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A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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

June 29, 2018

This Sunday July 1st at UCE

10:00am

Where is My Place? How to be a Good White Ally.

Former Intern Kevin DeBeck discusses the intersectionality of white supremacy and what it takes to be a good ally in the fight for racial justice.

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.

Beyond #MeToo

Today 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.

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.

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Step 1

Introduction to UU:

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



Inspiration in Kansas City
 Last week, I attended, along with eight of our church members, the Annual General Assembly of our Unitarian Universalist Association. This was my ninth GA and, as usually, I was overwhelmed by all the things to do, the number of people to see, topics to explore, and conversations to have. I wanted it to be a relaxing experience, but I should have known better. Here are some of the highlights from my week:[\[read more\]](#).

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 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.

Families Belong Together Rally

11 a.m. In response to the forced separation of immigrant families of color, the Immigrant Solidarity Team invites you to join a Families Belong Together rally this Saturday, June

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, or complete the web form at tinyurl.com/UCE-class.

Childcare available upon request for both of these classes.

Ministers' Schedules

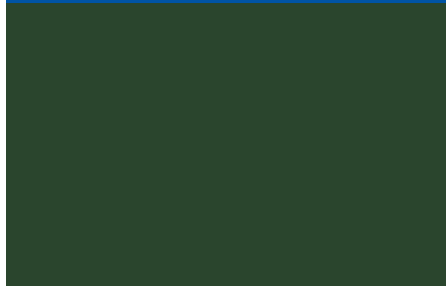
Rev. Eileen Wiviott has office hours most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and often evening meetings on those days. Mondays are sabbatical days and Fridays she works from home. Please contact her via email at ewiviott@ucevanston.org, or via phone at (847) 864-1330 x111 (office), or (224) 565-3952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

Rev. Wiviott will be away **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 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.



The Lift For Love has arrived!



30th at 11 a.m. at Daley Plaza. Sign up to join the rally and bring your family: <https://act.moveon.org/event/families-belong-together/20046/signup/>. Here is an article from our UUA Congregational Advocacy and Witness Director, Susan Leslie, about this national movement: <https://bit.ly/2KfgRij>. Contact Rev. Eileen if you are planning to attend.

Worship and Way Cool Sunday School for this Summer

Sunday School is Cool



July 1st

Worship Service: Where is My Place? 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.

Kevin DeBeck is originally from Brewer, Maine and is currently living in Elkhart, Indiana with his wife Amy, who is the UU minister in Elkhart, son Henry and daughter Eliza. Henry recently graduated high school and will be attending Indiana University South Bend in the fall where he will be an education major. Eliza will be starting high school in the fall. Kevin recently graduated from Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago. He is currently getting ready to go before the Fellowship Committee in September, where, if he passes, will be eligible for ordination sometime thereafter.

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.

Way Cool Sunday School: Recyclery Bike Clinic, with David Bates-Jeffreys - Group Ride to follow the service.

July 15th

Worship Service: Our Worship Leader will be Rev. Nicole Kirk and our Worship Associate will be John LaPlante.

Way Cool Sunday School: Walk to Penny Park. For more [click here](#).

NEW "SHARE THE PLATE " SELECTION PROCESS



The Lift for Love is now operational.

We are pleased to introduce you to LULA - our universal accessible lift to the lower level.

Thank you to our donors Mary Beth and Kinnie Smith, and many others in our congregation who help fund this project.

Gratitude to our Accessibility & Inclusion Team for working closely with staff to accomplish this great endeavor.

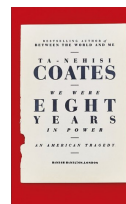
Community Involvement

Click event for more information.

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

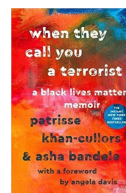
New Books at the REAL Lending Library

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

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**.



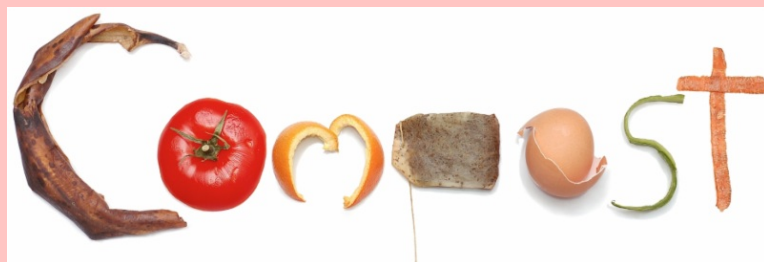
This next fiscal year the SJC is changing its process for selecting organizations to better reflect our values and mission. We will continue to accept nominations for Share the Plate organizations from any UCE member. However, the organizations no longer need to be ones UCE members work with or volunteer 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.

Open Space Creative Spiritual Practice

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.

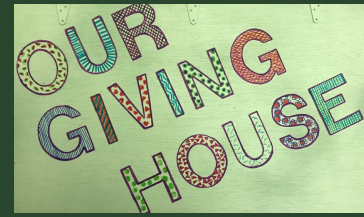
Composting at UCE



Join with other church members this year in using the church's composting service for a small annual

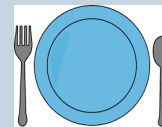
by Tavis Smiley, is a collection of articles and comments on the way forward in the Black struggle in America. Check them out!

Our Giving House For July & August



We will be collecting disposable diapers for Bundled Blessings.

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; July 5th at 5:30 pm in Rm. 3 Talk to [Peggy Boccard](#) 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

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

Starting in July the Board of Trustees will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Our July meeting will be on July 19th.

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 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.

Quick Links

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