shelter" for the city's adult homeless. The city funded shelter, managed by Transitions, is open from November 1 to April 1 when the temperature falls below 40F. So far this season it has already been open several times, serving about 50 client per night and that number will grow to over 100 as winter arrives. Transitions is doing its best to protect clients, staff and volunteers from COVID19 and does not want to halt serving this population in need.

Once you have accumulated enough items to warrant a pick-up, Tom Clements (<u>tomclements329@cs.com</u>, cell 803-240-7268) will pick up in Columbia and Laura Hartwig (<u>publicity@uucolumbia.org</u> 914-482-2899) will pick up in Lexington County. If you live further out, then Tom, who lives near downtown, could arrange to meet on your trip into the city. Thanks everyone!

#### Feeding the Hungry at Transitions

Transitions continues to need volunteers to serve meals and other opportunities. Because of social distancing, they request that you sign up for a shift rather than show up. Contact Transitions at 803-708-4861 or click <u>HERE</u> to find out more about volunteering and support opportunities.

#### Harvest Hope Food Bank Volunteers Needed

As always, please make sure to take your own safety into consideration first before volunteering. You can sign up for all volunteer shifts here.

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

Check our website for new events posted almost daily: <u>bit.ly/social-action</u>

## Caring Committee December 9, 2020



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.

#### Highlighting Community Resources:



- When Folks ask you where to find help: **START HERE: https://sc211.org**/
  - United Way Association of South Carolina. Get Connected. Get Answers. Type in zip code or location and get resources closest to folks asking for help.

#### AND HERE: https://www.scjustice.org/

• Appleseed Legal Justice Center - A voice for low income South Carolinians for social, legal, & economic justice. **COVID-19 Resources**: https://www.scjustice.org/covid19/

**Fun & Learning for Seniors!** Winter Session at the Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews will again feature Zoom classes. Winter Session dates are Feb. 2 to March 25. Brochures will be mailed during the last week in December. The session information will also be on the website the same week (www.shepherdscenterofstandrews.org). An exciting, expanded lineup of classes on Zoom, plus Line Dancing, Chair Yoga, and Quilting in Ashland Hall (depending on health concerns), is planned. Make your plans now to join us!

If you are interested in receiving the Shepherd's Center newsletter, *The Horn*, to learn more about what they offer, email Amy S. Crook, Executive Director, <u>amy.shepherdscenter@gmail.com</u>, or Susanne Brown, Editor, <u>susannebrownsc@gmail.com</u>, or call (803) 731-9394.

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If you have a special need or know of someone who does, please email <u>caringchair@uucolumbia.org</u> 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 <u>caringchair@uucolumbia.org</u>.

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. 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. **Moral support and a listening ear are always available.** 

"Even in a swarm, one divergent voice can cause others to act independently. You are influenced by others, but do not be fooled — others are also influenced by you. That's why your actions and choices matter not only for your own life, but for the behavior of those around you."

Tali Sharot, cognitive neuroscientist



## **Denominational Connections**

#### December 2020

#### UUA General Assembly Will Be All Virtual, June 23-27, 2021

General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles. That remains true even when we cannot gather physically. Last year, GA had more than 4,900 registered attendees participate from remote locations around the world. Although we give up the face-to-face interaction and hugs that are prevalent when we meet in-person, we retain our dedication to community and make our experience more accessible and more environmentally sustainable. Those of us who have attended GA's in person over the years know that they are an exhilarating and fun experience. Virtual can be too, with the added benefit of being able to drink coffee, eat snacks, and take quick breaks without walking 500 yards down the convention hall!

**GA Registration opened December 1st**. To register, go to <u>https://www.uua.org/ga/registration</u>. Virtual GA 2021 is \$200 per person. Financial aid as well as a payment plan are available. General Assembly registrants will receive access to the 2021 Online Participation Portal, including live, simulive (look this new word up!), and on-demand video content, the virtual exhibit hall, chat features, support, and a (new!) GA mobile app.

The <u>UUA Disaster Relief Fund</u> disburses grants to UU congregations and recognized UU non-profit entities. Disaster Relief Fund grantees report feeling held in care and more connected to other UU congregations and to the UUA as a whole. Our Disaster Relief Fund is part of a covenant—a covenant between the UUA and congregations, between congregations who give generously and those in need, and with our community partners. Through this work, we are all able to embody our faith and values. <u>https://giving.uua.org/disaster-relief?fbclid=IwAR2cjp1lkNAUBqv6fvTjGmSMZSL1-</u> ds1dyw68YAjFuYkXVZuPTsdyMBKQK8

You're encouraged to check the Denominational Connections pages at UUCC's website: (http:// www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/connection/denominational- connection/) for updates and connect with our wider UU world. (<u>https://www.facebook.com/uucolumbia/</u>)

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact me at <u>denomconn@uucolumbia.org</u>. Bob Whitaker, Chair, Denominational Connections.



### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS & BOARD LIAISONS 2020/2021**

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Board Liaison to Staff pastpresident@uucolumbia.org	Linda Brennison		

## **Meetings & Rentals**

Art For All Group	Cancelled	7:00 pm	
Board Meeting	Wednesday, December 16	6:30 pm	Online Meeting
Chair Yoga	On Hiatus		
Children & Youth RE Committee	ТВА	12:30 pm	
Choir - UUCC (adult)	TBA	9:30 am	
Choir – Prism (women)	Cancelled	6:30 pm	
Choir - Encore (men)	Cancelled	9:30 am	
Christian Heritage	ТВА	Noon	
CUUP's, Gaia's Rising	Cancelled	7:30 pm	
Funeral Consumers Alliance	Cancelled	5:30 pm	
Forum	Sundays	9:30 am	Online Meeting
Green Team	ТВА	11:00 pm	
Knit or Not	Cancelled	2:00 pm	
Membership Committee	Tuesday, January 12	6:00 pm	
Visitor Orientation	ТВА	11:45 pm	Online Meeting
Science & Religion	Cancelled	7:00 pm	
September Set	Cancelled	Noon	
Social Action Committee	Sunday, December 27	1:00 pm	Online Meeting
Technology Committee	ТВА	6:00 pm	
UU Animal Ministry	ТВА	5:00 pm	
UU Book Club	Sunday, December 13	6:30 pm	Online Meeting
UU Humanist	ТВА	7:00 pm	
UU Partner Church Committee	ТВА	12:30 pm	
Women's Book Club	ТВА	7:00 pm	
Rentals			
La Leche League	Cancelled	6-8pm	
Tai Chi 803-772-9557 columbia.sc@taoist.org	Cancelled	6:30 pm	
Buddhist Insight Meditation	Mondays	7:00 pm	Online Meeting
Men's AA I	Cancelled	6:30 pm	
Women's AA I	Cancelled	6:30 pm	
Men's AA II	Cancelled	5:00 pm	

#### 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.

#### **UUCC Board of Trustees**

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