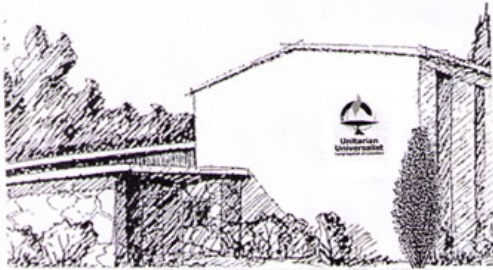




The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

June 9, 2021



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Sunday Schedule

Online Forum: 9:30 am

Online Worship: 11:00 am-12:15 pm

June 13, 2021

9:30 am Forum Topic

“This Week in the News...”

11:00 am Sermon Topic

“Celebration of Pride Month”

Rev. Stephen Robinson

June 20, 2021

9:30 am Forum Topic

“This Week in the News...”

11:00 am Sermon Topic

“Credo vs. Creed: The Seven Principles as Theological Insights or On Becoming Sevenprincipalians”

Rev. Dr. Finley C. Campbell

Love Poem

Which cannot be written tries anyway—
From one room to another, each time startled
And does not want to hear of the already

Passed through, the country of before.
Poem that at each door believes itself
In the room closest to the end

Where finally everything will be gone over,
Dismantled, held up, carefully laid back down
While talked into the beauty which can turn

In a minute. To hear of every other
Poem written is to begin
Revision and what cannot be left enough

Alone and so the lovers look at each other
Until none else can come near. Poem
Which never wanted anything but this

Tries anyway, so brave, unable to know where
She heads; unwrapping until only a gift
Which cannot be given as it cannot be let go.

by Sophie Cabot Black

Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is

Sunday, July 11, for publication on

Wednesday, July 14. *Items*

submitted after the deadline will not be published. Please submit

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



Candles of Community

It is a candle of joy for the 14th year of the Dr. Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarships being awarded to support research and community projects by psychology doctoral students in the area of diversity and multiculturalism. The 2021 winners are Rafaella Jakobovic of Temple University, Lian Liu of Lehigh University, and Shola Shodiya-Zeumault of Georgia State University. Their research is studying COVID-19's impact on caregivers and children and teachers in low-income communities, and also environmental racism. The awardees are pictured in the [attachment](#). I'm very grateful to the Ohio Psychological Association for establishing this annual award in my name.

Welcome UUCC's New Bookkeeper

Michele Currie

I am Michele Currie and I have been chosen as the new bookkeeper for UUCC. My husband Don and I are originally from Maine and emigrated to Connecticut for work (and stayed for 30 years). We raised two wonderful daughters, who live in NYC, and we moved to SC in 2014.

We love to camp and will hopefully visit all the state parks in SC! My upbringing is in the Methodist Church and for the past few years, I have been attempting to think outside the religious box in terms of what the gift of choice/life means to me.

In CT I worked for a CPA firm for many years and then opened a bookkeeping business of my own in 1997. I finally graduated from UCONN with an undergraduate degree in 2006, a mere 27 years after I began! I am looking forward to continuing the excellent tradition that has already been established at the UUCC for financial reporting.

Nursery Associate Positions Available

UUCC is looking to fill Nursery Associate positions; click here for the [Position Description](#) . To apply please send letter of interest and resume to personnelchair@uucolumbia.org.

News and Notes

Do NOT open or reply to SPAM email purporting to be from Ginny Verne asking for money.

New to UU Classes, Sundays, June 13/27

On June 13 and June 27 after Sunday service, the Membership Committee will offer a two-part class Zoom series for new UUsers (as well as old ones who just want to know more). Join us by emailing a co-chair: Linda Brennon (linbrenni@gmail.com) or Pat Mohr (patmohr@gmail.com) to receive a zoom link.

Need Publicity For UUCS Events?

If you are hosting a UUCS committee event that you would like advertised through our social networks, please email Laura Hartwig at publicity@uucolumbia.org with the details. Be sure to follow us so you don't miss out! [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [YouTube](#) [Twitter](#)

Virtual Buddhist Meditation, Mondays

The Buddhist Insight Meditation Community of Columbia, a UUCS 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.

UUCS Book Club, Sunday, June 20, 6:30

Deb Matherly will facilitate a discussion via Zoom of *Begin Again- James Baldwin's America and its Urgent Lessons for Our Own*, by Eddie S. Glaude. The UUCS Book Club is open to all members and friends of UUCS. We welcome new and returning participants. Please contact Phil Turner if you have questions or would like more information: philtturner2009@gmail.com

Virtual Story Circle, Wednesdays 10am

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

UUCS Men's Breakfast Group 2nd Thursdays, 9am

Come have a virtual breakfast with fellow UUCS men. Contact Phil Turner philtturner2009@gmail.com

UUCS Fall Retreat at The Mountain September 17-19

Early Bird Special 10% Discount

Our annual fall "retreat" is just that: a treat all over again. It is an exciting, relaxing, revitalizing weekend with friends, old and new, in a beautiful mountaintop setting in the Appalachian Mountains overlooking Blue Valley. We invite our new friends in Waccama, Myrtle Beach, Charleston and those in Newberry and Augusta to join us.

Join us for time together to enjoy hiking, relaxing on the deck, viewing the starry, starry night from the tower and sunrise from Meditation Rock. Enjoy delicious food (6 meals) prepared by the outstanding kitchen staff. A nearby zip line experience is available at discount rates for guests of The Mountain.

Rates:

Adult-\$290 per person- \$310 after August 5
Youth (12-16)-\$55/night—Child (4-11)-\$40/night
Toddler(0-3)-free

Questions-contact Joan Watterson 803-381-7208, joan.l.watterson@icoud.com

June Share the Plate Recipient: Free Medical Clinic

Half of our cash collection in June 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. Freddie Strange will be their representative for both June 6 and June 27.

If sending a check please write “Share the Plate” in the memo line or you can 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. Please be sure to select “Share the Plate.”

Share the Plate Collection for May 2021

Thanks to your generous giving to Share the Plate, we sent a check to our May 2021 recipient, Planned Parenthood, for \$463.50. The Social Action Committee appreciates your participation in making this a successful program.

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 month.

UUCC Accepts Contributions Electronically

Please note that your online contributions are not posted to the UUCC account until the second business day after you make them. You may 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 or need help, please contact our Administrator, Andrea Dudick, at uucc@uucolumbia.org or 803-799-0845 Thank you for your generosity.

Recordings of Sermons 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.

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.: [UUCC Music](#)

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.

UUCS Zoom Access Information "Meeting Info"

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

Go to www.uucolumbia.org

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-UUCS Zoom accounts may not be listed.

Scheduling UUCS Zoom Meetings Delivered via UUCS 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 UUCS has obtained two Zoom licenses for congregational use. The following are the steps to schedule a UUCS Zoom meeting using these:

Check the UUCS calendar at <http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/news/calendar/> 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 UUCS 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 UUCS committee or be approved by the Board and the event must be placed on the official UUCS calendar by our Administrator, Andrea Dudick (uucc@uucolumbia.org).

Social Action

Virtual Social Action Committee Meeting, Sunday, June 25, 1:00pm

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

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 [HERE](#) 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.](#)

Wednesday, June 9 (deadline to sign)

UUs for Social Justice invites you to support 100 Percent Clean Energy by signing Interfaith Power and Light's letter to Congress members.

<https://interfaithpowerandlight.salsalabs.org/climateinfrastructure/index.html>

Thursday, June 10 (deadline to sign)

Urge your Senator to act on pathways to citizenship. (UUSJ)

<https://uusj.salsalabs.org/actionalert-s1/index.html>

Or take part in a SURJ 'Action zap' for training & practical experience in advocating for social justice (Zoom call). 3 PM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-link>

For more on SURJ (Showing Up For Racial Justice), see their brand new website:

<https://surj.org/>

June 21: National online gathering of the Poor People's Campaign. Information:

<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/about/press/poor-peoples-campaign-announces-plans-for-mass-assemblies-in-june-2021-june-2022/>

Or RSVP directly: <https://www.3rdreconstruction.org/>

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

Check our website for new events posted almost daily:

bit.ly/social-action

Denominational Connections

UUA General Assembly June 23 – 27, 2021

To repeat, the 2021 UUA General Assembly will be virtual again this year. Four UUCC members volunteered and were approved by the Board to serve as UUCC delegates. They are Linda Brennon, Karen Brown, Carolyn West and Keitha Whitaker. If you would like to register as an attendee, go to <https://www.uua.org/ga/registration>. The cost is \$200 per person, but there is financial aid, as well as a payment plan, available. As a registrant you will receive access to the 2021 Online Participation Portal, including live and on-demand video content, the virtual exhibit hall, chat features, support, and a new GA Mobile App.

What's all this about an 8th UU Principle?

Article II of the UUA Bylaws, **Principles and Purposes**, is the foundation for all of the work of our UUA and its member congregations. It is the covenant to which all of our congregations pledge themselves when they become members of our UUA. Our UU Principles are set forth in Article II.

Our current Principles and Purposes were last revised in **1987**. At GA in New Orleans in 2017, there was discussion of amending the current 7 Principles to add an 8th Principle, specifically addressing racism, and of amending the 1st Principle, addressing non-human life. The 5th Principle was also the subject of a report in 2009, which dealt with the ways in which GA and other UU gatherings do and don't embody an inclusive democratic process. The 7th Principle has also been the subject of discussions about possible amendments.

There have been many other projects, resolutions, task forces and other strategies that have come from the UUA Board, the UU Commission on Appraisal and grassroots groups which encourage a comprehensive review of all our UU principles, purposes, bylaws and rules, to bring them up to date after a generation of societal change.

In response to all these discussions, the UUA Board established the Article II Study Commission to consider possible amendments to this Article. The Charge to the Commission included engaging the active participation of UUs across all demographics, identities, and theological/philosophical beliefs. The Commission is to be communicating progress frequently with UUs through as many channels and communication media as possible.

The Commission is charged with reviewing all sections of Article II, and is free to revise, replace, or restructure them as needed to meet the objectives stated above. There is nothing sacred about the number of principles or sources, nor their specific wordings, nor in the way that Article II is laid out. Creativity is encouraged. The Board wants to see a new proposed Article II that is inspirational, memorable and poetic. The language should be inclusive and welcoming, and explicitly anti-racist.

The work of the Commission is scheduled for presentation to the Board in early 2022, with a goal of presenting the revised Article II at the June 2022 General Assembly in Portland, OR.

The **unedited** proposed 8th Principle:

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

Rather than wait for the slow process of change at the UUA level, some UU congregations around the country have or are engaged in lively conversations about the proposed 8th Principle of Unitarian Universalism, and some 40 to 50 congregations have already voted to adopt the 8th Principle in their own Congregational By-Laws.

Bob Whitaker, Chair, Denominational Affairs Committee, 803-391-5639

UUCC Caring Committee

May 9, 2021

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

Dear Members and Friends of UUCC,

It has been my honor to serve as Chair of the Caring Committee, for the past three years. This past year and a half has been especially challenging for all of us. We have felt isolated, at times frightened. We have experienced loss and we have learned new ways of sharing our joys and concerns. We have learned both how important our connections are and new ways of maintaining those connections. Through it all we have remained a close, caring, loving community. I am proud of us. I am proud of the ways we kept one another safe. I am proud of the strong ties that have kept us close. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Thank you, Charlie Calkin, Jean Capalbo, Sandy Chubon, Ceren Farr, Jane Gillespie, Jane Lawther, John Logue, Mary Maclachlan, Morgan Maclachlan, Cheryl Soehl, and Joan Watterson for being the Most Awesome Caring Team on the whole planet!

Beginning in July, please welcome Caring Committee Co-Chairs, Jane Lawther and Cheryl Soehl. As always, if you would like to serve on the Caring Committee or if you would like to help the Caring Committee on an occasional or as needed and available basis, please email caringchair@uucolumbia.org.

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/>

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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.

*Please note that though many of us have received our vaccinations some activities of the Caring Network may be limited. 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.***

“Do unto those downstream as you would have those upstream do unto you.”

Wendell Berry

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & BOARD LIAISONS 2020/2021

Committee/Chair Email	Chair/Board Liaison
Adult Religious Education <i>AdultREChair@uucolumbia.org</i>	Angie Dodd Rabon/ <i>Jeanette Walton</i>
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Board Liaison to Staff <i>pastpresident@uucolumbia.org</i>	Linda Brennison

Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	Cancelled	7:00 pm	
Board Meeting	Wednesday, June 16	6:30 pm	Online Meeting
Chair Yoga	On Hiatus		
Children & Youth RE Committee	TBA	7:00 pm	Online Meeting
Choir - UUC (adult)	TBA	9:30 am	
Choir – Prism (women)	Cancelled	6:30 pm	
Choir - Encore (men)	Cancelled	9:30 am	
Christian Heritage	TBA	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	TBA	11:00 pm	
Knit or Not	Cancelled	2:00 pm	
Membership Committee	TBA	2:00 pm	Online Meeting
Visitor Orientation	TBA	11:45 pm	Online Meeting
Science & Religion	Cancelled	7:00 pm	
September Set	Cancelled	Noon	
Social Action Committee	Sunday, June 27	1:00 pm	Online Meeting
Technology Committee	TBA	6:00 pm	
UU Animal Ministry	TBA	5:00 pm	
UU Book Club	Sunday, June 20	6:30 pm	Online Meeting
UU Humanist	TBA	7:00 pm	
UU Partner Church Committee	TBA	12:30 pm	
Women's Book Club	TBA	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.

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