

EVANSTON



UNITARIAN NEWS

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

January 23, 2015

This Sunday at UCE

Sunday, January 25

Worship Service - 9 and 11am "Loving the Hell Out of the World"

The Universalist perspective, according to historian Mark Harris, emphasizes our common relationship to the whole of creation and to a loving creation that redeems all. In this vision, we are not distinguishable from one another, nor are we judged as saved or unsaved. Rather than asking about human will, Universalism asks "how are we bound up together?" Rev. Bret Lortie speaking.

Crackerbarrel - 9:30am "Dysfunction and Disconnection"

Have we become more disconnected and dysfunctional as social media has become more popular? Are we seeking outside validation and approval from unseen audiences? We will discuss this [December 2014 article](#) by Adam J. Pearson. Discussion leader: Dick Whitaker.

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One-On-One Conversations

12:00pm

Have a one-on-one conversation for 30-45 minutes with another UCE person who is interested in social action. Learn someone's story, how they came to the values they live, what they are committed to doing, and share your own story with that person. You can just drop in, or you can plan a meeting. This builds on the summer "listening campaigns" and encourages continual strengthening of relationships within UCE. Time very well spent! Meet at the tables in the back of the sanctuary to connect with someone.

Help Make Bag Breakfasts for Connections for the Homeless

12:30pm in Room 3

Join us to make bag breakfasts for Connections for the homeless. If you signed up to bring food, bring it! If you didn't sign up ahead of time, come down to room 3 anyway and lend a hand.

30 Days of Love



[The New 30 Days of Love Calendar is Here!!!](#) Click the link and you will be taken to the interactive calendar filled with ways for you and your family to Stand on the Side of Love from Martin Luther King Jr. Day through Valentine's Day. Paper copies will be available at church and on the social action bulletin board.

Check out our [Facebook page](#) and ask to join the [social action group](#).

Use #UCE30DaysOfLove when you take one of the actions on our 30 Days of Love calendar!

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Upcoming UCE Events

Click each event for more information.

[Monday, Jan. 26, 7pm
Women in Transition](#)

[Tuesday, Jan 27, 5:30pm
Retired Women's Gathering - "Put yourself on the priority list!"](#)

[Tuesday, Jan 27, 7pm
Common Threads](#)

[Friday, Jan 30, 7pm
Rainbow Alliance Game Night](#)

[Saturday, Jan 31, 2pm
Intergenerational Book Group](#)

[Sunday, Feb. 1, 12:30pm
Mentoring Post](#)

[Sunday, Feb. 1, 12:30pm
CRT Workshop - "We Can Work It Out"](#)

[Tuesday, Feb 3- Tuesday, March 24, 7pm
Perspectives on the Nature of Religion](#)

[Tuesday, Feb 3, 10am
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[Friday, Feb 6 and 20, 7pm
Bridge at UCE](#)

[Saturday, Feb. 7, 6-9pm
Night of the Arts](#)

[Friday, Feb. 20 - Saturday, Feb 21
Income Inequality Workshop](#)

[Sunday, Feb. 22, 12:45pm
Sundaes on Sunday](#)

[Tuesday, Feb 24, 7pm
Common Threads](#)

[Friday, Feb. 27, 7pm
Dances of Universal Peace](#)



Thank you to all who contributed their Jewel stickers to the Food and Shelter Team. We donated 30 pots and pans to **Connections for the Homeless** to be given to participants in their cooking classes. The total value of the donations was about \$1400 (about 3200 stickers).

Sign Up to Make Bag Breakfasts for Connections

We will be assembling 40 breakfasts to bring to Connections for the Homeless on 3 dates on the 30 Days of Love Calendar. Please sign up now to bring items and help us assemble. Visit the [Volunteer page](#) or the [Food and Shelter Page](#) of the Website.

Or go directly to the sign up pages for each date:

[Sunday, January 25, 12:30 in Room 3](#)

[Wednesday, February 4, 6pm in Room 3](#)

[Monday, February 9, 6pm in the UCE Kitchen](#)

Recently Retired (But Never Retiring) Women Tuesday, January 27 at 5:30pm

Please join us as Liz Kennedy leads a very timely discussion around how to "Put Yourself on Your Priority List." As Liz says, "Now, it's time for 'Me.'" But, how do we say NO without the 'guilts'? Saying NO is saying YES to yourself!" Our yummy potluck and friendly conversation start at 5:30 in the back of the sanctuary. Bring friends! For more information, please contact [Margie Rogasner](#).

The Annual Interfaith Vision Keepers Dinner

[Saturday, Feb. 28, 6:30pm](#)
[UCE's Got Talent!](#)

[Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2](#)
[UCE Annual Rummage Sale](#)

[October 1-4](#)
[Fall Weekend](#)

Community Involvement

Click each event for more information.

[Monday, Jan 26 at 6pm](#)
[Michelle Alexander: Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration](#)

[A Request from Good News Partners](#)

[Evanston's Emergency Overnight Shelter](#)

[Connections for the Homeless Take-Action Lunch Club](#)

[Evanston School Circle Volunteer Opportunity](#)

SOUP-er Bowls Lunch Sunday, February 1st



Purchase a beautiful hand made bowl and get a nourishing lunch with it. Proceeds will go to local food pantries. A definite win-win-win.

Perspectives on the Nature of Religion

Tuesday, February 3 - 24

Sunday, February 15 at 5:30pm at the Orrington Hotel

This year we will be honoring Dale Griffin as UCE's Vision Keeper. Dale has been an inspiring UCE leader in his work with Community Renewal Society, Peace and Justice, Harms Woods Restoration and in the kind, conscious and generous way he lives. Please join us at the dinner, which is a fundraiser for the important and life-saving work of Interfaith Action. Dinner tickets are \$75 per person. Contact [Eileen Wiviott](mailto:Eileen.Wiviott@ucevanston.org) by February 5th to attend.

Mentoring Post Sunday February 1, 12:30pm

Are you a mentor? Are you thinking about becoming a mentor? Come and hear the mentoring and tutoring experiences of three UCE members. Michael Anderson, Joe Eggers, and Betty Walker will share their experiences--the good, the bad, the questions, the conundrums, and the joys.

The Mentor Post was formed to support and encourage mentoring by UCE members and friends. We can steer interested persons to the local mentoring or tutoring program that is appropriate for them. For more information, contact one of us: Michael Anderson, Dana Deane, Robb Geiger, or Ann Peterson. Also, check out our page on the UCE website: <http://ucevanston.org/uce-mentoring/>

News from the Fair Trade Cart

The Fair Trade Cart team members are happy to announce their recent inclusion into the Food and Shelter Team at UCE and we would like to thank you for supporting our efforts in 2014. We feel we have benefited multiple groups across the world as well as in our own community.

All products that we sell are grown or made by workers who receive a fair wage and who enjoy healthy working conditions. In addition to supporting these workers and artisans with our purchases, we were able to send \$300 this fall to the Chute School Healthy Living Club to help educate students about healthy food choices and lifestyles. We plan to continue this support throughout the school year.

This Christmas, for the second year in a row, we gave an additional \$1800 to Chute School to provide \$100 "Food for Less" gift cards to selected families at the school.

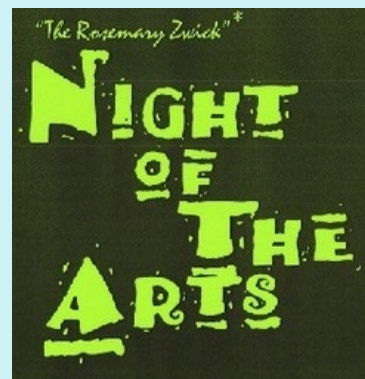
7:00 - 9:00pm

Do religions help people survive? If so, how? Bill Irons and Jerry Stone will lead discussions of this issue using *Darwin's Cathedral* by David Sloan Wilson. On Feb. 3 we will begin by discussing Chapters 1 - 3. Copies of the book are available at the Book H. For used copies check online or at local used bookstores.

Tuesday, March 3 - 24
7:00 - 9:00pm

Dick Whitaker will lead a discussion of Loyal Rue's *Religion is Not About God*, March 3 - 24.

Please sign up on the Religious Education bulletin board near the Lobby or with the UCE office a learning@ucevanston.org or at 847-864-1330.



Saturday, February 7
6-9pm

The sanctuary will be filled with people of all ages enjoying a variety of art projects. Some projects will be individual for taking home, and some will be group projects for display. Make a valentine for your honey, make an artistic creation to take home, enjoy music and noshes, and ward off the winter blahs. It may be cold outside, but we'll keep it warm and cozy inside making art. The cost is \$5.00 per person, or

We hope to continue these efforts and to deserve your support in 2015.

News from Green Sanctuary

What to Do with Hazardous and Other Waste?

Most of us accumulate at some point various waste materials, which should not be disposed of in our regular garbage. These range from paint to automotive products such as old tires, motor oil, antifreeze, etc. and include other chemical products. SWANC (Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County) offers excellent advice on what to do with such unwanted items. For automotive products the URL is <http://swancc.org/automotive-products>. For latex paint, see <http://swancc.org/paint>. It also includes a link to Household Chemical Products, which lists one-day events and other advice for oil-based paint, lead-based paint and other chemical substances.

Of course, don't forget that Green Sanctuary has established a site, located in the coat rack area off the UCE lobby, for such non-hazardous items as toothpaste containers, old cell phones, printer ink capsules and several other things, all for recycling.

Finally, you can bring your food scraps to the composting bins just southeast of the church parking lot. If you take advantage of this, please reimburse UCE \$5/person/month to cover our costs.

Congregational Relations Team

A reminder that the UCE Congregational Relations Team (CRT) is available to assist members of the UCE community who find themselves in conflict or who are struggling with relationship difficulties within the community. We view interpersonal conflict and challenges as a natural part of healthy engagement and offer this service to support members' efforts to resolve conflict constructively and keep our community a safe and comfortable place for all of us. The team consists of six UCE members who have training or expertise in communication skills and conflict resolution, currently: Tammy Besser, Jean Durkin, Tom Hempfling, John LaPlante, Carla Leone-Sands (chair), and Brian Meister. Feel free to contact any member of the team to request assistance - contact info is available on the website or from the church office.

Bagels and Fruit for Social Hour

Please consider bringing refreshments for our social hour. There are several open dates including February

\$15.00 per family.

If you have any questions or want more information contact [Johna](#) or [Will Van Dyke](#).

UCE's Got Talent!

Experience the talents of UCE members and friends

**Saturday, February 28
6:30 - 9:00pm**

If you sing, dance, play a musical instrument, or have another talent that you would like to contribute, please send in applications (including your name and contact information, your talent, and a description and estimated length of your performance) to learning@ucevanston.org by February 15.

This fun event is sponsored by our Journeys students and mentors as a fundraiser for their Boston trip. Tickets will be available in February at the advance rate of \$12 for adults (age 12 and up); \$6 for children (age 5-11); maximum \$30 for families.

Our Giving House



Our Giving House is collecting dried fruit and nuts this month. Your donations will be matched by the Monday Night Covenant group and given to the Connections For the Homeless food pantry.



YOGA



15 and February 22. This is a great activity for a covenant group or other small group to do. Sign up at the bagel table, on our website, or contact [Eileen Wiviott](#) for more details. You can be reimbursed for all or part of your purchases. Thanks!

Ministers' Schedules

Rev. Bret Lortie is available on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and by appointment. Monday is sabbath and Friday devoted to writing. To send a message, read Rev. Bret's blog, or sign up for a weekly meditations, visit www.liberalfaith.org.

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).



8am on Sunday Morning

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.

Quick Links

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[Upcoming Worship Services](#)

[Listen to Sermons](#)

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

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