

EVANSTON

UNITARIAN NEWS

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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

September

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Sunday

Ingathering/Water Communion

UCE will hold one service on 9/9 for Ingathering.
9:15am and 11am services will resume 9/16.

August 31, 2018

This Sunday September 2, 2018 at UCE

10:00am

Worship Service

Are we all immigrants? How shall we define our relationship with immigrants today who need our support? How has our nation's view of immigration changed through the decades? Today's service will dip into these questions and provide insights into their world and how we might connect. Rev. Eileen leads the service, assisted by the UCE Immigrant Solidarity Team.

Way Cool Sunday School

Morning on the Lakefront at Burnham Shores

The Chris Isely Cancer Support Group

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 anytime. Questions? Contact [Renee Hoff](#).

Beyond #MeToo - 11:30am - Rm. 3

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.

Discussion of a topic selected by the evening's host. Contact: [Dave Woods](#)

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. Sponsored by the REAL team.

From The Interim Minister

INGATHERING SUNDAY!

You won't want to miss our Ingathering Sunday for all ages, September 9, at 10:00 a.m. We'll soar to the sounds of music! We'll commission our Pastoral Care Associates. And don't forget about our annual water communion! Bring water from a place you visited (literally or symbolically) this summer and send us your vacation photos, too. I will be preaching and leading worship for the first time at the Unitarian Church of Evanston. Expect surprises! Bring more curiosity and less judgment with you to church, along with your friends and neighbors. It's going to be a great, moving worship experience. Come and see what the buzz is all about! --Rev. Greg



Board Of Trustees

Dear UCE members and friends:

I wanted to let you know that I am having some health problems and will need to step back from my presidential duties for some time. During this period, Martha Holman, the VP of the board, will be guiding the board meetings, and the other items that the president usually handles will be divided up among various board members. We are confident that this plan will allow us to function in a normal manner. - Jeanne Kerl

Starting in July, the Board of Trustees will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be on September 20th. Questions for the Board of Trustees can be sent to bot@ucevanston.org.

Way Cool Sunday School

This Sun September 2 is the last of our Way Cool Sunday School summer series! This Sunday, we'll have our Morning on the Lakefront at Burnham Shores at the north end of Elliott Park! Please bring your child(ren) to us at the lakefront ahead of going to church! Then relax during the service while we play at the park and with the parachute and bubbles, along with some other surprises! Mx. Kit and Ms. Virginia and Dr. Mary will be there from 9AM to 11:30 -- meet us by the park sign at Burnham Ave and Lakeshore Blvd. Please be sure you apply sunscreen and bug spray to your child(ren) before bringing them -- and please also bring a snack and a beverage for your child(ren). We will not be swimming or going near the water -- just soaking up the sun and the beach-y breeze. Bring your child(ren) to join us! -- then please pick up your child(ren) by 11:30. The church is, of course, our rain site -- but we're looking forward to a beautiful morning lakeside!

Open Space Creative Spiritual Practice - Sept. 8 - 9:30am to 12pm - Rm. 5

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.



Expanded Choir for Ingathering - all are welcome!!!

Have you wanted to sing in the choir but don't have the time to make the commitment? Have we got a deal for you! You are invited to join us in singing the choir pieces for our 10 a.m. Ingathering service on Sunday, September 9th.

Here are the particulars:

Participation is open to ages 12 and up. Auditions are not required. Simply attend the evening rehearsal on 9/6 (starts at 7:15 pm) and the 8:30 a.m. rehearsal on 9/9 and then stay for the service and sing with the choir.

This is a no-obligations opportunity for you to get the chance to sing with the choir once (though you'd be welcome to keep singing with the choir if you find it to be a good fit for you.)

We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity to sing shoulder-to-shoulder with our UCE Choristers. Whoohoo!

Got questions? Contact UCE's Music Director, Vickie Hellyer, at veh29@comcast.net

REFLECTING ON LAST SUNDAY'S SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

At 9:00 a.m. this last Sunday, August 26th, the Chris Isely Cancer Support Group held its annual Service of Remembrance. The following names were recited to honor those we have lost over the last three years. Adding the names of any you'd also like to remember, please join us in reflecting on the impact that these lives have had on us, both individually and in community.

- Ann Adams
- Irv Badr
- Frank Boudart
- Elizabeth Brackett
- Rebecca Lavin Burgher
- Don Chambers
- Russell Clark
- Rich Combs
- Jean Dunlap
- Libby Sohn-Hirsch
- Chris Isely
- Edwin Jantho
- Ann Kepler
- Wendy Klein



- Maria Laubhan
- Courtney Lawson
- Lynn Lawson
- David Linsell
- Max Lofstrom Mallory
- Jane Punwani
- Charlie Rey
- Kay Roberts
- Cameron Sibley
- Alex Sproul
- Charlotte Tyksinski
- Jill Van Wagenen
- Paula Walowitz

LULA Lift Celebration - September 9

Come one, come all!

Celebrate the dedication of our new elevator to the lower level with Champagne, sparkling juice, and cookies. Immediately after the end of the 10:00 am Ingathering service. Pick up your refreshments at the

back of the church, then proceed to the lobby and down the ramp to see the elevator and participate in a brief ceremony.



Journeys To Justice - September 16

Join us on September 16th at 12:30 for an overview of the legislative/advocacy process. This program is designed for novice to experienced veteran alike to learn how to better advocate for all social justice legislation and policies. Join Jennifer Walling, the director of Illinois Environmental Council, for this informative and exciting event!

SOUP KITCHENS COMING UP!

We've been sharing our kitchen and sanctuary with Beth Emet for their Soup Kitchen this summer as they renovate their facilities. We now have two of our own meals to host in September and are asking for volunteers. You can cook dinner, bake dessert, purchase food, or volunteer to make lunches, serve, or clean up. [Follow](#) these links to view and sign up on the Google Docs shared document:

For Wednesday, September 12th:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VBELw-sJpHsgMCfjAazXJBIfz6jTcXX7pg4wuPwK8IU/edit>

For Wednesday, September 19th:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TnPATYxlzOROMqf-O_AVYzaLEaFhLaC9UKNqN9RSV9c/edit#

Sign up sheets will also be available after Sunday services beginning this Sunday, September 2nd. Thanks very much in advance to our giving congregation for making this happen year in and year out! And thank you to the volunteer liaisons who have helped guide the Beth Emet team in these past few months. -Maggie Weiss and Winnie Stevenson

Forum - Formerly Known as Crackerbarrel

UCE's half-century-old Sunday morning discussion group will be reborn as Forum on Sunday, September 16, at 9:30 am. Originally called the Ten O'clock Service and later Warm-up and Crackerbarrel, the weekly conversation will continue but with a few changes. First, there's a new name. Second, discussion topics will relate broadly to our UUA Seven Principles and Six Sources. Third, with UCE's newly installed elevator to the lower level, Forum is now accessible to all. Fourth, we thank our long-serving leaders Gordon Mallott and Scot Campbell and welcome our new leaders Julia Takarada and Jim Kepler.

Introduction to Unitarian Universalism - September 23

An overview of our faith, led by Rev. Eileen on Sunday, September 23, 12:30pm. Sign up at the guest table in the lobby, or email Rev. Eileen at ewiviott@hotmail.com

Nonfiction Book Group - September 23

Join the nonfiction book group to discuss Chuck Collins' newest book: *Is Inequality in America Irreversible?* The author will not be joining our discussion as he did in March, but we will continue to discuss his latest recommendations of policy interventions, local campaigns, and strategies to reverse inequality. Copies of the book can be purchased at the Book H or online. It is not available at public libraries.

Chuck
Collins
**Is inequality
in America
irreversible?**

Interfaith Action Council of Evanston - September 25

What Is Homelessness?

What Is Affordable Housing?

**How Can We, As A Faith Community,
Help Families Experiencing
Homelessness In Evanston?**

[For More]



What Is Homelessness?
What Is Affordable Housing?
How Can We, As A Faith Community,
Help Families Experiencing Homelessness In Evanston?

Come ask these questions and get answers from a distinguished panel of experts in homelessness and housing programs and services, including:

SUE MURPHY, INTERFAITH ACTION OF EVANSTON
SUE LOELBACH, CONNECTIONS FOR THE HOMELESS
& JOINING FORCES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
TRACY MCKEITHEN, FAMILY PROMISE

Moderated by Jim Picchetti, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

Join the Interfaith Action of Evanston Advocacy Team on either:
Sunday, September 23rd at First United Methodist Church from 12:00- 1:30 pm
Tuesday, September 25th at the Unitarian Church of Evanston from 7:00-8:30PM

To RSVP or for more information about the event, please contact: Toni Rey at tonirey@comcast.net or Sheila Holder at skholder@gmail.com.

Interfaith Action of Evanston Advocacy Team Members include: Chicago Coalition for the Homeless - Connections for the Homeless - Family Promise - First United Methodist Church - Grace Lutheran Church - Interfaith Action of Evanston Board of Directors - Joining Forces for Affordable Housing - St Mark's Episcopal Church - St Paul's Lutheran Church - Unitarian Church of Evanston.



Shared Plate Selections



The UCE Social Justice Council met recently to review the 26 organizations nominated by members of the congregation to receive our Shared Plate offerings September 2018 through August 2019. Each Sunday, we collect an offering, half of which goes to a 501c3 doing a wide variety of justice work locally, state-wide, nationally or globally. [For More]

Bike The Ridge

Save the Date: Bike the Ridge is Sunday, September 30th! Ridge will be closed to vehicular traffic between Howard and Church Street from 9:00-1:00pm. Make a special plan to bike to church. Decorate your bike on UCE's lawn. Everyone is welcome. A caregiver must accompany children. Don't forget to wear your helmet! Questions? Contact Jessica Tomell-Presto: prestomgk@comcast.net
Please follow the below to sign-up.



**Bike the Ridge
Evanston**

October

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Sunday

Save the Date

UPswing - Building A Gender Affirming Community

12:30-3pm in Rm. 3. Details to follow.

Schedule for Rev. Eileen Wiviott

Rev. Eileen Wiviott office hours,
Sunday: By Appt. Only
Monday: Sacred Day Off
Tuesday: 10 AM - 5 PM
Wednesday: 10 AM - 5 PM
Thursday: 10AM - 5 PM
Friday: Writing Day (Offsite)
Saturday: By Appointment Only
Please contact Rev. Eileen via email
at ewiviott@ucevanston.org

Schedule for Rev. Gregory Stewart

Rev. Gregory Stewart office hours,
Sunday: By Appt. Only
Monday: Sacred Day Off
Tuesday: 9 AM - 4 PM
Wednesday: 9 AM - 4 PM
Thursday: 9AM - 4 PM
Friday: Writing Day (Offsite)
Saturday: By Appointment Only
Please contact Rev. Gregory via
email at gstewart@ucevanston.org

UCE Community News

Green Team Upcoming Events

September 22, Faith in Place Green Team Summit. This is an opportunity to meet with people from houses of worship throughout Chicagoland for seminars and networking. Here is the link for more information or contact [Heather Brown](#):

<https://www.faithinplace.org/get-involved/green-team-summit>

October 8, Town Hall Environmental Meeting with Representative Jan Schakowsky. We are excited to be working with Citizens Climate Lobby and Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation to bring Rep Schakowsky to UCE! More details to follow, and if anyone is interested in helping out with this event, please contact [John Bartok](#).

Also, **September 8** is the Rise for Climate, Jobs & Justice Action March. The current plan is to meet in Chicago and then load buses to march in Elwood, IL. Here is the link for more information

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/rise-for-climate-action-chicago?source=tagged&referrer=group-sierra-club-4&source=218FRSEN01>

Composting At UCE

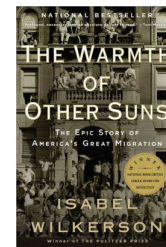


Join other church members this year in using the church's composting service for a small annual contribution of \$60 per person (up to a \$180 maximum per household). You may have noticed the two green containers at the

southeast corner of our church parking lot. They are there for your use once you have committed to this service. [For More] Compost Program Coordinator John LaPlante at johnlaplante73@gmail.com.

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 Isabel 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. [For More]



UCE Addictions & Recovery

[UCE Addictions and Recovery Group Thursday Nights, 7:15pm](#)

Yoga at UCE

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.



UCE Food With Spirit Group

Do you have a longstanding and complicated relationship with food? The UCE Food with Spirit group meets to discuss our relationship with food, nutrition and health. Join us on the first and third Thursdays at 5:30pm at UCE. All are welcome. For more info, contact Peggy Boccard or Julia Takarada or Shirley Adams.



Our Giving House - September

Items: Hearty canned soups and stews

GIVING HOUSE NEEDS SPONSORS!

It's almost September and time to start collections for the Giving House. As in past years, we are seeking groups to sponsor each month's collections. Sponsors agree to match the donations with an equal amount of each item collected and deliver all the donations to the receiving organization. We count all the donations at the end of the month and let you know what you will need to contribute. This is a relatively easy and inexpensive service project, and usually costs between \$10 and \$20 per person. The list of requested items is attached. For more information, contact Betty Walker, 847-328-6332, or blw35@comcast.net



Worship Service Flowers

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 or (847)864-1330 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.



Opportunities For Spiritual Practice

Tuesdays at 4:30pm Rm. 2 (Classes resume after Labor Day)
(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

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!](#)

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.

Quick Links

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