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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!

May 18, 2018

**Annual Meeting Vote on: Budget & Black Lives Matter Sign.  
Immediately following Service Sunday May 20th at 12:00. Voting members, we need your  
presence for a quorum!**

### This Sunday May 20th at UCE

9:15 and 11:00am

#### **Covenant, Community, and Cupcakes**

Each year we enact a holy ritual called the annual meeting, a practice shared by congregations throughout our Unitarian Universalist Association. How we choose to be together as a creedless faith community reflects our values and our heritage. Before the annual meeting begins after the services on Sunday, May 20, we will explore the origins, power, and purpose of congregationalism. Susan Frances, Ministerial Intern

#### **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.

#### **Crackerbarrel, 9:30 am Rm. 6**

Is Atheism a Religion? The New York Times asked this question in their Room for Debate series published on January 22, 2013. Six one-page papers varying from "Atheism Cannot Replace Religion," to "An Atheist Church in London," and to "Atheism Should End Religion" were submitted in response to the question. Discussion Facilitator: Dick Whitaker

#### **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 20th. Explore your religious journey and how you

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practice your spirituality.

### Accessibility and Inclusion Team

Today when you enter the sanctuary for the 2nd service, you will be given two cards: one white and the other black. At the end of the service, you will be asked to hold up the black card if you had no problem hearing, or the white card if you did. We will take pictures to document your response and where you were sitting. It does not matter if you have hearing loss, are using a hearing aid, or have perfect hearing; everyone counts! The only people who should not respond are those using one of the assistive receivers that you picked up at the table near the entrance to the sanctuary.

### Annual Meeting 12:00pm

Check in immediately following the 2nd service. [Here](#) is the Annual Report meeting packet.

### Evanston Children's Choir

Performance in Sanctuary from 4pm to 6pm.

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

**In lieu of our Black Lives Matter vigil this Sunday, we ask all voting members to sign in at the back tables for our annual meeting, so that we can vote on the proposal to maintain the sign. Those not able to vote today, please take a sign and hold our vigil for us!**

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.

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## Happening at UCE

[Simplicity Tuesday, 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, 8:15am until June 3rd & Wednesday Mornings, 9:30am](#)



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

## From the Director of Religious Education



And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom. ~ Anais Nin

### Risky Territory

This is my ninth blog post as your DLRE, and it's the first I've really struggled with. Though I've returned again and again to this month's theme of Creativity, I have wrestled with even remembering any of my initial ideas about writing on the subject. [See more](#)

## 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](mailto:uce@ucevanston.org) with the date you'd like to bring flowers and dedication words for the

**WELCOME REV. GREG STEWART!**



Your UCE Board of Trustees is excited to announce that our two-year Interim Senior Minister will be Rev. Gregory Stewart. Rev. Greg spent many of his growing up years in Chicago, in Illinois and in the Midwest. He received his BA from the University of Illinois and Masters in

Music from Roosevelt University. When he answered the call to ministry, he went to the University of Chicago and received his Masters of Divinity. [Read More.](#)

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

**Lift For Love Update!**



DME has installed the elevator cab!

**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.

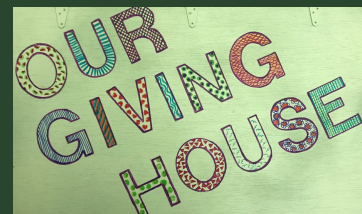
So, come along, pitch in and have some fun as we spring clean at UCE. At the very least you can be proud that of the work you accomplish.

**Recently Retired(But NeverRetiring!) Women**

Recently Retired (But Never Retiring!) Women: Tuesday, May 22. After our potluck, starting at 5:00, we will be having a somewhat different, but equally as necessary, discussion. As women who are deeply involved in our communities, we are very much aware of many of the needs, especially of families, and those organizations trying to help them. For more information, please contact [Margie Rogasner](#).

**Udumbara Buddhist Arts Festival**

**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**

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](http://www.udumbarazen.org)  
or (847)475-3264

THIS EVENT IS FREE OF CHARGE



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; June 21st at 5:30 pm in Rm. 3  
Talk to [Peggy Boccard](#) or [Julia Takarada](#) if you want to know more. All are welcome.

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](http://www.udumbarazen.org) or call 847-475-3264.

### Upcoming Adult Religious Education Classes

The Learning Associates will launch the 3rd of our **Simplicity** series Tuesday, May 22nd. We will discuss the social aspects of Simplicity. Beginning with smartphones and looking at the limits to growth - 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.](#)

### 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](#).

### Addressing Inequality

### 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 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](mailto: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.

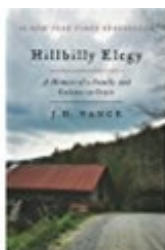
**Spiritual Journeys (4 parts)** - take any one or all of them in any

Join us on Sunday, May 27 at 12:30 p.m. in room 6 to discuss actions we can take as individuals and as a church to address economic inequality. This is a follow up to the discussion with Chuck Collins on April 22 of his book *Born on Third Base*. Attendees do not need to have read the book.

### The Coffee House is Coming! June 2nd

The UCE spring Coffee House will take place Saturday, June 2, 7:30pm in Room 3. A free will donation is appreciated.

### Non-Fiction Book Group



Join us on Sunday, June 3 at 12:30 p.m. in room 12 to discuss J.D. Vance's book *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*. Everyone is welcome.

### 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.

### Immigrant Solidarity Team

UCE's Immigrant Solidarity Team will be showing the award-winning documentary film "Indivisible: Love Knows No Borders". The movie will be shown at UCE in Room 6 on Monday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. and also on Tuesday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. The movie runs 1 hour and 18 minutes and we plan to have a discussion following, so plan for about two hours. The movie is free, but the License Fee to show it is \$150, so donations would be appreciated. Please come to learn more about helping undocumented immigrants in America.

### 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 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. To sign up [click here](#). For more information contact Margaret Shaklee at [mshaklee4417@gmail.com](mailto:mshaklee4417@gmail.com).

### Creative Spiritual Practice

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

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 until 6/3](#)  
[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



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](mailto:ewiviott@ucevanston.org).

### Religious Ed Recognition - Flower Communion - Church Picnic on June 10th

Save the date, bring your flower, and plan your dish to pass! We will have 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. Sign up to bring a dish to share and we'll have burgers, dogs, and non-meat options. Games and activities for people of all ages are planned. If you would like to bring a dish please sign up <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/ELJF9215>

### "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](http://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](http://events.ywcae-ns.org/rah2018).  
Click on Donate at top of page; click on Donate to a team; type UCE.

### Earth Centered UUs



Summer Solstice / Litha / Midsummer  
Celebration 2018

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 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

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!

### UCE/Countryside 2018 Camping Trip

All campers (kids especially!) please join our easy and fun annual UCE/Countryside UU camping trip by reserving a site with the Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources, August 17 for two nights, at Turkey Run State Park, near Marshall, IN. Choose a site from 184-198. Please let Dale Griffin know what site you have reserved, or with questions. Here is a link: (or search Campground rates and reservations - Turkey Run State Park)

<https://bit.ly/2rLdbZt>. We have been there once before, and it has wooded sites, a river to ride, beautiful ravines and trails, a nice public waterpark, and lots of other camping amenities. Please reserve now to be close to the group!

### 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](mailto:uce@ucevanston.org/give)

For more information, contact [endowment@ucevanston.org](mailto:endowment@ucevanston.org)

### 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](mailto: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.

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](mailto:ewiviott@ucevanston.org), or via phone at (847) 864-1330 x111 (office), or (224) 565-3952 (cell).

### Quick Links

[ucevanston.org](http://ucevanston.org)

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