

EVANSTON

UNITARIAN NEWS

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

This Sunday June 23, 2019 at UCE

Worship Service @10:00am

Finding Beauty – The Worship Arts Committee leads this service with three perspectives

on ways of seeing beauty and what that can mean in our lives.

William Phillips, Lynn Kendall, Tom Hempfling, Barbara Badr, and Jinny Niemann contributing, along with Annette Wallace as Worship Associate.

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

Circle Dances of Beauty - Join us to celebrate June's *Soul Matters* theme of beauty with Dances of Universal Peace, led and selected by Donna Schiller in honor of the beautiful. Linda Herreid and Virginia Bahena will assist. Support your kiddos' participation in sacred dance – fun and good for body and spirit!

UCE Carbon Footprint Presentation @11:30am, Rm 3

Join Green Team Member Michael Drennan today after the service to learn about our carbon emissions, and celebrate the difference our congregation makes!

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.

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

Staffing Changes

Tamiko Deville, our Communications Coordinator, resigned from her position to pursue other opportunities and care for her family. We will miss her and wish her well. Melanie Kitchner will be filling in Tuesdays through Fridays until we hire a new full time coordinator. Melanie will prepare the order of service, inserts, and newsletter, will manage the UCE calendar and will cover 30 hours per week in the office. Please continue to send information to tdeville@ucevanston.org until we have made all

necessary changes in our system. The office will remain closed on Mondays.

Rev. Eileen Wiviott and Executive Operations Director, Sandra Robinson, will hire a 40 hour per week Communications Coordinator, which we hope to have in place by the beginning of the new church year in September.

You Can Watch General Assembly from Home this year!

Several staff and members are going to the UUA annual conference in Spokane WA this week but you can watch pieces of it from your living room! Here is the list of all the programs you can watch online without even registering for the Assembly.

<https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2019>

And on a local note, Unity Temple musicians are planning the music for Sunday morning in Spokane. For more info, talk to Peggy Bocard who will be an actual offsite delegate this year and Melanie Kitchner, who is, like you, watching the free streamed programs.

Remember the times you are reading online are Pacific Daylight Time!

Submitted by the Denominational Affairs Team

Visiting Ministers in July

July 7th – 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 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.

July 14th – 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.

Auction Party Spots Still Available

Come join us for the annual Girls' Night Out party on **June 28th (7:00 PM)** at Jenny Walsh's home. It's a lovely Friday evening with delicious dinner, delightful selection of desserts, wonderful wine, and convivial conversation. \$35 payable to UCE. Don't miss this UCE women's tradition - but you don't have to be a girl to party! Hosted by Jenny Walsh, Martha Holman, Maggie Wilson, Sarah Vanderwicken, and Susan Atkins. CONTACT JENNY WALSH jmw99free@gmail.com.

Good-bye Party for Dr. Mary Shelden



[Click here for Potluck sign-up!](#)

Sue Thornton Memorial, June 29 @ 2pm, UCE

Sue Thornton, UCE member since 2015, died on June 11th after a difficult illness. She was a kind, thoughtful, and dedicated person.

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 14 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.

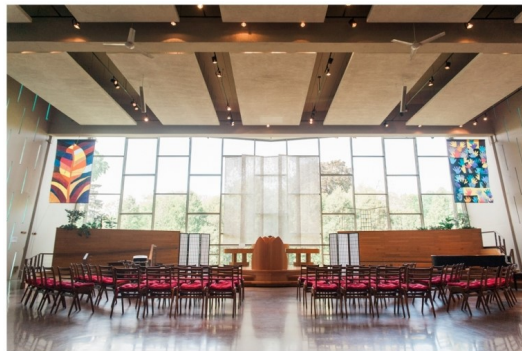
We Are looking for a new DLRE!

As Mary's last day approaches, we still have time to express our gratitude to her, and to share our sadness at seeing her go. We will grieve this loss, individually and together, for some time. Mary is a gem!!! **Join us on Saturday, June 29th at 5pm for a potluck and goodbye party for Mary.**

But we must also turn 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. [For More]

UCE Carbon Footprint Presentation

Sunday June 23 @ 11:30am, Rm 3



What impact has the Unitarian Church of Evanston had on the environment? How will its operations impact the future? Join Green Team member Michael Drennan June 23 after the service in room 3 to learn about our carbon emissions, and celebrate the difference our sanctuary makes! More than a decade before the City of Evanston passed an ordinance demanding buildings benchmark their environmental emissions, UCE Green Team member Alex Sproul began tracking ours. Using Alex's data, and informed by UCE staff and membership, Michael Drennan has begun creating a picture of what our daily life as a congregation means for the environment. Realistic in its assessment, this sixty minute presentation nonetheless finds good news in focusing on future efficiency and conservation efforts towards the individual member.

Loss Through Suicide Grief Group 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 Amada 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**. Childcare 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**. 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.

Pastoral Coverage while Rev. Eileen is away 17-23

Charley Earp, a recent Meadville Lombard Theological School grad, will provide pastoral coverage for the congregation while Rev. Eileen is away at General Assembly. If there are pastoral needs that arise, which need immediate attention, 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 as she can.

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

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 - June



Giving House Calendar.

This month we are collecting cans of tuna, salmon, and poultry for Connections for the Homeless. Connections now maintains full pantries in both their locations, and in spite of regular orders from the Chicago Food Depository, they regularly run out of protein items. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and vital!

Click [here](#) to access 2018-19

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

Note: Board of Trustees will meet on
June 27th 5:45pm (because of GA).

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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