

EVANSTON

UNITARIAN NEWS

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Reminder - Daylight Savings Time Ends November 4th

This Sunday November 4, 2018 at UCE

Worship Service - 9:15am & 11:00am

Premeditated Mercy

Says liberation theologian Jon Sobrino, "The church of mercy must be prepared to lose its reputation in the world of anti-mercy." Throughout history, the Church's mission has been one of mercy, and some say its only mission. What does "mercy" mean in today's culture of rabid accumulation and why is being merciful sure to get us in trouble? Service led by Rev. Gregory Stewart. All ages opening worship (11am service only - sanctuary)

The Chris Isely Cancer Support Group - 9:30am, 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](#).

Forum (formerly Cracker Barrel) - 9:30am - Rm 6

Topic: "Complete Streets" is a transportation policy and design approach that requires streets to be planned, designed, operated, accessed, and maintained for universal safety, convenience, and comfort. We'll discuss concepts and advocacy for creating more livable urban communities. Leader: John LaPlante.

Join Us to Stand in Support of Black Lives Matter

12:10pm - 12:30pm

You are invited to stand on Ridge Ave. 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.

Newcomers Orientation - 10am & 12:15pm

One-On-One meetups - 12pm - Back of Sanctuary

Meet at the tables near the coffee and bagels to be paired with a UCE member who is familiar with one-on-one conversations. The two of you can find a quiet corner at church for 30-45 minutes and discover what matters to you, how you want to focus your energy, and whether you share any similar interests. This is how we strengthen our community and empower each other to live our values. 4 - 12 pm

Beyond #MeToo - 12:30pm - Rm 3

Continuing the conversation about reducing harm, establishing consent, and moving toward reconciliation, join Rev. Eileen and UCE members in creating a regular space for sensitive conversations.

Harms Woods Work Day - 1 pm - Offsite

Meet at Forest Preserve parking lot on the west side of Harms Rd, just south of Glenview Rd.

What's New with the Serendipity Auction? November 10 - 5:30 pm

We are so pleased to share with you we have had an outpouring of support from the local business community for the Serendipity Auction. Yoga, bakery treats, kids classes, pet toys, restaurant certificates, theater outings and much more. Take a look at the updated catalog by clicking on <http://www.togetherauction.com/ucevanston>.

You will have the opportunity to go back to favorite places or try new local businesses that you may not have been to before, all while helping the church with your bid.

What else is new? Your one-of-a-kind donation! We have had members donate a wonderful variety of items already, and there is still time for you to get yours in at the above link. The deadline for your item to be featured in the printed catalog is October 28th.

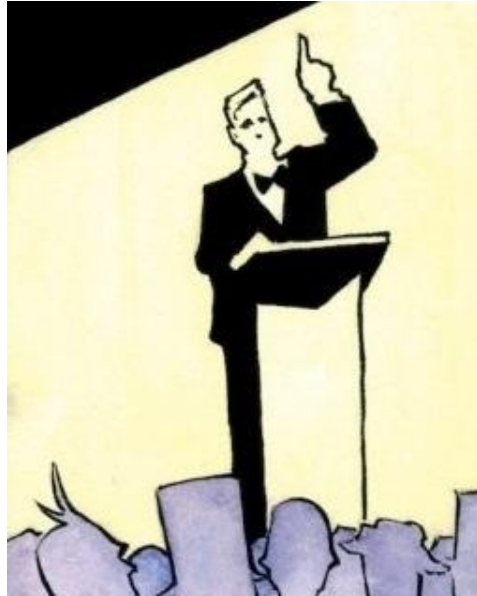
We also have a brand new auctioneer (our first woman auctioneer!) who sings. It will be fun for all of us to meet her and have a new vibe. We are sure you won't be disappointed.

Something to keep in mind: we are encouraging people to bring their checkbooks. There will be a service fee of 3% for all credit card transactions to match the actual cost the church incurs. Think of it as a positive, because if we avoid service fees, UCE will be able to raise even more funds for all our fantastic programming. Plan ahead and bring your checkbook!

Dinner is \$15 with a reservation (\$5 for children 6-11) and \$20 at the door, so make sure to make a reservation. For \$15 you get a delicious full dinner, open bar, and free childcare. [Click here](#) or you can call the office to make your reservations for dinner and/or free childcare.

Questions? Don't hesitate to reach out to co-chairs [Jenny Walsh](#) or [Susan Comstock](#)

**Thanks for all your support, and can't wait to see you at the auction!
Baskets are available in the church office for putting gift-basket donations together for the auction.**



Get to Know Reverend Greg and His Family - Tuesday, November 13

On Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 PM come to a see the PBS documentary that features the story of the Stewart family's journey towards adopting their five sons, called "Preacher's Sons".

Rev. Greg and his husband Stillman adopted five at-risk children of color through the county of Los Angeles, CA. The boys were between two weeks and seven years old when they were adopted. All but the youngest had been in as many as fifteen previous foster homes. When the family moved to Lincoln, NE, they were part of a successful lawsuit against the state that made it legal for same-gender couples to become foster parents. Their story was also featured in the book "Social Action Heroes: Unitarian Universalists Who are Changing the World."

Rev. Greg and Stillman and two of their sons will be in attendance, and there will be time for questions and conversation after the screening. As with any good movie, there will be popcorn and brownies! Please join us for this opportunity to learn more about the remarkable story of the Stewart family and the values that drive Rev. Greg's ministry. The Board and the Transition Team are sponsoring this fun event.

From The Interim Minister

Part of the important work I do at the Unitarian Church of Evanston is to get to know the congregation, to hear your stories, and for you to tell me what kind of a congregation you hope to have in the next two years. Sounds simple enough, but most of us are already overscheduled. So I will try to make it easier. [[For More](#)]



Adult Religious Education

Sacred Nature: Intro to Religious Naturalism - Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, - 7pm, Rm. 3

Facilitated by Jerry Stone

Crazy Love: Imagining Radical Compassion, Nov 27, Dec 4, 7pm, Rm. 3

Facilitated by Dr. Bob Mesle

REAL Recommends

"America to Me" is a new unscripted documentary about Oak Park River Forest High School and its diverse population. It is an in-depth exploration of the experiences of black students in this setting and poses many questions, evokes many feelings, and offers much for discussion. It can be viewed on Amazon Prime as well as STARZ On Demand at this time, and hopefully will be even more widely available in the future. The New York Times published this review for your consideration.



America to Me NYT Critic's Pick by James Poniewozik (Aug. 24, 2018) When does racial inequality begin? To answer the question, you could go back centuries. Or, as the empathetic, eye-opening documentary series "America to Me" does, you could go back to school.

The filmmaker Steve James, who followed two African-American high school basketball players in "Hoop Dreams," spent a year with students, teachers and parents at Oak Park and River Forest (O.P.R.F.) High School in suburban Chicago. In this integrated, progressive school he finds a community of white and black students whose education is not separate, but whose experience is not equal.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/24/arts/television/america-to-me-review.html>

Call for Worship Associates

Would you be interested in participating in occasional Sunday worship services? The Worship Arts Committee welcomes individuals interested in becoming Worship Associates. Associates commit to both Sunday services no more than every two months, by assisting the minister with readings or other aspects of the service. Participation in a Worship Associate training is required. If interested, please contact Lynn Kendall at lynn.kendall@gmail.com.

Upcoming Forum Topics

November 4 Topic: "Notorious RBG" describes many ground-breaking achievements of Senior Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 86, before and during her 30-year career on the U.S. Supreme Court. We'll discuss her extraordinary accomplishments and determination to remain active on the court. Leader: Kay Wade. [[For more](#)]

Hands-on Habitat Restoration - November 4

Harms Woods Forest Preserve

Meet at the Forest Preserve parking lot on the west side of Harms Road, just south of Glenview Rd. Come dressed for the woods.

[[Click here for more information](#)]

Sowing Seeds of Care

Hands-on Habitat Restoration
with the Evanston Interreligious
Sustainability Circle

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018 • 1-4
(Opening religious ceremony at 1:15 PM.)



Save the Date - CAUUC Fall Conference - November 10th

CAUUC Fall Conference - **Building Religious Communities to Save Democracy**

WHEN: Saturday, November 10, 2018 9:00am registration, 9:30am - 2:00pm

WHERE: Countryside Church UU, 1025 N Smith St., Palatine, IL

COST: \$5 recommended donation to offset costs of the event

REGISTRATION: click [here](#) to register and for more information.



All are welcome to attend the CAUUC (Chicago Area UU Council) fall conference carried out in partnership with Meadville Lombard Theological School. The workshop title is "Building Religious Communities to Save Democracy". We're coming together to engage with other Unitarian Universalists in order to best bring our religious values into the public square to save democracy.

Boston Bound Parents and Youth: Organizational Meeting Sunday Nov 11, 10:00am

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Our next meeting for organizing Boston Bound Youth and their parents will happen Sun Nov 11, 10:00am -- we'll be announcing mentors and organizing fundraising dates and events at this meeting. Many thanks again to LeeAnn Lodder, who will be our Co-Coordinator for Itinerary, and Carolyn Toporek, who will be our Co-Coordinator for Communication.

Thanks also to all the parents who have filled out the Doodle poll for our dates of travel - we're assuming at this point that our roster is complete, but if you'd still like your youth to participate, please fill out the Doodle poll here ASAP: <https://doodle.com/poll/2eupgd2q2z8pxtsv>. Our mentor assignments will be made starting in the next few days based on this roster.

Creative Spiritual Practice Open Space November 10th

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.



Mitten Tree Starts November 11 -- Volunteers Are Needed!

The Mitten Tree is UCE's annual holiday gift giving program. We identify different organizations and with their guidance, provide food, clothing, and gifts for children, adults, and families served through the charities. This is a great way to meet church members and engage in a time-limited, satisfying social action project. Participation helps create "Radical Hospitality" because you meet people, you help people and you spread warmth and generosity. Please volunteer to help.

For information about the Organizations served by the 2018 Mitten Tree [click here](#).

We are looking for volunteers to help at the Mitten Tree tables on Sunday's and to work sorting, wrapping and delivery of gifts. If you wish to volunteer please contact Vicki Doebele, (vdoebele@yahoo.com); Michelle Novak (michelle.novak@prodigy.net) or Carol Nielsen (carolnielsen2100@gmail.com) or sign up at:

<https://tinyurl.com/y89xdubk>

You can choose "Mittens" that represent the gifts and food donations on November 11, 18 and 25 between services and after the 11:00 service. Gifts are due on December 2 or before. We will sort the gifts the week of December 3 and they will be wrapped on December 9 at Ornament Sunday. Please plan to take a mitten and do your shopping before December 3. A reminder that all gifts must be new.

Pathways to Membership at UCE

Newcomers Orientation: Are you new to the Unitarian Church of Evanston, or still feeling new? Meet with Rev. Greg in his study after Sunday services to learn more about this church and Unitarian Universalism. Offered on the first Sunday of every month. Bring the kids, too! Offered at 10:00 a.m. and at Noon.

Introduction to Unitarian Universalism:

Want to know more? This introduction takes an in-depth look at our progressive faith, including Unitarian Universalist principles, sources, and covenant. Offered by Rev. Eileen quarterly; the next class meets **January 13, 12:30 p.m.** Childcare available upon request. Future dates are February 24, and April 14



Journey Toward Membership: Wait! There's more! The Journey includes the exploration of our spiritual lives and what it means to be a member of an intentional community like the Unitarian Church of Evanston. Led by Rev. Eileen; meets **Saturdays Nov. 3**, Jan. 26, April 20 from **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** You can take this before or after you sign the book. If Saturdays don't work, let Rev. Eileen know. Childcare available upon request.

Invitation to Membership: Are you ready to join the membership of the Unitarian Church of Evanston and make a financial pledge to the work of this church in the world? Meet with Rev. Greg in his study after Sunday services to sign our historic membership book. Offered on the third Sunday of every month at 10:00 a.m. and Noon.

Several times a year we celebrate those who have signed the membership book in a new member covenant ceremony during the worship service.

November 18th – Our Annual Bread Communion/Thanksgiving Service

Bring a loaf of bread that represents your family's heritage, tradition, or whatever bread you like, along with the things you like to eat bread with – jam, cream cheese, cheese, lox, fruit – and we'll enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving 'spread' after the services.

Would you like your child dedicated at UCE?

Our next child dedication will be on Sunday, November 18th. If your family would like to participate in this ritual, in which we dedicate our covenantal community to the well-being and support of your child and bless them in their spiritual lives, please contact Rev. Eileen at ewiviott@ucevanston.org.



Interfaith Justice Events

Sunday November 11
5 pm/ 6:30pm
Curt's Cafe

Sunday November 18
3pm - 4:30pm
Beth Emet The Free Synagogue



POP-UP FOR ★ GOOD ★

PROFITS WILL BENEFIT



Sunday dinner / Nov 11, 2018

2 seatings: 5 pm / 6:30 pm Curt's Café,
2922 Central St

\$20/\$10 : pizza/greens/sodas/sweets

Tickets:

CENTRALPIZZAPIE.COM

Thanksto Curt's Café



Poor People's Campaign Rally

An Afternoon of Inspiration, Music and Education

Sunday, November 18
3:00-4:30PM

Learn about this powerful movement!
Join with others who are rising up to
change the moral narrative of this country.
Find out how you can take action.

Beth Emet The Free Synagogue
1224 Dempster St, Evanston
(4 blocks west of Dempster St. Purple Line Train)

North Cook/Lake County



Poor People's Campaign

A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL

A re-igniting of Dr. Martin Luther King's 1968 call to unite people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and the nation's distorted morality.

National: PoorPeoplesCampaign.Org

North Cook/ Lake County Cluster: chi-ppc.org

For more information: Email jennmueller57@gmail.com or call 530-417-2860

2018 Emergency Overnight Shelter Volunteer Training Dates



Interfaith Action of Evanston will staff an emergency shelter December 2018 and January and February 2019. The shelter will only operate when the temperature is 20 degrees or below or there is significant moisture. It will rotate among six different faith communities.

UCE will host the shelter the 2nd two weeks of January. Volunteers will be needed and training for volunteers will be offered several times at several houses of worship beginning

Training Dates

Tuesday, November 6 - 7 to 8pm
Northminster Presbyterian Church,
2515 Central Park Ave.

Wednesday, November 7 - 7 to 8pm
St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
1004 Greenwood, Maple Ave. entrance

Monday, November 12 & Thursday, November 15 - 7 to 8pm
First Congregational Church House,
1417 Hinman Ave.

[\[For More\]](#)

Interfaith Action of Evanston is Looking for an Overnight Supervisor for the Emergency Overnight Shelter – 2 to 3 nights a week, paying \$180 for each night. For more information, contact Sue Murphy ia@interfaithactionofevanston.org.

Chicago Area PeaceAction 39th Annual Dinner

November 11 - 5:30pm - UCE



November 11th is our 39th Annual Dinner

"Democracy in Crisis!"

A presentation and Discussion with Keynote Speaker Tom Ginsburg, B.A., Ph.D., J.D., Professor of Political Science and the Leo Spitz Professor of International Law at the University of Chicago. Tom is also the co-author of a recent published book:

"HOW TO SAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY"

It explores how healthy democracies mutate into authoritarian or oligarchic government systems, explains how these systems are now on the rise around the world. He also sounds a warning on how this could happen here in the United States and what can be done to prevent it.

It is awe-inspiring, crystal clear and sobering.

Reception begins at 5:45pm followed by dinner and program.

Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge Ave, Evanston, IL.

To make your reservations go to: ChiPeaceAction.org/events or Email or call Jack Kelly (kellyjack@comcast.net) 847 251 4655.

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News from the Green Team: Faith-in Place Fundraiser Tuesday November 13 - 7:30pm to 9pm

The Meadows Club

2950 Golf Rd
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Please RSVP at: faithinplace.org/events

Rev. Eileen will be the keynote speaker for this Faith In Place fundraiser

JOIN US FOR OUR
NORTH & WEST SUBURBS ANNUAL CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, November 13, 2018
7:30pm – 9:00pm
The Meadows Club
2950 Golf Rd, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

REGISTER TODAY
for our Annual Celebration & Fundraiser in the North & West Suburbs!

Join us as we celebrate our Earth care accomplishments and be inspired by our goals for the future. Enjoy desserts with us and meet other people of faith who care for the Earth.

While registration for this event is free, all in attendance will be asked to give generously in celebration of the inspiring mission and impactful programs of Faith in Place.

Please RSVP at: www.faithinplace.org/events



Save a REAL Date - November 14 - 7pm at UCE

UCE's sign says it loud and clear: **Black Lives Matter!** But what does it take at this particular time in Evanston and in Chicago to make Black Lives Matter meaningful? How can we use the principles of the Black Lives Matter movement to guide action? Come to a free presentation and discussion on this question at UCE **November 14, at 7 pm.** We will be joined by Page May, Aislinn Pulley and Tiffany McDowell, three activist African-American women with much to share.



Stand By Our Immigrant Friends

Luisa Sosa from the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) will be at UCE to talk about various volunteer opportunities.

ICIRR is in particular need for volunteers to help register newly naturalized citizens to vote at the conclusion of their oath ceremony. Watch for an article in the newsletter about this heart-warming event.

Please confirm at psally944@gmail.com your attendance at this event so we can make proper preparation. No fee is required.

ICIRR is dedicated to promoting the rights of immigrants and refugees to full and equal participation in the civic, cultural, social, and political life of our diverse society. They established the first permanent line-item in the state budget dedicated to Immigrant Services in the country and are a leader promoting state legislation and programs to assist the immigrant community.

Military Bridge Builders - November 15 & 16

Invites you to participate in Winter Chicago Standdown again this year. Held at the Northwest National Guard Armory on Thursday-Friday November 15-16, Standdown offers a day of hospitality and support to indigent and homeless vets, serving breakfast and lunch, offering health support, haircuts, and distributing warm clothing, shoes, toiletries, sleeping bags and blankets. You are invited to donate gently used winter-worthy clothing – especially jeans! A box is in the lobby for that. For more information or if you'd like to help with the event, talk to [Margaret Shaklee](#).



Journeys 2 Justice - November 18 - 12:30pm

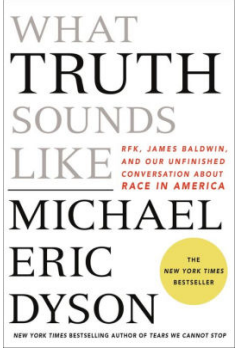
What does Justice mean to you? Justice can look very different to different people – to someone who has lost a child to a violent act; to someone living in systemic, generational poverty; to someone who is harmed by discrimination. What does justice mean to you? At our discussion we will find out how different folks view justice and what it means to each of you. Join in our exploration of how each of us views justice and what we think we can do to make the world more just.

Transgender Day of Rememberanc - November 20



Non-Fiction Book Group - December 2 - 12:30pm - Rm. 13

We'll be discussing Michael Eric Dyson's book *What Truth Sounds Like: Robert F. Kennedy, James Baldwin and Our Unfinished Conversation About Race in America*. More than fifty years ago, in 1963, James Baldwin and other black activists met with Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to confront him about racial injustice. Now Dyson writes about the implications of that meeting and the roles of today's politicians, artists, intellectuals and activists in effecting change. The book is available in public libraries in electronic, print and audio formats, as well as at the Book H and from other vendors.



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

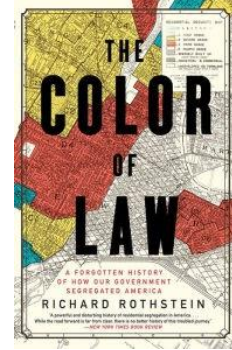
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 Monday: Sacred Day Off
 Tuesday: 9 AM - 4 PM
 Wednesday: 9 AM - 4 PM
 Thursday: 9AM - 4 PM
 Friday: Writing Day (Offsite)
 Saturday: By Appointment Only
 Please contact Rev. Gregory via email at gstewart@ucevanston.org

UCE Community News

REAL Library

Three new books of note are now at the Racial Equity Lending Library.

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America by Richard Rothstein brilliantly describes the unconstitutional actions of our government during the 20th century, which put in place the ghettos we find today in our cities. This book is a selection of the Nonfiction Book Club at UCE.



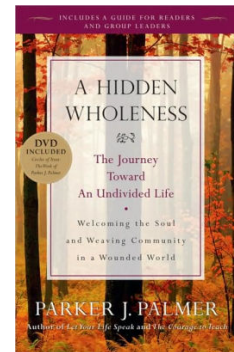
A More Beautiful and Terrible History by Jeanne Theoharis discusses the intentional distortion of civil rights history and reveals a fresh understanding of our present situation. Suggested by Ms. Betty Ester, Evanston activist.

Lastly, *Race and Reunion : The Civil War in American Memory* by David W. Blight is a winner of the Frederick Douglass Book Prize and “shows what was remembered, what was forgotten, and why.” This book was suggested by Rev. Wiviott after her memorable sermon last Memorial Day.

UCE Addictions & Recovery

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

The Thursday evening Addictions and Recovery Group would like to invite those interested to our weekly examination of the book *A Hidden Wholeness* by Parker Palmer. We will discuss this book from perspectives that include but are not limited to addictions recovery frameworks. We begin our meetings with a check in, during which everyone has an opportunity to talk about whatever is important to us then. We will progress through the book by reading and discussing a subsequent section each week.



Yoga at UCE - Wednesdays 9:30am - Rm. 2

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 - November

Items: Coffee, Tea, Cocoa

Receiving Organization:

Questions? Please contact Betty Walker
at 847-328-6332,
or blw35@comcast.net.

Click [here](#) to access 2018-19 Giving House Calendar.



Worship Service Flowers & Chalice Lighting

Brighten our worship service with flowers and chalice lighting. 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 for sign-up](#)



Opportunities For Spiritual Practice

Tuesdays at 6:30pm Rm. 2
(1st timers, 6) 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

Saturday November 10 and monthly on the 2nd Saturday
Art & Spirituality Space with
Rev. Eileen Wiviott

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!](#)

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 November 15. Questions for the Board of Trustees can be sent to bot@ucevanston.org.

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.

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