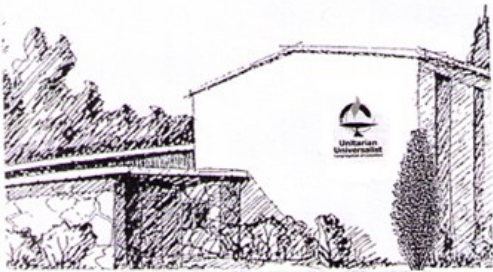




# The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

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## Sunday Schedule

**Forum:** 9:30 am in Classroom 8

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

**Nursery:** Available during service for infants through age 4

### August 28, 2016

**9:30 am Forum Topic**

Are we able to accept differing beliefs?

**11:00 am Sermon Topic**

*You are a Child of the Universe...*, by Rev. Jennie Barrington, Child Dedication

### September 4, 2016

**9:30 am Forum Topic**

Ministerial Search Focus Group and Survey

**11:00 am Sermon Topic**

*Laboring for Change*, by David Matos

## Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, September 11**, for publication on **Wednesday, September 14**. Items submitted after the deadline will not be published. Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).

## Minister's Meditation

**The Rev. Jennie Barrington, Interim Minister**

*"Like a snake sheds its skin, we are capable of getting rid of assembled habits, creating space to call matters into question. Instead of the Shakespearian 'To be or not to be,' we could favor 'to become or not to become.' By 'becoming,' we challenge the range of possibilities in our life and go beyond the merely 'being.' We can retreat, then, from the imprisonment of a deadly routine, acquire an identity, and develop our personality." (from, "Man without Qualities," by Erik Pevernagie, a surrealist artist)*

Dear Members and Friends,

Lately, everywhere I turn, I'm hearing the word "Beyond." It's in the name of the new Star Trek movie. It's a natural dog food and cat food by Purina, whose commercials adorably portray affectionate relationships between pets and their caretakers. And it's in Target's commercials for back-to-school supplies. It's also in the name of a new book by the President and General Minister of the United Church of Christ (the "UCC"), the Rev. John C. Dorhaurer. Delightful, scholarly, and resoundingly hopeful, the Rev. Dorhaurer was the keynote speaker at my annual UU Ministers Association meetings in June in Columbus, Ohio. The Rev. Dorhaurer acknowledged that some of the ways we all have been "Doing Church" for so long will not keep working; we will need to rethink them. Yet he presented many ways in which now is a time when congregations can be creative and explore new ideas and new forms. There are many new ways that we can strengthen and enhance the connections between people, this precious earth we inhabit, and the sacred. The Rev. Dorhaurer's new book is called, *Beyond Resistance: The Institutional Church Meets the Postmodern World*. I look forward to reading it!

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Our denomination, the Unitarian Universalist Association, or the UUA, has also long been fond of the word “Beyond.” In September of 2012, our President, the Rev. Peter Morales, wrote a “white paper” called, “Congregations and Beyond.” In it he asserted that, though congregations in a certain geographic location should remain the bases of our religious movement, we should begin to think beyond those congregations-- to small groups of people who share our UU principles and values and meet informally, and to people we could connect with through the internet and social media.

Two other ways the UUA uses the word “Beyond” are essential for us UUCers in the coming weeks. The first is that we plan to launch our Capital Campaign to renovate the RE wing and bathrooms, on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars now and make every effort to attend! UU fundraising consultant, Wayne B. Clark, a wise and dear soul, “wrote the book” on successful capital campaigns. It’s called, “Beyond Fundraising – A Complete Guide to Congregational Stewardship.” Several of us, including the Finance Committee, the Capital Campaign Team, and the board, are reading Mr. Clark’s informative and encouraging book. I have a copy that you are welcome to borrow if you’re interested.

The second date to write down is an essential part of a successful Search Process. On Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, the Search Committee will host a “Beyond Categorical Thinking” workshop. Any UU congregation in search, when envisioning its next settled minister, will have some images, preconceived notions, questions, and concerns about ministers’ qualities, abilities, and even physical appearance. This workshop brings those questions and concerns to light, so that we all can be aware of them and discuss them openly, honestly, and fairly. Some congregations find it difficult to envision being served by a minister who is a woman, or has a disability, or is a person of color. On Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, the search committee will sponsor a guest facilitator from the UUA to lead the worship service, and hold a workshop for the whole congregation after the service. The Search Committee will arrange for a meal after the worship service. Please plan to attend!

Lastly, the plight of our brother and sister UUs in Baton Rouge is the most important way we need to reach out beyond our congregation, now. My colleague, the Rev. Nathan Ryan, is the Assistant Minister of the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge. He writes, “Much of Baton Rouge and many of the surrounding cities are completely flooded. People are trapped in their homes, in cars, on interstates. Thousands, maybe tens of thousands, are in make-shift shelters all over the city-- churches, community centers, movie studios... All I’m asking is that you notice... All I’m asking is that you notice.” All of us who were here in October know firsthand how devastating, heartbreaking, and wearying a flood disaster is. In October, our congregation received support, including financial contributions, from UUs all over the nation. When we heard about the flooding in Baton Rouge, our congregation quickly organized an effort to send money for the flood victims in the Baton Rouge area. Please consider donating! You can write a check to UUCC, and write “Flood Relief” in the memo line, or put a cash donation in an envelope marked “Flood Relief for Baton Rouge.”

I plan to give generously. Doing something helpful for someone beyond my ken leaves me feeling more grateful for the little that I can do to help, and more connected to strangers and the whole human race. Being a vehicle to help others *collectively is one of the most valuable things our congregation allows us to do.*

Rev. Jennie (“It’s a privilege to be here.”)

# President's Column

I'm still glowing from the wonderful *Evolution of God Conference* that many of us attended the weekend of August 12<sup>th</sup>. We were furiously scribbling notes throughout and this reminded me of the time that one of my students was writing away and continuing to do so after I stopped lecturing. I waited as she wrote and finally asked her if she needed more time to record my words of wisdom. "Oh," she replied, "I was not taking notes, I am writing a letter to my mother."

I don't think any of us were off task, as the energy was extraordinary, with questions from the audience often exceeding the time allowed. I particularly enjoyed the conversations during the breaks and over lunch.

My takeaways reinforced the conviction that our congregation's emphasis on deeds not creeds and the compassion at the foundation of those deeds are what set us apart from many other denominations. These actions are what hold us together and give us shape. This compassionate activism may be the prescription for the health of our communities, both local and beyond.

In conversations with the speakers, the topic of the tension between compassionate outreach efforts and the humdrum everyday logistical operations of a congregation came up. They observed that there needs to be a home base from which we can offer the actions that define us. This home base has a roof, walls, plumbing, HVAC systems, outside grounds, etc., all of which require continuous attention.

The conference was made possible by the coming together of many of you and the list would be too long to include. I thank each of you. Special thanks to Rebecca Drennan for heading up the planning.

On August 6<sup>th</sup> your board met for an all-day retreat during which we crafted and adopted FY17 Major Goals that reflect the exciting and challenging year ahead. These will be posted to [uucolumbia.org](http://uucolumbia.org) soon.

Speaking of our web site, I hope that each of you has had a chance to visit it and see how it has blossomed with content. I am encouraging all committees to use our web site to share information on the exciting things happening at UUCC. I would also like to thank those who did the work to initially populate the site: Regina Moody, Donald Griggs, Andrea Dudick, Marc Drews, Caroline Eastman, and Brian Dudick.

Phil Turner

*There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.* John Holmes



## Candles of Community

*Request for help...*

**Pat Mohr** has a broken leg and is not able to cook for herself. Beginning this week, she will need a meal delivered to her house each day. If you can help feed Pat, please contact Sandy Chubon at 776-0784 or [sjchubon@sc.rr.com](mailto:sjchubon@sc.rr.com)

*Heartfelt Congratulations to...*

**Jean Capalbo** and **Craig Chattin** who were married by Rev. Zsolt during the Partner Church trip to Transylvania.

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## Thank You

Don and Carol Dodson thank the Worship Committee and all who played a role in producing a wonderful Evolution of God Conference. From the organization to the message to the culture it created, it was a marvelous conference. We are grateful to everyone for providing this wonderful experience of love, compassion, and reasoned thought.

Dear Friends, on behalf of Congaree Riverkeeper, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$13.88. This donation from the kids means so much. Your contribution will help us continue our mission of improving water quality, wildlife habitat and recreation on our rivers. Thank you! Bill Stangler, Executive Director.

# News and Notes

## August 28, 2016

*You are a Child of the Universe...* This joyful worship service will include a Child Dedication ceremony. The sermon will be inspired by the poem by Max Ehrmann, "The Desiderata." We will learn more about Mr. Ehrmann's other writings, and his life and philosophy. By Rev. Jennie Barrington. The Adult Choir will also sing.

## September 4, 2016

*Laboring for Change*, by David Matos, President of Carolina Peace Resource Center

## September 11, 2016

*In the Unlikely Event...* This worship service marks the 15th Anniversary of September 11, 2001. By Rev. Jennie Barrington. The Adult Choir will also sing.



## Harvest Hope in Critical Need of Canned Food Donations

For only the second time in 3 ½ years, Harvest Hope Food Bank has put out an urgent call for canned goods. Please bring canned food to UCC to be delivered to Harvest Hope.

## Share the Plate Nominations

It's once again time for Share the Plate nominations. The UCC donates half of our cash collections each month to an outside charity or social justice organization chosen by our members through this nomination process. Over the past five years, we have donated over \$50,000 to community charities. You will find a nomination form in this Unigram, your Order of Service, on our website, and in the foyer beside the "Share the Plate Nominations" box. This is a very important opportunity for you to share in the decision of who will receive our Share the Plate donations.

***Let your voice be heard and nominate the nonprofit organization of your choice.***

## UCC Congregation: We Need Your Help!

As you may know, the 2016-2017 operations budget is insufficient for the needs anticipated for the coming year. To supplement our pledges, your FRAT (Fund-RAising Team) has generated many ideas for raising money, with an emphasis on activities that will attract the public at large as well as build our UCC community. So far we have the following events planned for this summer/fall:

**September 10:** Garage Sale

**October 15:** Crafts Workshop - Mask-Making

**November 5 or 12:** Holiday Bazaar

We will need help from each of you to make these successful. If you have experience with any of the activities and/or can assist us in running them, please contact one of these three FRAT members: Sej Harman (sejharman@att.net; cell: 730-7208) Patrick Saucier (pjsauci@malibox.sc.edu; cell: 727-2499); or Pat Mohr (patmohr@mindspring.com; cell: 463-3504).

If you have other ideas for raising money for this year's budget, talk to any of these people or to other members of the Team, which include Carita Barr, Jean Capalbo, Don & Carol Dodson, Mike Kelly, Cheryl Soehl, or Reenie Stahl.

## Choir Welcomes New Members

Adults and Youth (age 16 and above), if you enjoy singing and can match pitches, you would be welcomed in the UU Adult Choir. **Our next rehearsal is this Sunday, August 28, at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.** We meet again on Sunday, August 28 and every two weeks after. Bill Moody, Director

# Baton Rouge—Flood of 2016

We have received this plea from the UUA Southern Region for financial assistance for the flood victims in the Baton Rouge area. So many lacked flood insurance and have lost everything. Remembering our own flood less than a year ago and the tremendous response we had from around the nation, it is now our turn to "pay it forward". If you can be of any help please write a check to UUCC and indicate on the memo line Flood Relief. If it is a cash donation please put it in an envelope marked the same. Thank you in advance for any help you can be to this struggling population that includes family of our own Bob and Keitha Whitaker.

*Here is the plea that was in the UUA Southern Region Newsletter:*

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and surrounding areas have been inundated with historic flooding.

Unitarian Universalists from outside greater Baton Rouge want to know how to help from afar. The Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge has set-up a fund for contributions and offers this additional how to help information:

"UCBR Flood Fund" is receiving funds to assist Members and Friends of our church in flood recovery, especially those without flood insurance coverage. Send to Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge, 8470 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge LA 70806.

Send contact information if you are available to make a trip to this region and assist in the actual cleanup of homes. Local persons can send contact information if you have space to host a volunteer.

Financial contributions to the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, the American Red Cross, and/or the Capital Area United Way are also ways to assist.

Thank you for reaching out with your prayers, cares, and concerns.



# Share the Plate Nomination Form for 2017

Members and Friends age 18 and older are invited to nominate organizations to be our 2017 Share the Plate recipients. The UUCC donates half of our cash collections each month to an outside charity or social justice organization chosen by our members. Thanks to our congregation's generosity, we have donated over \$50,000 in Share the Plate contributions to community charities over the past five years. Voting will take place in November to choose the recipients from among the top two nominees in each category.

**Categories:** There are 10 categories of recipients, each of which will be selected for one month in 2017. Members and Friends can nominate organizations in one or more categories, provided it is a 501(c)(3) not-for profit organization. To confirm its status, check the organization's website to verify it is a 501(c)(3).

| Category                                     | Nominated Organizations | Website or Contact Person |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Animal shelters/Animal services              |                         |                           |
| Children's services                          |                         |                           |
| Food banks/Food support                      |                         |                           |
| Environmental issues                         |                         |                           |
| Health issues                                |                         |                           |
| Homeless shelters                            |                         |                           |
| International aid                            |                         |                           |
| Legal aid                                    |                         |                           |
| LGBT issues                                  |                         |                           |
| Women's issues                               |                         |                           |
| Minister's Discretionary Fund                | Pre-selected            | No vote necessary         |
| UU Service Committee (human rights programs) | Pre-selected            | No vote necessary         |

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Phone or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email this information to [socialaction@uucolumbia.org](mailto:socialaction@uucolumbia.org) or place it in the box labeled "Share the Plate Nominations" in the UUCC foyer. Additional nomination forms may be downloaded at [www.uucolumbia.org/SocialAction/Share the Plate](http://www.uucolumbia.org/SocialAction/Share%20the%20Plate).

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 2, 2016.**

## UUCC Coffee Notice

Jeff Kruse, our custodian, is retiring August 31 and the Personnel Committee is busy evaluating applicants to take his place. For many years our custodians have come in early every Sunday morning to make coffee for us. The decision has been made that we will no longer pay the custodian to make coffee. The Caring and Hospitality Committee is responsible for providing coffee for coffee hour after the worship service and we will continue to do that but we do not have enough people to take responsibility for making coffee earlier every Sunday morning. We plan to come in about 10:30 a.m. to start making coffee; the large pot takes about an hour to brew so it will be ready when the service ends. But we will not be providing coffee for the Forum or for members who drink coffee before the service.

If any of you are willing to come in early on Sunday mornings to make coffee, you certainly may do so. Please talk to Sandy Chubon before you attempt this chore. The electrical system in the kitchen will only support all the coffee pots at the same time if you plug them into certain outlets. Wrong outlet - you trip the breaker and lose all power in the kitchen.

This change in coffee procedures will occur for the first time on September 4 and will continue indefinitely thereafter. If you are interested in helping brew coffee, please contact Sandy Chubon at 776-0784 or [sjchubon@sc.rr.com](mailto:sjchubon@sc.rr.com)

## Hmmm...THAT Would Be FUN!

The Membership Committee is hoping for a stellar year, and we need your help. We have put together a questionnaire that will help us hone in on the activities that will be most popular during the coming year. It is a comprehensive list of questions and will take you a few minutes to complete, but what are a few minutes of your time in return for THE MOST FUN YEAR EVER? We will have a few copies of the questionnaire available at the Red Tablecloth Table, but, if you can, save a tree and take the online questionnaire. It will be showing up in your inbox soon. We appreciate your input!



## The Mountain, September 16-18

There are still openings for our Mountain weekend. Please consider getting away from the hustle bustle of our Columbia life to a nature-filled, fun-filled time with no TV, ringing telephone or nosy neighbors knocking on your door. Activities planned for all ages.

Please call Joan Watterson-803-787-7873, or Ginny Verne-803-786-7114. To register for the retreat call The Mountain during business hours-828-526-5838. Registration forms for mailing are available at the Membership table. Your registration is not complete until you have paid.

## Meals on Wheels for Pets

A beloved pet can be the only companion for many home-bound seniors. The animal mission of our congregation asks you to give a thought to these animal companions. Donate any unopened pet food or supplies in the Social Hall by the front doors.

## Search Committee Focus Groups Coming in September

The Search Committee will be facilitating focus groups during September and early October. The outcome of these groups will help the Search Committee compile a portrait of our congregation to convey to prospective ministers. These meetings will be scheduled for two Sundays September 11 and September 25 following the service in the sanctuary, and on two Wednesday nights September 14 and 28. in Room #5 at 7:00 pm. These meetings will last about an hour and a half. Look for sign-up sheets and plan to attend one of these focus groups.



## Chair Yoga, Tuesdays & Thursdays



Chair Yoga is now twice a week. We are adding a session on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in addition to the ongoing class on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. Both classes meet in the UUCS Social Hall. Come to either session or come to both. Chair yoga entails about 45 minutes of real yoga but it takes place mostly seated. The yoga instructors are Molly Jones and Ruthie Saunders. Please contact Ruthie [rsaunders@sc.edu](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu) if you have questions.

## Transitions Volunteers Needed Second Saturday of Each Month

UUCS has a recurring obligation to help serve the evening meal at Transitions Homeless Recovery Center, 2025 Main Street in Columbia, on the second Saturday of every month. Contact Bob Whitaker at [bobwhit46@gmail.com](mailto:bobwhit46@gmail.com) to volunteer.

## Calling Artists for Art for All Group

If you are interested in working on your art with others for support, encouragement and feedback, then the Art for All Group is for you. We meet weekly on **Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - noon** in the UUCS Social Hall. Bring your own supplies and prepare to enjoy the company of other artists at no cost. No instruction provided. Please contact Ruthie Saunders at [rsaunders@sc.edu](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu) if you have questions.

## September Set, Friday, August 26

Our monthly September Set for our UUCS Seniors will be held Friday, August 26. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall with conversation and getting to know each other better. Bring a dish to share and join in the fun. Long time and new members and friends are welcome. We hope to see you there. Contact Jean Capalbo at [jacapalbo@gmail.com](mailto:jacapalbo@gmail.com) or Pat Mohr at [patmohr@mindspring.com](mailto:patmohr@mindspring.com)



## Farewell Party for Jeff Kruse, Sunday, August 28

Please join us on Sunday, August 28, as we say goodbye to our beloved custodian, Jeff Kruse. Jeff has been a vital and integral part of our congregation for over six years and is going to be greatly missed by our community. We are planning special refreshments in the Social Hall immediately following service.

## Gay Pride Event, September 3

Only two more weeks to the Gay Pride Event - Saturday, September 3.

We want to see all of you there to wave our rainbow flags, walk with our beautiful float, and celebrate our support for Gay Pride. Please wear your Standing on the Side of Love Shirts if you have them. They make a real impact on our presence in the parade. We will be meeting at Laurel between Assembly and Lincoln and looking for helpers to put on our final decorations beginning between 10:30 and 10:45am that morning. This must be a fast job and we need all the help we can get so we will be ready to step off at 12:00 when the parade begins. We are wanting a big group of participants for this fun event. The float can hold at least 15 non-walkers and the rest we want walking along side representing UUCU and carrying our banners. We look forward to a good representation from all of our youth to show our great diversity. We looked great last year so let's do even more this year. If you would like to contribute, bring a bag of wrapped candy to pass out as we walk along the parade route. Municipal parking is free in Columbia on Saturdays so parking is not a problem.

This picture from last year may help you to remember what fun we had and how fantastic we looked. Expect even greater things this year!



## UUCU Yard Sale Fundraiser: Saturday, September 10, 8am-4pm

All that stuff you have been wanting to clear out of your house? Here's your chance for that... and to help the UUCU! To make this happen we need your stuff... and a lot of you, too.

Take in will be from **Monday, September 5 through Thursday, September 8, from 10am-2pm.**

Please, no clothes except baby/children's, no books except children's or cookbooks. Everything must be **clean, in good to excellent condition, and in working order.**

Home baked goods can be brought on the day of the sale.

We will need lots of people...pricers, arrangers, cashiers, patrollers, haulers (with trucks), clean-up crew... before, during, and after the sale. Also be saving plastic bags!

Having a congregational yard sale is a HUGE fund-raising endeavor and we hope for your support to make this successful for UUCU. There are many different ways to help out with this, many requiring only a few hours of your time. Please call or text **Reenie Stahl 803-233-9558 or Linda Saxon 803-397-2335 now** to sign up. Also contact us if you need help transporting donations or will bring home made goods.

*Have treasures too good for a yard sale but you would like to donate? We have members who can market them on-line. Just ask.*

### **Women's Book Group, September 13**



The Women's Book Group will meet Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 to discuss *Avenue of Mysteries* by John Irving. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon, 776-0784 or [orsjchubon@sc.rr.com](mailto:orsjchubon@sc.rr.com)

### **Writing Group, Tuesday, September 13**

Please join us for the UUCC Writing Group on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30–7:30 pm in Room 5. Feel free to bring something that you have written and would like to share with the group. Each month we will discuss different writing styles, topics for writing, and share our stories, biographies, poems, songs and anything else we can imagine. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Seel at 803-776-7138 or [chseel@bellsouth.net](mailto:chseel@bellsouth.net)

### **UUCC Book Club, Sunday, September 25**

The next UUCC Book Club meeting is Sunday, September 25 at 6:30 pm. Alvin Steingold will facilitate a discussion on *Between The World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. We will meet at a member's home. 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](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu)

### **Dodson Fall Fling Fundraising Dinner, October 21**

Don and Carol Dodson will host a Fall Fling Fundraising Dinner on Friday, October 21 at their home at 727 Dial Creek Road, Elgin 29045. The dinner will have an African theme and will be followed by a variety of international liqueurs. Cost is \$50 per person, payable in advance. Please make reservations ASAP by emailing: [cdodson7@hotmail.com](mailto:cdodson7@hotmail.com) or [ddodson@sc.rr.com](mailto:ddodson@sc.rr.com) or speaking with Don or Carol when at UU. These dinners have always been fun and help provide a little extra money to UU's coffers.

### **Fall Fun-draiser, November 12**

Join us for dinner hosted by Jean Capalbo and Ginny Verne on Saturday, November 12 at Jean's home. The menu will be planned around a beef roast and a pumpkin-flavored dessert. Seating is limited, so hurry to reserve your place at the table with a \$40 contribution to UUCC. After the meal you will be asked to consider an additional donation. All proceeds go to the UUCC general fund.

### **Save Toiletries from Travels, for Homeless Shelters**

The Social Action Committee urges you to use your discretion and bring back unopened toiletries from the hotels and motels you'll be staying in during your summer vacation or other travel. Place them in the food collection baskets at the entrance to the Social Hall. They will be donated to homeless shelters as needed or saved for the Inclement Weather Center (winter shelter) when it opens on November 1. For more information, contact Tom Clements, 803-240-7268 or [tomclements329@cs.com](mailto:tomclements329@cs.com).

# Religious Education

## Teacher Orientation & Planning Session

Saturday, August 27. Folks new to CYRE teaching will need to be here at 10:00 a.m. for orientation.

Seasoned teachers need to be here from 11:30 – 1:30. Lunch will be provided.

## CYRE Clean Up, Sunday, August 28, 12:30–2:00

We will meet after the service, start cleaning and then break for lunch. We can resume cleaning once we have shared a lunch. Bring your family for some much needed classroom scrubbing, vacuuming, and organizing! (Baking soda and vinegar will be provided for cleaning purposes.)

## CYRE Art for Peace, Sunday, August 28

This special CYRE class gives all children and youth extended time to create a meaningful art piece for entry in the “Peace in the Park” art competition. Class will start during regular CYRE time at 11:15a.m. and run through to 2:00 p.m. To enter your child’s piece, please follow this link and have an electronic version of their art piece available: [Peace In the Park Entry form](#)

## OWL K-1 is Coming this Fall

Do you have a child in grades K through 1? Are you hoping they formulate healthy attitudes about their bodies and their sexuality? Then don’t wait! Get them signed up for their very first *Our Whole Lives* class. These classes will meet for eight weeks during the fall semester. Dates and times will be planned with input from parents. Please see Stephanie Palmer-Smith or Keitha Whitaker for more information.

## Children and Youth Religious Education Registration

Forms are available at the CYRE table in the Social Hall and on our website. Please enroll your students prior to Sunday, September 11 to enable us to arrange our classes. Please contact our Director of Religious Education, Stephanie Palmer-Smith, if you have any questions.



## Children & Youth Religious Education Calendar

Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> Fall CYRE classroom clean up from 12:30 – 2:00! *ALL families are encouraged to attend.*

Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> Gay Pride Parade

Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup> – Intergenerational Service  
“Laboring for Peace”

Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>—First CYRE class of the fall!

Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> UUCU at the Mountain! (no CYRE classes)

Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>—2<sup>nd</sup> CYRE class

## **UUCC Board of Trustees**

### **Summary of June 15, 2016 Meeting**

The Board met June 15 from 6:31 PM to 9:10 PM.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Pledge income is about \$8,000 below the amount pledged for this fiscal year. This is largely because of people who have left the congregation without paying their pledges.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Building & Grounds** Andrea's office has been painted and new carpet was installed. The committee is planning to begin painting the outside of the RE wing in early July. Members and friends are asked to sign up for a space on the wall that they will paint. Families are encouraged to participate. Folks who cannot paint can support the project with monetary donations for paint and supplies.

**Finance Committee** Joe Long presented a proposal for a Capital Campaign for building improvements to be carried out by an ad hoc committee coordinating closely with the Finance Committee. Caroline Eastman and Linda Brennison were approved to serve on the Finance Committee.

Minutes summarized by Sandy Chubon, Secretary

### **Summary of July 20, 2016 Meeting**

The Board met on July 20, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 8:03 PM. The meeting was chaired by Phil Turner.

#### **Staff Report**

Andrea Dudick, Administrator, reported that 15 members were removed from the membership list on June 30. Two had moved away. The others are people who did not pledge or pay for 2015/2016. One new member joined in June. Our total membership is now 186.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Bob Whitaker reported that they have not quite finished closing the books for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. Based on information available now, we ended the year with a shortfall in pledges of \$12,500. Loose plate collections were about 20% lower than expected (\$2400). We had no large fundraisers during the fiscal year. Building rentals exceeded expectations by about 13% (\$1,269). Total expenses were almost exactly as planned. Our negative variance for the year is about \$18,000.

#### **Workers' Compensation Policy**

We have been buying a Workers' Compensation Policy from Church Mutual, the company that provides us with other insurance for the building, etc. ADP Insurance Agency, who does our payroll services, also offers a Workers' Compensation Policy which would cost us less and pay our employees more if they use it. After some discussion we agreed to change Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage from Church Mutual to ADP Insurance.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Technology Services Committee** Donald Griggs reported that Lis Turner has agreed to lead the web updating committee.

**Personnel Committee** Marc Drews reported that Jeff Kruse has resigned effective August 31. Jeff has prepared a list of the jobs/tasks/chores he does. The Personnel and Building & Grounds Committees will consider how best to cover Jeff's responsibilities.

**Building & Grounds Committee** has developed a plan to have a contractor with a work crew come in and clean out debris, weeds, vines, etc., trim some hedges, etc. They have identified a contractor they plan to hire. The Board agreed with the committee's plan.

**Policy on Church-Sponsored Events** was approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Building Renovation Capital Campaign ad hoc Committee**

Pat Mohr has agreed to chair this committee. The board agreed to designate Pat as a member of the Finance Committee.

#### **Approval of Committee Chairs**

Committee Chairs were approved. There is no chair for Denominational Connections.

#### **Board Representative to the Leadership Development Committee**

Cheryl Soehl was appointed to serve on the Leadership Development Committee this year.

Minutes summarized by Sandy Chubon, Secretary

# Meetings & Rentals

|                                                |                                                                                |           |                           |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Art For All Group                              | Thursdays                                                                      | 10:00 am  | Social Hall               |
| Board Meeting                                  | Wednesday, September 21                                                        | 6:30 pm   | Social Hall               |
| Chair Yoga                                     | Tuesdays                                                                       | 11:00 am  | Social Hall               |
|                                                | Thursdays                                                                      | 1:00 pm   | Social Hall               |
| Children & Youth RE Committee                  | Sunday, September 18                                                           | 12:30 pm  | Classroom # 5             |
| Choir                                          | Sunday, August 28                                                              | 9:30 am   | Sanctuary                 |
| Committee Night                                | 1st Wednesday of month                                                         | 6:00 pm   | Dinner in the Social Hall |
| CUUP's, Gaia's Rising                          | Every Thursday                                                                 | 7:30 pm   | Library                   |
| Forum                                          | Every Sunday                                                                   | 9:30 am   | Classroom # 8             |
| Green Committee                                | TBA                                                                            | 6:30 pm   | Classroom # 8             |
| Knit or Not                                    | Every Monday                                                                   | 7:00 pm   | Classroom # 8             |
|                                                |                                                                                |           |                           |
| Membership Committee                           | 1st Wednesday of month                                                         | 7:00 pm   | Classroom #8              |
| Visitor Orientation                            | Sunday, September 18                                                           | 12:15 pm  | Library                   |
| Science & Religion                             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday                                                       | 7:00 pm   | Classroom # 8             |
| September Set                                  | Friday, August 26                                                              | 6:00 pm   | Social Hall               |
| Social Action Committee                        | Sunday, September 7                                                            | 12:30 pm  | Classroom # 8             |
| Technology Committee                           | Wednesday, September 7                                                         | 6:00 pm   | Workroom 1                |
| UU Animal Ministry                             | Wednesday, August 10                                                           | 6:00 pm   | Classroom # 5             |
| UU Book Club                                   | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday                                                         | 6:30 pm   | Member's Home             |
| UU Humanist                                    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday                                                       | 7:00 pm   | Classroom # 8             |
| UU Partner Church Committee                    | Lee Minghi, 798-0904;<br>Carita Barr, 782-0053; or<br>Susan Robinson, 446-0675 | 7:00 pm   | Classroom # 8             |
| Women's Book Club                              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday                                                        | 7:00 pm   | Classroom # 8             |
| Writing Group                                  | Tuesday, September 13                                                          | 6:30 pm   | Classroom # 5             |
| <b>Rentals</b>                                 |                                                                                |           |                           |
| La Leche League                                | 3rd Tuesdays                                                                   | 6-8pm     | Classroom # 5             |
| Sitting with Sadness                           | Every Monday                                                                   | 7-8:15 pm | Social Hall               |
| Tai Chi 803-772-9557<br>columbia.sc@taoist.org | Every Thursday                                                                 | 6:30 pm   | Social Hall               |
| Meditation                                     | Every Monday                                                                   | 7:00 pm   | Library                   |
| Men's AA                                       | Every Tuesday                                                                  | 6:30 pm   | Social Hall               |
| Agnostic AA                                    | Every Sunday                                                                   | 5:00 pm   | Library                   |
| Women's AA                                     | Every Wednesday                                                                | 6:30 pm   | Library                   |

## 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

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