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UNITARIAN NEWS

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Join us for worship and religious education at 9:15 and 11:00am on Sunday Morning!

April 13, 2018

Welcome Tamiko Deville as our new Communications Coordinator.
Deadline to have articles included in newsletter and order of service;
Please continue to send items to uce@ucevanston.org by 2pm Wednesdays.

This Sunday at UCE

April 15 at 9:15 and 11am

Rev. Bret Lortie

"Hurry Slowly: Living from the Inside Out"

Rudi Harst will lead worship with me this Sunday with a service called "Hurry Slowly" and as a special thank you to this community, we are hosting an after-church concert. Rudi will share "Songs and Stories of Life, Love, and Laughter ... a heartwarming, toe-tapping, finger-snapping good time that's guaranteed to make your heart smile and your spirit soar!"

Join us to Stand in support of Black Lives Matter Sundays, 12:10pm-12:30pm

You are invited to stand on Ridge Avenue between 12:10pm and 12:30pm to support the Black Lives Matter movement. Signs and buttons are available for purchase at the back of the sanctuary. Signs and song lyrics will be provided for use today. Sponsored by the REAL team.

The Chris Isely Cancer Support Group Sundays - 9:30am

The group is open to anyone facing cancer, either personally or through a family member or friend. This lay-led group is a safe place for sharing and hope. Interested participants are encouraged to drop in any time. Questions? Contact [Renee Hoff](#).

Lobby Art Committee

Please join us this Sunday in welcoming Peggy

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Macnamara as one of our lobby artists. The artist will be available after both services. If you want to find out more about her work, go to her website-<https://www.peggyamacnamara.com>

From The Green Team April 15th at 12:30pm

Thank you all for taking time to complete the Green Team Survey! As a next step, we are planning a Brainstorming session. This will be a time to re-acquaint ourselves and generate more specific activities and programs that we might engage in moving forward. So come with your ideas ready. To contact John Bartok [click here](#).

Men's Group April 15, at 7:00pm

Next meeting: Sunday, April 29th - 6pm @ Gulliver's, 2727 W. Howard, Chicago.
Sunday May 13th - 7:00pm & this time we're back at UCE.

From The Assistant Minister



Many of you have asked me how I'm doing. Not in that passing, automatic way the question is so often offered without pausing to hear the answer. You are asking in the, "No really. How are you doing?" kind of way. I deeply appreciate the love and support of this community and want you

to know that I am doing remarkably well. For more information....[click here](#)

Special Sing Thing

Special Sing Thing for April, 2018! Due to the Rummage Sale, we can not meet at UCE this month. Lucia Miller has invited us to her domicile at 1020 Grove in Evanston on Wednesday, April 2, at our usual time of 7 PM. Please come and bring a friend!

Tax Day Demonstration



Join UUs for Social Justice and Members of P&J at a Tax Day Rally on Federal Plaza

Monday April 16, 11:30am – 1pm
Loop Post Office, 211 So Clark St

Did you know that 47% of our taxes pay for military and VA benefits?

[Click Here](#) to learn more about our taxes and VA benefits.

We'll meet in front of the Chicago Loop Post Office,

Team

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Meeting

Annual Meeting

Garden Swap

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Happening at UCE

[Paganism Tuesdays, April 10, 17, 24, 7-9pm](#)

[Mental Health and Wellness Fair Evanston Public Library April 28; 1-4pm](#)

['Insist on Justice! Resist Inequality!' Saturday, April 21 9:30-3:00](#)

[Simplicity Tuesdays, May 8, 15, 22, 7-9pm](#)

[Hannah Arendt and the Banality of Evil Tuesdays, May 29, June 5, 12, 7-9pm](#)

[UCE Addictions and Recovery Group Thursday Nights, 7pm](#)

[Yoga Sunday Mornings, 9:00am & Wednesday Mornings, 9:30am](#)

Rummage Sale

May 4: 9-5 and May 5: 9-12

Celebrate spring!

Make way for the new!

Clear out unused
but still useful stuff!

Bring it to UCE's

Annual Rummage Sale

When to bring your donations:

Sunday, April 29: 2-8;

Mon-Tues, 9-8.

Brighten our worship service with flowers and light. Mark a special occasion or honor a loved one. Bring flowers for our chancel and tend the

211 So. Clark to leaflet for reducing military spending. Look for our 'Standing / Love' banner at Federal Plaza.

Look for the 'Standing on the Side of Love' banner we'll be carrying. Members of Chicago Area Peace Action and the Pacifist Party will be participating in the demonstration. There will be a mic available for folks to make brief statements about US military expenses; and Chuy Negrete, a friend of the church and Mexican folksinger, will sing and play his guitar.

Organizing Team Events

CRUNCH TIME FOR ADVOCACY

Now, near the end of the Illinois legislative session, is the time to take action on CRS and UUANI issues of race, poverty, gun safety and the climate. Please join us for any of these:

- CRS bus trip (from UCE) to Springfield April 17 on Fair Tax, gun safety, and restorative justice
- Faith in Place trip to Springfield April 26 on Fair Tax and environmental issues
- Local meetings with legislators on these issues next week
- Sign up for UUANI weekly action alerts at UUANI.org.

RSVP or more information with Dale Griffin at DaleCGriffin@comcast.net.

Join us April 21 to "Insist on Justice! Resist Inequality!"

"Insist on Justice! Resist Inequality!" is the workshop at UCE on Saturday, April 21 9:30am-3pm. Come and share ideas and best practices with Ralph Martire of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability and with Fred Tsao of the Center for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. They'll be joining with representatives from other local social justice groups to help us improve our organizing skills and become more effective activists. For more information ([click here](#)).

News From The Green Team

**Green Team Brainstorming session April 15,
12:30pm**

Sowing Seeds of Care

Hands-on Habitat Restoration
with the Evanston Interreligious
Sustainability Circle

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018 1 pm - 4 pm
(Opening religious ceremony at 1:15)**

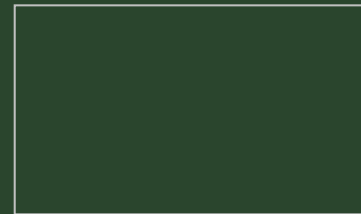
Join the Evanston Interreligious Sustainability circle at our Semi-annual restoration day at Harms Woods in the Cook County Forest Preserves on Earth Day. For

chalice flame in
our worship
services.
Contact the UCE
office at



uce@ucevanston.org with the date you'd like to bring flowers and dedication words for the order of service. [click here](#) to go to the website sign up page.

Our Giving House



This month we are collecting cleaning supplies for the Evanston Interfaith Refugee Round Table.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

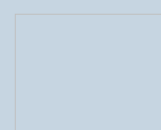
Community Involvement

Click event for more information.

[Traffic Changes Lake and Ridge Start April 4.](#)

[YWCA Let's Talk @ Lunch Third Thursday of the Month](#)

UCE Food With Spirit Group



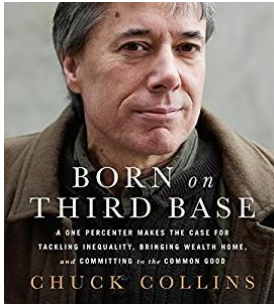
Do you have a longstanding and complicated relationship with food? Many of us do. Join us on the first and third Thursdays at UCE at 5:30pm to discuss nutrition, eating patterns, emotional triggers, recipes, or whatever comes up among group members. We have read some helpful books and articles together recently and can share those with you. Note: our meeting on April 19 is offsite. Contact Peggy or Julia to get the details. We return to UCE on May 3.

Talk to [Peggy Bocard](#) or [Julia](#)

more information, [click here](#) or contact Susan Comstock Susan.L.Comstock@gmail.com or Dale Griffin dalecgriffin@comcast.net.

Born on Third Base

The Nonfiction Book Group will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 22, in room 3 to discuss Chuck Collins' book "Born on Third Base: A One Percentor Makes the Case for Tackling Inequality, Bringing Wealth Home, and Committing to the Common Good."



The author presents the case for why the privileged and powerful must act to reverse widening inequality of income, wealth, and political power in America. Copies of the book are available at the Book H and at public libraries.

Author Chuck Collins will be joining our discussion after being the keynote speaker at the justice workshop at UCE on Saturday, April 21. Light refreshments will be served at our meeting and everyone is welcome to join us.

Spirit Map Congregational Survey

A New Opportunity to Shape UCE while Assessing your Own Spiritual Priorities

How are we living up to our Mission Statement: Nurturing the Human Spirit for a World Made Whole? UCE leadership wants your opinions on how well we are meeting our ends statements for more information....[click here](#)

Upcoming Adult Religious Education Classes

Paganism

Tuesdays, April 10, 17, 24, 2018

Ministerial intern Susan Frances and Taryn Nelson Seawright will continue their series on Paganism this coming Tue Apr 17 at 7:00 pm, with a focus on ritual elements, including a brief ritual experience. Come be part of the conversation! For more information [click here](#).

Simplicity

Tuesdays, May 8, 15, 22, 2018

Facilitated by Dick Whitaker

Hannah Arendt and the Banality of Evil

Tuesdays, May 29, June 5, 12, 2018

Facilitated by Julia Takarada and Dan Solomon

[Click here for more information on these classes and to sign up.](#)

[Takarada](#) if you want to know more. All are welcome.

Upcoming Membership Classes

Intro to UU
Sunday April 15, 2018
12:30 - 2:00 pm
Room 3

Orientation
Toward Membership
Saturday, May 19, 2018
9:00am - noon
Room 3

Even if you didn't sign up but would like to attend, please join us. This is a meaningful and engaging way to learn about what it means to be a member and how to become more deeply involved in the life of the congregation. Led by Assistant Minister, Rev. Eileen Wiviott.

Sign up at the guest table in the lobby or email Rev. Eileen at ewiviott@ucevanston.org. Childcare available upon request for both of these classes.

Connecting UU: a path to belonging at UCE

45 minute discussions; Sundays at 10:15 in Room 12. These sessions are open to all, no matter where you are on your journey. Childcare available. No need to sign up in advance.

UU Principles - Understanding the seven principles, an enlightening discussion led by members of the New Member Committee.

UU Sources - A discussion of the six sources from which we draw wisdom and spiritual nourishment.

Spiritual Journeys (4 parts) - take any one or all of them in any order. Explore your religious and spiritual background, where you come from, what you want to cherish and what you want to release, and how you practice your spirituality.

How to Get Involved - Learn how to become more engaged in the life of the church, find groups and activities of interest, discover the way things get done, answer your

From The REAL Team

Free Harmony Through Music/Cultural Diversity Concert April 22nd at 4:30 PM The Global Fusion Band Funkadesi will perform at Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster Street, Evanston.

For more information
[click here.](#)

If you need a ride or would like to carpool contact:
ShannonLang
shalizhilang@yahoo.com
or 773-576-0778

TAKING A STAND AGAINST RACISM

Join us Friday, April 27 as we participate the annual YWCA Stand Against Racism. We'll gather along Ridge Avenue from 2:00 to 2:25 pm with dozens of Evanston organizations and hundreds of individuals, young and old, in a demonstration extending all the way from Ingleside Park to Hull Terrace and in solidarity with communities all over the nation. In this time of rising violence, bigotry, and government attacks on civil rights we all need to stand together and make our voices heard loud and clear. After the vigil, we invite you to share tea, snacks, and discussion at UCE.

A Farewell Potluck to Rev. Bret and Cindy

**Friday, April 27th,
5-8pm.
(Program from 6:00-
6:45pm)**

**Help us celebrate Bret's
ministry, wish him well
and say goodbye.**

[Click Here to sign up to
bring a dish.](#)



UCE Immigrant Solidarity Team

The group formerly known as the Sanctuary Committee, is now renamed the Immigrant Solidarity Team. So that you can understand what we are working to do, here is our statement of purpose which we have just adopted.

Establish and nurture a long-term partnership with local immigrant communities/organizations in which they engage UCE to:

- Provide appropriate resources for their unmet needs,
- Be a useful connector among other communities/organizations, and
- Educate and mobilize UCE members about

questions about belonging in our community.

UCE History and Tour - Learn more about the history, architecture and art of our building through a guided tour led by one of our long-term members. Tour begins at the back of the sanctuary near the large mural.

Things to Know About our Community

Interested in knowing more about UCE? How to submit something to Joys and Sorrows? How to get a nametag, or a rainbow or pronoun sticker for your nametag? Interested in bringing flowers and lighting the chalice on a Sunday? [Click here for more information about our community!](#)

Yoga at UCE



Join us every Sunday at 8:15am and every Wednesday at 9:30am.

Yoga at UCE is designed to reduce stress, bring relaxation, increase range of motion, and find balance - restorative yoga. 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](#).

UCE Facebook Groups



Did you know that, in addition to the [UCE Facebook Page](#), there are

immigration related events, projects and actions. For more information ([click here](#))

We also encourage you to attend a concert to benefit Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants. Lake Street Church, Friday May 11, at 7:30 pm. 100% of the ticket price is going to [ICDI](#). Advanced tickets \$20 (\$25 at the door).

Chicago Area UU Council Spring Workshop & Annual Meeting

We Are Better Together

May 12, 2018 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Workshop &
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm Annual Meeting
Countryside Church UU, 1025 N Smith St., Palatine, IL
Register online at uuchicagoarea.org/workshop

Annual Meeting Sunday, May 20



At the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 20, the congregation will be asked to vote for members of the Board of Trustees, the Endowment Committee, and the Nominating and Recruiting Committee. Each elected Trustee and Committee Member serves a 3-year term, which are staggered so that a third of each group finishes the term and rolls off each year..for more [click here](#).

Garden Swap



Garden Swap at UCE May 25, 4-7PM

Plants, Seedlings,
Divisions, Garden items:
Books, Tools, Crafts,
Pots, Recipes. For more
information [click here](#).

Midwest Leadership School

We are pleased to offer youth and adult scholarships

three UCE groups that members can join - the [UCE Member to Member Group](#), the [UCE Children and Youth Religious Education Group](#) and the [UCE Social Action Group](#)?

These are closed groups that allow members to post directly to each other. If you have an event you want members to know about, or have a cause you hope to bring attention to, in addition to the newsletter and order of service, you can post to the Facebook Group. Click the links above or search for the groups by name when you are on Facebook and ask to join.

Post Your Reviews of UCE on Social Media

Whatever app you use, post a review of your experience at UCE. We hope you find meaning, joy and healthy challenge in our community. And we hope that others who would benefit from a community like ours will find us. If you want to share the impact that our congregation has had on your life, consider writing a quick, positive review of our church on Facebook, Yelp, Google maps, Twitter, Instagram or whatever apps you use.

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 or read Rev. Bret's blog, visit www.liberalfaith.org.

Rev. Eileen Wiviott has office hours most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and often evening meetings on those days. Mondays are sabbatical days and Fridays she works from home. Please contact her via email at ewiviott@ucevanston.org, or via phone at (847) 864-1330 x111 (office), or (224) 565-3952 (cell).

Opportunities for Spiritual Practice

[3rd Mondays at 6:30pm](#)
[Ecstatic Dance with Cindy Lortie](#)

[Tuesdays at 6:30pm \(1st timers,](#)



to the Midwest Leadership School - a week-long intensive program in leadership and group dynamics led by lay and ordained staff. Those who have attended from our congregation have found it to be a powerful experience. Participating in this program will help you to gain tools and skills for congregational leadership and deepen your sense of UU identity. The week takes place in Decorah Iowa from Sunday, July 15 through Saturday July 21st. Scholarship applications (for [Adults](#) for [Youth](#)) are due by April 15th. You will be notified by May 1st and registration for the leadership school is due by June 1st. To learn more about Midwest Leadership School, visit <https://www.mwls.org> or contact Margaret Schatz at mesharbor@gmail.com from the Leadership Development Team if you have questions.

Composting at UCE

Join with other church members this year in using the church's composting service for a small annual contribution of \$60 per person (up to a \$180 maximum per household). You may have noticed the two green containers at the southeast corner of our church parking lot. They are there for your use once you have committed to this service. For an additional \$10, we will provide you with your very own kitchen counter composting bucket. (Plastic bags are not acceptable containers because they are not compostable.)

If you are interested in joining this movement for 2018, if you have any questions about this program, please contact Compost Program Coordinator John LaPlante at johnlaplante73@gmail.com.

Board of Trustees

The UCE Board of Trustees meeting is held the third Wednesday of each month in Room 3. All members are welcome to attend.

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