

# EVANSTON

## UNITARIAN NEWS

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Join us for worship and religious education at 10:00am on Sunday Morning!

June 22, 2018

### This Sunday June 24th at UCE

10:00am

#### **Restoring Balance in Yourself and the World**

The Summer Solstice has just occurred and it is Pride Sunday! It is a time for honoring who we are. It is a time for reflecting on our connection to other people and to the Earth. This week we will reflect on how service within our communities is a form of spiritual practice that can help us feel more balanced as we attend to the numerous connections in our lives. Susan Frances, Ministerial Intern.

#### **The Chris Isely Cancer Support**

9:00am, 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.

#### **Join us to Stand in support of Black Lives Matter Sundays, 11:10am-11:30am**

You are invited to stand on Ridge Avenue between 11:10am and 11:30am 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.

#### **New Lobby Artist - Ilze Arajas**

Please join us in the lobby after the service on Sunday to welcome our new artist, Ilze Arajas, for our Lobby Art program. Her work will be up for the next three months. She would love to speak to you and talk about her art and answer any questions you may have. This is part of an on-going program to enhance our lobby funded by the Rosemary Zwick fund. We have four artists display their work during the year. Members of the committee are Eleanor Boyer, Gay Riseborough, Johna Van Dyke, Will Van Dyke and Michelle Novak. If you would like to see more of Ilze's work go to her website at <http://www.ilzeajas.com/>

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**From The Director of Religious Educaiton**

**We the Member Congregations**



When I think back to Barack Obama's historic election win on Nov 4, 2008, and the moving speech he delivered that night, one particular moment stands out to me. He said,

This victory alone is not the change we seek. It is only the chance for us to make that change. And that cannot happen if we go back to the way things were. It can't happen without you,

without a new spirit of service, a new spirit of sacrifice. I remember that moment with clarity, watching in a friend's living room in Richmond, Virginia - for though I had been a supporter of Obama's since his Illinois Senate run, as the camera panned over the beautiful sea of faces in Grant Park, I knew they weren't hearing him. [For more.](#)

**Our Black Lives Matter Sign will remain**

On June 10th, we voted unanimously to keep our Black Lives Matter sign in place. We know that our work to build the Beloved Community and end systemic racism is far from over. It is important that we continue to bear witness to the ongoing struggle for justice and equality. Thank you for staying in it. The REAL team, Social Justice Council, and folks who have participated in Beloved Conversations will be offering ways to get involved so stay tuned.

**More Interesting Tidbits About Rev. Greg**



As you may know Rev. Greg Stewart will be our Interim Minister starting on August 1st. Over the next several weeks, we'll share interesting information about Rev. Greg and his family so you can get to know him.

o While in Michigan, he preached regularly on "Voice of the

**Becoming a Member Classes:  
A Two-Step Path**

Step 1

**Introduction to UU:**

An overview of our faith, led by Rev. Eileen on Sunday, August 12th at 11:30 a.m.

Step 2

**Orientation Toward Membership:**

A class exploring what it means to be a member of this congregation, led by Assistant Minister Rev. Eileen Wiviott and members of the New Member Committee. Saturday, August 25, 9:00 AM - Noon

Sign up at the Guest Table in the lobby, email Rev. Eileen at [ewiviott@hotmail.com](mailto:ewiviott@hotmail.com), or complete the web form at [tinyurl.com/UCE-class](http://tinyurl.com/UCE-class).

Childcare available upon request for both of these classes.

**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).

Rev. Wiviott will be away **June 18-24 at General Assembly** **July 4-26 for vacation**

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



Liberal," a televised worship hour.

o He wrote the adult Religious Education curriculum *Womanspirit: Women's Spirituality in Developing Countries*, published by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

- He and his family were featured in the San Francisco Chronicle, page one, above the fold; they were also featured in *Social Action Heroes: Unitarian Universalists Who Are Changing the World*.
- Reverend Stewart is the creator of the critically acclaimed intergenerational program, *Way Cool Sunday School*, an "outside of the box," experientially based approach to liberal religious education. Many of our UU congregations have incorporated some or all of the *Way Cool* components into their educational ministries.

## Worship and Way Cool Sunday School for this Summer

# Sunday School is Cool



### June 24th

Worship Service: Restoring Balance in Yourself and the World. Our Worship Leader will be Susan Frances, Ministerial Intern and our Worship Associate will be William Phillips. The Summer Solstice has just occurred and it is Pride Sunday! It is a time for honoring who we are. It is a time for reflecting on our connection to other people and to the Earth. This week we will reflect on how service within our communities is a form of spiritual practice that can help us feel more balanced as we attend to the numerous connections in our lives.

Way Cool Sunday School: Chalice Circle, Circle Dances of Blessing, with Donna Schiller and Carol Emory

### July 1st

Worship Service: How to be a Good White Ally. Our Worship Leader will be Kevin DeBeck, our previous Ministerial Intern, and our Worship Associate is Melanie Kitchner. Story: Horton Hears a Who

Way Cool Sunday School: Chalice Circle, Rock/Paper/Scissor Tag Team Tournament, with Sue Larson and Carol Emory.

### July 8th

Worship Service: Queer Theology. Our Worship Leader will be Rev. Jason Lydon and our Worship Associate is Heike Eghardt.

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

## Community Involvement

Click event for more information.

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

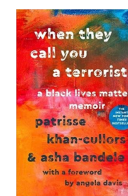
## New Books at the REAL Lending Library

Ta Nehisi Coates' latest, *We Were Eight Years in Power* is a commentary about the Obama years. *Sing, Unburied*,



*Sing*, Jesmyn Ward's National Book Award winning novel, is a sad but beautifully told tale which one review compares to

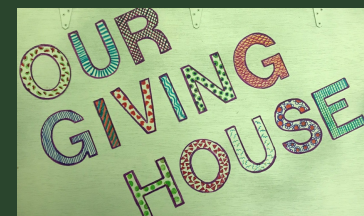
Toni Morrison's *Beloved*. From Patrice Kahn-Cullors and Asha Bandele, *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir*, is a powerful tale about what it means to be a Black woman in America and the birth of the Black Lives Matter movement.



And, if you missed the movie or want to get the original story, find *Hidden Figures* in print. Finally, *The Covenant*, introduced

by Tavis Smiley, is a collection of articles and comments on the way forward in the Black struggle in America. Check them out!

## Our Giving House For June



We will be collecting canned tuna, salmon and chicken for Connections for the Homeless.

## UCE Food With Spirit Group

Way Cool Sunday School: Recyclery Bike Clinic, with David Bates-Jeffreys - Group Ride to follow the service. For more [click here](#).

### Familias Unidas/Families United

This Saturday, June 23, starting at 2::00, in Rogers Park: Families United/Familias Unidas is organizing a march to protest the ripping of children from the arms of their parents and then separating and "housing" the children, even babies, in prison-like conditions. We will begin at the Morse El, walking west to Clark, then north on Clark, ending at Touhy Park. The park is around the corner from the Howard El station. For more information, please contact [Margie Rogasner](#).

### Recently Retired (But Never Retiring) Women

Recently Retired (But Never Retiring!) Women: Tuesday, June 26, 5:00 in Room 3. After our potluck we will have our last meeting until the fall. So, in order to have fun during the summer, and perhaps for some of us to participate together, please bring information about events, ideas, or activities which will be happening in our area from July through August. For more information, please contact Margie Rogasner

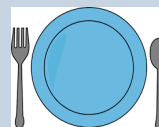
### Sing Thing

Wednesday, June 27 from 7 to 9 PM in Room 3. All are welcome: if you play a folk type musical instrument (or anything else that would blend with guitars and banjos), please bring it. Or just come and sing along! We supply words (and chords if needed).

### Immigration Solidarity Team

UCE's Immigration Solidarity Team is pleased to report that 44 people attended one of the two showings of the movie "Indivisible: Love Knows No Borders", shown on June 4 and 5. Thanks to all of you who came to see the significant human and family hardships caused by the current U.S. immigration policy. National attention is finally focusing on this issue. It is our sincere hope that just and humanitarian changes soon will be made to the shameful hardline policies that now are in place. The Immigration Solidarity Team will continue working on immigration issues and providing additional information to the UCE congregation. If you would like to join our group, please contact Joe Romeo, Sally Parsons or any member of the IST team.

### NEW "SHARE THE PLATE " SELECTION PROCESS



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 14th at 5:30 pm in Rm. 3 Talk to [Peggy Bocard](#) or [Julia Takarada](#) if you want to know more. All are welcome.

### 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](#)

[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 every Wednesday at

One of the most significant ways UCE carries out its social justice mission is through choosing organizations with whom we share the proceeds of the offering plate, which are substantial. The Social Justice Council (SJC), made up of the different Social Justice Teams in our church and staffed by Assistant Minister Eileen Wiviott, is tasked with selecting the recipient organizations. Nominations of organizations must be made by **July 31, 2018**.



This next fiscal year the SJC is changing its process for selecting organizations to better reflect our values and mission. We will continue to accept nominations for Share the Plate organizations from any UCE member. However, the organizations no longer need to be ones UCE members work with or volunteer at; nor need they be based in Evanston or the Chicago metropolitan area. There will be no single criteria for inclusion other than that they are 501(c)(3) organizations and have a social justice mission. Instead, we will look for whether they meet at least 3 criteria from among 14 that we have agreed are important, not all of which criteria would be true of any one organization. To see more information about Share the Plate criteria and the process for choosing recipients, [click here](#). This also includes a nomination form.

We encourage you to nominate between 1 and 3 organizations that you respect and that could benefit from our Share the Plate program. The nomination form should be submitted to [tdeville@ucevanston.org](mailto:tdeville@ucevanston.org).

### Creative Spiritual Practice

Creative Spiritual Practice Open Space July 14th and monthly on the 2nd Saturday from 9:30 - noon in Room 5 (the Rosemary Zwick Art Room). If you enjoy creating art and would like to develop your spiritual practice through creative means, join for this 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](mailto:ewiviott@ucevanston.org).

### Beyond #MeToo

July 1st 11:30 - 1pm. We will be continuing the conversation about reducing harm, establishing consent, and moving toward reconciliation, join Rev. Eileen and UCE members in what we hope will become a regular space for sensitive conversations.

### UCE/Countryside 2018 Camping Trip

All campers (kids especially!) please join our easy and

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 Facebook, Yelp, Google maps, Twitter, Instagram or whatever apps you use.

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.



Turkey Run State Park

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!

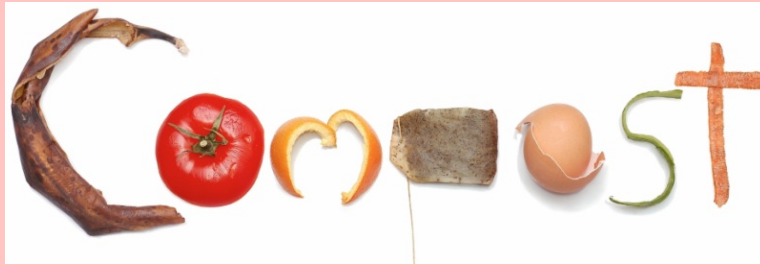
### UCE Endowment Fund

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).

### Quick Links

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

[Calendar](#)

[Upcoming Worship Services](#)

[Listen to Sermons](#)

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

[Facebook](#)

[UCE Member to Member Facebook Group](#)

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

[UCE Social Action Facebook Group](#)

### 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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