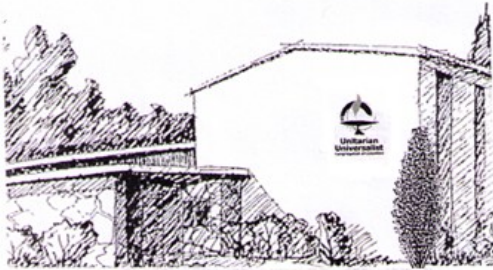




# The Unigram

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, SC

January 12, 2022



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## Sunday Schedule

Online Forum: 9:30 am

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

### January 16, 2022

9:30 am Forum Topic

"Remembering MLK & Betty White."

11:00 am Sermon Topic

"30 Days of Love."

Rev. Stephen Robinson

### January 23, 2022

9:30 am Forum Topic

"Exploring future Forum topics."

11:00 am Sermon Topic

"TBA," by Dr. Adrian Bird

*The Forum will meet on Sundays  
in the Library and via Zoom*

## Unigram Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is **Sunday, February 6**, for publication on **Wednesday, February 9**. *Items submitted after the deadline will not be published.* Please submit articles and announcements for the next issue to [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org).

## Message From Our Minister

### "Loving the Dream"

Sixty years ago, in a small gymnasium in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered a speech that ended with the refrain, "I have a dream." Many believe this was the first time he had used that refrain in a public speech, a refrain that characterized his 1963 speech in Washington, D.C., on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. We have been inspired and challenged by the dream that Dr. King so eloquently articulated, dreams of a world with freedom, equality, and justice. Although his dream has not yet been fully realized, we continue to strive toward those ideals.

As we commemorate and celebrate the life of Dr. King this month, the dream still shines as a beacon of light, helping us navigate the rough and stormy waters ahead of us in 2022. The disease of racism still plagues our culture and manifests itself in a pandemic of hate and violence. Unfair voting laws and gerrymandering still threaten the integrity of our democracy. The rights of women, particularly in relationship to their own bodies, have been tossed about in court documentations recently as if they are easily expendable. As a whole, humanity still shirks the responsibilities surrounding a climate in crisis, and a web of existence that deserves our attention and care.

The dream that Dr. King began articulating sixty years ago, in many ways, still exists only as a dream.

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As we commit ourselves to the progress needed to realize that dream, we believe that love will guide us. Love is the best compass we have to guide us toward that beacon of light, the articulated dream. Love provides potency and agency to the changes we want to see in our culture. Love is our highest calling. Dr. King knew the importance of love. In a personal letter discovered several years after his death, he wrote these words:

*Love is the greatest force in the universe. It is the heartbeat of the moral compass. He who loves is a participant in the being of God.*

As we commemorate the life and work of Dr. King this month, may we continue to awaken ourselves to the dream he prophesied. May we renew our commitment to love, as the most powerful force for progress and transformation in our culture. May we love the dream into a reality.

Rev. Stephen Robinson

# UUCC Sunday Services Access

## UUCC In-Person Sunday Services

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

- Everyone 2 and over is required to wear a facemask at all times.
- The Heyward and kitchen doors will be closed Sunday. Please use the main or patio doors for entry.
- No food indoors.
- Water is allowed in a covered container.

## Sunday Services- Instructions for joining us virtually:

If you cannot or prefer not to join us in person, we have two ways for you to still be with us. Decide on which way and then see information below for access.

### A. Zoom interaction before and after streamed service:

For attendees who would like the opportunity to interact with others attending the virtual service, we have created a Zoom event that opens each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and will stay open until approximately 30 minutes after the service ends. If you wish, you may log out of the Zoom event and directly access the service on YouTube (see B-2 below).

Zoom log in for pre and post service: <https://zoom.us/j/95571103221>

Meeting ID 955 7110 3221 Phone number for audio only: 312 626 6799

### B. Streaming service only

1. Open the browser on your Internet-connected device (computer, laptop, smartphone).
2. Click on this link [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMjepgcaZx8UMNn2Gb\\_nxX35q4bfVyUM](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMjepgcaZx8UMNn2Gb_nxX35q4bfVyUM) or paste it In the search bar, hit ENTER:
3. After 10:45, click on the video "Sunday Service *Service Date*"
4. Watch the service being streamed from the UUCC sanctuary

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## Order of Service Now Available On Your Phone!

We have an exciting new option rolling out! You will now be able to access our weekly Order of Service on our website through scanning a QR code with your phone, visiting [bit.ly/UUCC-OOS](https://bit.ly/UUCC-OOS), or finding it as the last dropdown under Worship on our website. You've used QR codes to access menus at restaurants. Now use it each Sunday to get your OOS! This also means that if you want to refer to the OOS after you are at home, or if you are watching the service online - you will be able to view the OOS at your leisure. I hope you will help make this a success so we can save paper, time and have less things that need to be touched each Sunday. The same link will work every Sunday. Here is the QR code so you can try it now. Just use the camera on your phone to focus on the code and an option to open the link should come up. Click on that popup and you're there!



# News and Notes

## **CANCELLED: January CYRE Classes**

Due to the current Omicron surge, no CYRE (Children & Youth Religious Exploration) Sunday classes will be held for the remainder of January.

## **UUCC Book Club, Sunday, January 16, 6:30pm**

Angie Rabon will facilitate a discussion of *Why We're Polarized*, by Ezra Klein. The UUCC Book Club is open to all members and friends. Contact Phil Turner if you have questions or would like more information: [philtturner2009@gmail.com](mailto:philtturner2009@gmail.com)

## **UUCC Office Closed Monday, January 17, in Observance of MLK Holiday**

## **Social Action Meeting, January 23**

The Social Action Committee will meet in person 15 minutes after the end of the UUCC service in the Sanctuary observing indoor Covid protocols. We will stream the event as well. Questions? Contact Kevin McKinney or Connie Quirk at [socialaction@uucolumbia.org](mailto:socialaction@uucolumbia.org).

## **UUCC Choir Rehearsals via Zoom and In-Person**

You are invited to sing! The UUCC Adult Choir will continue rehearsing on Zoom Thursdays, 6:00-6:45pm. In-person rehearsals will resume with a varied schedule for the remainder of 2021. All in-person rehearsals will require social distancing and masks. All are welcome and no experience is necessary. Contact Anna Hamilton to be added to the UUCC Choir e-mail list for detailed information and access to virtual rehearsal links: [music@uucolumbia.org](mailto:music@uucolumbia.org).

## **Virtual Story Circle, Wednesdays 10am**

Story Circle will continue on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. All welcome. Questions? Call Barbara Bates Smith at [828-421-7685](tel:828-421-7685).

## **UUCC Men's Breakfast Group 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays**

The UUCC men's breakfast group meets at a local restaurant or member's home at 9:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Phil Turner for more information: [philtturner2009@gmail.com](mailto:philtturner2009@gmail.com)

## **Need Publicity For UUCC Events?**

If you are hosting a UUCC committee event that you would like advertised through our social networks, please email Laura Hartwig at [publicity@uucolumbia.org](mailto:publicity@uucolumbia.org) with the details. Be sure to follow us so you don't miss out! [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [YouTube](#) [Twitter](#)

## **UUCC Adult Religious Education Committee Wants Your Input**

A healthy spiritual life is one of exploration, learning and sharing. Do you have a topic or issue you would like to share with the UUCC? Is there a class (or classes) or activity you would like to see ARE offer to the congregation? Would you like to be a guide in that exploration?

The ARE Committee is open to recommendations and suggestions by UUCC members for 2022, and we are eager to hear from you. Please contact Angie Dodd Rabon, ARE Chair, at [angierabon@earthlink.net](mailto:angierabon@earthlink.net) or [angierabon58@gmail.com](mailto:angierabon58@gmail.com) or Rebecca Drennan at [rebecca@creativetransformation.com](mailto:rebecca@creativetransformation.com).

# News and Notes

## Technology Committee

Hey all congregational members, we're sending out this request as an avenue to get more folks in the congregation involved in the delivery of technology during the Sunday services. Currently we are a "one person" show and that's not a good thing. I think I can speak for everyone to say, David Roof has really stepped up during this Covid Crazy time and delivered a smashing success. However, being the only one thoroughly trained in the technology delivery system is concerning. Because of this, we would like to offer a training session on an upcoming Saturday or whenever is most convenient where individuals - from teenagers on up to seniors can attend a training seminar to learn from one of the pros. Especially for young folks, this could be the start to a successful career in computer technology, sound mixing or video production. If you are interested, please email David at: [droof@uucolumbia.org](mailto:droof@uucolumbia.org)

## Social Action

### Harvest Hope Food Donations Needed

Please bring your donations, such as any canned food items; rice; pasta; disposable baby diapers. **Do NOT bring expired food, opened items, glass containers, or fresh produce.** The Harvest Hope grocery cart can be found under the windows in the social hall.

### Feeding the Hungry at Transitions

Transitions continues to need volunteers to serve meals and other opportunities. Because of social distancing, they request that you sign up for a shift rather than show up. Contact Transitions at 803-708-4861 or click [HERE](#) to find out more about volunteering and support opportunities.

**Please see the weekly Thursday eblasts for more Social Action events.**

**Check our website for new events posted almost daily:**

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

## Membership Matters

We had a very successful **Visitor Orientation on December 12**. We hope our visitors return again and again! If you have visited recently but didn't fill out a visitor card and would like to attend our next Visitor Orientation, please contact me by email ([membership@uucolumbia.org](mailto:membership@uucolumbia.org)) for more information.

Membership is open to those 18 years of age or older. If you'd like to know more about membership at UUC, talk with any member of the Membership Committee on any Sunday or email [membership@uucolumbia.org](mailto:membership@uucolumbia.org). We're easy to find. Look for the red "Ask Me" ribbons on our nametags. Keitha Whitaker, Membership Chair.



## **January Share the Plate Recipient**

Half of our cash collection in December goes to the Minister's Discretionary Fund, which is used to provide critical emergency, short-term assistance to members of the congregation. The Fund helps people with rent, utility bills, and other expenses when times are difficult.

If sending a check please write "Share the Plate" in the memo line or you can give by either going to our website, [uucolumbia.org](http://uucolumbia.org), and clicking on the 'donate' bar at the top of the page, or entering "[abundant.co/uucc/give](http://abundant.co/uucc/give)" in your browser. Please be sure to select "Share the Plate."

## **Sunday Flowers Program**

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



## **UUC Accepts Contributions Electronically**

Please note that your online contributions are not posted to the UUC account until the second business day after you make them. You may give by either going to our website, [uucolumbia.org](http://uucolumbia.org), and clicking on the 'donate' bar at the top of the page, or entering "[abundant.co/uucc/give](http://abundant.co/uucc/give)" in your browser.

If you should have any questions or need help, please contact our Administrator, Andrea Dudick, at [uucc@uucolumbia.org](mailto:uucc@uucolumbia.org) or 803-799-0845 Thank you for your generosity.

## **Recordings of Sermons on Website**

Please go to our website ([uucolumbia.org](http://uucolumbia.org)) and look on the right-hand side of the Home Page. Select the Service Archive link and scroll down to the sermon you'd like to see. When on that page, simply select the play button, sit back and enjoy the sermon.

## **UUC Music on YouTube!**

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

# Denominational Connections

## Help the UUA! Take The Article II Survey Soon

The Article II Study Commission welcomes input from all Unitarian Universalists to inform the reimagining of Article 2 of the UUA Bylaws. This involves all the current Principles as well as consideration of the proposed 8th Principle.

The Study Commission has identified four areas of inquiry: Shared Values, Inspirations, Purpose, and Covenant. The Article II Individual Survey includes questions for each of these areas. Toward the end of the survey there are questions to collect demographic information. Lastly, you will have an opportunity to share any other input you'd like, plus ask questions of the Commission.

Though anyone is welcome to complete this survey at anytime, we are encouraged to engage with some of the many events, workshops, small groups, classes, and materials on offer to allow yourself time and space to think deeply about the questions that follow. This [survey](#) will remain open until March 31, 2022. You will probably have to press "Ctrl" and click below to get to the survey.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYfdvPAnUGHU60U5UZ4AHB5m9IXTG0t9kVAiyfYGcQ0A238w/viewform>

## South Carolina Unitarian Universalist Justice Alliance

SCUUJA was formed in 2021 to build an alliance of South Carolina Unitarian Universalists acting for justice in partnerships that center the voices and authority of people experiencing injustice, especially BIPOC, LGBTQ, immigrant, and houseless people. SCUUA provides mutual support of social action among UUs and partners in SC, capacity-building for sustained multicultural partnerships for social action, engaged faith-based allies, and a SC UU community thriving in justice. The organization is just getting started and our own Community Minister Reverend Doctor Pippin Whitaker invites you to join the group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scuuja/>.

**Bob Whitaker, Chair, [DenomConn@uucolumbia.org](mailto:DenomConn@uucolumbia.org)**

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS & BOARD LIAISONS 2020/2021

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# Meetings & Rentals

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|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------------|
| Art For All Group                              | Cancelled             | 7:00 pm  |                  |
| Board Meeting                                  | Wednesday, January 19 | 6:30 pm  | Online Meeting   |
| Chair Yoga                                     | On Hiatus             |          |                  |
| Children & Youth RE Committee                  | TBA                   | 7:00 pm  | Online Meeting   |
| Choir - UUCC Rehearsal                         | Thursdays             | 6-6:45pm | Online Meeting   |
| Choir – Prism (women)                          | Cancelled             | 6:30 pm  |                  |
| Choir - Encore (men)                           | Cancelled             | 9:30 am  |                  |
| Christian Heritage                             | TBA                   | Noon     |                  |
| CUUP's, Gaia's Rising                          | Cancelled             | 7:30 pm  |                  |
| Funeral Consumers Alliance                     | Cancelled             | 5:30 pm  |                  |
| Forum                                          | Sundays               | 9:30 am  | Library & Zoom   |
| Green Team                                     | TBA                   | 12:15 pm | Sanctuary & Zoom |
| Knit or Not                                    | Cancelled             | 2:00 pm  |                  |
| Membership Committee                           | TBA                   | 2:00 pm  | Online Meeting   |
| Visitor Orientation                            | TBA                   | 11:45 pm | Online Meeting   |
| Science & Religion                             | Cancelled             | 7:00 pm  |                  |
| September Set                                  | Cancelled             | Noon     |                  |
| Social Action Committee                        | Sunday, January 23    | 1:00 pm  | Online Meeting   |
| Technology Committee                           | TBA                   | 6:00 pm  |                  |
| UU Animal Ministry                             | TBA                   | 5:00 pm  |                  |
| UU Book Club                                   | Sunday, January 16    | 6:30 pm  | Online Meeting   |
| UU Humanist                                    | TBA                   | 7:00 pm  |                  |
| UU Partner Church Committee                    | TBA                   | 12:30 pm |                  |
| Women's Book Club                              | TBA                   | 7:00 pm  |                  |
| <b>Rentals</b>                                 |                       |          |                  |
| La Leche League                                | Cancelled             | 6-8pm    |                  |
| Tai Chi 803-772-9557<br>columbia.sc@taoist.org | Cancelled             | 6:30 pm  |                  |
|                                                |                       |          |                  |
| Men's AA I                                     | Cancelled             | 6:30 pm  |                  |
| Women's AA I                                   | Cancelled             | 6:30 pm  |                  |
| Men's AA II                                    | Cancelled             | 5:00 pm  |                  |

## 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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