

EVANSTON

UNITARIAN NEWS

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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

July 6, 2018

This Sunday July 8th at UCE

10:00am

Worship Service: Queer(ing) Theology

After the celebrations of Pride month in June, we will come together to reflect on the gifts offered by a queer theology.

We will also reflect together on what happens when we use "queer" as a verb - queering church, queering faith, queering theology. As we build new understandings about what is required of us to create radically welcoming spaces such as challenging gender binaries, celebrating new expressions of gender and sexuality we may never have known before, and understanding LGBT struggles beyond marriage, let us worship together. Our Worship Leader will be Rev. Jason Lydon and our Worship Associate is Heike Eghardt.

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.

UCE Men's Group Rm. 2 at 7pm

Hopes and Fears from the "Promise and Practice" Service

The Promise and the Practice of Our Faith Campaign is described on the UUA website as "our opportunity to take the lead as a faith denomination in addressing our history

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**Becoming a Member Classes:
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Step 1
Introduction to UU:
An overview of our faith, led by Rev. Eileen on Sunday, August

of upholding white supremacy. Together, we can collectively work to dismantle it and amend a long broken promise to the Black Lives within our Association." The service at UCE on June 3 addressed this possibility, giving congregants a chance to commit to writing, during a ritual of lamentation, their hopes and fears about assuming a leadership role in righting the wrongs of the past in our denomination. [[For More](#)].

Worship and Way Cool Sunday School for this Summer



July 15th

Worship Service: 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.

Way Cool Sunday School: Walk to Penny Park.

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.

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, 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!

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

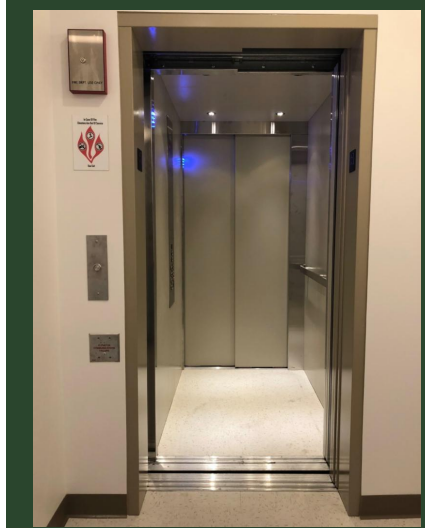
One of the most significant ways UCE carries out its social justice mission is through choosing organizations with whom we share the proceeds of the offering plate, which are substantial. The Social Justice Council (SJC), made up of the different Social Justice Teams in our church and staffed by Assistant 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.

Open Space Creative Spiritual Practice



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.

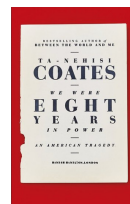
Community Involvement

Click event for more information.

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

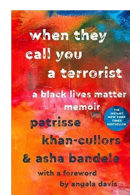
New Books at the REAL Lending Library

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.



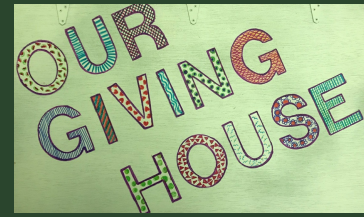
And, if you missed the movie or want to get the original story, find *Hidden Figures* in print. Finally, *The Covenant*, introduced

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.



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.

Immigrant Solidarity Team Hosts Interfaith Immigrant Meetup



INTERFAITH COMMITTEE FOR DETAINED IMMIGRANTS

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.

[\[For more\]](#)

Beyond #Me Too

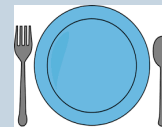
August 5th at 12:30 - Continuing the conversation about reducing harm, establishing consent, and moving toward reconciliation, join Rev. Eileen and UCE members in what we hope will become a regular space for sensitive conversations.

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 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 at ewiviott@ucevanston.org.

Composting at UCE

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 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](#)

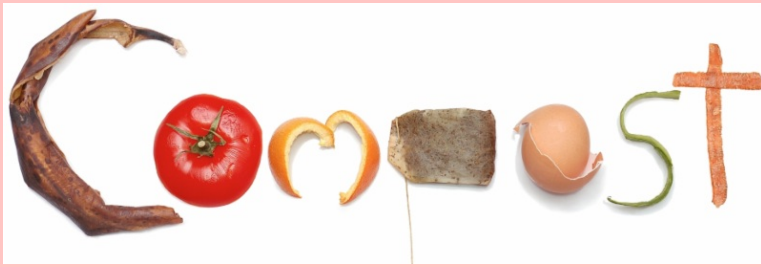
[Wednesdays at 9:30am Yoga with Doug Erickson & Jessica Tomell-Presto](#)

[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



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.

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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[Joys and Sorrows](#)
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