

# EVANSTON

## UNITARIAN NEWS

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

This Sunday July 7, 2019 at UCE

**Worship Service @10:00am - Rev. Darrick Jackson**  
"Cultivating Joy"

How do we cultivate joy as a spiritual practice of restoration and resistance? The Rev. Darrick Jackson is the Director of Education of the UU Ministers Association and an Affiliated Community Minister with Second Unitarian Church. He is one of the authors in the book "Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity and Power in Ministry." Darrick is active in DRUUMM (the UU ministry for people of color). He is also the treasurer and Workshop Leader for Healing Moments (a ministry for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's). In his free time, Darrick likes to knit and to be involved in theatre. He is married to James Olson, a United Church of Christ minister and lives with their two cats, Merlin and Morgana.

**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 · Democracy Day**

Come explore and celebrate our UU 5th principle and *practice voting*, with Carol Emory 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.

### Staffing Changes



This is a period of transition at UCE, but one in which we find ourselves well positioned for a successful year ahead. As we move ahead, I want you to know of staffing changes.

Adam Gough, our AV tech, has joined us part-time as Congregational Life Assistant. Adam will continue to provide AV services, as well as support to the Acting Sr. Minister with membership and social justice work, and to the Director of Lifespan Religious Education, technology support, website support, among other tasks that are clearly articulated in a detailed job description prepared by Eileen Wiviott and me.

Adam will work 28 hours per week at the desk of our former ministerial intern. [Click here for more](#)

### 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](mailto:ministerialsearchcommittee@ucevanston.org)

## Hats Off to All UCE Volunteers

Each week we recognize a special volunteer who helps make things happen at UCE. This week we salute *all of you* who offer your skills and talents to make our work in the world and at UCE richer and more meaningful. Thank you!!!



## 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: click here: [admin@ucevanston.org](mailto:admin@ucevanston.org). Reminder: The UCE office is closed on Mondays through Sept.8 when two services begin again.

## Capital Campaign Update

As of June 30, our gift total is:

**\$581,000**  
**Thank you!**

### Why I Gave: Martha Holman

I had to miss the Capital Campaign kick-off on June 2 because I attended a memorial service for my cousin Becky. I was glad I was able to spend time with my family and share stories about our beloved relative. Being there made me think of another big and important family in my life: UCE.

I love the people, the music, the Sunday services, the social gatherings, the social justice work, and the fact there's a place for me where I can help a bit -- and be helped too.

The building in which most of this happens needs some work, and I can make that a reality by contributing to the Capital Campaign. So I did. I pledged. My gift is a proverbial drop in the bucket (I had to get that word in somewhere!) but every drop helps to have NO drops from our ceiling, to have a kitchen that works better for all, and to have a safe and comfortable sanctuary even on steamy summer Sundays.

I hope when you're asked for your drop in the bucket, you'll join me in making your contribution too.

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.

## Recycling at Evanston High School July 6

Evanston's annual recycling event is this Saturday, July 6, from 9am to noon at Evanston High School. Here is the link to the list of accepted items. *Services include document destruction.*

<https://www.cityofevanston.org/government/departments/public-works/services/trash-recycling-and-yard-waste-services/evanston-recycles-collection-event>

## 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 14

### **The 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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

**Nominations must be submitted by July 31, 2019.**

## We Are looking for a new DLRE!

We now are turning our attention to finding a new Director of Lifespan Religious Education, and to that end, the Board of Trustees has commissioned a DLRE Search Team to work with Reverend Eileen to find a worthy and qualified candidate for the position. Team members are Sue Larson, chair, Susan Comstock, Dan Solomon, and Chris Yoo. They have already met with Eileen and have started the process to identify and evaluate potential candidates. There are already several applicants in process.

## 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

## 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 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](mailto:ewiviott@ucevanston.org)



## 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



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](mailto: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.**

**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.

## Quick Links

[ucevanston.org](http://ucevanston.org)

[Calendar](#)

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