



# The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

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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

### June 16, 2019

#### 9:30 am Forum Topic

Who were the Gnostics, and what were their beliefs?

#### 11:00 am Sermon Topic

"Being a Man in 2019" OR "Yes. And also..." by Ed Proulx

### June 23, 2019

#### 9:30 am Forum Topic

American Theology: What is The Satanic Temple (TST), how does it differ from Satanism, and what role does it play in the current theocratic and political environment?

#### 11:00 am Sermon Topic

"Remembering the Stonewall Riots," by Rev. Stephen Robinson

## Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, July 7**, for publication on **Wednesday, July 10**. *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.* Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).

## Reinventing the UUC

I spent my 90s with a thick mane of hair atop a head full of ideas on how to make our federal government work better. This was a decade when the Administration was focused on applying private-sector principles to save money and deliver services more efficiently and effectively. At least that's what my boss told me when hiring me for my first job after college.

At the time, the Department of Navy was working with "Process Action Teams (PAT)" to implement its own brand of "Total Quality Management", a concept introduced by W. Edward Deming. These PATs were *ad hoc* teams formed with members from various parts of the organization to improve a process or processes. My first day of work, I was given a copy of "Reinventing Government", a thought-provoking work by David Osborne and Ted Gaebler, along with the organization-wide mandate to read it, cover to cover.

During the inaugural gathering of what would become weekly "quality" meetings, my boss assigned me the role of "Team Recorder". Even though this was not a position of honor, I took my responsibility seriously and committed myself to chronicling every uttered word, with full attribution. At one point in the meeting, we were discussing the chapter on "customer-driven government" when it became clearly evident that few people actually read it. One of my more seasoned colleagues offered that the book was "confusing" and "boring" and a "complete waste of time". I remember this clearly because these statements are forever memorialized in the framed copy of the meeting minutes given to me when I left the government ten years later.

I learned many lessons that day and many more in the years since about group dynamics, human nature, note-taking, and our ability to change. Some ideas should never see the light of day. Others need to wait for the right time and circumstances to blossom. Over the past few months, our Board has been exploring the prospect of changing the way we do business at the UUC. To this end, we have discussed the creation of "Cross-Functional Teams (CFTs)" as a way to take a more comprehensive approach to our internal operations.

A CFT – not dissimilar to the PAT described above – is a group of people with different functional expertise working towards a common goal. The Board has identified five initial areas of focus: Safety & Security, Communication, Ministry, Governance, and Planning, Programming, Budgeting & Execution. The latter will serve as our first test as we work towards extending our financial planning two fiscal years beyond the budget year.

Stay tuned for future updates. In peace, Tim VanDenBerg

# Thank You

## **UU Fellowship of Bay County (in Panama City)**

I just wanted to thank you and the members of UU Columbia for your most recent gift and your continuing support for our fellowship here in Panama City. We are slowly but surely making progress post Michael! Please let your congregation know that we appreciate your kindness so very much!

In gratitude, Ken Sizemore, Treasurer, UUFBC

## **Congaree Riverkeeper**

On behalf of the Congaree Riverkeeper's Board of Directors, I want to thank you so much for your very generous donation of \$1,077 from Share the Plate. It's the generous support from folks like you that allows us to continue to protect our rivers and to be good stewards of our environment. Thanks, Steve de Kozlowski, Board Chair

## **MIRCI**

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of MIRCI (Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc.), I would like to express our sincere appreciation to you for the donation of \$1,074 from your April Share the Plate. Thank you for the on-going support of MIRCI and our mission in the community. Sincerely, Julie Ann Avin, President and Executive Director

## **Rita Rhodes Memorial Service**

Thank you to all who prepared food, served food, set-up, cleaned-up, and otherwise provided invaluable service to the family and friends of Rita Rhodes on Saturday, June 8, at her Memorial Service. Carita Barr, Linda Brennison, David Bryan, Sandy Chubon, Donald Cooper, Andrea Derrick, Bill Dolley, Andrea Dudick, Anne Espinoza, Kathy Farnsworth-LaBel, Jane Gillespie, Donald Griggs, Anita Grossman, Elizabeth Harris, Mahri Irvine, Ann Johnson, Jessica Kross, John Logue, Joe Long, Richard McLeod, Regina Moody, Karen Peters, Lyn Philips, Connie Quirk, Nancie Shillington-Perez, Rev. Stephen Robinson, Lis Turner, Phil Turner, Ginny Verne, Jeanette Walton, Joan Watterson, Carolyn West, Bob Whitaker. Y'all are the best! Keitha Whitaker, Chair, Caring and Hospitality Committee and Linda McLeod, Chair, Kitchen Committee (and Memorial Service Coordinator).

# News and Notes

## Seeds of Hope Starts Sunday!

10:30am-12:30pm. The Seeds of Hope Farmers Market is an annual project in which UUCC sponsors a fresh market stand in front of the church beginning each Sunday. Last summer we sold over \$550 worth of produce for Farmer Louis Reid who has become well known to us over the years as the farmer who has supplied us with the fresh fruits and vegetables.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).

## Share the Plate Collection for May 2019

Thanks to your generous giving to Share the Plate we were able to send a check to our May 2019 recipient, Planned Parenthood, in the amount of \$1,506.34. The Social Action Committee appreciates your participation in making this a successful program.

## Director of Religious Exploration Search for New DRE Has Begun

Our goal is to have a person in position when the fall school year begins. The position is being announced on our Facebook page and in the UUA Southern Region listserves. Please help spread the word by posting to your Facebook pages. You'll find the position description on our website: <http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/director-of-religious-exploration/>

## Check Requests Due June 26

Here we are in June, the last month of the current Fiscal Year 2018/2019. ***Please submit any claims for reimbursement by Wednesday, June 26.*** We need to write any checks for funds to come out of this FY in a timely manner, so the books for 2018/2019 can be closed promptly in early July.

## Check Out the UUCC Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found is overflowing. Plus there were a few items left at the picnic. Please look in Lost & Found on the metal shelf in the copier room *before* service if you are missing anything.

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Social Action Events**

### **Christian Heritage Group, June 18**

The Christian Heritage Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 18, at 12:00 noon in Room 8. Bring a light lunch or snack for yourself if you would like to stay and eat and chat after our hour-long meeting. We will consider the Lord's Prayer. How many are there? Where does it come from? If you are interested in our group, do come join us. If you have any questions, call Rebecca Drennan at 415-377-1791.

### **UUCB Book Club, Sunday, June 23, 6:30pm**

The next book club discussion is at 6:30 pm on Sunday, June 23. Joe Long will facilitate a discussion on *Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism, and Progress*, by Steven Pinker. We will meet at a member's home. The UUCB Book Club is open to all members and friends of UUCB. We welcome new and returning participants! Please contact Ruthie Saunders if you have questions or would like more information: [rsaunders@sc.edu](mailto:rsaunders@sc.edu) We hope to see you there!

### **UU Twenty-Somethings Spaghetti Dinner Wednesday, June 26**

R UU a Twenty-Something?? Then this activity is for UU!! Whether you are new to our congregation or you're home for the summer, join your peers for a free spaghetti dinner and games night. The more the merrier, so feel free to bring a friend! Wednesday, June 26, 6-10pm. Please RSVP by June 24 call or text Bethany Storlazzi 803-873-7455 (*also mark your calendar for upcoming lock-in on Saturday, August 3.*)

### **September Set, Friday, June 28, 6:00pm**

On the fourth Friday of every month the UUCB has a potluck for seniors (self-defined: no ID required:-) that we call September Set. This is a great opportunity to simply talk and eat with old friends---and make new ones! Sometimes we will have a program after the meal, but usually we just catch up with what's happening in each other's lives.

No need to sign up; all you have to do is bring a dish to share with others. Hope to see you at our next September Set dinner at **6pm on Friday, June 28!** If you have

questions, email or call Pat Mohr

([patmohr@mindspring.com](mailto:patmohr@mindspring.com); 803-463-3504) or Jean Capalbo ([jacapalbo@aol.com](mailto:jacapalbo@aol.com); 803-799-1001). PLEASE

NOTE: We are going to be short-handed in the kitchen this month. If you can stay after and help with clean-up, it will be greatly appreciated.

### **Membership Committee Meeting Sunday, June 30, 12:30pm**

Have you got a warm smile to share? Please join the Membership Committee in greeting visitors before or after Sunday services over the summer! All are invited to our meeting on Sunday, June 30 at 12:30 pm in room 10. Questions? Contact [membership@uucolumbia.org](mailto:membership@uucolumbia.org).

### **Get a Handle On Plastics Workshop Sunday, June 30**

Plastics are practical, useful, even life-saving. Unfortunately, many types of plastic created for our convenience have become runaway nuisances and pose real dangers to our health and our planet. Recycling helps, but plastic production increases faster than we can keep up with it.

Join the UUCB Green Team on Sunday, June 30 from 12:30-2:30pm in Room 8 for a workshop/playshop led by Pam Greenlaw of the Sierra Club. Pam will have the latest on the plastics crisis, and will teach us step-by-step how to create no-sew, natural fabric alternatives to plastic bags.

Bring 1 or more clean, used t-shirts, preferably child size 10 through adult medium. Snacks provided and you may bring your own lunch. Registration is required so please R.S.V.P. by Fri., June 22 by 4:30pm to Pamela Greenlaw, [greenlawpk@gmail.com](mailto:greenlawpk@gmail.com) or 803-736-2977

### **UUCB Men's Breakfast Group Second Thursday of Each Month**

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

## **Feeding the Hungry at Transitions Saturday, July 13**

UUCC has a continuing commitment to help serve the evening meal at Transitions Homeless Recovery Center, 2025 Main Street in Columbia, on the second Saturday of every month. Please arrive by 5:15pm, as the service window is 5:30 - 6:00pm. Park in the Transitions lot. Sign in at the Security Office. Remember to bring a hat unless you prefer to wear one of the disposable hair nets they provide. We have stools for anyone who might find it uncomfortable to stand for 30 minutes. Please email Bob Whitaker at [uubobwhit@gmail.com](mailto:uubobwhit@gmail.com) if you are available.

## **Save the Date For Rev. Neal Jones Visit Sunday, July 14**

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, July 14, to hear Rev. Neal Jones as our guest speaker. Most of us remember Neal as our much loved minister of ten years, having moved away in June of 2015. We look forward to this annual visit followed by a potluck lunch in the social hall. Make your plans now to join us.

## **"The Sufi View of Creation, Mystics, and Yeshua," Special Dances of Universal Peace Saturday, July 27**

Although there is no First Friday Dances of Universal Peace [DUP] in July, all UU's and friends are welcome to attend special DUP-related events this July 27-28. We are fortunate to have a return visit of Munira Elizabeth Reed, PhD, ordained United Methodist minister, and ordained Cherag in the universalist Sufi Ruhaniat International order. She is also a psychotherapist and spiritual mentor with an extensive background in Middle Eastern mysticism. On Saturday, July 27, she will start by leading a workshop, "The Sufi View of Creation, Mystics, and Yeshua" at 11 am -1 pm. Following this, we will enjoy a dish-to-pass lunch at 1-2 pm. Then she will lead us as in celebrating National Dance Day with DUP from around the world at 2-4 pm. All events are in the UUCC Social Hall, free, and donations are appreciated. Munira will also give the sermon at the Worship Service on Sunday 7/28. Her topic will be "Not the Jesus I Knew: Exploring Jesus and the Divine Feminine."

## **Annual Retreat at The Mountain-October**

October 4-6 are the dates for our annual weekend at our wonderful Mountain, a camp and conference center located near Highlands, NC. The congregation from Brevard will also be there this year. It will be fun to get to know their group. Get it on your calendar. More information later.

Questions? Contact Joan Watterson at [joan.l.watterson@icloud.com](mailto:joan.l.watterson@icloud.com).

## **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.

## **The Buddhist 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](mailto: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](mailto:shewhowonders2000@yahoo.com) for more information.

## **Spare Reading Glasses?**

Please consider giving any reading glasses you no longer use to Janet Swigler. She will be traveling to South Africa in August and would like to give them to the artists and craftswomen who need magnifying glasses for their work. Janet's contact info is [jlswigler@aol.com](mailto:jlswigler@aol.com) or 608-1042. Thank you!

## **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/](http://www.uucolumbia.dreamhosters.com/), under "Worship" *Music at the UUCC*. You may also contact UUCC Music Coordinator, Anna Hamilton, at [music@uucolumbia.org](mailto:music@uucolumbia.org).

## **KITCHEN NEWS**

### **Kitchen Help Needed**

The Kitchen Committee is hanging out their Help Wanted sign. We are always in need of more volunteers on our committee and there are no gender restrictions. We happily accept all willing helpers. We have a rotating Sunday schedule for setup prior to the Sunday service and cleanup afterwards. The more help we have the easier and faster it goes and the less often each of our names comes up to serve. We also serve for our many events but again this is on a rotating and volunteer basis. We already have a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers but it would be nice to give them some relief by adding your name to the schedule. If you want to become a part of this great team please contact Linda McLeod at [bonneylass44@gmail.com](mailto:bonneylass44@gmail.com). Thanks very much for any consideration you might give this.

## **Cookie Alert!**

We are running low on cookies and snacks and now is the time for all of our generous people to bring in some more. Please drop off your cookies, nutritious snacks, pretzels, cheese, fruits and veggies at the UUCC Kitchen any Sunday morning in the next few weeks. We welcome any vegan and gluten free varieties, too. It is your kind donations of these snacks that make our Sunday Social Hour so delightful. Thanks for adding to this special time.

## **Please Close the Refrigerator Door Properly**

It is very important that when closing the door on our refrigerator that you **always close the left door first**. Failure to do this will cause the doors to seal improperly and cause loss of food inside.

## **We Have A New Dishwasher**

A new Whirlpool dishwasher was recently installed in our UUCC Kitchen since the one we had was wearing out and we didn't want to have it fail us when we needed it most. This is all stainless steel and energy efficient with high ratings from Consumer Reports. The instructions for use are posted on the wall above it.

## **Please Clean Your Own Dishes**

When you use the kitchen, help out by taking care of your own dirty dishes. Thanks from the Kitchen Committee.

# Social Action

## Harvest Hope Food Donations Needed

Please bring your donations, such as canned soups, vegetables, fruits, juices, peanut butter, 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. **Harvest Hope does not accept glass containers or expired food.**

## Help Shutdown Homestead Migrant Child Detention Center

Week of Action June 9-16

The UUA, UUSC, Side with Love, Love Resists, and UU Justice Florida have teamed up together and joined the [Shut Down Homestead Child Detention Center National Week of Action June 9-16](#) being coordinated by the American Friends Service Committee and led by Florida Immigrant Coalition and other on-the-ground migrant rights organizations.

**Sign & Share the Petition to Close Down the Homestead Child Detention Center [here](#).** Our coalition's goal is to get to 100,000 signatures and deliver them to the Health and Human Services Department which has the power to shut Homestead down. We will also deliver the petition to Members of Congress.

**Help children write letters to Congress.** [Download the letter-writing toolkit for children.](#) This can be a family and congregational activity.

**June 14: Plutonium Bomb Plant: Risky Project Targeted for Savannah River Site** [Savannah River Site Watch](#) – is organizing in Aiken from 7-9pm. The US Dept of Energy has refused to engage the public on its Plutonium Bomb Plant (PBP) proposal for SRS, so it's time for a community discussion. Featuring speakers from SRS Watch, Nuclear Watch New Mexico, and Tri-Valley CARES (Livermore, CA) & More. Aiken Municipal Building Auditorium, 215 The Alley, downtown Aiken, SC 29801 Contact: Tom Clements, SRS Watch, tel 803-834-3084, [srswatch@gmail.com](mailto:srswatch@gmail.com) <https://www.facebook.com/events/415605912616323/>

## Seeds Of Hope Farmers Market: Jun 16 - Aug 4

10:30am-12:30pm. The Seeds of Hope project is an annual project in which UUCC sponsors a fresh market stand in front of the church beginning each Sunday. Last summer we sold over \$550 worth of produce for Farmer Louis Reid who has become well known to us over the years as the farmer that has supplied us with the fresh fruits and vegetables. **We need volunteers to work our table! Please sign up by emailing [bwesteren@hotmail.com](mailto:bwesteren@hotmail.com) or click the link below:**

## Social Action Committee Meeting: Sun, June 23

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

## Poor People's Campaign Meeting & Pot Luck Sun, June 23

2:30-4:30pm at the UUCC. Bring a dish to share and a canned donation for Harvest Hope Food Bank. We will have returned from the Congress just a couple days before. A portion of the Congress will be meeting with Presidential candidates. This meeting will be building a plan to get the PPC demands before local and national candidates. All welcome. Contact [SocialAction@uucolumbia.org](mailto:SocialAction@uucolumbia.org) for more info.

## TED Talk Dialogue Nights!

Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 6:30 pm Cayce/West Columbia County Library  
1500 Augusta Rd, West Columbia, SC 29169. 3 kinds of bias that shape your worldview  
by Dr. J. Marshall Shepherd [Please RSVP Here](#)

## Lunch on the Lawn Wed, July 10

Let's join SURJ (Standing Up for Racial Justice) on the lawn of the state house grounds to **celebrate the anniversary of the confederate flag being removed** from the grounds in 2015. Each year, confederate sympathizers have returned to hoist the flag once more. This year, they will be unable to access the area, as it has been reserved by SURJ. They may be there, but the flag won't go up where it used to be. We have decided to make it a low key event, out of respect for the Emanuel 9. Join us for lunch and to take up space. We are asking for volunteers to bring items that will be needed that day. Please sign up on [this Google doc](#) to bring items. [Facebook event](#).

**Please check our website for new events posted almost daily:**

**[bit.ly/social-action](http://bit.ly/social-action)**

# Religious Exploration

## **Hogwarts Lock-In for Middle and High School, Saturday, June 15 6pm-overnight**

In addition to pizza and snacks, the Headmistress, Moonacre, will be giving instructions for decorating the halls with Hogwarts magic! Your help with Hogwarts decorating is crucial as well as your care with the decorations overnight. There will be access to outside before 11pm and your personal games and crafts are welcome. Please RSVP to [reassist@uucolumbia.org](mailto:reassist@uucolumbia.org).



## **Hogwarts School of Fun and Magic**

Hogwarts begins next week! Thanks to all the people who are making this possible—the families who are sending their young wizards, the intriguing and talented Professors, the hard-working Head Students and the dedicated Heads of House.

## **Empty Tissue Paper Rolls Requested**

Soon our witches and wizards of Hogwarts will be in need of what Muggles call "empty tissue paper rolls". They will be using their magic to turn them into "creature companions." Please place them in the marked container outside the DRE office.

## **Summer RE**

We have had a great response from volunteers for Summer RE. A few volunteers have mentioned that the classes LOOK LIKE FUN. Yes, it is and will be fun. Make sure to check the sign-up sheet for the remaining openings. If you would like more information, contact Beck Sullivan at [rechair@uucolumbia.org](mailto:rechair@uucolumbia.org).



## Denominational Connections – June 12, 2019

**\*\*STILL LOOKING! Three UUCG GA Delegates Needed!** If you would like to attend GA as a UUCG delegate, please contact Keitha Whitaker at [denomconn@uucolumbia.org](mailto:denomconn@uucolumbia.org). Remember, you can also attend as an off-site delegate if you are unable to go to Spokane. Off-site registration is considerably less than on-site registration, but you will still need to receive credentials to serve as a delegate. If you are interested, please let me know.

**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.**

### **The Point 2019 - July 21-26, Lake Murray State Park, Oklahoma**

Make a plan to join us at The Point. Registration is now open! (<https://fd8.formdesk.com/UUASR/ThePoint2019/?get=1&sidn=5cd0f5b5a839431a80b1946bd798a536>) Our theme this year is “CHARGE!” and our theme speaker will be Rev. Aaron White. In 2018, we learned about the good news of Unitarian Universalism. This year, we’ll learn how to take care of our spirits and take that message home. Renew your spirit! Get charged up! You don’t want to miss The Point!

### **Ships Ahoy! Youth Leadership Experience 2019-2020**

**November 2019 - March 2020, Mountain Home, TX**

Youth are invited to cruise on this amazing journey into Unitarian Universalism which will prepare them for membership and leadership in congregations and the Association at large. Ships Ahoy! There are ships on the horizon: Leadership, Scholarship, Discipleship, and Partnership! Join us for the adventure of a lifetime! Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ships-ahoy-2019-2020-registration-61134382584>.

### ***White Lies*, NPR's Civil Rights Cold Case Podcast, Solves Who & What Killed James Reeb**

In 1965, Reverend James Reeb — a Unitarian minister and civil-rights activist — was killed during the voting rights movement in Selma. After three men were tried and acquitted for his murder, the city's white community buried the truth. More than 50 years later, two native Alabamians return to Selma to uncover the truth about who killed James Reeb, and to delve into the systems of oppression and violence that allowed it to happen.

A seven-part serialized investigative podcast, hosted by native Alabamians Chip Brantley and Andrew Beck Grace, is available (the series started running on May 14). Learn more and subscribe to podcast episodes here: <https://www.npr.org/about-npr/719940814/white-lies-nprs-civil-rights-cold-case-podcast-solves-who-what-killed-james-reeb>.

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## Denominational Connections – Continued

**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 **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** 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/>) This committee needs more members! *Time commitment is minimal*. Please talk with Keitha Whitaker or Anne Mellen about joining us! If you have questions or suggestions, please contact me at [denomconn@uucolumbia.org](mailto:denomconn@uucolumbia.org). Keitha Whitaker, Chair, Denominational Connections.



# Meetings & Rentals

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|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| 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)                           | Sunday, May 12                                        | 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, July 14                                       | 12:30 pm | Classroom # 9  |
| Knit or Not                                    | Every Monday                                          | 2:00 pm  | Classroom # 10 |
| Membership Committee                           | Sunday, June 30                                       | 12:30 pm | Classroom # 9  |
| Visitor Orientation                            | Sunday, July 21                                       | 12:20 pm | Library        |
| Science & Religion                             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday                              | 7:00 pm  | Classroom # 8  |
| September Set                                  | Friday, June 28                                       | 6:00 pm  | Social Hall    |
| Social Action Committee                        | Sunday, June 23                                       | 12:30 pm | Sanctuary      |
| Technology Committee                           | Wednesday, July 3                                     | 6:00 pm  | Workroom 1     |
| UU Animal Ministry                             | TBA                                                   | 5:00 pm  | Classroom # 10 |
| UU Book Club                                   | Sunday, June 23                                       | 6:30 pm  | Member's Home  |
| UU Humanist                                    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday                              | 7:00 pm  | Classroom # 8  |
| UU Partner Church Committee                    | TBA<br>Lee Minghi, 798-0904;<br>Carita Barr, 782-0053 | 12:30 pm | Classroom # 10 |
| Women's Book Club                              | Tuesday, July 9                                       | 7:00 pm  | Classroom # 8  |
| <b>Rentals</b>                                 |                                                       |          |                |
| La Leche League                                | 3rd Tuesdays                                          | 6-8pm    | Classroom # 10 |
| Tai Chi 803-772-9557<br>columbia.sc@taoist.org | Every Thursday                                        | 6:30 pm  | Social Hall    |
| Buddhist 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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