



The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

July 11, 2018



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Sunday Schedule

Forum: 9:30 am in the Library

Worship: 11:00 am-12:15 pm

Nursery: Available during service for infants through age 2

July 15, 2018

9:30 am Forum Topic

Is privatization of public services good for or bad for the democracy?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

"I'm at a Loss. Now What?"

by Ivy Coleman and Robin Scherer

July 22, 2018

9:30 am Forum Topic

When and how should a person intervene in a public place when someone is being assaulted verbally or physically battered?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

Lessons from the past, present, and future"
by Nikki Hill

Unigram Deadline

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 *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.* Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to uucc@uucolumbia.org.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

It is a well-known fact that I spend a fair percentage of my life in fellowship with the beautiful game of soccer. With two players in our family, the weeks are frequently consumed with practices, games, tournaments and the many hours and miles in between.

This is an observation – not a complaint. I love the sport.

Everything about it. The rules. The athleticism. The drama. The diplomacy. The multi-lingual, multiculturalism. The players and their personalities. The fans and their dedication, emotion and loyalties.

Every four years, this sport is at its best during the month-long World Cup. In truth, it doesn't really ever end since the intervening years are filled with a series of tournaments organized to decide 31 of the 32 teams that will play for the actual Cup.

Good sportsmanship is the rule. Who will forget Team Japan's exit a few days ago following their loss to Belgium? A spotlessly clean locker room and a thank you note to their Russian hosts. Seriously. And, while I am heartbroken that Team USA failed to make the tournament for the first time in more than thirty years, I am more than a little relieved.

There have also been the exceptional – but noteworthy – displays of bad behavior. Remember Diego Maradona's hand-ball in 1986? Or when Mauro Tassotti broke Luis Enrique's nose in 1994? Or, ten years ago, Zinedine Zidane's headbutt to Marco Materazzo?

I usually agree with how the referees – and, FIFA, the sport's governing body – have handled these incidents. As I have been enjoying the great matches over the past month, I have been watching and waiting for the 2018 incident.

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Conflict is to be expected, even between well-intentioned, principle-honoring, covenant-following, UUs. So, what might happen if, during one of our Sunday services, long-term UUCC member Giorgio Chiellini accuses long-term UUCC member Luis Suárez of biting him on the shoulder? Would this be considered a violation of our seven Principles? What would we do?

Fortunately, the Board has recently formed what we believe will become an integral part of the solution: the UUCC's *ad hoc* Committee on Right Relations. This committee will serve to provide a forum to hear complaints and to address issues as they arise at UUCC. Its work will remain confidential to protect the privacy of those involved. Furthermore, the Committee will recommend corrective action in an effort to bring acceptable closure to the situation.

Over the next several months, the charter members of the committee will work to establish governing policies and procedures, address the ongoing needs of our Congregation, and make recommendations to the Board for efforts to promote healing and rebuild trust within our Community.

Stay tuned to this space for future updates. And, in the meantime, please, no biting.

In Peace, Timothy VanDenBerg

Worship Committee at Work...

On June 24, 2018, our community marked the first anniversary of the election of Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray as the first female president elected to lead the Unitarian Universalist Association. To celebrate, the UUCC kicked off its Summer Series of Services, from June 24 to August 5, with seven services led by women leaders, who have shared (and will share) their messages, stories, and charges. Their services were designed to be uplifting, moving, inspiring, and thought-provoking, causing members and friends to think, to pause, to laugh, and to wonder, and to take action in some way.

During this series, each guest service provider was charged with sharing stories and lessons that they have learned along their spiritual pathway, capturing the heart and soul of who we are as a loving community. The worship committee members have worked with the guest speakers, along with Anna and Andrea, to plan exemplary services.

The services of the past several weeks have met with positive and supported comments. Our members' feedback indicates that they are pleased with the modifications that have been made to ensure a smooth and meaningful spiritual experience. From the sound of the first chime with the announcements to the welcoming words to the candles of community changes, to the inspiring sermons and messages, to the closing words--our services have been very well received.

By combining guest speakers with UUCC members who have shared their encouraging messages, we have provided something for everyone. All of our upcoming services have been scheduled through Christmas and the worship committee is now beginning to book speakers for services after the first of the year. The committee always welcomes suggestions of service providers and topics.

Next week, we will have Robin and Ivy in the pulpit and later this month, we will welcome the return of Rev. Julianna Lepp from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, who will lead a service that will remind us of the peace of the wild things.

Some of our members have been encouraged to return to the pulpit to lead services, including Richard McLeod and Jessica Kross. We have also tapped Kevin McKinney and Laura Hartwig, who will be sharing what their respective UU committees have been up to and their plans for the coming year, emphasizing our roles as volunteers. Those services will focus on our support for environmental issues and our social action platforms. Victor Gascon will also lead the conversation in a service entitled Living a Life of Passion.

On August 26, Stephanie, McKenzie and our CYRE team will lead our Water Communion service where members of our congregation will share a brief story of their summer experiences, with the highlight of the morning being a presentation from our teens who traveled to Boston last month.

Anna Hamilton has also arranged a few music-centric services that will include Anahaat Planet and Jim Scott, who will also be performing for us the evening before the service. Many of you are familiar with his songs including Let This Be a House of Peace, The Oneness of Everything, May Your Life Be As a Song, All Around a Child, and many others.

Finally, we have plans to bring back some popular ministers who have always lived up to our high expectations, including Rev. Stephen Robinson, Rev. Elizabeth Reed, Rev. Candace Chellew-Hodge and Rev. Pat Jobe, as well as Rev. Neal Jones who will be with us on August 19 as part of a Flashback-Moving Forward Sunday where the Membership Committee plans to lead efforts to ask all our current members to extend a personal invitation to members and friends who haven't been with us for a while, encouraging them to return to a most welcoming place that we call home.

There's so much more in store as we take steps to create memorable services that make us think, make us feel, and inspire us to grow. Keep an eye out by reading the information found on our website, in our monthly Uni-grams, and in our weekly order of service.

Thanks for all your kind words and support.

We are the UUCC

Marc Drews



Denominational Connections – July 11, 2018

Southern Connections

Breaking News!

The Southern Region staff gives a shout out to the members, friends and staff of [First Unitarian Universalist Church of Richmond](#) (VA), who recently put their faith in action by providing sanctuary for a Honduran mother and her two children. She came to the US undocumented, seeking asylum from an abusive relationship. “This isn’t a political statement,” senior minister Rev. Jeanne Pupke told the Washington Post. “It’s a human statement that we’re all called to uphold human dignity.” Read the whole article [here](#).

Looking for a fun family vacation? Check out the Mountain Intergenerational Family Camp!

The Mountain Intergenerational Family Camp -- Jul 22 – 29, 2018. A program for families to come together for traditional MountainCamp activities. Parents, children, grandparents all are welcome! Activities include: workshops, crafts, hiking, campfires, music and singing, storytelling, time for relaxation and reflection. Family Camp makes memories that last a lifetime. [Learn more here](#).

Meanwhile, please check out our [Denominational Connections](#) pages for updates and connect with our wider UU world. Find the latest news on immigration justice and the UUA and information about *Get Out the Vote Project Grants* [here](#). Please, visit us often on [Facebook](#). If you have questions or suggestions or *if you feel called to join this committee*, please contact me at denomconn@uucolumbia.org. Keitha Whitaker, Chair, Denominational Connections.



Direction Reflection Exploration

Vastness

I heard a story from a woman who took up scuba diving and was enjoying a vacation down off the coast of Mexico. The fish were beautiful; red, aqua, oranges, blues, all of the colors of the rainbow were to be found under the sea. She enjoyed it so much she booked a snorkeling trip that promised to take their breath away. They were going to venture out to where the sea bed dropped hundreds of feet at a fault causing a large, vertical wall where many different species of fish, corals, anemones, etc. flourished. What a trip this was going to be!

As she went out over the edge of the boat she faced inland and enjoyed the seafloor life only 15 – 20 feet below her. The water was brilliantly aqua colored and the sun shone down through those few feet of water allowing all of the sea life to have most of their color. She enjoyed this for a few minutes and then turned to go explore the mysterious and spectacular wall where she would be introduced to new life forms, new species.

She kicked out to the where the sea floor disappeared, took one look out at the vastness of the ocean and panicked. The ocean was just too large and too unknown for her to be comfortable enough to even contemplate yet alone stay there and explore. She quickly kicked her way back to the apparent safety of the shallower water and actually had to surface as she was so shaken up by that vast, unknown ocean. She found no solace in the awe of that gigantic, foreign ocean. Only panic. Only fear.

Sad thing is, this fear caused her to give up scuba diving all together. She allowed the fear to destroy the sense of awe and wonder she felt as she was exploring the beautiful and strange life in our seas. The fear overpowered the joy.

This story came back to me yesterday as I was listening to a report about how people who live with awe and can experience that sense of letting go and being in the moment of appreciation are less ravaged by the stress hormones that get released every time we feel stress. Is it time for us to become more childlike and allow awe and wonder to reenter our lives? Allow yourself to get lost in the rainbows appearing in water, in the vistas from mountain tops or the vastness of the oceans as we look out over them from the shore. Let's make habits out of appreciating the wonder and awe that is in this world as is written in our sources "Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life;"

Thanks to the generosity of this congregation, McKenzie and I will be off next week taking classes at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center. We will bring back a wealth of knowledge and our hopes are we will bring back workable information to help us grow in this amazing religion. But I will also be reflecting upon and relaxing into those profound words of wisdom. I will take moments to appreciate and be overwhelmed by the vista and I will think of this congregation and feel deep gratitude.

Namaste, my friends.

Stephanie Palmer-Smith, Director of Religious Exploration



Candles of Community

Lewis Richardson has been moved to the Pruitt Health Nursing Center in Blythewood and would appreciate visitors and calls, 803-733-8969.

Thank You

Congaree Riverkeeper

Dear UU Friends, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$771.10. Your contribution empowers us to progress our mission of improving water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreation on the Congaree, Lower Saluda, and Lower Broad Rivers. We couldn't do this without you. Bill Stangler, Executive Director

MIRCI

Dear UUC: Thank you so much for your continued generous support of MIRCI [Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc.] These funds will be designated for our homeless programs which assist individuals with mental illness to recover in the area of their lives impacted by their illness through housing, behavioral healthcare, and assistance with obtaining and managing their disability income. Julie Ann Avin, President & Executive Director

The Mountain

Registration Is Now Open For Our Annual Mountain Retreat

This long-time UUC tradition is a wonderful way refresh your body and mind and get to know fellow UUC-eers better. Join us from Friday, September 5, through lunch on Sunday, September 7. We enjoy a multitude of activities from hiking any of the many trails to quiet meditation and reflection to Happy Hour on the deck. If you have never been to this wonderful place it should definitely be on your "to do" list. It is a pleasant 4- hour drive.

Costs include 2 nights and 6 meals from dinner on Friday through lunch on Sunday:

Adult double occupancy - \$190

Adult single occupancy - \$260

Youth 8-17 - \$70

Children 0-7 - FREE

Registration choices are either online at themountainrlc.com or call the Mountain office at 828-526-5838.

Upcoming Services

July 15

“I’m at a Loss. Now what?”

Ivy Coleman & Robin Scherer

Losses come in many forms and sometimes they come in quick succession. What can we do to building resilience so we can move forward and grow from these experiences?

July 22

“Lessons from the past, present and future.”

Nikki Hill

There’s always a lesson in every situation and sometimes we may not know what it is until after it’s gone. Understanding our stories provides us an opportunity to better understand ourselves and others.

Nikki Hill is the Executive Vice President of EdVenture where she has served in several roles since joining the museum in 2005. She has been instrumental in moving the museum's direction to being an arm of the community, ensuring that all families are afforded the chance to experience the love of learning. Her leadership helped establish two EdVenture satellites: in Myrtle Beach and Hartsville, her hometown.

She was been honored by The State Newspaper as a member of the Class of 2017's 20 under 40 and internationally recognized as a Noyce Leadership Fellow in 2015. She and her husband, Joe, share in the joy of raising their four children, Noah 8, Nicholas 10, McKenzie 14 and Joey 21.

McKenzie Manning is a rising ninth grader at Hopewell High School in Charlotte. She’s a member of the Junior Beta Club, National Junior Honor Society and recently inducted into the Young Black Leadership Alliance. She enjoys running track, drawing and volunteering.

July 29

“The Peace of Wild Things”

Rev. Julianne Lepp

What do wild things teach us? There is something mysterious and beautiful that cannot be measured in the deep night time darkness of wild places. We need the touch of grass, the sound of water, and the renewal that wild spaces bring to open our hearts. “I believe a leaf of grass is no less than the journey-work of the stars.” Walt Whitman

News and Notes

Wake Now Our Vision Campaign

The UUC Endowment Committee recently had its initial FY2019 meeting and we have decided to focus our main efforts on the UUA Wake Now Campaign. The Wake Now Campaign provides an amazing opportunity in which a legacy gift (including the UUC in one's will) of a UUC member or friend will immediately be *matched at 10% of the gift*. This will be *in cash to UUC no strings attached*. As an example, if someone has in their will that UUC will receive \$10,000 upon execution of the will, UUC would receive \$1,000 now if that person had submitted the Wake Now form and a copy of the relevant pages of the will to the UUA.

That's the good news. The not so good news is that there is a limited amount of money and it is on a first-come basis, and this campaign will be conducted for a limited time.

The board has set \$500,000 in legacy gifts as a goal. If reached, this would mean an infusion of \$50,000 into the UUC budget. Think of what that could mean! If you have already submitted a Wake Now form and the relevant portion of your will and have not let the Endowment Committee know, please consider doing so.

No names will be shared, and the information will only be presented in the aggregate for publicity and planning.

Wake Now Campaign information is available in the Social Hall and on the UUC web site. If you have questions, please see a member of the Endowment Committee.

Thank you!

Phil Turner, Chair

Dot Brown, Financial Secretary

John Logue

Darrell Shier

Judy Pearce

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Social Action Events

Words from your "Web Conduit"

I received a message from the McLeods as they are wending their way through the Baltic ports, and had an inspiration. Linda and Richard stopped at a UU Church in the Czech Republic and sent some photos to us to commemorate the experience. I thought it would be fun to set up a page on our website and include your visits to other UU Churches as you travel this country and the world. I will set up the page and then await your entries. They should include at least one photo and a couple of sentences describing where you were and what you did when there. It should be fun to see how we connect to the greater Unitarian Universalist World! In the meantime, you can go to our [News/Current Events](#) page and read Linda's message to us.

Thanks, Lis Turner

CYRE Committee Meeting, Sun., July 15

Our religious exploration committee will meet with newly appointed chair Beck Sullivan on Sunday, July 15. What does it take to be a member of our committee? Concern and interest in the programs of our CYRE. Interest in the finances of CYRE. Interest in our sub-committees i.e.: summer camps, OWL, etc. or just an overall sense that you want to serve kids and their interests!

Unigram Summer Publishing Schedule

The Unigram will only be published once a month, on second Wednesdays, during June, July and August. Please submit all articles and announcements by the preceding Sunday.

Linda Doctor Fennel Invitation

Linda Doctor Fennel invites you to help celebrate her 60+ Birthday on Saturday, July 14 from 3 to 5 pm in the Social Hall.

Christian Heritage Group, Tues., July 17

The Christian Heritage Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 17 at 11:00 am in Room 8. Bring a light lunch for yourself if you would like to stay to eat and chat after our hour-long meeting. Last month Don Cooper led our discussion about NT concepts of Friends and Neighbors. This month, we will be taking off from a short text from Richard Rohr's *The Naked Now*. A start comes out of Rohr: "What does being awake really mean? When Jesus taught on "losing oneself to find oneself" (see Luke 9:24) what might he have meant?" If you are interested in our group, do come join us. If you have any questions, call Rebecca Drennan at 415-377-1791. Hope to see you there.

UUCU Book Club, Sunday, July 22

The next UUCU book club discussion is **6:30 pm on Sunday July 22**. Patrick Saucier will facilitate a discussion on *Hell* by Robert Olen Butler. We will meet in the UUCU Social Hall. The UUCU Book Club is open to all members and friends of UUCU. We welcome new and returning participants! Please contact Ruthie Saunders if you have questions or would like more information: rsaunders@sc.edu



Back by Popular Demand---Another Catered September Set Dinner! July 27

All seniors are invited to join us for another September Set dinner catered by that celebrated culinary trio of Verne/Capalbo/Mohr. That's right, all you have to bring is yourself! This time we're following a picnic theme, so we'll have hot dogs (regular and vegetarian) with all the condiments, baked beans, potato salad, slaw, desserts, and Ginny's famous watermelon salsa with chips. As usual, we will meet on the fourth Friday of the month at 6 PM. This month that is **July 27**.

Remember, because we are providing the food, we need to know who's coming to this dinner. If you plan to attend, **RSVP by Wednesday (July 25)** to Jean Capalbo (803-799-1001 or jacapalbo@gmail.com) or Pat Mohr (803-463-9468 or patmohr@mindspring.com). This is a great way for newcomers to meet people and for all of us to renew friendships. Please join us!

Visitor Orientation, Sunday, July 29, 12:20 p.m. Library

Visitor Orientation will be held on July 29 in the UUCU library. It usually lasts about 45 minutes, and light refresh-

ments will be served. If you are new to the UUCU, or have not come for a while and have questions, this session is for you. This class is designed to help familiarize you with the principles of Unitarian Universalism and answer any questions you may have.

Dances of Universal Peace, Fri. August 3

All UU's and friends are welcomed to participate in the Dances of Universal Peace [DUP,] Friday 8/3, from 7-9 pm in the Social Hall. Sponsored by the Islamic Sufi Ruhaniat International order, the DUP are active meditative practices honoring the positive spiritual energy in the world's many different faith traditions.

For each dance, our mentored leader teaches us a sacred phrase, its meaning and melody, and the motions of the dance. Then we are led to chant and move through several iterations of the dance, to deepen our spiritual connection to the universe. This month our themes will be honoring our ancestors, thanks for summer harvest, and love. In our usual two-hour session we typically do several dances and share some blessings, prayers, and poetry. Expect respectful hand-holding, eye contact, and occasional hugs as part of the dances.

After dancing, we usually socialize for a while. For more information, contact Marguerite Frongillo, 803-743-0731 or mff426@gmail.com and see the DUP North America website, <http://www.dancesofuniversalpeace.org/> Upcoming DUP are at UUCU on most first Fridays [no dance in January or July:] 2018: 8/3, 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7; 2019: 2/8, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3, 6/7, 8/2, etc.

Knit or Not Group, Mondays, 2:00 p.m.

Do you knit or have other needle-craft you would like to share? If so, you are invited to join us for our weekly Knit or Not meetings on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. in classroom 8 of the CYRE wing. Or if you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, we have folks who can help with the basics.

Art for All Group, Thursdays

If you are interested in working on your art with others for support, encouragement and feedback, then this group is for you. We meet weekly on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - noon in the UUCU Social Hall. Bring your own supplies and prepare to enjoy the company of other artists at no cost. No instruction provided. Contact Ruthie Saunders at rsaunders@sc.edu if you have questions.

Gaia's Rising CUUPS, Thursdays

Join the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Library unless otherwise noted. Contact Johnnie Nelson at 729-4319 or l_c_r_1@live.com for more information.

Social Action

Meals on Wheels is a program operated by Senior Resources Inc. that delivers hot nutritious meals to elderly, frail, and home-bound individuals. Meals are delivered with a smile by a caring volunteer five days a week. Individuals receiving Meals on Wheels are primarily the elderly in our community who cannot maintain an adequate, healthy diet, either because of transportation or financial constraints. South Carolina ranked #8 in the nation for seniors with food insecurity. We are pleased to have members of UCC who are active volunteers for this worthy program including our Animal Ministry which accepts pet food donations for the meal recipients' pets.

Seeds of Hope - *We need ways to advertise and get more traffic to increase our sales.* Our annual fresh market stand in front of the church that sponsors low income farmers will be available through August 5. **We'll need volunteers July 15 and 22nd to work the table, so please consider signing up.** Sign up to work the market now: <http://bit.ly/uucc-seeds>

Homeless Helping Homeless Car Wash: July 14

Transitions Homeless Recovery Center, 2025 Main Street in Columbia, on Get your car washed by HHH at McDonald's in front of the Walmart at 5480 Forest Drive Columbia SC 29206. 8 till 11am. Suggested donation for cars is \$7 and trucks \$10, but most generous patrons contribute more. Every other Saturday.



Canvas the County: Human Trafficking, July 27-28

Sistercare, Inc. will be sponsoring a first "Canvas the County" event on the weekend of July 27-28 to distribute posters to local businesses and public locations with vital information on trafficking of young women in our community. If you are able to join this effort, we will be distributing posters in Richland County on both days. Please be in touch with Laura Hartwig (socialaction@uucolumbia.org) or Cheryl Soehl (csoehl@soehl.com) to let us know your availability and/or willingness to post this information in your local businesses or workplace.

Next Social Action Meeting Sunday, August 26th at 12:30pm in the sanctuary. We need your help so please join us. Email SocialAction@uucolumbia.org with any questions.

Save the Date: Trans Teach In Sunday, Sept 16

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, Sept 16th. Our regular Sunday service will answer some of your questions about the trans community. After the service we will have a light lunch and then please join us at 12:45pm for a continuation of the teach in. We will be joined by three members of the trans community who will tell us about their experiences and join a panel to answer questions. This teach in will be open to the community, so please invite your friends and neighbors. The trans community needs supporters and allies. It's up to us to be those people. We are doing this in conjunction with the ARE and the kitchen committee, but we still need help from you. Please sign up to bring sandwiches or help with the set up [here](#). Email SocialAction@uucolumbia.org with any questions.

Save the Date: Pride Parade Fri, Oct 19th

Please check our website for new events posted almost daily: bit.ly/social-action.

Religious Exploration

OWL for Grades K-1

OWL (Our Whole Lives) camp is the week of July 30 – Aug. 3 from 9:00 – 3:00 for grades K – 1. A mandatory parent orientation will be held before the classes begin and to ensure your children receive the best instruction possible, the last half of the curriculum will be taught in once-a-week classes. For more details, please see McKenzie Scott (reassist@uucolumbia.org), or Lis Jenkinson.



CUUBS Leaders Needed!

Our elementary CYRE students are in need of a few folks who would like to help organize outings for them. Over the course of our school year we might have a science day or go to the Columbia Puppet theater. We have lots of interests and just need a few adults who care enough about us to attend some fun outings. Is that person you? Please see our DRE, Stephanie, if you would like to organize outings with us! (A trip to the Equine Rescue in Aiken in August?)

Teen Hogwarts Movie and Decorating Event!

On Friday July 20 from 6:00 – 11:00 pm join the Hogwarts team for a decorating blitz and Potter movie! Pizza and popcorn will be provided. See McKenzie (reassist@uucolumbia.org) for more information!

Recruiting Teachers!

A call out to all our loving, caring facilitator folks - our religious exploration team is offering you an amazing opportunity to work with our very intelligent, not too rascally, UUCC children and youth! Do you have what it takes to engage these brilliant pippins? Would you like to be part of a team that brings innovative, thought provoking lessons to our children and youth? Then apply with us today! (Applications are on the CYRE table in the social hall!) THANKS!

Evensong for Families Tuesday, July 17

What family rituals did you follow as a child that helped shaped who you are today? What types of rituals are used by UU families to help us raise children who are aware of and practicing their values and beliefs? If you would like to be part of a small group of families exploring these questions while forming bonds with other UUCC families, please sign up for the Evensong program for families. We will meet six evenings to explore and discover more about family sharing and to bond with other UUCC families. Class dates are the following Tuesdays: July 17, July 24, July 31 and end on Tuesday August 7.

CYRE Calendar

July 15 – CYRE Committee Meeting – after service in the Emerson Room

July 16 Monday – 6:00 Hogwarts Training Meeting

Tuesday July 17 – Evensong for Families 6:00 in the Priestly Room

Wednesday July 18 – Hogwarts Training Meeting 6:00

Friday July 20 – 6:00 – 11:00 – Youth Group gathering - Pizza, decorating, and movie experience!

Sunday July 22 – CYRE Elementary **NEED**

VOLUNTEERS!!!!

Secondary – Will Fifield (**NEEDS ASSISTANT!**)

Editing your video work!

Partner Church News

Transylvania to Magadan

Our partner church minister and friend, Zsolt Solymosi, and a former student, who happens to be an ace mechanic, have embarked on an overland trip from Cluj, Romania, to Magadan, in the far reaches of Siberia and then back. They will cover thousands of miles in 77 days. Their vehicle is a refurbished and beefed up Toyota Land Cruiser to handle the sometimes primitive roads. As of the last report they have traveled over 4000 miles and are now in Kazakhstan, July 6. Zsolt is posting daily on the Facebook page entitled “Transylvania to Magadan”. Go check it out and let him know you are following him. The hundreds of photos are amazing! Below is one of Zsolt and new Kazakhstani friends with his car in the background. Also is a photo showing that he’s taking time to have fun! This was in Uzbekistan.



Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	Thursdays	10:00 am	Social Hall
Board Meeting	3rd Wednesday of month	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Chair Yoga	Suspended for Summer	11:00 am	
Children & Youth RE Committee	Sunday, July 15	12:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Choir (adult)	TBA	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Choir (women)	Thursdays	6:30 pm	Classroom # 9
Choir (men)	TBA		
Christian Heritage	3rd Tuesdays	11:00 am	Classroom # 8
Committee Night	Wednesday, July 11	6:00 pm	Social Hall
CUUP's, Gaia's Rising	Every Thursday	7:30 pm	Library
Forum	Every Sunday	9:30 am	Library
Green Team	TBA	12:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Knit or Not	Every Monday	2:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Membership Committee	TBA	12:30 pm	Classroom # 10
Visitor Orientation	Sunday, July 29	12:20 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 nd Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, July 27	6:00 pm	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, July 29	12:30 pm	Sanctuary
Technology Committee	Wednesday, July 11	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	Thursday, September 20	5:00 pm	Classroom # 10
UU Book Club	Sunday, July 22	6:30 pm	Social Hall
UU Humanist	4 th Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
UU Partner Church Committee	Lee Minghi, 798-0904; Carita Barr, 782-0053	TBA	
Women's Book Club	TBA	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Writing Group	Suspended	6:30 pm	
Rentals			
La Leche League	3rd Tuesdays	6-8pm	Classroom # 8
Tai Chi 803-772-9557 columbia.sc@taoist.org	Every Thursday	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Insight Meditation	Every Monday	7:00 pm	Library
Men's AA	Every Tuesday	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Women's AA I	Every Wednesday	6:30 pm	Library
Women's AA II	Every Sunday	5:00 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

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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