

EVANSTON



UNITARIAN NEWS

Join us for worship!
Services take place on Sunday morning at 9:00 and 11:00 am

November 7, 2014

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Worship Service - 9 and 11am "Reconciling War and Peace"

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Crackerbarrel - 9:30am "Low wage jobs, child labor laws, and foreign aid"

We will be discussing Paul Krugman's article "In Praise Of Cheap Labor - Bad Jobs At Bad Wages Are Better Than No Jobs At All." The author discusses the viewpoints not only of upper middle class Americans but also by the poor themselves. We will discuss these issues both from the standpoint of intentions but also results. Discussion leader: Scot Campbell

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UCE Missing a Black Tablecloth - If anyone has taken an 8ft black tablecloth home to wash and forgotten to bring it back, please return it as soon as possible. Thanks!

From the Senior Minister

Maintaining a Sense of Grace

I write this month's column from Pere Marquette State Park, near St. Louis. It's one of my favorite places of natural beauty in the Midwest, and a perfect location for a minister's study group retreat. This year we are studying the work of the "father of liberal religion," 18th-century German theologian Frederick Schleiermacher. It's probably why I've been peppering my sermons with stuff from his work this fall. [Read more](#)



Rev. Bret Lortie

Upcoming Worship Services 9 and 11am on Sunday Mornings

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Sunday, November 16 "Agents of Grace"

Grace is often understood an unearned blessing from God or the universe: a gift that we need not deserve and cannot repay. Then what? Can we, too, be agents of grace? Rev. Connie Grant speaking.

Sunday, November 23 "Breaking Bread Together"

A Thanksgiving worship service for all ages. Please bring a loaf or other form of bread representing your heritage and the sustenance we share. We'll partake of the bread together during the service, and after the service we'll share a simple meal of bread and other accompaniments you bring (such as cheese, jam, or fruit). Rev. Connie Grant and Rev. Bret Lortie leading.

Sunday, November 30 "Spiritual but not Religious"

What does it mean to be part of an institution in a post-institutional age? What does it mean to bind yourself into community? Rev. David Schwartz, Senior Co-Minister, First Unitarian Church of Chicago speaking.

**LBGT Youth and Homelessness:
How Can We Help?**

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Upcoming UCE Events

Click each event for more information.

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Bridge](#)

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[Tuesdays, Nov. 11, 18, 7pm
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How Can We Help? Three
Upcoming Events hosted by the
UCE Food and Shelter Team and
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[Saturday, Nov. 15, 5:30pm
Serendipity Auction](#)

[Sunday, Nov. 16, 3pm
New Chicago Area Neighborhood
Group \(Lake View, Uptown, Rogers
Park, Edgewater, and friends\)](#)

[Friday, Nov. 21, 7pm
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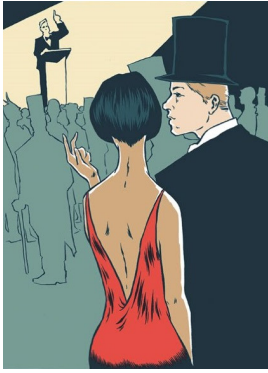
[Thursday, Nov. 27
Thanksgiving Dinner at UCE](#)

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Northwest Suburbs Dinner Group](#)

[Dec. 13, Feb. 14, Apr. 11
Friendship Dinners](#)

[Sunday, Dec. 14, 12:30pm
Ornament Sunday](#)

Auction Extravaganza Saturday, November 15, 2014



Serendipity is right around the corner!

UCE needs your participation to make this evening a success!

Dinner and Child Care Reservations - We value your attendance and encourage you to take advantage of the significant savings for signing up prior to the action. It is important for us to have a count

of attendees so we can plan food and drink accordingly. Also let us know if you will be utilizing our free childcare opportunity for the evening.

Attendance and Bidding at the Auction - We can only make this UCE Fun/Fundraiser a success if you attend and bid on these fun, useful, thoughtful and creative offerings of dinners, artwork, services, and so many items for individuals and family alike.

Volunteer to Assist the Auction Team - See Janelle Brittain at the back of the sanctuary between services or after the second service. She has a list of areas where your help would be most valuable.

Plan your bidding - Pick up your copy of the 2014 Serendipity Auction catalog this Sunday between services or after the second service.

UCE Music Corner



Who are the Music Committee members?



This committee consists of the church Music Director (Bart Bradfield), 3 choir members (Lynn Kendall, Ellie Feddersen, and Luanne Vanderpool) along with 3 non-choir members (currently only William Phillips and Jennifer Crosby). We are seeking a third non-choir member. If you are interested in helping with our various music programs, please speak to Bart.

What does the music committee do?

The committee plans, organizes and publicizes special

Community Involvement

Click each event for more information.

[Nov. 7, 8, 9 at 7pm
Youth Empowerment Performance Project - FACES](#)

[Nov. 9, Nov. 28
YWCA and Illinois Holocaust Museum Exhibit](#)

[Monday, Nov. 10, 1pm and 7pm
Interfaith Action Emergency Shelter Training](#)

[Monday, Nov. 10, Tuesday, Nov. 18,
Tuesday, Dec. 9
Community Renewal Society Actions](#)

[Wednesday, Nov. 26
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service](#)

[Thursday, Nov. 27
Host an international student, scholar or family from Northwestern University at your Thanksgiving dinner!](#)

[Saturday, Nov. 29, 11am-5pm
CARE Faire](#)

[Saturday, Dec. 6, 5pm
Ministers Sing](#)

"American Vagabond" Film Screening



TONIGHT, 7pm at UCE

An award-winning documentary about homeless LGBTQ youth in San Francisco. Free will offering to benefit the Night Ministry.

Thanksgiving Dinner at UCE

music events such as the Jazz Brunch, our annual Choir Festival, occasional drumming sessions, semi-annual Coffee House evenings, Dances of Universal Peace, and other concerts.

What is planned for the remainder of this year?

SPECIAL CHOIR participation

- The Thanksgiving Interfaith Service, Wednesday, November 26 at 7:30pm, to be held at Unity Church of Evanston
- The Hardist Lane Fund Raiser for Restorative Justice, scheduled for Saturday, Dec 6 at 7:30pm. This event will be held at UCE.



MUSIC SUNDAY

Scheduled for December 14, the choir, along with 4 soloists and a baroque orchestra, will perform Vivaldi's Magnificat.



You are invited to Thanksgiving dinner at UCE, **Thursday, November 27.**

Arrive any time after 4:00, and we'll plan to eat at around 5:00pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

RSVP by Nov 23, indicating how many people will attend and what you'd like to bring.

Email Rev. Connie Grant, cgrant@ucevanston.org, or sign up on the Religious Education bulletin board off the lobby.

Volunteers Needed for the Mitten Tree



[UCE's Mitten Tree](#) has collected gifts and holiday food for over 25 years and is a wonderful tradition of generosity for others who need help during the holiday season. We are recruiting helpers now. We need people to tend the sign up table, sort, and deliver the gifts.

If one of these tasks appeals to you or a group of you, please contact [Melanie Kitchner](#). The Mitten Tree starts on November 9 and continues until December 14.

November Sing Thing

**Wednesday, November 26
7pm**

If you are in town for Thanksgiving and are looking for something to do the day before turkey day, come and join us as we celebrate in the Thanksgiving spirit with the Sing Thing singalong on Wednesday, November 26, at 7:00pm. John LaPlante, Brian Nielsen and Sam Sibley will provide the music and the words, and you are invited to share your voice and enthusiasm.

You are encouraged to bring along any acoustic or rhythm instrument you may have laying around or just come to sing and join in the happy noise. Contact [John LaPlante](#) with any questions.

Common Threads at UCE

Common Threads, the UCE knitting and crocheting group, will meet on November 25 at 7pm. We meet on the first Tuesday at 10am, and the fourth Tuesday at 7pm. every month, usually in Room 2.



We make hats and blankets for babies and scarves and shawls for people who we think would like a hand-knitted or crocheted care shawl. Sometimes, we also work on our own projects.

We have a huge stash of donated yarn, needles, and directions, as well as people who can help you improve your knitting and crocheting skills. Mark the dates on your calendar. Contact [Joan Horberg](#) with any questions. See you there!

Our Giving House

Bridge at UCE

Calling all bridge players, old or new, rusty or active. Come and play bridge at UCE on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month. This month the games will be on November 7 and 21. We start around 7:30pm, or as soon as 4 players arrive. No partner? That's no problem. We guarantee partners. Contact [Joan Horberg](#) with any questions.

New Chicago Neighborhood Group Starting Sunday, November 16

LURE (Lake View, Uptown, Rogers Park, Edgewater, and friends) is a new group that is forming.

We will meet quarterly in order to strengthen our connections with one another. No agendas or work. Eat, drink, or not... the owner says we are welcome.

November 16 at 3pm
Fireside Restaurant - by the fireplace
5739 N Ravenswood Ave
firesidechicago.com

Ornament Sunday Sunday, December 14, 12:30pm

Both creative and not-so-creative volunteers needed to assist with a fun UCE event, Ornament Sunday, on December 14 at 12:30pm. If you would like to lead or assist with a holiday-related ornament/decoration-making activity, please contact Kerry Galson at kgalson@gmail.com by December 8.

Upcoming Membership Classes

Introduction to Unitarian Universalism
Sunday, January 11, 12:30 - 2pm; led by Rev. Bret Lortie, exploring our history, principles and the sources of our faith. This is the first step in toward membership.

Orientation Toward Membership
Saturday, January 17, 9 am - noon; led by Rev. Connie Grant and Membership Director, Eileen Wiviott. This, the 2nd step toward membership, will be an interactive morning exploring our spiritual journeys, the diversity of our beliefs, and the rewards and responsibilities of membership of UCE.

Sign up at the Guest & Member table in the lobby or email [Eileen Wiviott](mailto:Eileen.Wiviott).

LBGT Youth and Homelessness: How Can We Help? Three Upcoming Events hosted by the UCE Food and Shelter Team and Rainbow Alliance



Our Giving House for the month of November is collecting soup and stews.



YOGA

8:00-8:55am on Sunday Mornings

Yoga at UCE is designed to reduce stress, bring relaxation, increase range of motion, and find balance - restorative yoga. Enjoy doing yoga before the service. If you never have done yoga before, this is your opportunity. Drop in, wear comfortable clothing for stretching, and try it. Yoga is learned by doing. Community yoga mats provided if needed.

Contact [Doug Erickson](#) or [Jessica Tomell-Presto](#) with any questions.

Rainbow Alliance Presents Crys Matthews Benefit Concert

Save the Date!

**Saturday, January 10
7pm at UCE**

Crys Matthews is an eclectic blend of Americana, folk, funk, blues and jazz and with influences ranging from Otis Redding all the way to Ani DiFranco.

Proceeds benefit YEPP, an LGBTQ youth theater initiative. They will perform a selection from their Faces piece.

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TONIGHT - Friday, November 7, 7pm at UCE
"American Vagabond" film screening - An award-winning documentary about homeless LGBTQ youth in San Francisco. Free will offering to benefit the Night Ministry.

Friday, November 21, 6-9pm - Night Ministry Walk

What would you do if you were homeless and found yourself on the street with no friends, parents and only a few dollars in your pocket? Bundle up for a walking tour guided by staff at the Night Ministry. Youth outreach by the Night Ministry provides a complete array of services including health care, food, and referrals to other agencies for help. We will meet at UCE at 5:00 p.m. and carpool to the guided walking tour in Chicago. For details or to RSVP (space is limited to 24 persons), sign up on the UCE website under the Food and Shelter Team page.

Friday, December 5, 7-9pm - Panel Discussion

to deepen our understanding of the issues faced by homeless LGBT youth and to develop an action plan for UCE and for yourself. Information on panel members will follow. Free will offering to benefit YEPP (Youth Empowerment Performance Project).

Northwest Suburbs Dinner Group

Saturday, December 6th at 6pm at Larry Lundberg's house. If you live in the suburbs north, west, or northwest of Evanston join us for a potluck dinner with your "neighbors". Contact Eileen Wiviott to RSVP ewiviott@hotmail.com.

[Upcoming Worship Services](#)

[Listen to Sermons](#)

[Joys and Sorrows](#) ([protected documents](#))

[Facebook](#)

Ministers' Schedules

Rev. Bret Lortie holds office hours on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday is devoted to writing and research. Rev. Bret Lortie is available on Saturday and Sunday by appointment, and Monday is Sabbath. To schedule an appointment, please call the office or visit www.lortie.net where you can send a message, view his calendar, or schedule a time online.

Rev. Connie Grant is generally in the office during the day on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and often has evening meetings on those days. She takes Mondays off and works at home on Fridays. Please email or call Connie for an appointment. Contact cgrant@ucevanston.org; (847) 864-1330 ext. 103 (office); (847) 840-8542 (cell).

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