



The Unigram

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April 10, 2019



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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

April 14, 2019

9:30 am Forum Topic

What is "MEANING"?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

"The Fall of Patriarchy"

by Rev. Roger Ray

April 21, 2019

9:30 am Forum Topic

Earth Day: What should we do to help the environment?

11:00 am Sermon Topic

"We Are Easter People"

by Richard McLeod

Pledge Drive Update

We are nearing the end of our 2019-2020 pledge drive and are close to meeting our goal of \$225,000. As of April 9, 2019, we have received \$186,779.55 in pledges from 90 pledge units. If you have not sent in your pledge, please do soon. The Finance Committee needs to know the pledge total to prepare next year's budget and submit it to the board and congregation for approval.

We will be presenting the budget to our UUCB members and friends soon. When you look at the budget spreadsheet, it's easy to get confused or just zone out. There are a lot of numbers! There are several questions that might be asked:

Are we meeting the expectations of UUA? Our Personnel committee and Board make sure we consider the expectations of UUA for salaries and benefits. We have been contributing to UUA at an acceptable level, but we'd prefer to be at a higher level.

Do the numbers add up? It's a spreadsheet. Current computer technology makes sure the numbers add up! The Finance Committee and Board does everything we can to make sure they are the right numbers.

What are we getting for the money? This is the important question. When you look at a salary item, think about what the person in that role does and how important it is to UUCB. When you look at a committee item, think about how important that committee is to UUCB and/or the broader community. When you look at an item for building operation and maintenance, think about how important our building is for our community.

Could we be doing more with more money? Of course. It's your decision how much money UUCB has and how we spend it. If there is something you'd like to see us accomplish, help us get there with your support in time, money, and spirit.

Unigram Deadline

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 *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.* Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to uucc@uucolumbia.org.



Candles of Community

Pippin Whitaker Named as Candidate for Accotink UU Church

Our member Pippin Whitaker, who is currently the ministerial intern at the UU Congregation of Fairfax in Virginia, has some exciting news. Pippin has been chosen by Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church in Burke, Virginia, as the candidate for its next settled minister! Stay tuned for an update after May 5.

Pippin Whitaker's Ordination

Just in case you are planning a trip to the D.C. area, our very own Dr. Pippin Whitaker would like to extend a special invitation to her ordination to all UUCC-ers. Pippin's ordination will take place at the UU Congregation of Fairfax in Oakton, VA on Sunday, April 28 at 5pm with

a convivial reception to follow. The invitation can be found here: <http://evite.me/METMkRY56m> Those wishing to support her ordination can do so before Saturday, April 20, here: <https://www.gofundme.com/the-ordination-of-dr-pippin-whitaker>



Thank You

Homeless No More

Thank you for your contribution of \$1,006 to Homeless No More which operates four unique initiatives: Emergency Services (Family Shelter), Transitional Housing (St. Lawrence Place), Affordable Housing (Live Oak Place) and Community Bridge. Last year, 181 homeless individuals received help through our programs and services. Please accept our appreciation for your generosity and know that your contribution enables us to continue making positive changes in our Community! Sincerely, Lila Anna Sauls, President/CEO

Justice 360

Thank you to all of the members of your congregation for their generous donations to Justice 360! These funds will help us strengthen our organization by expanding our public awareness and educational programs, increasing the scope of our representation, and improving our development efforts in the future. Kind Regards, Jean Popowski, Development Coordinator

Upcoming Services

April 14

“The Fall of Patriarchy”

Rev. Roger Ray with Paul Thomlinson

See next page for details

April 21

‘We Are Easter People’

Richard McLeod

April 28

“Volunteerism”

Michael Sullivan

BIO: Dr. Michael Sullivan is one of 30 psychologists nationally to have been honored by the American Psychological Association as a “Citizen Psychologist” for sustained activities in improving their communities. In Mike’s case, this was in recognition of his community service across the lifespan. From his work as a Peace Corps volunteer in South Korea in the 1960’s, to his past decade of delivering Meals on Wheels here in Columbia, SC, Mike believes he has received far more from his volunteerism than he has given. Mike has been an active member of UUCS since 2008, when he and his wife Susan moved here. He has served in several UUCS governance positions, including secretary of the Board of Trustees and chair of the Social Action committee and of the Finance committee.

The Remarkable Benefits of Volunteering: In a consumerist society that values money, volunteering can be diminished as unpaid work. In reality, it pays remarkable dividends. As Winston Churchill said, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” Giving freely of our time and energy in service to other persons or causes helps us transcend our own self-interests and contribute to the greater social good. A wide range of community and church activities is enabled and ennobled by the work of dedicated volunteers. Taking a step back to reflect on our volunteer work is a way of helping to appreciate its potential for personal fulfillment and societal transformation.

May 5

TBA

Sen. Mia McLeod

What Is The Future Of Religion?

Find out on April 13 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia at 2701 Heyward Street, 29205. Please join us at the UUCC for two days with Dr. Roger Ray, author, founding pastor of the Emerging Church, and a featured speaker on the Christian Progressive Network. Music will be provided by Dr. Paul Thomlinson on the guitar.

Saturday 4/13: Two classes

1-2 PM: Evidence Based Faith (*haud ignota loquor*-Speak not of what cannot be known). While many religious people speak of faith as being an alternative to reason, that is not what it has always meant. The ancients tended to project personhood onto aspects of nature but they were striving to understand reality when they assumed that certain illnesses were caused by demons or the weather was affected by gods. But, as Karen Armstrong has described in her books, faith has more to do with the courage needed to live out our convictions. Setting aside the metaphors and anthropomorphism of past generations, we search for the necessary courage to be a faith community that can change the world.

2-3 PM: A New Bill of Rights (considering the supremacy of orthopraxy over orthodoxy). The great faiths of the world began as reformations, typically among the poor who were seeking greater justice. We find examples all through history of emerging conscience that advocates for social change. This address will especially consider the second bill of rights proposed by Franklin Roosevelt, a list which seems to have inspired a number of current politicians who are calling for a living wage, universal health care, housing, and access to higher education. Perhaps our time has come?

**RSVP if you would like to attend these classes:
Rebecca Drennan at rebecca@creativetransformation.com or 415-377-1791**

Sunday Service 4/14 at 11:00 AM The Fall of Patriarchy

In Terry Crews' book on Manhood, he talks about how targeting high profile sexual predators in order to end patriarchy is like trying to cut a tree down by cutting the leaves. Toxic masculinity is a part of our culture and we need to lay the ax to the trunk of that tree, rooting out the male privilege that has been the source of victimization of women for centuries. Perhaps the current backward trend in our nation is the retreat that will force us to find the activation energy necessary to bring about the fall of the patriarchy.

Biographical Information:

Dr. Ray is the author of *Progressive Faith and Practice* (2014) and *Progressive Conversations* (2017) and will release his collection, *Meditations*, in June of this year as well as a collection of essays entitled *Toward a Great Society*. His sermons are available on YouTube and iTunes and are now among the most popularly downloaded progressive faith messages on the internet. He is featured on ProgressiveChristianity.org as well as the podcast Best of the Left, and is the founding pastor of the Emerging Church. He earned his masters and doctoral degrees at Vanderbilt Divinity School and was a 2004 Merrill Fellow at Harvard Divinity School.

Dr. Thomlinson is a research psychologist who specializes in suicide prevention, but his passion has always been music. He has played and composed music since he was young and often does performances of only his own material, but he also covers a wide range of rock, blues, reggae, and (when Roger is not around) country music.



News and Notes

Pledge Cards Due Wednesday, April 17

Please consider thoughtfully how much you can afford to give our congregation for its programs. Pledge cards can be mailed to the UUCC, dropped off in person, or you may email your pledge amount in confidence to Andrea Dudick, Administrator, at uucc@uucolumbia.org.

A Welcoming Congregation for Transgender Folks

In an effort to become a more welcoming congregation, there are a few changes going on. Our board has approved new signage for our bathrooms. The new signage will read, "Gender diversity is welcomed here. All are welcome to use the restroom that best fits their identity." We've also have new buttons at our welcome table that show our pronouns and "I'll go with you" buttons, offering to go with transgender people to the bathroom so they will feel less threatened. If you have questions about any of these new steps or suggestions for other steps we should be taking, please contact SocialAction@uucolumbia.org.

Potluck for April 14 CANCELLED

The potluck scheduled for Sunday, April 14, has been **cancelled**. We will have our regular Sunday Social Hour and look forward to seeing you there.

Membership at the UUCC

Have you been attending the UUCC for a while and considering making the congregation a larger part of your life? If you are interested in joining or have questions about membership, please contact membership@uucolumbia.org. You may also speak to the Membership Committee volunteer at the Welcome Table with the red tablecloth after the service.

Are You Missing Someone?

Do you know someone who has stopped coming to services? Please consider getting in touch with them to see how they are doing. If you don't feel comfortable doing this, please let someone from the Membership Committee (red ribbons attached to their name badge) know. If you need their contact information, you can ask our Administrator, Andrea, at uucc@uucolumbia.org.

Communication from the Right Relations Committee

The mission of the Right Relations Committee is to provide guidance to the Board and support to the congregation in the healing process and efforts to rebuild and maintain trust after a difficult year. You can contact our committee chairs at rightrelationschair@uucolumbia.org or in person by talking to Emilio Perez and Kevin Meredith.

Escorts to Cars After Evening Events

The Membership Committee asks that people find escorts to their cars after any evening event and that they use the lights in their cell phones to light their way. Emilio will be available after all of the Membership Committee's "Meaning in Movie & Discussion Nights", but we request that no one take the risk of going to their car without someone by their side.

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Social Action Events**

UCC Men's Breakfast Group

Second Thursday of Each Month



The UCC men's breakfast group will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month (**next one is Tomorrow—April 11**). This month we meet at the Lizard's Thicket on Beltline. If you are interested, please let Phil Turner pturner@unt.edu know so we can have space available.

UCC Ladies LUUnch BUUnch, April 11

Don't miss the UCC Ladies LUUnch BUUnch Thursday, April 11 at noon at the Grecian Gardens, 2312 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia. This is a great time to gather together and make new friends as well as renew old friendships. If you haven't already signed up and want to join us please email Linda McLeod at bonneylass44@gmail.com. There are still a few more spaces left in our reservations.

Meaning in Movies

Traditional religions typically rely on a sacred text for direction, such as the Bible, the Torah, or the Koran. Unitarian Universalists look for guidance wherever wisdom may be found, not only in religious texts, but also in the words and deeds of prophets and teachers, nature, history, literature, art, reason, science, personal experience, conscience, and even movies. The Membership Committee will show a series of movies, one per month, to spark discussions about the meaning and purpose of life. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring any additional drinks or treats you would like.

April 12, 6:30-9:00 p.m.: *Last Holiday*, Rated PG-13

Upon learning of a terminal illness, a shy department store sales clerk (Queen Latifah) decides to sell off all her possessions and live it up at a posh European hotel. In the process, she learns how to truly live, and she teaches others, as well.

May 10, 6:30-9:00 p.m.: *One True Thing*, Rated R

This drama, starring Meryl Streep (who was nominated for Best Actress), William Hurt, and Renee Zellweger, tells the story of how a mother's cancer diagnosis causes her family to reexamine the meaning of their lives.

Car Wash Sunday, April 14



It's a good time to wash the pollen off your car! Have your car washed before, during, or after service on April 14. This is a Boston Heritage Trip Fundraiser. Teens will wash your car and adults will valet. Cost is \$10. Thank you for supporting our youth.

UCC Book Club, Sunday, April 14

The next book club discussion is **6:30 pm on Sunday, April 14**. Rebecca Drennan will facilitate a discussion on *Beloved: A Novel* by Toni Morrison. We will meet at a member's home. The UCC Book Club is open to all members and friends of UCC. We welcome new and returning participants! Please contact Ruthie Saunders for more information rsaunders@sc.edu

Christian Heritage Group, April 16

The Christian Heritage Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 16 at 12:00 noon in room 8 of UCC. Bring a light lunch or snack for yourself if you would like to stay and eat and chat after our hour-long meeting. If you are interested in our group, do come join us. If you have any questions, call Rebecca Drennan at 415-377-1791.

Animal Ministry Meeting, April 18

The Animal Ministry will hold its April meeting on Thursday, April 18 at 5:00 pm on the RE wing of the church in Room 10. All interested parties are welcome to attend. This meeting will focus on the trip the committee is sponsoring to the Cotton Branch Animal Sanctuary on the 27th of this month. Questions? Contact Anita Grossman by email (anitaj48@aol.com) or call or text (803-960-2206).

Green Team Earth Day Presentation

April 22, 6:00 p.m.

Join UUCC's own Green Team on Monday, April 22, at 6pm in the UUCC Social Hall as we celebrate Earth Day 2019! Rev. Nina Grey and Kevin McKinney will take us inside the Climate Reality Corps as they present their experiences at the Atlanta training in March. We'll have their remarks, slides, questions, light refreshments and even live music! Admission is free and the public is welcome. Contact Kevin with questions at 678-267-0108.

Register Now for Annual Easter Work Weekend at The Mountain

It's time to register for the annual Easter work weekend at The Mountain. Several of us from the UUCC have already registered. If you have been there, you know what a wonderful place it is. If you have never experienced our UU retreat center, this is a great opportunity to learn about it for a reduced price plus a bit of 'elbow grease.' It is also an occasion for meeting other UU's from around the southeast as well as strengthening bonds with fellow members and friends of the UUCC.

Check-in begins mid-afternoon on Friday, April 19 and we officially end the work weekend with a minor Easter feast at lunch time on Sunday, April 21. The Mountain staff gives us free accommodations in exchange for our help in preparing the retreat center for spring and summer activities and events. The cost of our meals (\$70) is all we pay. Those who wish to spend the weekend with us but not as part of the work group, may do so for \$190.

During our work time, The Mountain staff is offering programs for children up to age 14. Costs for this vary with the age of the child. To register or for additional information, call The Mountain at 828-526-5838.

Marie Huntt Art Reception, April 24

The colorful display of quilts in the social hall is the work of Marie Huntt. She has been putting fabrics together with a keen eye to color and composition for most of her life. On display are quilts, but she will have other beautiful and useful creations at the reception on Wednesday, April 24, from 5-7pm. Please come for refreshments and enjoy this colorful experience!



Special September Set on Friday, April 26

September Set will have a Pot Luck and Special Performance on Friday, April 26. No need to sign up, just bring a dish to share and stay for the short performance in the sanctuary by UUCC newcomer, **Barbara Bates Smith**. The 15-minute monologue by Ken Jenkins features a farm woman attached to her "old home place" and the memory of her calf, Rupert.

We will begin socializing at 6pm, dinner at 6:30pm, and gather in the sanctuary by 7:15 for the performance. Come one, come all! Socialize with friends and meet Barbara and enjoy her artistry! If you have questions, email or call Pat Mohr (patmohr@mindspring.com; 803-463-3504) or Jean Capalbo (jacapalbo@aol.com; 803-799-1001).

UUCC Spring Maypole Celebration

We have reduced the scope of the Maypole celebration. Food will NOT be served. We were not able to get enough volunteers to help supply grills or the help with the grilling. We'll have the Maypole dances—adult and youth—Sunday, April 28 after the service until 2 pm.



Membership Committee Meeting RE-SCHEDULED to Wednesday, May 1

Please join us from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 10 for a midweek meeting. We will make final plans for the Annual Picnic and other upcoming events. All are invited to our meeting. Questions? Contact membership@uucolumbia.org.

Dances of Universal Peace, Friday, May 3

Please join in Dances of Universal Peace [DUP] on Friday, May 3, from 7-9 pm in the Social Hall. DUP are free and we are happy to accept small donations to support the Dances. After dancing, we socialize a while over refreshments. To let us know you're coming, or for any information, please contact Marguerite at [<mff426@gmail.com>](mailto:mff426@gmail.com), or 803-743-0731, by Friday morning 5/3. Of course you are welcome even without replying!

DUP is most first Fridays [but no dance in January or July:] 5/3, 6/7, 8/2, 9/6, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6/2019, 2/7/2020, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1 etc. For more information about DUP, see <http://www.dancesofuniversalpeacena.org>

Visitor Orientation - Sunday, May 5

Our next Visitor Orientation will be held on Sunday, May 5, at 12:20 p.m. in the UUCC library. It usually lasts about 45 minutes, and light refreshments will be served. If you are new to the UUCC, 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. Nancie Shillington-Pérez at membership@uucolumbia.org.

Funeral Planning Workshop, Saturday, May 11, All Saints' Episcopal Church

Find out everything you wanted to know about planning a funeral in South Carolina. The Funeral Consumers Alliance of SC, headquartered at the UUCC, is offering another planning workshop on Saturday, May 11. A new board member has invited us to hold this year's workshop at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1001 12th Street in Cayce, SC. The session will last from 9 a.m. until noon.

Who needs to attend the workshop? **You do!** Most people know nothing about how to navigate the funeral

industry and end up paying far more for funeral arrangements than they need to. Information in this workshop **can save you and your family money.**

After a brief introduction on the history of American funeral practices, we will explain available funeral options, goods, and services, point out the benefits of advance planning, describe recent changes in the funeral industry and how they affect consumers, and spell out your consumer rights under the Federal Funeral Rule. We also will offer advice on money-saving strategies and ways of paying for a funeral.

The workshop fee is \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a couple, if you pre-register. Walk-ins are welcome, but the fee at the door will be \$15 per individual and \$20 per couple. Register by sending a check, payable to FCASC, to FCASC, 2701 Heyward St., Columbia, SC 29205. Please include your name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address, if available.

We will give you lots of useful printed information to take away, and you will leave with a rubber ducky to give your grandchild or other lucky youngster, or to play with yourself and feel pleased that you can now get your ducks in a row.

Women's Book Group, May 14

The Women's Book Group will meet Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00 PM in Room 10 to discuss *Blaze* by Richard Bachman/Stephen King. Anyone with questions may contact Sandy Chubon at sjchubon@sc.rr.com or 776-0784.

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 10 of the CYRE wing. Or if you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, we have folks who can help with the basics.

Insight Meditation Community of Columbia Meets Mondays

Join us on Monday evenings in the UUCC Library. Meditation instruction at 6:30, silent sitting at 7:00 and Dharma talk at 7:30. Free and all are welcome.

Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga will not meet April through August. We will start again in the Fall if there is interest.

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 UUCC Social Hall. Bring your own supplies and prepare to enjoy the company of other artists at no cost. No instruction provided. Contact Connie Hudson at chudson2666@att.net 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 Candace at shewhowonders2000@yahoo.com for more information.

Choirs at the UUCC

Please join us in song! Singers of all levels of experience are invited to participate in choral opportunities at the UUCC: Adult Choir, Encore (Men's Choir), Prism (Women's Choir), and the Junior Choir. All are welcome as we bring voices, hearts, minds, and intentions together in the beauty of music. More information about our choirs and rehearsal schedules can be found on the UUCC webpage, www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/, under "Worship" *Music at the UUCC*. You may also contact UUCC Music Coordinator, Anna Hamilton, at music@uucolumbia.org.

Finding Your Way Around the Kitchen

Do you walk into the UUCC Kitchen and wonder where to find something? Now your search is over. A directory has been posted on the wall to your left as you enter the kitchen from the social hall. It is mapped out by upper and lower cabinets, drawers and the storeroom. We hope this will be helpful the next time you are looking for something in the kitchen. Now that you know where everything goes please help the kitchen crew by putting things back where they belong. Thanks.

Cotton Branch Animal Sanctuary

Saturday, April 27, 11:00 a.m.

The Animal Ministry Committee has arranged for our members, friends, and families to visit and tour the Cotton Branch Animal Sanctuary in Batesburg-Leesville.

Cotton Branch provides a safe haven for abandoned, abused, neglected, and elderly farm animals. While there are many shelters and rescue organizations for animal companions such as cats and dogs, and wildlife, there is a lack of sanctuary for farm animals, who make up 98% of the animals killed in the US each year. Cotton Branch exists to help those animals.

This is a family event where participants may feed and play with the animals.



The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

UUCC Animal Ministry invites members, friends, and families to a tour of the Cotton Branch Animal Sanctuary on Saturday, April 27 beginning at 11:00



Closed-toes shoes that will get muddy, no pets
Bring produce if you want (*just no onions or peppers*)
It is important that you arrive by or before 11:00

Directions
Travel down Gervais Street (US 1) toward West Columbia.
Continue on US 1 through Lexington (about 21 miles) until Wire Road
Continue on Wire Road for another 3 miles.
Turn left on Main Street

Interested?
Please sign up at the membership table





Sign-up Soon for the UCC Annual Picnic Saturday, May 4

Lunch at 1:00 p.m. It's time for our annual "field trip" to Suzi and Shelly's! The Annual Picnic sign-up sheet will be on the Welcome Table with the red tablecloth after the service. This will let us know how much fried chicken to buy. It's a marvelous way to meet new people and visit with those you already know. Please contact Nancie Shillington-Pérez at nancierr@sbcglobal.net.

Saturday, May 4 Lunch at 1:00 pm at Suzi Garland's home on 105 Davis Drive in West Columbia 29172

There will be chicken and both vegetarian and vegan options, games for the children, time for everyone to get to know each other better, and a chance to celebrate another successful year. Please bring your chairs and a favorite dish to share. Options to bring: outdoor games, fishing rods/bait, sun screen, and bug spray.

Directions

Directions from I-26 toward Charleston: *Take Exit 115, up the hill, turn right onto Fish Hatchery Road, travel about 3.3 miles (passing Pine Ridge community) and turn right on Davis Road, proceed 0.4 miles on the right--you'll see balloons.*

Directions from I-77 toward Charleston/Spartanburg: *Take Exit 1 at the signal light go through intersection and you'll be on Fish Hatchery Road, travel about 3.3 miles and turn right on Davis Road, go 0.4 miles and you'll see balloons. Call Nancie at 803-553-2280 if lost or you have any questions.*

Volunteers to Help with the Annual Picnic Planning

To volunteer or to ask questions, contact Nancie Shillington-Pérez at nancierr@sbcglobal.net.



UCC Yard Sale - May 17, 18 & 19

Sign Up to Help

Friday, May 17, Noon-6pm: Saturday, May 18, 8am-4pm: and Sunday, May 19, after the service. We hope everyone is saving their unwanted but reasonably good stuff for our UCC Fundraiser Yard Sale! **Volunteers** will be needed the week before, May 13-16, to **help collect, price and stage** the social hall. On the days of the sale we will need several people to **help with customers and sales**. We are in special need of people with **trucks** to help with large transports from donors.

If you could spare a few hours to help with this big fundraiser, please see **Jean Capalbo** after services on Sundays to sign up for a shift. You can also call her at (803)799-1001 or (928)202-0286.

Items can be dropped off beginning Sunday, May 12, after the service. We are accepting everything that is clean and in working order. This year books, DVDs, CDs, etc. will be welcomed! We will accept clothes for small children only. No large appliances.

Yard Sale Storage Available

Anyone needing storage until time for the yard sale? We now have a 10X20 foot storage unit for that purpose. Contact Joan Watterson at joan.l.watterson@icloud.com or 803-787-7873 for key and directions.

Social Action

Harvest Hope Food Donations Needed

Please bring your donations, such as canned soups, vegetables, fruits, juices, peanut butter (in plastic jars), and pastas for Harvest Hope Food Bank and leave them in our shopping cart in the social hall. Another item always needed is disposable diapers – NO adult sizes.

Social Action Committee Meeting: Sun, April 28

12:30pm in the sanctuary. All welcome. Please join us! Any questions, please contact socialaction@uucolumbia.org.

Walk A Mile In Their Shoes: April 11, 2019

Walk A Mile In Their Shoes is an evening of our community coming together to support Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands. Walkers are encouraged to wear fun shoes, but of course not required. [Find out more about shoes here](#). Walk A Mile begins at the SC State House Grounds, on the main lawn facing Gervais Street and Main Street. **Our UCC group will meet near the registration table at 6pm. Please wear your yellow UU t-shirts.** Registration is \$15 before April 8. After that it will be \$20 at the event. Please note that you need to register for the walk BEFORE you join our team. Join or support our team here: <http://bit.ly/social-action>



Day of Walk A Mile Timeline

5:00 p.m. - Pre-walk activities, registration, and t-shirt pick up

6:15 p.m. - Opening ceremonies

6:30 p.m. - Walk starts with Grand Marshals leading

6:50 p.m. - Closing ceremonies with announcements of Walk A Mile award winners

This is a family-friendly event, and it will take place rain or shine. Men, women, children, and leashed four-legged friends of all ages are invited to participate.

NAMI Walks: Sat, May 4, 2019

9am Registration. 10am Walk. Finlay Park. NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans impacted by mental illness. NAMI provides support, education, and advocacy to hundreds of thousands of families, individuals, educators, mental health service providers, and law enforcement professionals each year. NAMI Walks helps us continue to provide these programs at no cost to the community. Join or support our team here: <http://bit.ly/UCC-NAMI>

Fair Maps: Sun, May 5 12:30-1:30pm

The problem: Gerrymandered Maps SC Fair Maps is a bipartisan coalition of individual advocates and organizations working to empower voters in the Palmetto State by passing legislation to create a citizens' commission that would draw district lines. That power now rests with lawmakers, who draw "safe" districts to benefit themselves and their parties rather than the people they were entrusted to serve. We plan to help them by circulating a petition in March. Be on the lookout for more info. Get more info on their website: [.fairmapssc.com/](http://fairmapssc.com/) Join their facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/631723933934921/>

Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) Level 1 Community Workshop FRI April 26th-SUN April 28th Columbia Quaker Meeting House, 120 Pisgah Church Road, Columbia, SC 29203. Conflict is part of everyday life...but violence does not have to be. This weekend interactive workshop is a transformative group experience which empowers us to resolve conflicts nonviolently. AVP is a multi-cultural organization of volunteers offering interactive workshops that teach skills of non-violent conflict resolution and empower people to lead nonviolent lives, through Affirmation, Communication, Cooperation, Community, and Creative Conflict Resolution. Registration is \$ 30; it includes lunch on Saturday and snacks during the whole workshop. Scholarships are available; no one will be turned away due to financial need. CONTACT avpsouthcarolina@gmail.com / 803-470-4432

Please check our website for new events posted almost daily:

bit.ly/social-action

Hogwarts Registration is Open!

Register Now for Hogwarts Summer Camp

Registration is open for our Hogwarts School of Magic and Fun for children ages 6 to 13. We can take 28 registrants per week. Camp dates are June 17-21 and June 24-28. Members of the UUCC can secure a spot by registering with a down payment. See details on the registration forms in the RE Wing. McKenzie Scott is handling registrations, reassist@uucolumbia.org.

We also have paid and volunteer ADULT positions that need to be filled. Position descriptions are posted in the RE Wing. If you would like to try on a wizard or witch personality, think about being a volunteer professor at the camp. Professors come for about an hour to teach a class that includes UU values and an activity. For more information contact Beck Sullivan, rechair@uucolumbia.org.

A poster for Hogwarts Camp 2019. The background is a dark blue night sky with stars. In the bottom right corner, there is a detailed illustration of Hogwarts Castle with its iconic towers and spires. The text is arranged on the left side of the poster. At the top right, 'HOGWARTS CAMP 2019' is written in a large, white, serif font. Below it, 'AGES 6 TO 13' is written in a smaller, white, serif font. Further down, the dates 'JUNE 17 - 21' and 'JUNE 24 - 28' are listed in the same font. On the left, 'Accio!' is written in a large, white, serif font with a star over the 'i'. Below this, a paragraph of text describes the camp activities. Further down, the time and cost are listed. At the bottom left, the contact information is provided. At the very bottom, the address of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia is listed.

Accio!

Join the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia
for a week of Divination, Transfiguration,
Care of Magical Creatures, Quidditch and more!

Time: Camp day begins at 9:00 & ends at 3:00

Cost: \$200 for members of the UU Congregation
\$250 for non-members

Contact: McKenzie Scott at 803-799-0845, ext. 3
or reassist@uucolumbia.org

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HOGWARTS CAMP 2019

AGES 6 TO 13

JUNE 17 - 21

JUNE 24 - 28

Religious Exploration

Deep Appreciation for Boston Trip Matching Donation

The CYRE parents, teachers and youth would like to thank the anonymous donor who pledged a matching challenge of \$2,500 for the Boston Heritage Trip. Your donation spurred others to increase their contributions to the fund and to the fundraisers. This greatly eases the fundraising requirement for the 2020 trip.

UUCU Spring Maypole Celebration

We have reduced the scope of the Maypole celebration. Food will NOT be served. We were not able to get enough volunteers to help supply grills or the help with the grilling. We'll have the Maypole dances—adult and youth—Sunday, April 28 after the service until 2 pm.

RE Retreat April 20

Teachers and CYRE Committee members, we will review the year, set goals and determine the fall curricula at the RE retreat April 20. The retreat begins at 9:30 and will run until 1pm. Brunch will be served.

Easter Eggs and Easter Parade April 21

Easter is hopping our way soon and RE is seeking donations of egg-sized treats to use in our annual egg hunt. **We need about 80 more eggs.** Think "outside the egg" for nut free, unmeltable or non-candy treasures. Please leave your donations on the car outside the DRE office. Be sure to join us on the back lawn for some Easter fun!

Following service Easter Sunday, let's revive an old Easter tradition for the young ones by donning some dapper dress, our best beautiful bonnets (hats and caps for you gents!) and leading an old fashioned Easter parade from the fellowship hall, outside, down Heyward St. to the open yard where the children can begin their annual egg hunt. We'll pick the sharpest and silliest chapeau for a small prize. Won't you join us?

Car Wash Next Sunday, April 14

It's a good time to wash the pollen off your car! Have your car washed before, during, or after service on April 14. This is a Boston Heritage Trip Fundraiser. Teens will wash your car and adults will valet. Cost is \$10. Thank you for supporting our youth.





Denominational Connections – April 10, 2019

****Four UUCG GA Delegates Needed!** If you would like to attend GA as a UUCG delegate, please contact Keitha Whitaker at denomconn@uucolumbia.org.

Get ready for *The Power of We!* General Assembly is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates. The 2019 General Assembly will be **June 19-23 in Spokane, Washington**. Most General Assembly events will be held in the Spokane Convention Center.

Registration and Housing Open March 1 -- GA Registration and the GA Housing Reservation System open at **9 a.m. PST** at www.uua.org/ga.

Love Resists Webinar - Expanded Sanctuary & Solidarity with Asylum Seekers April 10, 8:00 pm ET.

Please join Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen, Rev. Dottie Mathews, and other UUs involved on the ground with sponsorship of asylum-seekers and accompaniment networks for an info session on Wednesday, April 10th at 8 pm ET. We will answer your questions and get into some of the real nuts and bolts of how to provide this kind of community protection and solidarity to our undocumented siblings. Learn more about this webinar here: <https://www.uua.org/lovesresists/blog/we-love-concrete-ways-webinar-accompaniment-expanded-sanctuary>. Register for this webinar here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6SCQaMLIT9eY_Mr8R50Yyg

Southern UU Leadership Experience - October 20-25, Wirtz, VA - Nominations are now open for our next immersion leadership development opportunity, Southern UU Leadership Experience (SUULE). Sending a team to a Leadership Experience is an investment in the future of the congregation and in the future of Unitarian Universalism. Please consider which current and emerging leaders would help your congregation benefit most from this experience and nominate them for SUULE 2019. This is a team building experience - Ministers and other religious professionals should be part of the team. Download the complete SUULE packet to learn more about this leadership development opportunity. (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MQO-Ryw0Ua310bEBzGrMZsjs0Vc3rmBP/view>)

Submit nominations here: [https://fd8.formdesk.com/UUASR/LE2019/?](https://fd8.formdesk.com/UUASR/LE2019/?get=1&sidn=58e08c6d26a14a89bcd0d23e93ffe84)

[get=1&sidn=58e08c6d26a14a89bcd0d23e93ffe84](https://fd8.formdesk.com/UUASR/LE2019/?get=1&sidn=58e08c6d26a14a89bcd0d23e93ffe84). Nominations will be open until May 1.

Monthly Webinar Series from the Southern Region -- for congregational leaders and members. No cost to attend but **pre-registration is required**. Save the dates for these webinars:

Leadership Basics Webinar - May 16, 6:30 pm Eastern Time

Join Kathy McGowan from the Southern Region and Renee Ruchotzke from the Central East Region to discuss the basics of congregational leadership and to explore some of the resources that are available for further leadership development. Register here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMATudPNmWrvz765Lyp0iX9XDkwf9vCIGEQ0DgK_iNshlg2Q/viewform

Welcome to General Assembly 2019 - June 5, 7:30 pm Eastern Time

This webinar offers an opportunity for Unitarian Universalists registered for our 2019 UUA General Assembly to gather information and learn together. Learn more and register here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7f9nbR5sc5g02xR6CCkExW8_7r3qSEaSMWiVo1Kw4VEgL0w/viewform

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Denominational Connections – Continued

Registration Is Open for Spring Online Leadership Courses

Deeper than a single webinar or workshop, the <https://www.uuinstitute.org/> offers core leadership courses online with on-demand materials. They are perfect for the congregation who wants to learn together at an affordable cost—only \$30 per course per semester. Courses open on **January 25, 2019**. For more information contact info@uuinstitute.org.

Also, from your Southern Region Staff – Virtual Open Office Hours -- Feel free to drop in to introduce yourself, say hello, ask a question, share some good news, or fill us in on congregational updates on **April 25, May 23, and June 27. from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (EST)**. This is an open Zoom meeting:

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/876011174>

Join from Telephone: US: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 669 900 6833, Meeting ID: 876 011 174. We look forward to seeing you! New to Zoom? Learn more here: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-How-Do-I-Join-A-Meeting->

Meanwhile, please check out our [Denominational Connections](http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/connection/denominational-connection/) pages (<http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/connection/denominational-connection/>) 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: <http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/connection/denominational-connection/uua-connections/>. Please, visit us often on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/uucolumbia/). (<https://www.facebook.com/uucolumbia/>) 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.



Healthcare for All

S.C. Physicians for National Health Reform

Transforming Healthcare in America: The Struggle for Medicare for All. If you want to hear Wendell Potter, a nationally renowned speaker, talk about universal healthcare and how our current for-profit health insurance system is hurting and limiting your access to care, please attend this event. Free and open to the public. Questions? Contact Dr. Emilio Perez-Jorge at evperezjorge@lexhealth.org.



Transforming Healthcare in America:

The Struggle for Medicare for All



Wendell Potter, President, Business Initiative for Health Policy

Meet and hear one of the courageous whistleblowers from inside the for-profit health insurance industry!

Wendell Potter left his position as the Vice President of Communications for Cigna to advocate for meaningful health care reform. His book, *Deadly Spin: An Insurance Company Insider Speaks out on how Corporate PR is Killing Health Care and Deceiving Americans*, describes the influence of Health Insurance companies in our healthcare system. During Congressional hearings, he disclosed how insurance companies lobby to place their financial interest ahead of those of their patients.

THE ACADEMY BUILDING, 2015 Marion Street, Columbia 29202

[next to the Modjeska Simkins homeplace]

THURSDAY, APRIL 11th -- 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM [keynote speaker at 6 PM]

[plenty of easy parking available in the rear of The Academy Building]

ALL WELCOME – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Light refreshments will be served

Questions? Contact Dr. Emilio Perez-Jorge at evperezjorge@lexhealth.org

Meetings & Rentals

Art For All Group	Every Thursday	10:00 am	Social Hall
Board Meeting	3rd Wednesday of month	6:30 pm	Classroom # 10
Chair Yoga	On Hiatus Until Fall		
Children & Youth RE Committee	TBA	12:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Choir - UUCC (adult)	TBA	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Choir – Prism (women)	Thursdays	6:30 pm	Classroom # 9
Choir - Encore (men)	TBA	9:30 am	Classroom #9
Christian Heritage	3rd Tuesdays	12:00 am	Classroom # 8
CUUP's, Gaia's Rising	Every Thursday	7:30 pm	Library
Funeral Consumers Alliance	3rd Tuesdays	5:30 pm	Classroom # 8
Forum	Every Sunday	9:30 am	Library
Green Team	Sunday, April 14	12:30 pm	Classroom # 9
Knit or Not	Every Monday	2:00 pm	Classroom # 10
Membership Committee	Wednesday, May 1	10:30 am	Classroom # 10
Visitor Orientation	Sunday, May 5	12:20 pm	Library
Science & Religion	2 nd Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
September Set	Friday, April 26	6:00 pm	Social Hall
Social Action Committee	Sunday, April 28	12:30 pm	Sanctuary
Technology Committee	Wednesday, May 1	6:00 pm	Workroom 1
UU Animal Ministry	Thursday, April 18	5:00 pm	Classroom # 10
UU Book Club	Sunday, April 14	6:30 pm	Member's Home
UU Humanist	4 th Thursday	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
UU Partner Church Committee	TBA Lee Minghi, 798-0904; Carita Barr, 782-0053	12:30 pm	Classroom # 10
Women's Book Club	Tuesday, May 14	7:00 pm	Classroom # 8
Rentals			
La Leche League	3rd Tuesdays	6-8pm	Classroom # 10
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 I	Every Tuesday	6:30 pm	Social Hall
Women's AA I	Every Wednesday	6:30 pm	Library
Men'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.

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