

EVANSTON

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A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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

July 13, 2018

This Sunday July 15th at UCE

10:00am

Sermon: Natural Harmony

A few weeks ago, I went to study at the Tsubaki Grand Shrine in Japan to learn about Shintoism, an ancient Japanese nature spirituality. This sermon will explore the connections between the Unitarian Universalist tradition's connections with nature, especially Transcendentalism, and how Shinto teachings on harmony and purity might instruct us.

Our Worship Leader will be Rev. Dr. Nicole C. Kirk and our Worship Associate will be John LaPlante.

Nicole Kirk is the Schulman Professor of Unitarian Universalist History at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago and a Unitarian Universalist minister. Prior to her teaching and doctoral work she served congregations in Ohio and New Jersey.

Nicole earned a Doctor of Ministry in 2006, and a Ph.D. in American Religious History in 2012 from Princeton Theological Seminary. Her book "Wanamaker's Temple: The Business of Religion in an Iconic Department Store" explores the intersections of business and religion in John Wanamaker's famous Philadelphia department store. The book will be available from NYU Press October 2018.

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.

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Important Building Information

For many years we have had a chair restoration program. We are revitalizing that program and hope you will help us identify chairs that need special care. We have sent several for restoration recently. If your chair feel wobbly or unstable, please place it at the back of the sanctuary near the screens and we will move it to our chair repair holding area. If you need help moving the chair, please ask a fellow congregant or staff member present at the worship service. [[For more](#)]

Are you getting the RE newsletter?

Do you have a child in religious education at UCE? If so, you should be receiving a weekly newsletter via email about what's going on in religious education and family programming. If you're not getting our RE newsletter, please try the following:

1. Check your spam folder, and okay our newsletter as non-spam;
2. Fill out an RE registration form for your child(ren), if you haven't done so already this year, so that you'll be added to our email list -- available on the registration table in the lower level, or here: <http://ucevanston.org/religious-education-for-children-youth-and-adults/>
3. Contact Margaret O'Connell (moconnell@ucevanston.org) or Mary Shelden (msheldenuce@gmail.com) to be added to our email list.

And thanks so much for making sure you're on our list!

Worship and Way Cool Sunday School for this Summer



July 22nd

Worship Service: Dwelling in the Tragic Gaps
Community activist Parker Palmer and nature writer Annie Dillard both reflect on the power of "gaps" in their writing. Palmer addresses the tragic nature of gaps between the worlds we live and the world we wish for while Annie Dillard names "gaps" as the dwelling place of the holy. This Sunday will look into the gaps to discover how Palmer and Dillard may be both right about the nature of in-between spaces. Our Worship Leader will be Rev. Dr. Nicole C. Kirk and our Worship Associate will be Peggy Boccard. Nicole Kirk is the Schulman Professor of Unitarian Universalist History at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago and a Unitarian Universalist minister.

[UCE Addictions and Recovery
Group Thursday Nights, 7pm](#)

[Yoga Wednesday Mornings,
9:30am](#)



We are returning to our regular routine of sanctuary chair repair and restoration" " If you sit in a chair or near a chair that needs repair, please bring it to the back of the sanctuary after service or ask a staff member or congregant to assist. Leave the chair near the screens in the assigned area "Chairs for Repair" . Thank you.

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

Childcare available upon request for both of these classes.

Way Cool Sunday School: Chalice Circle, Superhero Sunday, with Carol Emory

July 29th

Worship Service: Are You Ready? Being Prepared. Our Worship Leader will be Rev. Julie Taylor and our Worship Associate will be Alice Swan.

Rev. Julie Taylor specialized in critical incident response, trauma and disaster spiritual care. A Unitarian Universalist community minister in final fellowship, Julie serves as the president of the UU Trauma Response Ministry, chaplain with the New York Air National Guard and is the Senior Director of Contextual Ministry at Meadville Lombard Theological School.

Way Cool Sunday School: Chalice Circle, Giant Bubbles, with Matt Eckwahl August 5th. For more [click here](#).

NEW "SHARE THE PLATE " SELECTION PROCESS

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.

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 tdeville@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.



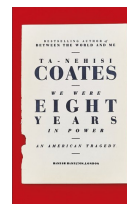
Community Involvement

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.

Open Space Creative Spiritual Practice

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.



Celebrate Sanctuary, Measure our Carbon Footprint

What impact has the Unitarian Church of Evanston had on the environment? Join Green Team member Michael Drennan, July 22 after service in Rm. 3 to learn about our carbon emissions, and celebrate the difference our sanctuary makes! More than a decade before the City of Evanston passed an ordinance demanding buildings benchmark their environmental emissions UCE Green Team member Alex Sproul began tracking ours. Using Alex's data, and informed by UCE staff and membership, Michael Drennan has begun creating a picture of what our daily life as a congregation means for the environment. Realistic in its assessment, this sixty minute presentation nonetheless finds good news in focusing future efficiency and conservation efforts towards the individual member. Light refreshments will be served.



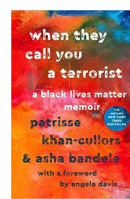
Immigrant Solidarity Team Hosts Interfaith Immigrant Meetup



On the evening of June 28, hosted by the UCE Immigrant Solidarity Team, 18 representatives from five Evanston congregations plus one Jewish congregation from Winnetka gathered at UCE to learn about the (ICDI). Melanie Schikore, Executive Director, showed a PowerPoint illustrating the many services ICDI provides. Volunteers from St. Nicholas told moving stories of their service in ICDI's programs working with unaccompanied children, jail visitation, and post-detention accompaniment. They explained what this work has meant to them.

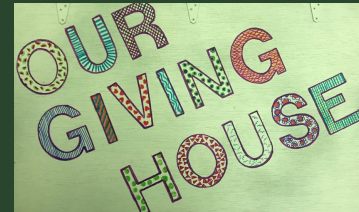
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REAL Team Culinary Outing Review



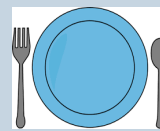
And, if you missed the movie or want to get the original story, find *Hidden Figures* in print. Finally, *The Covenant*, introduced by Tavis Smiley, is a collection of articles and comments on the way forward in the Black struggle in America. Check them out!

Our Giving House For 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 19th 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](#)

It was a cloudy Friday evening last month when a dozen UCE members met at Jennifer's Edibles in Evanston to sample Jennifer's soul food cuisine. This was the first culinary



gathering sponsored by UCE's Racial Equity Action Leadership (REAL) team. The REAL team has launched this particular activity with several goals in mind: 1) To support local, black-owned businesses; 2) To expand our own experience with various cuisines in the area; 3) To be in proximity in our community, i.e., to build relationships; and 4) To have a good time.

Arrangements for our orders had been made ahead of time, so once we had all gathered at the restaurant, our food began coming almost immediately. Up first was fried chicken, which was hot and crispy, with both dark and light pieces tender and juicy. Born and raised in the south, this reviewer has eaten quite a lot of fried chicken and found Jennifer's to be the best she's eaten in the Midwest! Also, up for tasting was Jennifer's signature jerk chicken with a special sauce. The meat there was tender and flavorful with the sauce carrying just the right amount of kick. Finally, the catfish was perfectly breaded, crispy on the outside but tender within. "It was the best I have had!" exclaimed one diner. Service was friendly and attentive, with the owner's granddaughter pitching in to see that everything was complete.

With such good food and such a convivial group, the evening adventure was considered a great success. The next outing will be on **July 28th**, when we will gather at Badou Senegalese Restaurant. Watch for announcements and consider joining us!

Capital Campaign Informational Meeting

Curious about the Capital Campaign? Join us for an Informational Meeting on Sunday, August 5th immediately after the 10:00 service in the sanctuary to learn more about this important project. All are welcome!"

Beyond #Me Too

August 5th at 12:30 - 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.

Hospitality Training

Tuesday, August 21st, 7-8:30 pm at UCE. We strive to be a welcoming community, sharing the ownership of our inclusive hospitality with all who find belonging here. Toward that end, we will have our hospitality training, open

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 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

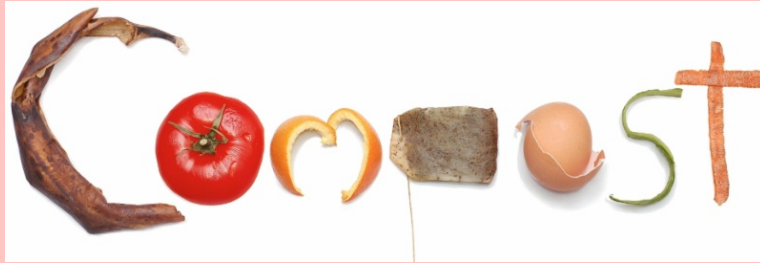


Did you know that, in addition to the [UCE Facebook Page](#), there are three UCE groups that members can join - the [UCE Member to Member Group](#), the [UCE Children and Youth Religious Education Group](#) and the [UCE Social Action Group](#)?

These are closed groups that allow members to post directly to

to all team members and leaders - really anyone who wants to learn how to make our church more inclusive, welcoming and hospitable. If you plan to attend, please send an email to Melanie Kitchner at mkitchner@gmail.com. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Eileen atewiviott@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.

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.

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.

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