

EVANSTON



UNITARIAN NEWS

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

This Sunday November 11, 2018 at UCE

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

Democracy the Day After

The United States has voted: did democracy prevail? What does democracy mean today for Unitarian Universalism, which promotes “the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large”? Let’s explore how to apply our fifth principle in everyday life. Way Cool Worship (downstairs). Service Led by Rev. Gregory Stewart

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: “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.

Mitten Tree - 10am - Back of Sanctuary

Boston Bound Parents and Youth: Organizational Meeting - 10:00am

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.

Soprano Soloist, McKinley Carter

McKinley Carter has been working professionally as a singer and actor in Chicago for over 20 years. She has performed at all of the major theaters in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. She was last seen in Macbeth at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, and Fun Home at Victory Gardens. McKinley is also a cabaret performer of her one-woman shows, often featuring local songwriters. She's a resident of Rogers Park and an avid hiker and kayaker.

UCE Men's Group - 7pm - Rm 2

Exciting New Offerings at the Serendipity Auction

THIS Saturday, November 10 at 5:30 pm

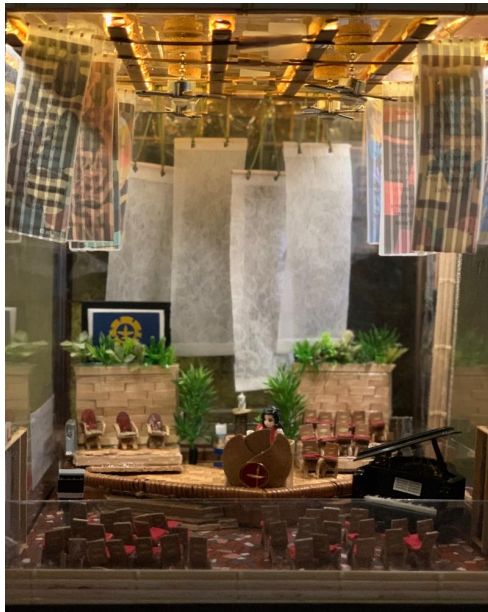
The much anticipated auction is this

Saturday! After you peruse our catalog [here](#) (no log in required) or that you picked up at church on Sunday, you'll be excited by the outstanding items you have to choose from. And don't forget about the delicious dinner (lemon pepper chicken and pasta primavera) and free childcare that will be provided. Didn't reserve? You are still welcome to just show up and join the fun.

So, what can you expect?

- Over 40 more items donated than last year, a new record!
- 27 group outings offered this year! It's a wonderful way to interact with your fellow UCE members and meet some new people.
- 14 items in our Children's section this year, which also work as great gifts for families with children.
- Gift cards galore, tickets to shows, art pieces, physical fitness, delicious food, lessons, and everything in between.
- Check out the lodging options and see if any would be perfect for your family vacation this year.

Please bring your checkbook to the auction, but we will still gladly accept credit cards with a 3% fee. Remember to bring your copy of the catalog with you, and see you on November 10 starting at 5:30pm.



An incredibly detailed and accurate room box representation of the UCE Sanctuary



A day at a ranch in Harvard, IL for horsemanship, roping, and fun, specially designed for your ability level



A framed print of a beautiful new watercolor by Johna Van Dyke



And just back this year a large water view house on Washington Island off Door County

Remembering Hope a Decade Later

I remember the morning of November 5th, 2008. I remember that the world looked different as I walked my then 5-year old to school, the golden leaves on the sidewalk, the warm sun shining on my face. Everything was brighter that day. I felt jubilant, filled with a sense of possibility and, dare I say, hope. I look back at myself on that day and I long for that sense of limitless possibility. [[For More](#)]



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.

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

Young Adults Invited: Young Adult Covenant Group,

Monday, November 12, 7pm, Rm 12

UCE will hold its regular monthly covenant group for young adults (defined by the UUA as ages 18-35) this coming Monday. The group is open to welcoming new members. Covenant groups are a way for UCE folks to get to know one another better, build community, and deepen spiritual practice together. You can learn more about covenant groups at UCE here: <https://ucevanston.org/covenant-groups/> . For additional information, please contact Julianne Borgardt: JulianneA.Borgardt@yahoo.com.

Mitten Tree Starts Sunday, 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.

The REAL Team - 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.



Immigrant Solidarity Team - Thursday, November 15 - 7pm



ICIRR

ILLINOIS COALITION
FOR IMMIGRANT AND
REFUGEE RIGHTS



SUPPORT IMMIGRANTS

Luisa Sosa, ICIRR

Luisa Sosa will meet folks interested in volunteer opportunities through ICIRR. Registering naturalized citizens to vote at the oath ceremonies is their most pressing volunteer need; there are others as well. If you wish to attend this discussion, please let Sally Parson know at psally944@gmail.com

Thursday, November 15 - 7:00 pm – UCE - Rm. 12

Beloved Conversations

This is your chance to try out what others have been raving about! These groups provide a rich opportunity to explore racism and white privilege in your own life, family, town, and church. Through the arts, probing questions, and provocative exercises, participants look at where they have been, where they are now, and what they might change going forward. The curriculum has received high praise from previous participants! [[For More](#)]



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>

Upcoming Forum Topics

November 18 Topic: “Hannah Arendt and the Banality of Evil”

Hannah Arendt was a German Jew who escaped from Nazi Germany twice. She eventually settled in New York State, teaching primarily at the New School. She managed to upset everyone with her political philosophy. We'll be discussing some of her controversial quotes. Leader: Julia Takarada [[For more](#)]

Fair Trade For the Holidays

The holiday season has arrived and the Fair Trade Cart is bursting! We hope you will stop by to see the beautiful and delicious items created by the artisans and farmers who enjoy the benefits of fair trade. We also want to remind you that all proceeds go to help children and families in our community.

For many years we have provided gift certificates to Chute Middle School for selected families at holiday time and funds in the spring to support their Healthy Living Club and garden. Since last year we have been volunteering at Family Focus and providing scholarship funds and support for their after school and summer school programs. Please check out the pictures of our happy kids!



The Fair Trade Cart sells only products that are made by artisans and grown by farmers around the world who get a fair wage and who are ensured good working

conditions. No child or forced labor is ever used and environmentally sound practices are required to maintain fair trade certification.



Grief Group - Wednesday, November 14 - 6:30pm

Ellen Rieger is offering a grief support group open to anyone in the community or church on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 for 8 consecutive sessions. Start date (either 11-7 or 11-14) . All those grieving a loss are welcome. Holidays can be an especially painful and challenging time for those that have lost a loved one. Please call 847 791 8602 or email ellenerieger@gmail.com to register or for further information.

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 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.

Our Annual Bread Communion/Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 18th

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.



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: ch-ppc.org

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

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service

Wednesday, November 21, 7pm
First Congregational
Church of Evanston
1445 Hinman Ave. (Hinman and Grove)

20th Annual
Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 21, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.
First Congregational Church of Evanston, UCC
1445 Hinman Avenue (at Grove)

Keynote Speaker
Dino Robinson
Founder of Sherofront Legacy Center
*Dedicated to recording, studying and preserving the history of
Black communities in Chicago's northern suburbs*

Interfaith Community Choir
led by
David Lornson
Music Director
First Congregational Church of Evanston, UCC

Sponsored by
 **Interfaith Action**
Bringing people into one language of service
P.O. Box 1414, Evanston, IL 60204
847-475-1150
ia@interfaithactionofevanston.org
www.interfaithactionofevanston.org
An opportunity for a free will offering to support
Interfaith Action of Evanston's mission will be provided.

What are other UU's doing?

Wondering what other UU congregations and individuals are focused on? Here are some online resources you may

find inspiring and useful.

Subscribe to the UU MidAmerica Region's monthly newsletter [here](https://www.midamericauua.org/services/newsletters).
<https://www.midamericauua.org/services/newsletters> .

The UUA sponsors over 300 email lists (list serves) on (obviously) a wide range of topics. There is likely one or more you will find useful:
<https://www.uua.org/connect/lists>

Braver/Wiser gives you a weekly message of courage and compassion for life as it is. <https://www.uua.org/braverwiser>



Submitted by the Denominational Affairs Team

Nominating & Recruiting - Seeking UCE Congregational Leaders

Do you know how we choose congregational leaders at UCE? Do you think the leadership selection process should be more equitable and more transparent? Do you have opinions about who our future leaders should be? Do you want to join the UCE board or one of the UCE leadership committees yourself? Read on to understand our leadership selection process, and to make your voice heard about how it works or who our leaders should be.

[\[For More\]](#)

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

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.

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

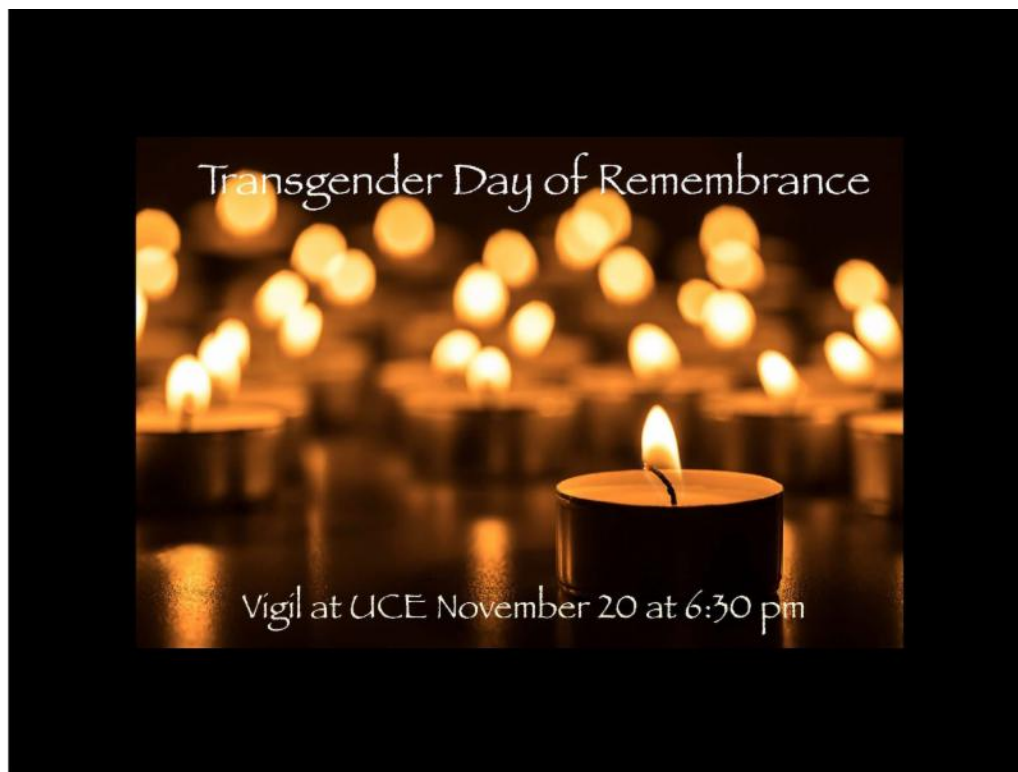
day of hospitality and support to indigent and homeless vets, serving breakfast and lunch, offering health support, haircuts, and distributing warm clothing, shoes, toiletries, sleeping bags and blankets. You are invited to donate gently used winter-worthy clothing – especially jeans! A box is in the 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.

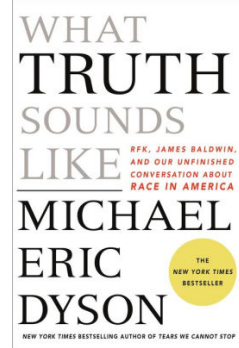
Transgender Day of Remembrance - November 20



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

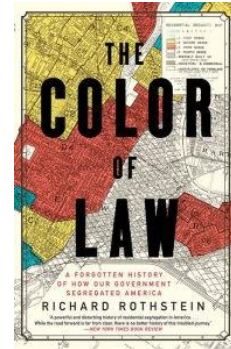
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Please contact Rev. Gregory via
email at gstewart@ucevanston.org

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.

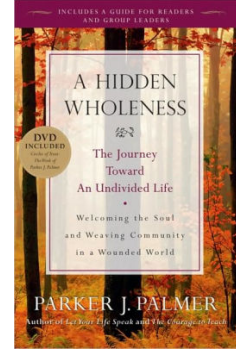
Lastly, *Race and Reunion : The Civil War in American Memory* by David W. Blight is a winner of the Frederick Douglass Book Prize and “shows what was remembered, what was forgotten, and why.” This book was suggested by Rev. Wiviott after her memorable sermon last Memorial Day.

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:

Interfaith Hospitality Center

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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