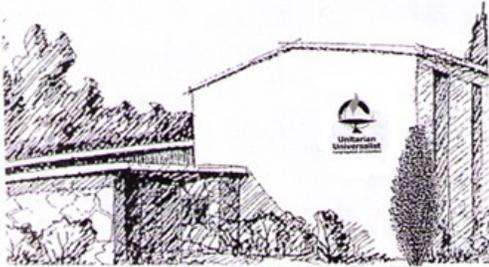




# The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

December 14, 2022



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## **Schedule**

**Forum:** 9:30 am Meets in Library

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

### **December 18, 2022**

#### **9:30 am Forum Topic**

“Whose responsibility is it to ease poverty? If not the government - then who? Should private philanthropy replace public welfare?”

#### **11:00 am Sermon Topic**

“Gratitude: A Buddhist Perspective”

Jessica Kross

### **December 24, 2022**

#### **4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service**

Rev. Stephen Robinson

### **December 25, 2022**

#### **9:30 am Forum Topic**

“Forum Christmas Party”

**No Service Christmas Day**

### **Unigram on Hiatus**

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## **Message From Our Minister Rev. Stephen Robinson**

### **“Manage as a Steward”**

One of the definitions of an administrator is to manage as a steward, a person responsible for all the important things that sustain the life of an organization. I can't think of a better way to describe the way that Andrea Dudick has handled the role of church administrator during her many years of service at the UUCC. I often emphasize the importance of the work of the UUCC in the community and world at large, and I believe that who we are, how we are, and what we do has the ability to bring about transformation. With all of our activities, commitments, and work, we need someone who holds the responsibility for organizing, maintaining, and sustaining. Andrea has been the consistent person, holding the soil of this UUCC tree, allowing us to grow and flourish. It seems like too simple of a gesture to say thank you, but my heart is filled with gratitude as I reflect on my experience of working with my colleague and friend, Andrea.

I met Andrea years before I became the minister at the UUCC, as I would often serve as a guest speaker. The extent of our conversations at that time revolved around getting the order of service ready for that Sunday. One of my earliest memories involved me sending her one of my quirky sermon titles, to which she responded later, “I just want to make sure this is correct.” I remembered thinking, this is a no-nonsense administrator that does not have any appreciation or patience for my dry wit. In the middle of that thought, she responded with an even more witty response, filled with humor and appreciation. Every time I was a guest speaker, we had great conversations and she always made me feel so welcomed. Long before I walked in the door of the church on Sunday, I had been overwhelmed by the hospitality of the UUCC, because of Andrea.

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As I began my time as the minister at the UUCC, my working relationship with Andrea became crucial to everything I did. Being a part time minister, I was rarely holding any office hours at the church, and Andrea was the consistent presence in the office. Over the past three years, Andrea has become a trusted colleague and friend. Our early morning conversations both ground me in what needed my attention at the UUCC, and helped me feel connected to the work. In addition to getting the work done, Andrea has become a trusted friend.

Grief and Gratitude. I feel them both as I write. I will forever be grateful for all the seen and unseen tasks that Andrea has held as a steward to our good work. I will grieve the change as she brings her time as our administrator to an end. Thank you, Andrea, for who you are and all that you have done.

## **UPDATED UUCC HEALTHY CONGREGATION PROTOCOLS**

**Effective December 11, 2022**

As the local community transmission risk for COVID has decreased, the Reopening/COVID committee has been changing our recommendations for keeping our congregation safe. COVID seems to be evolving from a pandemic to an endemic disease (will be here for a long time...) but the seasonal flu is hitting us hard this year, so we want to remind our members and visitor of the following general recommendations:

1. Masking is now optional in all the church grounds rather than strongly recommended, but wearing a mask is a safe way to prevent any respiratory infection.
2. We encourage you to determine what is your risk tolerance and if you are in one of the following categories, you may want to continue to wear a mask as protection for yourself and others: unvaccinated, older than 65, weak immune system, chronic medical illness, essential work/job description (i.e. being off work for 7-10 days is not an option.)
3. Optional masking rules also apply to singing and choir, but make sure you are vaccinated against preventable diseases, not recently exposed to someone sick, etc.
4. Continue to abstain from attending in-person services if you have recently had COVID/Flu or you been exposed to somebody with COVID/Flu until cleared by your physician.
5. Notify the UUCC administrator, [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org), if you were diagnosed with COVID/Flu or any other transmissible infection shortly after attending an event in the UUCC buildings. Names of affected persons will remain confidential.

## **UUCC Sunday Services Access**

### **In-Person Sunday Services**

Sunday services will be in-person and streamed for those who are not able to attend in person.

- The Heyward and kitchen doors will be closed Sunday. Please use the main or patio doors.
- Water is allowed in a covered container.

### **Streaming Service Only (no interaction) Via YouTube:**

1. Open the browser on your Internet-connected device (computer, laptop, smartphone)
2. Click on this link [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMjepgcaZx8UMNn2Gb\\_nxX35q4bfVyUM](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMjepgcaZx8UMNn2Gb_nxX35q4bfVyUM) or paste it in the search bar, hit ENTER
3. Watch the service being streamed from the UUCC sanctuary

### **Sunday Services Pre and Post Zoom Interaction**

For attendees who would like the opportunity to interact with others attending the virtual service, we have created a Zoom event that opens each Sunday at 10:30am and will stay open until approximately 30 minutes after the service ends, go to: <https://zoom.us/j/95488302469>

If you wish, you may log out of the Zoom event and directly access the service on YouTube.

# News and Notes

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## UUCC Forum Discussion Group, Sunday's, 9:30-10:45am

The UUCC Forum meets every Sunday in the Library. We start with a brief catch-up and social time (about 15 minutes), so if you are a little late (15 min), it's okay. Our topics are mostly about current items and issues. Text Jeanette Walton at 803-466-0594 with any questions and to receive an email prior to the meetings with suggested links.

## Rides Sharing to December 16 UUCC Holiday Party

If you need a ride to the UUCC Holiday Party at the Turners on December 16, 6-9 p.m., contact one of the wonderful volunteers listed below. Space is on a first-asks basis. They are listed with their location information and email.

- Bill Dolley, 29209, [Wkd2009@hotmail.com](mailto:Wkd2009@hotmail.com)
- Connie Quirk and Kevin McKinney, Coming in from Camden [Connie.quirk@gmail.com](mailto:Connie.quirk@gmail.com)
- Jeanette Walton, 29172, phone message or text 803-466-0594
- Deb Matherly, 29072, Lexington/Gilbert area [matherlydeb@gmail.com](mailto:matherlydeb@gmail.com)
- Jean and Craig Capalbo, 29205 [jacapalbo@gmail.com](mailto:jacapalbo@gmail.com)
- Joan Waterson, Downtown, Columbia [Joan.l.waterson@icloud.com](mailto:Joan.l.waterson@icloud.com)

## UUCC Holiday Party, Friday Evening December 16, 6-9pm

Let's get together on **Friday, December 16 from 6-9 p.m.** for a Holiday Party sponsored by the Membership Committee and hosted by Lis and Phil Turner. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Soft drinks will be provided, but BYOB for anything stronger. This is a family-friendly activity. We challenge you to count all of the Santas! Contact Lis and Phil Turner ([connection@UUColumbia.org](mailto:connection@UUColumbia.org)) with questions. 204 Running Fox Road, Columbia, 29223, (940) 453-8214

## UUCC Adult Choir, December Schedule

The UUCC Adult Choir will meet outside on the UUCC patio to rehearse and perform in the Winter Sing, Saturday, December 17, 3:15-3:45pm (rehearsal) before the 4:00pm event! All adult and teen singers are welcome to participate. The choir will then be on Winter Break until the new year. Please contact UUCC Music Director Anna Hamilton to be added to the choir email list for additional information and choir updates: [music@uucolumbia.org](mailto:music@uucolumbia.org)

## UUCC Winter Sing Heads Outdoors! Saturday, December 17, 4:00pm

Please join us for the Sixth Annual Winter Sing at the UUCC from 4:00-5:30 pm on Saturday, December 17 to celebrate the season in song! This event will be outside at the UUCC, so please wear your warm winter clothes. The sing-along 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! Beverages will be provided. You are invited to bring snacks or cookies to share for the event - (festive edible creations encouraged)! Questions: Anna Hamilton, [music@uucolumbia.org](mailto:music@uucolumbia.org).

## Farewell Coffee & Cake for our Administrator, Sunday, December 18

Please join us in the Social Hall after Sunday's service for coffee and cake as we wish our departing Office Administrator farewell.

## UUCC Book Club Sunday, December 18, 6:30pm, Zoom

The UUCC Book Club meets every other month via Zoom. Peck and Rebecca Drennan will facilitate a discussion on *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*, by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. The UUCC Book Club is open to all members and friends of UUCC. We welcome new and returning participants! Please contact Phil Turner if you have questions or would like more information: [connection@uucolumbia.org](mailto:connection@uucolumbia.org).

## UUCC Administrator Out of Office December 23 & 26

# More News and Notes

## **Demystifying Veganism and Plant Based Eating - Sign Up Today**

**Saturday, January 28, 10:30am**

Do you have questions about eating vegan? Why should I consider eating this way? How hard is it? Is it more expensive? Where do you get your protein? Will I get all my vitamins eating vegan? Is this good for my health?

If you have had these questions or others, come join us at 10:30am in the Social Hall on Saturday, January 28 for all the information you need to consider this way of eating and life style. Sample vegan snacks will be served. No one will try to convert you, just inform you. To sign up, please contact Patty Drews [PAD.UUCC@gmail.com](mailto:PAD.UUCC@gmail.com) or 803-931-6799 or contact Linda Brennon at [Denomconn@uucolumbia.org](mailto:Denomconn@uucolumbia.org)

## **UUCB Potluck & Committee Meetings, Sunday January 29, 12:15-2:00pm**

Plan on attending our *first* "Potluck & Committee Meeting Sunday" after service on January 29! Here's an opportunity to "try on" a committee that you have been considering joining! After sharing a quick meal, we will break into committee meetings at 1:00 pm and meet in various locations throughout the building, all marked with signs. Text Nancie with questions at 803-553-2280.

## **ENCORE Men's Choral Group**

ENCORE is a men's choral group that enriches the philosophies and services of UUCB. We sing at one service a month and rehearse on a Sunday morning. ENCORE is open to men who like to sing and can carry a tune. Most of our work is two- and three-part music that is easy to learn and perform. Come join us! Contact Richard McLeod at [worshipchair@uucolumbia.org](mailto:worshipchair@uucolumbia.org).

## **UUCB New Story Circles: Fun & Fellowship; Newcomers Welcome!**

Please bring a "cherished object" to tell about.  
-Tuesdays 2-3pm UU Library  
Contact Sandra Merritt: [864-706-6418](tel:864-706-6418)  
-Wednesdays 2nd & 4th 7-8pm via Zoom  
Contact Nancie Shillington-Perez: [803-553-2280](tel:803-553-2280)  
-(Wednesdays 10am, in its 3rd year-is full, numbering 12)  
For basic information call: Barbara Smith: [828-421-7685](tel:828-421-7685)

## **Exploring Spirituality, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm, Library**

Come with questions rather than answers. It will be both faith-friendly and no-faith friendly. All are invited to join us with open minds and hearts. We only ask that participants come with a spirit of curiosity, wisdom, and compassion...and sense of humor too. Text Rebecca Drennan at 415-377-1791 with any questions.

## **UUCB Men's Breakfast Group 2nd Thursdays, 9am**

The UUCB men's breakfast group will meet at a local restaurant or a member's home at 9:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Phil Turner for more information: [connection@uucolumbia.org](mailto:connection@uucolumbia.org).

## **Gaia's Rising CUUPS Thursday Nights, 7:30pm**

Join the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) Thursday nights at 7:30pm in the UUCB library. Contact Katy Long at [katylong25@gmail.com](mailto:katylong25@gmail.com)

## **Science and Religion Discussion Group 2nd Thursdays, 8pm**

Spirited discussion of books about a subject where science and religion overlap. Books are selected by consensus. Meets at 8pm on the second Thursday every month. Contact Dean Smith [deanjaysmith@yahoo.com](mailto:deanjaysmith@yahoo.com).

## **Canceled for December 29 Humanist Group, Last Thursdays**

Join us at 7pm on the last Thursday of each month in classroom 8. Discussions cover a wide range of topics of interest to Humanists. Contact Dean Smith [deanjaysmith@yahoo.com](mailto:deanjaysmith@yahoo.com).

## **After Service Social Hour First Three Sundays of Each Month**

Please join us in the social hall after service for refreshments on the first three Sundays of each month through December. Please consider joining our kitchen crew as we'd love to be able to offer refreshments every Sunday of the month! Contact Connie Quirk at [kitchen@uucolumbia.org](mailto:kitchen@uucolumbia.org).

# UUCC Social Action

## Please Donate to the Inclement Winter Center

The Social Action Committee is again soliciting donations of lightly used clothing - especially hats, gloves and coats - current magazines, unused personal-sized toiletries, backpacks and luggage (with wheels) for the [Inclement Weather Center](#). The facility is now being called the Rapid Shelter Columbia Overflow as small sleeping units are being set up outside the larger shelter building. The city-funded shelter, managed by Transitions, is **open for adults from November 1 to April 1** when the temperature falls below 40F. Please bring donations to the church but pick up of a sizable donation can be arranged. Also, volunteers will be needed during shelter check-in during the early evening. Contact Tom Clements at [tomclements329@cs.com](mailto:tomclements329@cs.com), or cell 803-240-7268.

## Harvest Hope Food Bank Donations Needed

To support the good work that Harvest Hope is doing to feed hungry people in the Midlands, please bring your donations, such as any canned food items; rice; pasta; disposable baby diapers. **Do NOT bring expired food, opened items, glass containers, or fresh produce.** The Harvest Hope grocery cart can be found under the windows in the social hall.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

### Please Join Us for the Following CYRE Events

**Friday, December 16, 5:30-8pm CYRE Holiday Gift Crafting Extravaganza**, bring the kids to make some great gifts for friends and family. We will be crafting with UU mom and local artisan Caroline Fields to make upcycled holiday candles and a number of other cool gift items. We'll have pizza and refreshments. Please **RSVP** to Jonathan so we will have enough material and food, [rechair@uucolumbia.org](mailto:rechair@uucolumbia.org) or 803-960-8292

**Sunday, December 18**, is a Buddhist message about gratitude. Kids will have an art project to collaborate on while they listen.

**Sunday, January 8**, we will take the kids to think about the world's Christmas traditions that extend beyond December 25th.

Thank you for being a part of our growing program. Feel free to drop us a line and let us know how you and yours are doing. We are always open to ideas and hope to be providing just what you need from a religious exploration program for children and youth and community at UUCC.

Contact Jonathan White, CYRE Chair, with questions or for clarification: [rechair@uucolumbia.org](mailto:rechair@uucolumbia.org) or to be included on a mailing list to know ahead of time when to plan for CYRE programming.



## **December Share the Plate Recipient: Transitions Homeless Center**

Half of our cash collection this month goes to the **Transitions Homeless Center**, whose mission is to engage clients with various services and provide them a place to stay as they transition from the streets to permanent housing. They also partner with many community agencies that use their expertise to help clients reach their goals. As a result, clients receive services that enable them to stabilize their lives, increase their income, and secure permanent housing.

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](http://uucolumbia.org), and clicking on the ‘donate’ bar at the top of the page, or entering “[abundant.co/uucc/give](http://abundant.co/uucc/give)” in your browser. Please be sure to select “Share the Plate.”

## **Share The Plate Collection for November 2022**

Thanks to your generous giving to Share the Plate, we sent a check to our November 2022 recipient, Harvest Hope, for \$770.50. The Social Action Committee appreciates your participation in making this a successful program.

## **Sunday Flowers Program**

Would you like to share your flowers for our Sunday service in recognition of a birthday, anniversary, or a special memory? You will provide your own floral arrangement. Just let us know the date you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary by sending an email to the Worship Committee [worshipchair@uucolumbia.org](mailto:worshipchair@uucolumbia.org). Please include your name, phone number, and the date you would like to bring your flowers. You will be contacted to confirm the date and details.



## **UCC Accepts Contributions Electronically**

Please note that your online contributions are not posted to the UCC account until the second business day after you make them. You may give by either going to our website, [uucolumbia.org](http://uucolumbia.org), and clicking on the ‘donate’ bar at the top of the page, or entering “[abundant.co/uucc/give](http://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](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org) or 803-799-0845 Thank you for your generosity.

## **Recordings of Sermons on Website**

Please go to our website ([uucolumbia.org](http://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.

## **UCC Music on YouTube!**

You are invited to visit the UCC Music Coordinator's YouTube page to view and listen to music from services and performances from our talented UCC Musicians.: [UCC Music](#)

## Share the Plate Ballot Results for 2023

Below are the results for the eleven categories with the 2023 recipients for 2023. Thanks to our congregation's generosity, we have donated over \$124,000 in Share the Plate contributions to community charities since 2011. The Social Action Committee thanks everyone who voted this year with a total of 33 completed ballots being received. Thank you for your participation in this program.

CATEGORY	NOMINATED ORGANIZATION	NUMBER OF VOTES
Animal Shelters / Services	<b>Cotton Branch Animal Farm</b>	<b>24</b>
	Palmetto Lifeline	8
Children's Services	<b>Palmetto Place Children's Center</b>	<b>23</b>
	Palmetto Association for Children & Families	6
Environmental Issues	<b>Congaree Riverkeeper</b>	<b>23</b>
	Sustainable Midlands	10
Food Banks/Food Support	<b>Harvest Hope</b>	<b>20</b>
	Meals on Wheels	12
Homeless Shelters	<b>Homeless No More (The Family Shelter)</b>	<b>18</b>
	Transitions Homeless Center	15
Legal Aid	<b>SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center</b>	<b>31</b>
	(Uncontested)	
LGBT Issues	<b>Harriet Hancock Center</b>	<b>26</b>
	(SC Social Equality)	5
Mental Health Issues	<b>Mental Illness Recovery Center Inc. (MIRCI)</b>	<b>18</b>
	National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)	14
Physical Health Issues	<b>Good Samaritan Clinic</b>	<b>16</b>
	The Free Medical Clinic	15
Social Justice Issues	<b>Justice 360 Columbia</b>	<b>17</b>
	SC WREN/Women's Rights Empowerment N.	14
Women's Issues	<b>Planned Parenthood</b>	<b>23</b>
	SisterCare	9

## Share the Plate Calendar for 2023

Below are the 2023 recipients for Share the Plate and the months they will visit UUCC and tell us about their organizations. Thanks for your contributions and for participating in this process each year.

Category	Month	Organization
Pre-determined	January	Minister's Discretionary Fund
Legal Aid	February	SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center
Environmental Issues	March	Congaree Riverkeeper
Mental Health Issues	April	Mental Illness Recovery Center (MIRCI)
Women's Issues	May	Planned Parenthood
Physical Health Issues	June	Good Samaritan Clinic
Social Justice Issues	July	Justice 360 Columbia
Children's Services	August	Palmetto Place Children's Shelter
LGBTQ+ Issues	September	Harriet Hancock LBGT Center
Animal Shelters / Services	October	Cotton Branch Farm Animal Sanctuary
Food Banks/Food Support	November	Harvest Hope Food Bank
Homeless Shelters	December	Homeless No More (The Family Shelter)

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS & BOARD LIAISONS 2022/2023

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# Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	On Hiatus	7:00 pm	
Board Meeting	Wednesday, December 21	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Chair Yoga	On Hiatus		
Children & Youth RE Committee	TBA	7:00 pm	
Choir - UUCU Rehearsal			
Choir – Prism (women)	TBA	6:30 pm	
Choir - Encore (men)	TBA	9:30 am	Classroom 9
Christian Heritage	TBA	Noon	
CUUP's, Gaia's Rising	Thursdays	7:30 pm	Library
Funeral Consumers Alliance	Cancelled	5:30 pm	
Forum	Sundays	9:30 am	Library
Green Team	TBA	12:15 pm	Sanctuary
Knit or Not	Cancelled	2:00 pm	
Membership Committee	TBA	2:00 pm	
Visitor Orientation	TBA	12:15 pm	Classroom 8
Science & Religion	2nd Thursdays	8:00 pm	Classroom 8
September Set	On Hiatus	Noon	
Social Action Committee	Sunday, January 22	1:00 pm	Sanctuary & Zoom
Technology Committee	TBA	6:00 pm	
UU Animal Ministry	TBA	12:15 pm	Classroom 8
UU Book Club	Sunday, December 18	6:30 pm	Zoom
UU Humanist	Last Thursdays	7:00 pm	Classroom 8
UU Partner Church Committee	TBA	12:30 pm	
Women's Book Club	TBA	7:00 pm	
<b>Rentals</b>			
La Leche League	Cancelled	6-8pm	
Tai Chi* 803-772-9557 columbia.sc@taoist.org	Tuesdays	10:30 am	Social Hall
Men's AA I	Cancelled	6:30 pm	
Women's AA I	Cancelled	6:30 pm	
Men's AA II	Cancelled	5:00 pm	

**\*Limited Building Access Requested for Weekly Rental** Please refrain from entering the Social Hall, Sanctuary, Foyer and Kitchen to honor the privacy of the Tai Chi classes that will take place every Tuesday morning through January 2023 from 10:20am to 11:40am. Access is available via the coded double doors on the Heyward side. Please contact our Administrator, Andrea, with any questions [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org)

## 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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