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EVANSTON UNITARIAN NEWS

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

This Sunday, May 19, 2019 at UCE

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

Don't You Worry 'Bout a Thing! Come feel the rhythms of life as our choir, Gregory, and guest jazz musicians lay down the beat for us. Nadav Simon, our guest percussionist, has selected our musical pieces based on their rhythm histories, and the choral sharing will be an outgrowth of their recent workshop with him. At the 9:15 service, Dr. Mary will share the story *Love*, by Matt de la Peña, and we'll hear from our seniors bridging to adulthood; at our 11:00 service, we will celebrate our beloved teachers and the arc of our year of learning in religious education. Join us!

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: Freedom of Speech Under Fire. "Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press . . . "Still relevant? We'll talk about Assange, Wikileaks, school vouchers, Trump's warning "professors and power structures" not to silence conservative views. Leader: Brenda Russell.

Annual Meeting @ 12:30pm, Sanctuary

We encourage all members and friends to attend. Members who have joined at least 90 days prior to the meeting have voting privileges. Voting members, please plan to stay after the second service so that we can make our quorom.

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

Parent Covenant Group @4pm, Rm 13

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.

Mark Your Calendars For the Switch to One Service

Starting Memorial Day weekend, May 26th, we will have one service at 10 a.m. through our Ingathering service in September.

From The Lifespan Religious Education Director

At the congregation where I was just before I came to you, I was in the choir with a remarkable director of music. Not only did she possess in abundance the skills needed to rehearse projects and develop talent in the

congregation, she had a profound understanding of music and art as spiritual practice. I had sung in choirs my whole life, with excellent directors, but had never understood music as a spiritual practice until I worked with Elizabeth. [For More]

Annual Flower Communion and Church Picnic, June 2nd

Our 10 a.m. worship service this day will honor the long-standing Unitarian Universalist tradition of flower communion. Please bring a flower from your garden or purchased flowers if you prefer. We each bring our flowers to the alter and share in the collective beauty. The annual picnic follows the service. This year, you don't need to bring a dish. We will celebrate the kick-off of our Capital Campaign and you won't want to miss it!

June 2nd: Wear a Hat!

To add to our festivities of our Annual Picnic and the Capital Campaign kick-off on June 2nd, let's all wear a hat! Any kind of hat: small, large, festive, formal, crazy or elegant. Festoon your head with whatever decoration you want. If you don't have a hat (or forget to bring it) we'll have some hats available for you to borrow for the day.
Also, if you have some hats to share, please let Janelle Brittain know at JanelleBri@aol.com

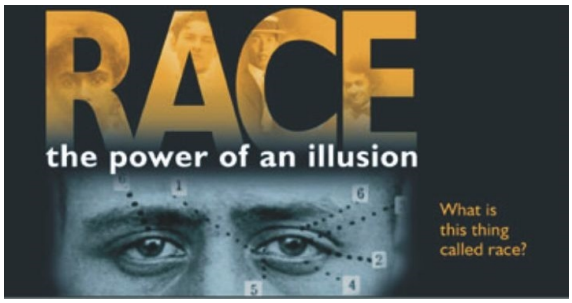
Hats Off to Nancy Lee and Barbra Versino

The UCE Rummage Sale is so much more than a fundraiser. It is a friendship building, outreach expanding, pastoral care providing experience that happens to benefit us financially as well. And the sale along with all of those priceless benefits would not have happened this year without Nancy Lee and Barb Versino. These two have worked as co-captains for the last few years and it can't be overstated how much they do behind the scenes to make it run smoothly and profitably. They manage details from promotion to pricing to sorting to volunteers for weeks, even months, before, during and after the sale. Thank you, Barb and Nancy, for running the sale with grace, wisdom, and compassion.

Alan Kistler Memorial, May 25 @ 3pm, Sanctuary

A Celebration of Life for our beloved and long-term member Alan Kistler (we already miss your sign management for the rummage sale!) will be held Saturday, May 25, at 3 pm at UCE. Volunteers are needed to help present a reception: usher, setup, serve, cleanup, bring food. Sign up HERE.

Adult Religious Education
Tuesday Night Series @ 7pm, Rm 3



Race: The Power of an Illusion
Episode 3, The Difference Between Us

Join us Tuesdays May 14 and 21 at 7 pm for the powerful three-part film that has been transformational for many UCE members, which is why we show it repeatedly. It shows how many of the assumptions we have about race are incorrect. In Part One, "The Difference Between Us," race is shown to be illusory on a scientific, genetic basis. To entice you, here is a 5 minute trailer: http://www.racepowerofanillusion.org/clips/trailer-for-race-the-power-of-an-illusion. Free popcorn!

Adult Religious Education Continues through June

See the full descriptions here: https://ucevanston.org/religious-education-adults/

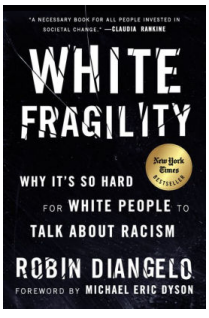
2019 Annual Garden Swap

Saturday May 18, 3pm to 6pm - UCE Parking Lot

Plants, seeds, seedlings, divisions, cuttings, bulbs, garden items, tools, crafts, soil, recipes or bring snacks, food & drinks. Come with something you have. Leave with something to grow.

Now at The REAL Lending Library

I highly recommend *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo. DiAngelo calls on white people to awaken to what they have been too sensitive to hear and to fragile to take in--the benefits and advantages of whiteness at the expense of people of color. [For More]



Chicago Area UU Council (CAUUC) presents:

Working Together to Be Welcoming to All

Saturday, May 18, 9am to 2:30 - Countryside Church UU

Please register to attend the CAUUC spring conference for the “Working Together to Be Welcoming to All” panel and workshop.

Note: The event has been moved to Countryside Church UU in Palatine due to an unanticipated roof maintenance issues at the Unity Temple Community Center.

The CAUUC Spring Conference: “Working Together to Be Welcoming to All” will be held on May 18, 9:30am-2:30pm. The conference is conducted in collaboration with UU Action Network of Illinois (UUANI), UU Prison Ministry of Illinois, and Youth and Young Adults (YaYA) Justice. The conference will be followed by the CAUUC Annual Meeting from 2:30pm-3:30pm.

Keynote presentation: Beloved Community is a Verb by Rev. Kellie Kelly.

Event Panelists:

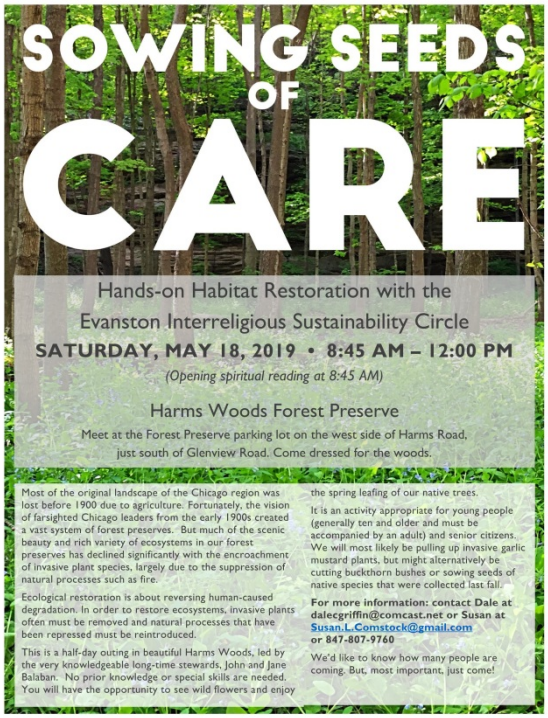
- Rev. Kellie Kelly
- Monica Cosby
- Christe Lunsford
- Elise Miedlar
- Leo Monroy
- Frankie Tilbrook

Networking session with Chicago area UUs to build relationships and encourage collaboration because we can get more done as a collective of Chicago area UUs.

For more information and to register: http://uuchicagoarea.org/workshop/

Harms Woods Outing

Saturday, May 18 - 8:45am to Noon



Celebrate Spring with a morning in beautiful Harms Woods in Glenview at our Seeds of Care interfaith work day. Saturday, May 18th from 8:45 am to noon. For details, click here.

Off-site General Assembly Experience

Can't make it to Spokane for General Assembly this year? Peggy Boccard is attending GA from her home by registering as an off-site delegate. The cost is about $125, there are no travel expenses and you get to participate in all the plenary sessions and can vote on issues at the same time attendees are voting in Spokane. A list of streamed events is online at https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site. Technology is making the off-site experience much richer. There are even some workshops which are being live streamed for registered delegates. They are listed online. There is a two hour time difference, so the Ware lecture starts at 9:30pm Friday night and the Sunday Worship begins at noon. If you want to be a delegate, contact Jeanne Kerl or Shirley Adams: the board is voting to approve delegates this month.

Green Team/Environmental Justice Gathering

Sunday, May 26 @ 11:30am,, Rm 12

We will continue our recent discussions about environmental justice and environmental issues, and discern how we can move toward taking action. Contact John Bartok (jbartok@comcast.net) with questions.

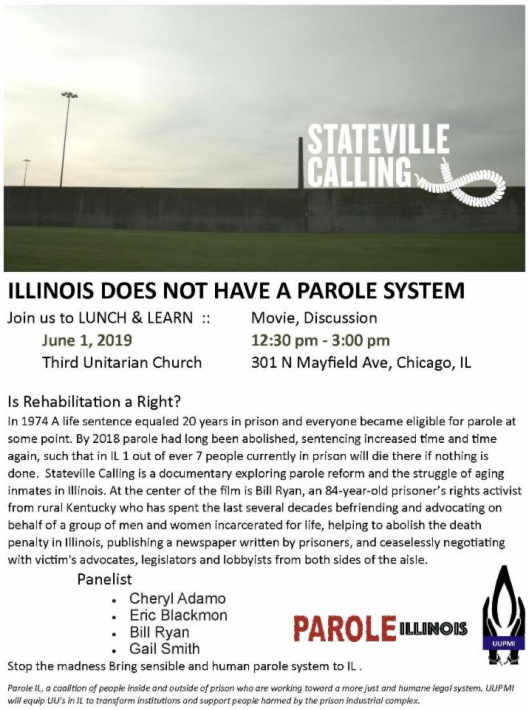
Recently Retired (But Never Retiring!) Women

Tuesday, May 28 @ 5pm,, Rear Sanctuary

All retired women are welcome to attend our group, starting with a potluck and followed by a discussion. For more information, please contact Margie Rogasner.

Lunch & Learn with UUPrison Ministry of IL & Parole IL,

Saturday June 1 @ 12:30pm - Third Unitarian Church



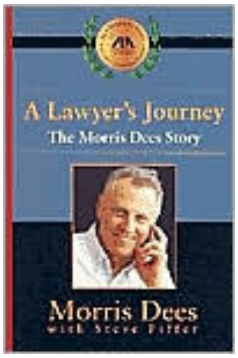
ILLINOIS DOES NOT HAVE A PAROLE SYSTEM. In 1974 A life sentence equaled 20 years in prison and everyone became eligible for parole at some point. By 2018 parole had long been abolished, sentencing increased time and time again, such that in IL 1 out of ever 7 people currently in prison will die there if nothing is done.

Join us to LUNCH & LEARN with UUPrison Ministry of IL & Parole IL
June 1, 2019 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Third Unitarian Church, 301 N Mayfield Ave, Chicago, IL
Register here http://www.uupmi.org/stateville-calling-registration.html

Stateville Calling: *Movie about the work engaged by Bill Ryan long time prison reform activist. There will be a panel discussion with people directly impacted by this system.* Stop the madness. Learn what can be done to bring sensible and human parole system to IL.

NonFiction Book Group, Sunday June 9 @ 11:30am,, Rm 13

The Nonfiction book group will meet to discuss *A Lawyer's Journey: the Morris Dees Story* by Morris Dees with Steve Fiffer. Morris Dees is very well-respected as the founder and former chief trial attorney at the Southern Poverty Law Center. Coretta Scott King said of him and this book, "By any measure, Morris Dees has been one of the most dedicated and effective civil rights lawyers in U.S. history… I highly recommend this important book to everyone who cares about making America a better place." The book is available at the Book H and online. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.



REAL Meal Redux, Sunday June 9 @ 6pm,

I'm Soul Hungry - 2043 Howard St.

Last month we had to postpone our REAL Meal at I'm Soul Hungry because of a threatened snow storm, but we're trying again for Sunday, June 9, same time (6:00 pm) and place. As we said last month, the menu, as you might imagine, is soul food and moderately priced. All entrees include two sides, so you'll be well fed. Their Yelp rating is 4 1/2 stars, and there are a number of rave reviews to back it up. This is a new place, and we're really looking forward to this visit. Please contact Betty Walker, blw35@comcast.net, by Friday, May 30th, if you'd like to join us.

Join the UCE Team in the Race Against Hate on Sunday, June 16

UPDATE: If you plan to sign up and join our team, you can use this link:

https://www.ywca-ens.org/rah/

Click “join team” and search for the “UCE Real Team 2019.”Or use this link, which should get you directly there. http://events.ywcae-ns.org/site/TR/Events/General?team_id=1453&pg=team&fr_id=1090

Some run, some walk, some roll! However you roll, please be a part of our Race Against Hate by joining the UCE REAL Team 2019. If you can’t be with us in the Race, but want to join in spirit, support the team through your donation. http://events.ywcae-ns.org/site/TR?pg=pfind&fr_id=1090&fr_search_type=team

Why should you join us? Because 20 years ago, Ricky Byrdsong was murdered by a self-proclaimed white supremacist. Byrdsong was a Skokie resident and the first African-American coach of the Northwestern University men’s basketball team. He was also the father of 3 young children, 2 of whom were with him near their home when he was shot.

The man who shot Byrdsong also shot 5 other people of color in Indiana and Illinois, as well as 6 Orthodox Jews in Rogers Park. Byrdsong’s wife of 20 years, Sherialyn, established a foundation which has collaborated with the YWCA Evanston/North Shore to turn Byrdsong’s tragedy into a victory over hate. Each year on Father’s Day, Sherialyn kicks off the Race Against Hate, which she is proud unites thousands of people of different racial, religious and ethnic backgrounds to celebrate diversity, promote reconciliation and declare that racism is not welcome or tolerated ANYWHERE in America. This will be the 20th Race Against Hate, and UCE will again be a part of it.

We are the UCE REAL Team 2019.

Calling All High-School Aged Youth:

Join UU College of Social Justice for Activate New Orleans!

The UU College of Social Justice will be hosting a training for high school youth this July 13-20: Activate New Orleans - Racial Justice and Beloved Community!

This one-week training for high school youth offers interactive social justice education and meaningful hands-on work with local organizations resisting white supremacy and building a thriving New Orleans. In a program grounded in UU values and practices, participants of all backgrounds are welcomed to engage issues of race, identity, and power against the unique backdrop of New Orleans history, culture, and activism.

The program is hosted by the Center for Ethical Living & Social Justice Renewal. Generous financial aid that can cover up to 75% of the program fee is available based on need until funds are spent.

Register by May 31st! Youth who attended high school during the 2018-2019 school year are eligible. Learn more here: https://uucsj.org/activateneworleans/.

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. Starting again in September. 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 date is **June 9th at 11:30am - 1pm**. 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; next meeting date in August. 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? You are encouraged to let one of the ministers know when you are ready to sign the book any Sunday or meet with Rev. Greg in his study after Sunday services to sign our historic membership book. Offered on the third Sunday of every month (September through May) at 10:00 a.m. and Noon.

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

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 Addictions & Recovery, Thursdays @ 7:15pm, Rm 2

Zen and Alcoholism?
Zen and Eating Disorders?
Zen and Co-Dependence?

How about The Zen of Recovery?

The Thursday evening Addictions and Recovery group is exploring the book with that title by Mel Ash. If you are interested and active in a program of recovery from one addictive issue or other, (or would like to be), we would welcome you. We meet every Thursday evening, 7:15 – 8:45, and will consider topics brought up in this book for as long as we find our discussions interesting.

The books we have looked at so far have provided good topics for discussions for six months to a year. This is the third book we have explored together, so we'll probably find another.

Our Giving House - May

This month we are collecting granola bars, oatmeal packets, and crackers. These will go to the Hospitality Center at St. Mark's Church, where homeless people can get breakfast, a hot drink, snacks, and other services each morning. As always, thank you for your generosity!

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 May 16, 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.

Quick Links

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