

EVANSTON

UNITARIAN NEWS

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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

May 11, 2018

Budget Town Hall Meeting Sunday May 13 at 12:30

This Sunday May 13th at UCE

9:15 and 11am

For Mother's Day, our senior-high youth will conduct our annual youth-led service. The youth will share some UCE traditions and talk about how they've been shaped by them. We will also take a moment to "bridge" the high school seniors into their next life chapter, and welcome 8th graders into Senior High Youth Group.

Crackerbarrel, 9:30 am Rm. 6

The Level of US National Debt. We had an explosion of the national debt under Obama, continuing under Trump, now exceeding 100% of annual GDP. Should this issue be proactively discussed, or, as with the pension crisis, does politics and human nature condemn us to just kick the can down the road until external forces cause us to address the situation, possibly at much greater expense. Discussion Leader: Gordon Mallett & Scot Campbell

Connecting UU: A path to belonging at UCE

A series of 45-minute discussions, offered most Sundays at 10:15 in Room 12. These sessions are open to all, no matter where you are on the journey and are led by UCE's New Member Committee. Childcare available. No need to sign up in advance. Next session - Spiritual Practices on May 13th. Explore your religious journey and how you practice your spirituality.

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.

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**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

UCE Men's Group 7:00pm, Rm. 2

"Toxic Masculinity." Bring an example of male competition you suffered recently and we'll discuss. Host; Michael Drennan. The Men's Group sponsors lunch at 12 noon in honor of Mother's Day.

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From The Assistant Minister



Where two or more are dancing...

When in doubt, make a fool of yourself.
There is a microscopically thin line between
being brilliantly creative and acting
like the most gigantic idiot on earth.
So what the [heck], leap.

-Cynthia Heimel from the Soul Matters Curriculum

I love to dance but I don't dance enough. I usually have to wait for block party season or the occasional wedding but this week I danced with abandon in an unlikely place.

For more [click here](#).

**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

Happening at UCE

[Simplicity Tuesdays, May 22nd, 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](#)



Poor People's Campaign coming up! For more [click here](#).

Community Involvement

Click event for more information.

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

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 chalice flame in our worship services. Contact the UCE office at uce@ucevanston.org with the date you'd like to bring flowers



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

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

Upcoming Adult Religious Education Classes

Simplicity

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

The carrying capacity of the earth has been greatly exceeded. What can we do individually and systemically to meet this challenge? We will draw on Voluntary Simplicity, by Duane Elgin, as our text - available on the Book H. Dick Whitaker leads.

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.](#)

Regional Young Adult Conference

May 11-13th. Hosted by UCE. CONserve and Welcome to Spring! All young adults, ages 18-35, are invited to attend. Contact Forrest Marie Linsell (flinsell@knox.edu) or visit <https://m.facebook.com/events/156708394957015> for more information.

Chicago Area UU Council Spring Workshop & Annual Meeting

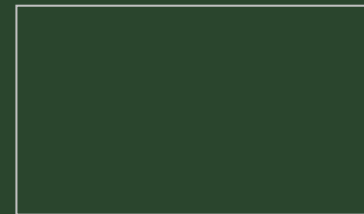
We Are Better Together

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

and dedication words for the order of service. [click here](#) to go to the website sign up page.

Recently Retired (But Never Retiring!) Women

Our Giving House For May



This month we are asking for donations of granola bars, oatmeal packets, and crackers for the Interfaith Hospitality Center at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. As always, thank you so much for your generosity!

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 to learn about what it means to be a member and how to become

Udumbara Buddhist Arts Festival



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.

Good Clean Fun! May 19th

Join us (the Board of Trustees) for a day of good clean fun as we work together in community to clean and organize the church and its grounds.

WHEN: Saturday, May 19th 10:00am -3:00pm

Whether you like to pull weeds, plant flowers, clean windows or organize closets there is work for you.

And as you pitch in, you never know, you may meet someone new as William Phillips and Alex Besser-Gilbert did many years ago—Alex was 4 years old at the time. They are friends to this day.

So, come along, pitch in and have some fun as we spring clean at UCE. At the very least you can be proud that of the work you accomplish.

Annual Meeting Sunday, May 20

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

VOTE!

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](#).

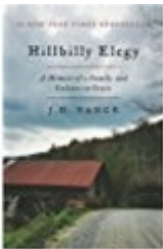
Garden Swap



Garden Swap at UCE May 25, 4-7PM

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

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!

Action on Inequality/Follow-up on Chuck Collins' book *Born on Third Base*. Join us on Sunday, May 27 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss actions we can take to address inequality. Everyone is welcome, whether you read the book and/or attended the discussion with Chuck Collins on April 22.

Beyond #MeToo

Sunday, June 3rd at 12:30 pm. Continuing the conversation after the January worship service, join Rev. Eileen and UCE members to discuss mutual consent in this first of what could become a regular space for sensitive conversations.

Military Bridge Builders

STAND-DOWN 2018. Once again, the UCE Military Bridge Builders invite you to participate in Stand-down Summer 2018, June 7-8-9. Standdown is a day of hospitality for

[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](#)

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

homeless and indigent veterans, offering health care, social services, breakfast and lunch, clothing, toiletries, shoes, sleeping bags, etc. UCE is collecting gently used jeans (box in the lobby) to distribute at the event. Contact Margaret Shaklee at mshaklee4417@gmail.com for more information.

Creative Spiritual Practice, June 9th

Creative Spiritual Practice Open Space June 9th and monthly on the 2nd Saturday from 9:30 - noon. If you enjoy creating art and would like to develop your spiritual practice through creative means, join us on Saturday June 9th at 9:30 a.m. in room 5. This will be an opportunity to share creative ideas, energy and supplies. If you have art supplies or a snack to share, please do. Questions, contact Rev. Eileen at ewiviott@ucevanston.org.

Church Picnic, June 10th

Church Picnic June 10th Save the date and plan your dish to pass! We will go to one service at 10 a.m. on June 10th - a celebration of our Religious Education for Children and Flower Communion - followed by a church picnic on the south lawn, with the fun kicked up a notch. Don't miss it!

"Register now for the Ricky Byrdsong Race!"



June 17, 2018
7:30 am
Long Field, Evanston

Uniting our community to run, walk, celebrate and support YWCA Evanston/North Shore's racial justice and violence prevention programs.

Register now at events.ywcae-ns.org/rah2018
JOIN THE UCE BLACK LIVES MATTER TEAM WHEN YOU REGISTER

MEET UP AT THE UCE TENT ON THE FIELD
If you can't be with us that morning, you can support us by donating to the team at events.ywcae-ns.org/rah2018. Click on Donate at top of page; click on Donate to a team; type UCE.

Earth Centered UUs

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. 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).

Quick Links

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[UCE Member to Member Facebook Group](#)

[UCE Children and Youth Religious Education Facebook Group](#)

[UCE Social Action Facebook Group](#)

Summer Solstice / Litha / Midsummer Celebration 2018

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 17, at 5:00 p.m. at UCE in room 3 or outside if the weather is lovely. The Earth Centered UUs group at UCE and the CUUPS chapter from Second Unitarian Church of Chicago are co-hosting a ritual with a BBQ immediately following to celebrate the Summer Solstice. All ages are invited!

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

For June, the UCE Board of Trustees meeting has been moved to June 27th due to General Assembly being held during the week of the 20th.

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