

EVANSTON

UNITARIAN NEWS

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

This Sunday July 7, 2019 at UCE

Worship Service @10:00am - Rev. Linda Slabon

Every Long Journey

Curiosity is a gift, but to act on it requires courage. Empathy is a skill and to learn it enables us to move from a place of shame to a place of compassion and courage. Come listen to voices of curiosity, empathy, and courage in the songs we will sing, in the meditative music of crystal tone bowls, and in the words of Rev. Linda's sermon.

Rev. Linda Slabon, LCSW, served the UU Fellowship of DeKalb for 26 years along with her spouse, Dr. Toni Tollerud, who served as Music Director. Now retired, Linda is a Minister Emerita, a DeKalb County Board member, and Clinical Social Worker. She sees clients in her private practice and completes the laundry at home promptly.

A retired professor from Northern Illinois University, Toni does state-wide seminars on supervision and trauma, and gardens with a passion. Grandma Toni and Bionic Nana Linda (with her new titanium hips) love to sing with their three year old grand-daughter, Amelia.

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](#).

Religious Education @ 10am, Rm 3 · Tie-Dye Tables and Sprinkler Silliness

Bring your bathing suit and towel, and a white or light-colored t-shirt or bandana to dye, with Sandy McNabb and Virginia Bahena.

Join Us to Stand in Support of Black Lives Matter @ 11:10am- 11:30am

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.

The Green Team meets today at 11:30 in room 12.

Kathy Underwood, DLRE



The Search Team for the new Director of Lifespan Religious Education, along with Rev. Eileen, are thrilled to announce that a highly qualified candidate has accepted the position of Director of Lifespan Religious Education at UCE. Kathy Underwood will be starting her new position at UCE on August 4. Kathy, a third generation Unitarian Universalist, comes to us from Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist, where she has been the Interim Director of Religious Education for the past year. Prior to her time at Countryside, Kathy was the Director of Religious Exploration and Education at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Elgin since 1996. In her role she has had the opportunity to work with diverse groups of people across the lifespan. Additionally,

she has extensive knowledge of UU religious education curricula. We are looking forward to getting to know Kathy, and having her bring her deep experience to help us

shape religious education at UCE. [Join us at the August 4th service to welcome Kathy!](#)

Greetings, UCE!

I am feeling excited and eager to be your next Director of Lifespan Religious Education! At the same time, change is always a bit of a challenge, even when it is sought out. [To read more, click here](#)

Multicultural Ministries Invitation

Monday, August 19, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Meadville Lombard Theological School, 610 S. Michigan Avenue

Diverse Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries invites UU People of Color in the Greater Chicago area to gather for dinner, worship, and facilitated meeting. The goal is to nurture new relationships between UU People of Color in the area, discuss some of the historical development of UU People of Color and anti-racism efforts, and learn more about what the community needs and interests are among those who attend. More information is at the Facebook event. Please RSVP with Rev. Joseph Santos-Lyons at jsantoslyons@uuma.org or by calling (503) 512-0490, ideally by August 15. Participants are asked to bring a dish to share if they are able for dinner.

Capital Campaign Update

As of July 5, our gift total is:

\$613,044

Thank you!

If you haven't yet heard from the Campaign Leadership team, someone will reach out to set up a meeting with you between now and the fall.

Capital Campaign Q & A

Q. Why is sanctuary cooling a proposed Capital Campaign project? We have reduced programming over the summer months, and many people are out of town for vacation.

A. With year-round minister-led summer services, our Sunday attendance has increased significantly over the last five years. We've outgrown Room 3, where we used to gather in the past.

Even with lake breezes, Evanston summers are hot and humid, and cooling will make the sanctuary a more welcoming place on sweltering Sunday mornings, especially for our guests and visitors. We would also have the option of scheduling congregational and community programming on summer evenings and weekends.

And there are other concerns that cooling in the sanctuary would address:

1. UUA security personnel and Evanston police emphasize that we should have only *one* building entrance open for public events. That eliminates natural air circulation in the sanctuary.

2. UCE has lost summer rental revenue because of our lack of comfort control in the sanctuary. Ours is an especially beautiful venue for weddings, and they -- along other rental events -- not only provide us with income but introduce the community to the congregation.

Animal Blessings

Our annual Animal Blessing service will be Sunday, August 4th at 10 a.m. Please send photo's in jpeg form of animals - your pets or those you have encountered in the world -

to Rev. Eileen at ewivott@ucevanston.org by July 31st, for use in the worship service slideshow.

Progress Bar Bans Rap and Hip Hop Music

The Lighthouse Church of Chicago UCC is hosting "Racial Justice Summit: Boystown and Beyond" on Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Pauls UCC, 2335 N.Orchard St., Chicago IL. (The Lighthouse Church of Chicago UCC is located within St. Pauls UCC.) The event is co-sponsored by the Chicago Metropolitan Association/Illinois Conference, United Church of Christ and Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches. The summit will address the pervasiveness of racism within the LGBT community and form a locally based coalition to tackle the issue.

From Windy City Times: "Lighthouse Pastor Jamie Frazier states the event is intended for clergy of LGBT-welcoming churches and their parishioners, as well as anyone who considers themselves an ally of LGBT persons of color.

"The event is announced after weeks of a large-scale controversy which erupted after the owner of Progress Bar issued a dictum that rap and hip hop music would be banned in the bar, an edict that has often been regarded as a tacit ban on persons of color in other locales. Allegations of racism were also leveled against the store Beatnix in Boystown."

For more information and to register, go to lighthousechicago.org.

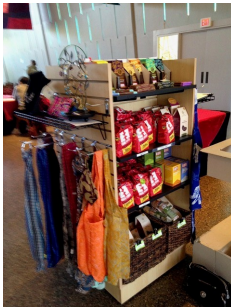
Update from Ministerial Search Committee

Have you been wondering what the ministerial search committee is up to? You can find a timeline of the ministerial search process here. We'll be posting regular updates both here in the email newsletter and on the UCE website. And if you have any questions in the meantime, please send us an email to ministerialsearchcommittee@ucevanston.org

How to Contact the UCE Office

To request placement of a newsletter article, or secure a room for your next meeting, please do so via email by noon on Wednesdays. Click here: admin@ucevanston.org.
Reminder: The UCE office is closed on Mondays through Sept.15 when two services begin again.

Vacation!



A note from Joan Retzloff

The Fair Trade Cart will be on summer break in August. You may want to stock up on chocolate and coffee, and get those summer gifts before we close at the end of July. Let us know if you'd like us to order something for you.

Visiting Minister July 21

July 21st – Jon Gilbert Martinez

Person ≠ Mental Health Obstacle

People living with mental health obstacles are but one group who desire the visibility of the individual. We live in a society that is fascinated with labels. One could imagine that labeling is a way our culture aims to provide a comfort zone for the unknown.

Nevertheless, many individuals want family, church, work, and society-at-large to see

them beyond such labels.

Jon Gilbert Martinez is a recent graduate with a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. He is originally from Deep South Texas along the US/Mexico border and a multi-generational Tejano and Chicano. His home church is First Congregational Church of Evanston a part of the United Church of Christ where Gilbert is a member in discernment on track for ordination. Currently, he serves as the Community Pastoral Care Minister at San Lucas UCC in Humboldt Park. He also serves on the United Church of Christ Mental Health Network Board of Directors. Gilbert lives in Chicago with his husband, infant son, two nieces, sister, and several fur-children.

To view all visiting minister's sermon descriptions, [click here](#)

Summer Religious Exploration 2019



Religious Education Fun this summer

Sun Jul 14: Tie-Dye Tables and Sprinkler Silliness – bring your bathing suit and towel and a white or light-colored t-shirt or bandana to dye, with Sandy McNabb and Virginia Bahena

Sun Jul 21: UCE Native Gardens and Habitats – learn about the native flowers in our UCE gardens, and about the butterflies and other fauna they help to sustain, with Betsy Godwin, Sandy McNabb, Gillian Lawrence, and Virginia Bahena

Sun Jul 28: Walk to Penny Park – come to this wonderful, imaginative playground, with Carol Emory, Virginia Bahena, and Kara Holder

Click [here](#) for the full summer schedule.

Pastoral Coverage while Rev. Eileen is away in July

Rev. Eileen will be on vacation during July but available for most of the month for pastoral emergencies only. During the week of July 14 - 21, she will be out of town so Charley Earp, a recent Meadville Lombard Theological School grad, will provide pastoral coverage for the congregation. If there are pastoral needs that arise, which need immediate attention during that week, you can contact Charley at charleyearp@uuma.org or 773-454-1739. Of course, if your matter is not urgent and you'd prefer to wait until Rev. Eileen returns, email her at ewiviott@ucevanston.org and she will reach out to you as soon she can. Pastoral Care Team members are: Jean Butzen, Ellie Feddersen, Judith Ramey, Becky Goldberg, Matthew Snowdon, Sean Talmage, Susan Carlton and Ellen Rieger.

Time is running out

Accepting Shared Offering Nominations 2019-2020

One of the most important avenues for carrying out UCE's social justice mission is through the selection of organizations with whom we share half the proceeds of the weekly offering plate. The amount projected for giving to these organizations in the 2019-20 budget is \$18,500. The amount any of the 13 organizations selected to share our offering plate may vary depending on the month and vagaries of donations to the plate. But it



will be a significant donation for many organizations.

The Social Justice Council (SJC), which is made up of the different Social Justice Teams in our church, and staffed by our Acting Senior Minister Rev. Eileen Wiviott, is tasked with selecting recipient organizations for our Share the Plate program. This next fiscal year the SJC will follow the procedure initiated last year for selecting organizations to better reflect our values and mission. The organizations do not need to be ones UCE members work with or volunteer at; nor need they be based in Evanston or the Chicago metropolitan area. There will be no single criteria for inclusion other than that they must be 501(c)(3) organizations (or have a fiscal agent) and have a social justice mission. Instead, we will look for whether they meet at least 3 criteria from among the 14 that we have agreed are important, not all of which criteria would be true of any one organization. To see more information about the Shared Plate Selection Process and to access a nomination form,

[Click Here.](#)

We encourage you to nominate between 1 and 3 organizations that you respect and that could benefit from our Share the Plate program.

Don't be concerned that you are asked to send your application to tdeville@ucevanston - email addresses continue to be changed!

Nominations must be submitted by July 31, 2019.

Loss Through Suicide Grief Group

Tuesdays July 30 through September 17 @ 6:30pm, Rm 13

Co-led by Ellen Rieger and Rev. Eileen Wiviott. If you have lost someone through suicide, whether your loss is recent or many years ago, we invite you to be a part of a safe, supportive and healing environment. This professionally led group is designed for UCE members and friends but is open to the wider community and will help you navigate through this particular grief. Please contact Ellen Rieger at ellenerieger@gmail.com or 847-791-8602 to register or for further information.

Some REAL Summer Reading

Suggestions for your reading pleasure and enlightenment over the summer – fill in some of those blank spots we all have in understanding American history.

Despite the Best Intentions: How Racial Inequality Thrives in Good Schools

By John Diamond and Amanda Lewis

On the surface, Riverview High School looks like the post-racial ideal. Serving an enviably affluent, diverse, and liberal district, the school is well-funded, its teachers are well-trained and many of its students are high achieving. Yet Riverview has not escaped the same unrelenting question that plagues schools throughout America: why is it that even when all the circumstances seem right, black and Latino students continue to lag behind their peers? [[For More](#)]

Pathways to Membership at UCE

Introduction to Unitarian Universalism:

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 **Sunday August 11, 11:30am - 1pm, Rm 3**. Childcare is available upon request.



Journey Toward Membership: 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 **August 17, 9am to Noon, Rm 3**. 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 Rev. Eileen know when you are ready to sign the membership book and submit a pledge.

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

Schedule for Rev. Eileen Wiviott

Rev. Eileen Wiviott's office hours, restarting in August:

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

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 have never 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 of 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, 7:15pm – 8:45pm, 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 discussion for six months to a year. This is the third book we have explored together, so we'll probably find another.

Our Giving House - July & August



This summer, the congregation is collecting diapers for Bundled Blessings. Bundled Blessings makes monthly distributions of diapers to twelve social service agencies in the Evanston area, and has diaper drop-off barrels in five locations throughout Evanston and one in Morton Grove.

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 admin@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

Saturdays at 9am Rm 2
Zen Meditation with Udumbara

2nd Saturday of each month at 9:30am Rm. 5
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 the third Thursday of every month. The next meeting is on July 18, 7:00pm in Room 6.

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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