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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 27, 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.

Budget Town Hall Meeting Sunday May 13 at 12:30

This Sunday April 29 at UCE

9:15 and 11am

Vickie Hellyer and the UCE and
Evanston Children's Choirs
Hope, Justice & The Power of Music

We are delighted that the highly acclaimed Evanston Children's Choir will be combining voices with our wonderful UCE Choristers this Sunday in singing songs of Justice and Hope. The service has been created with input from our newly formed Worship Arts Committee. Please join us at the 9:15 or 11 am service this Sunday for Hope, Justice, and the Power of Music. For more information ([click here](#)).

Crackerbarrel, 9:30 am Rm. 6

Freedom of expression is the best policy, written into the Constitution, as well as our Unitarian seven principles. Exactly what are the correct limits to this freedom? Let's talk! Discussion Leader: Bill Irons.

The Chris Isely Cancer Support

9:30am, Rm 2. 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.

Peace & Justice Team

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JB Pritzker needs to know that we support a graduated income tax. After services today, come and write post cards to the Democratic candidate for governor and tell him you're counting on him to live up to his promises to work for a progressive income tax in Illinois.

**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.

Questions? Contact Dale Woods
at dnwoods618@sbcglobal.net

Rummage Sale

Sunday we are setting up for the Rummage Sale! Please help us by staying after the service to help transform the church. Donations will be accepted after 2:00 pm on Sunday until 8:00 pm on Tuesday.

UCE Men's Group

6:00pm at Gulliver's Restaurant (Big Round Table), 2727 West Howard Street, Chicago. Questions? Contact Dale Woods @ dnwoods618@sbcglobal.net.

**Budget Town Hall Meeting
Sunday May, 13 at 12:30 pm**

Sandra and the Budget Working Committee have been hard at work on producing a balanced budget for our upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019). Thank you to our congregation once again for your generosity and support. The pledge drive did indeed fall short this year, but a number of our members stepped up their pledges to help fill the gap, and staff identified areas where we could trim and/or find more efficient ways to do things. The Budget Working Committee has also worked through the budget implications of Rev. Bret's departure, summer pulpit coverage and hiring a new interim minister. We honored the pledge drive's commitment for staff increases to provide fair wages and be closer to the mid-point of UUA compensation guidelines.

We hope you can join us for a Budget Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, May 13th at 12:30 pm. The budget has been produced later than usual this year due to the need for the Interim Search Committee's input on the potential pay range for a new interim, and also because quite a large number of pledges were turned in late. This means the town hall will be held later than normal, and you will have the proposed budget in hand prior to the meeting. However, we hope you will join us and bring your questions. Susan Comstock, UCE Treasurer

Rummage Sale Volunteers Needed

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One-on-One meet ups

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Composting at UCE

Happening at UCE

[Paganism Class Tuesday, April, 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](#)

[SimplicityTuesdays, 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. Contact
Barbra Versino @
bversino@comcast.net or
([click here](#)) for more details.

Lift for Love Update

Following the rummage sale
drywall will be installed.

EXTRA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DURING SET-UP
WEEK: MONDAY, APRIL 30 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 2 (9:00
AM - 9:00 PM). Please refer to the Rummage Sale Board
in the Lobby or contact Barbra
Versino: bversino@comcast.net Or Call 773-430-2768.

UCE Endowment Fund

A Great Gift for Someone Who Has Everything.
We're approaching a busy gift giving season. This year,
why not make a donation to the UCE Endowment Fund in
honor of your loved one? It's easy to do. Just write a check
and in the memo line put who is being honored and their
address. Gifts can be given by check made out to the
'UCE Endowment Fund' or via an online donation
at uce@ucevanston.org/give
For more information, contact endowment@ucevanston.org

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

Simplicity
Tuesdays, May 8, 15, 22, 2018
Facilitated by Dick Whitaker

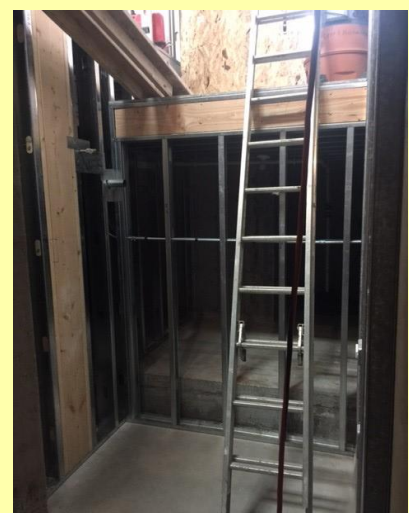
Hannah Arendt and the Banality of Evil
Tuesdays, May 29, June 5, 12, 2018
Facilitated by Julia Takarada and Dan Solomon

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

UCE Turns out in Force on Earth Day



Thanks to the large group of UCE-ers who came out on a
beautiful Earth Day afternoon to Harms Woods in

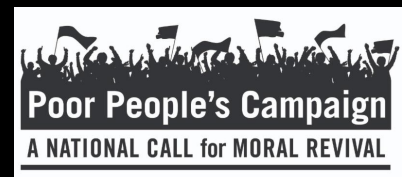


DME will install the lift.
Adjustments will be made.
We are anticipating a celebration,
perhaps on picnic day!

Community Involvement

Click event for more information.

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



Poor People's Campaign
Rally 2nd Baptist Church May
3rd, 7-8:30 pm. The New Poor
People's Campaign is a
National Call for Moral Revival
uniting tens of thousands of
people across the country to
challenge the evils of systemic
racism, poverty, the war
economy, and ecological
devastation. For more info
([click here](#)) or contact Contact
Pastor Daniel Ruen
pd@graceevanston.org

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



flowers for our chancel and

Glenview for our semiannual interfaith restoration work day. We cut down buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), an invasive hedge/tree that crowds out native trees and wildflowers. We had a great time, and made a difference to these beautiful woods.

UCE Immigrant Solidarity Team

Join Changing Systems, Changing Ourselves interactive e-course from the American Friends Service Committee in collaboration with UUA and Love Resists. Covers anti-racist practice for sanctuary support, court accompaniment, and resistance. Starts May 1. Four monthly online sessions, each followed by UCE group discussion. Register at afsc.org/csco.

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 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

Udumbara Buddhist Arts Festival

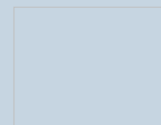
tend the chalice flame in our worship services. Contact the UCE office at uce@ucevanston.org with the date you'd like to bring flowers and dedication words for the order of service. [click here](#) to go to the website sign up page.

Our Giving House



We are collecting cleaning supplies for Evanston Interfaith Refugee Round Table and In May we'll be collecting granola bars, instant oatmeal and crackers for Evanston Interfaith Action Hospitality Center

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. Contact Peggy or Julia to get the details. Next meeting; May 17th in Rm. 3

Talk to [Peggy Boccard](#) or [Julia Takarada](#) if you want to know more. All are welcome.

Upcoming Membership Classes

**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

Udumbara Zen Sangha's
Annual Spring

Buddhist Arts Festival

Saturday, May 19
1:00 to 4:00 pm

EXHIBITIONS AND INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

- fine arts
- expressive writing
- Asian antiques
- tea & snacks
- poetry open-mic

featuring the **Family Focus Grandparents Writers**
(bring your own writing to share – created or discovered)

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presented by **Udumbara Zen Sangha**
at the **Unitarian Church of Evanston**
1330 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL, 60201
more info: www.udumbarazen.org
or (847)475-3264

THIS EVENT IS FREE OF CHARGE

Saturday May 19, 1:00 to 4pm at UCE - Exhibitions and Interactive workshops featuring the Family Focus Grandparents Writers. For more info visit www.udumbarazen.org or call 847-475-3264.

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](#).

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 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.

Opportunities for Spiritual Practice

[Tuesdays at 6:30pm](#) (1st timers, 6) [Zen Meditation with Udumbara](#)

[Wednesdays at 9:30am](#)
[Yoga with Doug Erickson &](#)



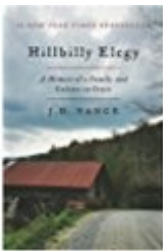
[Jessica Tomell-Presto](#)

[Saturdays at 9am](#) (1st timers, 8:30) [Zen Meditation with Udumbara](#)

[Sundays at 8:15am](#)
[Yoga with Doug Erickson & Jessica Tomell-Presto](#)

[Quarterly](#)
[Dances of Universal Peace](#)

Non-Fiction Book Group



The group will meet on Sunday, June 3 at 12:30 pm in rm. 12 to discuss J. D. Vance's book *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*. Copies of the book are available in various formats at public libraries, the Book H, and other vendors. Everyone is welcome!

One-on-One meet ups May 6th

Build connections and power through a one-on-one conversation. You may have heard about the practice of one-on-ones many of our members engage in. These are intentional and personal conversations about what matters most to us, so that we may find ways of working together. There will be a table once a month on Sundays in the back of the sanctuary by the coffee urns. Meet here to be paired with someone for a one on one conversation, to learn more and to ask questions.

Ride Sharing to UCE

Are you willing to give a UCE member a ride to church on a Sunday morning? If so, please contact Rev. Eileen ewiviott@ucevanston.org. You'll be added to a list of folks willing to be contacted by other members for a ride. Thank you!

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.

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



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.

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

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