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EVANSTON UNITARIAN NEWS

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

This Sunday, March 3, 2019 at UCE

Worship Services @ 9:15am & 11:00am

Defining Moments. Who are we called to be in times of uncertainty. All Ages Worship at 9:15 am. Downstairs start for Religious Education at 11 am. Service led by Rev. Eileen Wiviott

The Chris Isely Cancer Support Group Rm 2 @ 9:30am

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 Rm 6 @ 9:30am

Topic: Animation: Art, communication, entertainment. Animation is an art form and communication tool that engages people in ways video and photos cannot. Corporations, institutions, and the entertainment industry explain and distill complex concepts in this universal storytelling medium, sometimes even without language. Speaker: Rachel Oftedahl.

Youth Religious Education OWL @ 12:30pm
4th - 6th, Rm 10
K- 1, Rm 8

Herried Covenant Group @ 12:30pm, Rm 2

Beyond #MeToo @ 12:30pm , Rm 3

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.

North Shore Chamber Orchestra Concert @ 3:30pm, Sanctuary

Adult Religious Education Offerings January - June

Suffering & Meaning
Tuesday, March 5
We will explore ways that people may offer Comforts that can lead to denial of life's problems and work to develop healthier approaches. *Facilitated by Bob Mesle, PhD.*

Adult Religious Education Continues through June

Come be part of our Adult Religious Education series, beginning with our series on Gender, starting Tuesday January 8th -- see the full descriptions here: https://ucevanston.org/religious-education-adults/

Upcoming Forum Topics

March 10 Topic: Pricing Healthcare in the United States
Healthcare charges for specific fees and services usually exceed actual payment amounts by significant percentages. Why? How are marketplace payment rates actually determined? Does this make sense? Is there a better way to price healthcare services? Leader: Gordon Mallett.

North Shore Choral Society presents

The Music of Thomas W. Jefferson

Saturday , March 9 @ 4pm, UCE

Julia Davids, Music Director
An NSCS Collaboration with Composer and Pianist, Thomas W. Jefferson
Music to include Jefferson's gospel Missa Brevis
and the world premier of his
" How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place"
Featuring
Felicia Patton, soprano, and contemporary band
For tickets call (773)956-8400 or visit
www.northshorechoral.org

What would you like to Scrapbook?

We have plenty of pictures for the 2000s and 2010s but there's lots of space for the 1940s-1990s. Do you have pictures, orders of service, newsletters, event announcements, etc., from an earlier time in UCE's history that celebrate UCE's presence as a vibrant church that's making a difference across the decades? Please consider adding your own touch to this living document. There are markers and post-it notes up front, so feel free to write or draw on the scrapbook. We'll keep it up until the end of February.

UU Prison Ministry of IL presents -

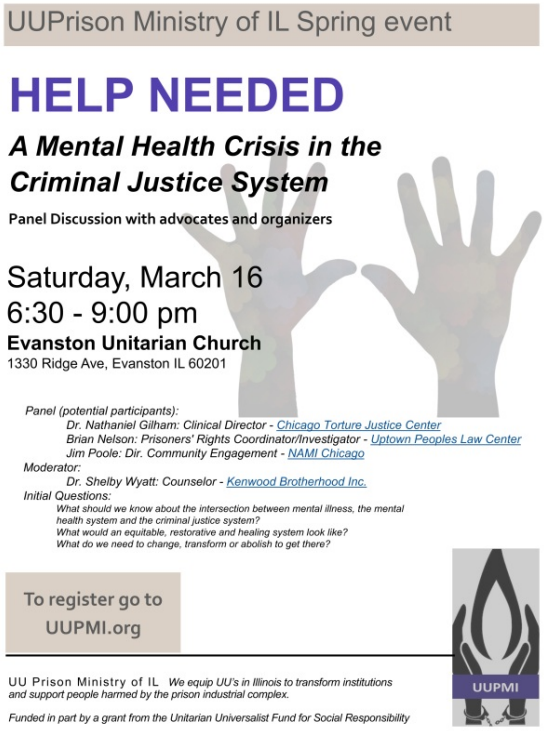
Help Needed: A Mental Health Crisis in the Criminal Justice System

Saturday March 16 @ 6:30pm at UCE

Registration link is on the home page uupmi.org Child care is available. There is a mental health crisis in our country today. A crisis is hidden within our criminal justice system. We have criminalized and exacerbated mental health issues by ignoring the needs of our people and causing more harm to those trapped by our criminal justice systems. We want to educate and agitate our faith community about these

issues so that we can better contribute to movements working to abolish this unjust system.

Join us for an evening of learning, reflection and action with the UU Prison Ministry of Illinois. We recognize that sharing a larger vision can dramatically sustain us in this work.



Journeys 2 Justice, March 17 @ 12:30pm, Rm 3

For our next Journeys to Justice program we will continue to explore how to influence policy and legislators using recent environmental policies and bills as examples. We will also offer an array of specific actions that people of various levels of comfort and involvement can take to have a direct impact. Please contact John Bartok (jbartok@comcast.net) if you have questions.

Community Renewal Society Day of Faith Training

March 16, 9am to 1pm @ UCE

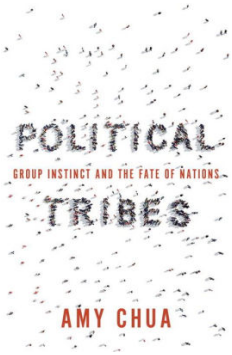
Learn how bills become law in Illinois – hear about our current legislative priorities impacting black and brown communities in greater Chicago. Develop strategies for our Day of Faith at the Capitol, March 26. Breakfast and box lunch. Register here: bit.ly/CRS-WLC2019.

Upswing Advocates Leadership Training: Building a Gender Inclusive and Affirming Community

Saturday, March 23 @ 10:30am - UCE

The Board of Trustees invites members of the church who consider themselves leaders in the church in any capacity to join us for this workshop on Saturday, March 23rd from 10 am – 12:30 pm. UCE is committed to radical welcoming and we seek to expand our capacity to live our first principle – not just affirming that all people have value but ensuring that those who might feel marginalized in other spaces, know they will find a safe and affirming space among us. [For More]

NonFiction Book Group, Sunday March 24 @ 12:30pm, Rm 13

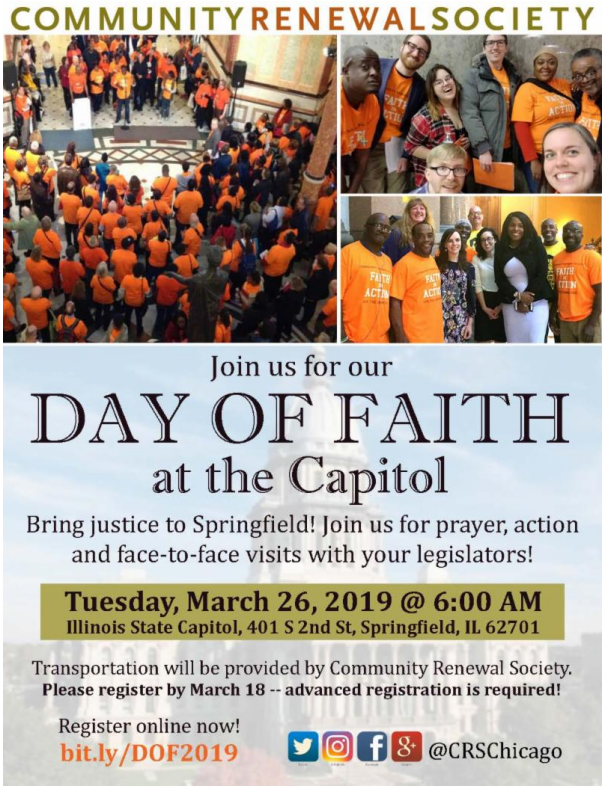


We'll meet at 12:30 p.m. on March 24th to discuss *Political Tribes: Group Instinct and the Fate of Nations* by Amy Chua. The author addresses both American foreign policy's blindness to the power of tribal politics outside the country and American politicians' blindness to the group identities that matter most to ordinary Americans and are tearing our country apart. She says that we need to acknowledge the reality of group differences and fight the deep inequities that divide us to rediscover a national identity that transcends our political tribes.

The book is available in libraries in various formats as well as at the Book H.

CRS Day of Faith at the Capitol, Tuesday March 26

March 26 will be the CRS Day of Faith at the Capitol Each year in the Spring, CRS sends a delegation of members from its churches down to Springfield to discuss the issues we are supporting with our State Senators and Representatives. This all day trip begins at 5:45 a.m. when the bus will leave the UCE parking lot headed for Springfield. The bus should return around 7 p.m.



This experience usually is very worthwhile. We divide into small groups to meet with our Evanston and Chicago area north side legislators, but also with Republican legislators who we hope to convince to support issues like no money bail, restorative sentencing and graduated rate Illinois income taxes. Then we participate in a demonstration about a key issue, to gain publicity for our visit.

In past years, 6 – 12 people from UCE have joined us on this trip. This year, with a Democratic Governor, there is a greater chance that CRS issues might make it into law. Please join us as we try to make this happen.
CRS asks that individuals register by March 18, to be sure to have a seat on the

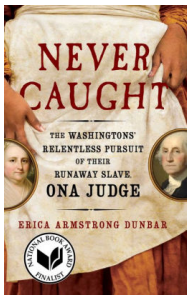
bus. This can be done online, or by signing up at the back of the sanctuary on March 3, 10 or 17.

Coffee At Curt's With Rev. Greg

Our interim senior minister returns to Curt's Café, 1813 Dempster Street, Evanston, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. beginning February 7. You are invited to join him any Thursday morning. You set the agenda for informal conversations about issues that concern us. Rev. Greg will listen mostly, and then respond if and when words are necessary. All are always welcome!

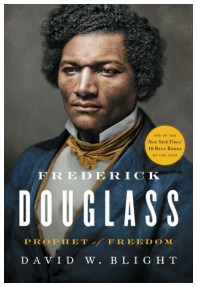
REAL Lending Library: Now at The Lending Library

Never Caught by Erica Armstrong Dunbar is the true story of one of nine slaves working in George Washington's household. Our founding father went to great lengths to keep her from gaining her freedom, but she prevailed even though the price she paid was severe.
A revealing story of pain. privilege, and perseverance.



Friends Disappear by Mary Barr
Old but important in the library is the tale of our own city of Evanston and its efforts to achieve desegregation of the schools in the
1960s. It is told by Mary Barr who was a student in the Evanston school system during the era. She tells the story from her own personal memories and also as a sociologist studying and revealing what happened here.

Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom by David W. Blight The new biography of this American hero is reviewed by Henry Louis Gates as "….a monumental achievement, a must read for anyone charting the history of a democracy when it is most severely under attack."



Check them out!

Annual MidAmerica Regional Assembly

April 5 thru 7 @ Marriott St. Louis, MO

The annual MidAmerica regional assembly will be April 5-7 at the Marriott St. Louis airport. UCE is entitled to 9 delegates. We still have several vacancies. The topic is "Intersectionalities" and the keynote speaker is UUA president Susan Frederick-Gray. There are 5 trains a day and the light rail connects the Amtrak station to the airport. Room rates start at $105/night. Registration fee is $210, with a $25 discount if you register by February 28. Please see http://www.uua.org/midamerica/ra for more information. Please also let Lee Bannor, Shirley Adams, or Linda LaPlante know if you're considering attending.

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 **April 14, 12:30 p.m**. Childcare available upon request.

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; will meet two Tuesday evenings, April 9th and 16th from 7-8:30 pm. You can take this before or after you sign the book. 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.

The next **New Member Covenant Sunday**, when we welcome new members in the worship service, will be TBD.

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

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 - February

In February we will be collecting Socks
This month we are collecting warm socks for Connections for the Homeless. During the cold weather, socks are one the most requested items for the people who drop in to Connections' two locations. As always, your generosity is appreciated!Thank you, as always for your generosity. 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

2nd Saturday of each month
Art & Spirituality Space

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

The Board of Trustees meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be on March 21, 2019.

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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