

EVANSTON

UNITARIAN NEWS

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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

August 3, 2018

This Sunday August 5th at UCE

10:00am

Worship Service: *Beloved Conversations - Moving from Lament to Intention to Commitment* - Beloved Conversations is a program developed by the Fahs Collaborative of Meadville Lombard Theological School. Three groups of UCE members have participated in this transformative experience. Beloved Conversations are designed to transcend politeness and civility and to build true Beloved Community through loving, honest, and brave dialogue. By engaging in these conversations, we recognize that every conversation between two people is a cross-cultural conversation and we commit to the challenging work of growing a thriving multicultural community of faith. Join us this Sunday to hear about Beloved Conversations within our church and our movement. Rev. Eileen and members of Beloved Conversations will lead the service.

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.

Capital Campaign Informational Meeting

Join us for an informational meeting immediately after the 10:00 am service in the sanctuary to learn more about this important project. All are welcome!

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

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

Childcare will be provided.

Beyond #MeToo

12:30pm in Rm. 3 (after the Town Hall meeting) - 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 Men's Group - 7pm. Rm. 2

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

Childcare available upon request for both of these classes.

From The Interim Minister

The Five Tasks of Interim Ministry



What in the world will we be doing together in the next two years? The primary task of the interim minister is to hold up a mirror to the congregation and ask, "Is this who you are?" and "Is this who you want to be?"

This is more than a simple survey.

This is sacred work that goes beyond personal preferences. This is hard work that lifts up the best and worst in our identity and interactions as a liberal religious community. Where do we start? [\[For More\]](#)

Minister's Schedule

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).

An Update on the Spirit Map Survey

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Spirit Map Survey last spring. [We now have a report](#) that summarizes the results, and you can read it yourself to learn more. The survey offers us insights about what our members view as their spiritual strengths and possible areas of improvement as well as an evaluation of their experiences here at UCE. [\[For More\]](#)

Worship and Way Cool Sunday School for this Summer



August 12th

Worship Service: Rebuilding Our Broken Bridge

Way Cool Sunday School: Chalice Circle, Rock Painting, with Kit Baron and Virginia Bahena

August 19th

Worship Service: Annual Pet Blessing. Our Worship Leader will be Rev. Eileen Wiviott and our Worship Associate will be Steve Serikaku. This is a worship for all ages (and species). Way Cool Sunday School will return next Sunday.

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.

For more [click here](#).

Common Threads Knitting Group

10am on Tuesday, August 7. in Rm. 2. We offer assistance with various types of knitting projects. Come and check us out.

Open Space Creative Spiritual Practice

August 11th and monthly on the second Saturday from 9:30 - noon in Rm. 5 (the Rosemary Zwick Art Room). If you enjoy creating art and would like to develop your spiritual practice through creative means, join us 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.



REAL Team Yogurt Social

YO-SOCIAL IN THE PARK

A Free Event



SUNDAY, AUG. 12, 2018
2:00PM TO 4:00PM

Unitarian Church of Evanston
1330 Ridge Ave.

Look for us on the south lawn
Parking lot available off Greenwood St.
BYOLC (bring your own lawn chair)

RSVP needed (to be sure we have enough yogurt treats). Please email lynn.kendall@gmail.com no later than August 5th.

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Meet Your
Evanston
Neighbors!

Children's Games
& Activities

Special Treats
From YoFresh
Yogurt Cafe

Please bring a
school supply
to donate!

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Hospitality Training

Tuesday, August 21st, 7-8:30 pm at UCE. We strive to be a welcoming, community, sharing the ownership of our

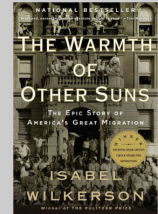
Click event for more information.

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

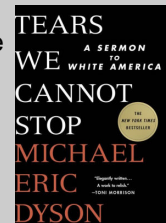
New Books at the REAL Lending Library

What's tried and true at the REAL Lending Library!

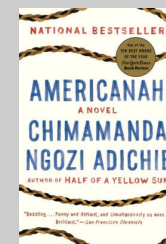
In case you are the one who may have not read *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isobel Wilkerson, now is your chance. It interweaves the true stories of three African Americans who are a part of the great migration to three different parts of America in three different time periods. We have multiple copies available and everyone I know says this is one of their favorite books.



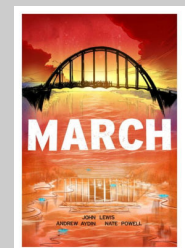
Other outstanding choices are; Michael Eric Dyson's *Tears We Cannot Stop*, which Goodreads says is "Short, emotional, literary, powerful - *Tears We Cannot Stop* is the book that all Americans who care about the current and long-burning crisis in race relations will want to read."



Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award, is reviewed as "Funny and defiant, and simultaneously so wise.... Brilliant."



March by John Lewis, for something different about Selma. He tells us his story in graphic novel format which brings a different energy to the well known event.



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.

Nonfiction Book Group

11:30 am on Sunday, August 26th in Rm.3. Join the nonfiction book group for our book selection meeting. Bring one or more books you'd like to discuss during the upcoming church year. We look forward to considering books on a variety of topics. If you have books to suggest but cannot attend the meeting, please e-mail your recommendations to jackieseaman@sbcglobal.net.

Rain Garden Service of Remembrance

In honor of the third anniversary of Chris Isely's death, the Cancer Support Group is sponsoring a gathering to remember loved ones we have lost. Rev. Eileen and Rev. Greg Stewart will lead a brief ceremony at 9:00 am on Sunday, August 26, 2018. We will meet in Room 2 before walking to the Rain Garden. Anyone who wishes to honor the memory of a loved one is invited to attend. (In the event of rain, the entire service will take place in Room 2.)

Useful Links on Family Separation



From the Immigrant Solidarity Team, here are eight organizations working directly on issues of immigrant family separation at the border and around the country. If you have questions, these organizations will have up-to-the-minute information about what's going on. And if you are looking for ways to support, these organizations are providing direct services to those in need:

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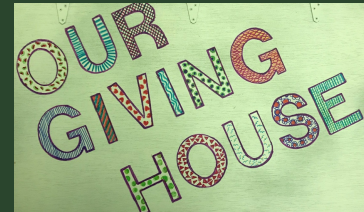
is the largest immigration nonprofit in Texas, and provides legal services to immigrant children, families, and refugees in Texas.

[Asylum Seekers Advocacy Project](#) works to prevent deportation of families who are fleeing violence and

And of course, everything written by Maya Angelou, James Baldwin, W.E.B. DuBois, Ralph Ellison, Zora Hurston, Toni Morrison and Alice Walker to mention only a few.

Check them out!!

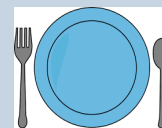
Our Giving House For July & August



We will be collecting disposable diapers for Bundled Blessings.

Toddler pull-ups are particularly needed.

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: August 16th 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 4:30pm Rm. 2 \(1st timers, 4\) Zen Meditation with Udumbara](#)

[Wednesdays at 9:30am Rm. 2 Yoga with Doug Erickson & Jessica Tomell-Presto](#)

[Thursdays at 5:30pm Rm.2. Buddhist meditation with Andrea DeMers](#)

seeking asylum.

[Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley](#) shelters immigrants who have recently been released from Border Patrol custody.

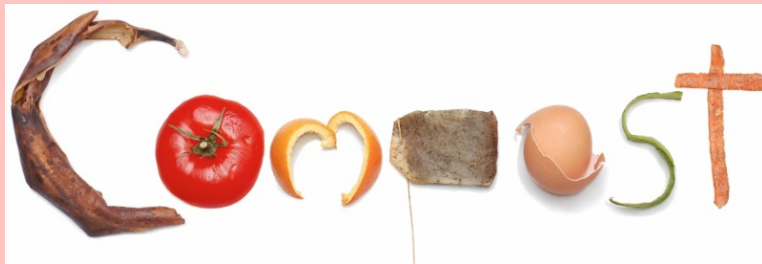
[La Union del Pueblo Entero \(LUPE\)](#) is working to help protect children at the border.

[The American Civil Liberties Union \(ACLU\)](#) is fighting this policy in the courts.

[The CARA Project](#) provides legal services at family detention centers.

[\(KIND Kids In Need of Defense\)](#) protects unaccompanied children who enter the U.S. immigration system alone to ensure that no child appears in court without an attorney.

Composting at UCE



Join 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, or 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 next meeting will be on August 16th.

[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 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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[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](#)

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