

EVANSTON

UNITARIAN NEWS

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

This Sunday June 30, 2019 at UCE

Worship Service @10:00am - 50 Years After Stonewall

Members of the UCE Rainbow Alliance reflect on the ways the uprising, which sparked what many believe to be the beginning of the Pride Movement, has impacted the lives of individuals and our society. We honor especially the trans women of color who were at the center of this movement. Rev. Eileen leads the service with Rainbow Alliance members. Marianne Griebler is the 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

Beautiful Sidewalks – For our Fifth Sunday Service Day, we'll be chalking the sidewalks adjacent to our church building on Greenwood with beautiful messages of kindness and encouragement. Join Virginia Bahena, Carolyn and Hope Leman, and Maddie Finkel for this joyful artmaking!

Beyond #MeToo @ 11:30am, Rm 2

Continuing the conversation about reducing harm, establishing consent, and moving toward reconciliation, join Rev. Eileen and UCE members in creating a regular space for sensitive conversations.

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 Power of We" in Spokane, Washington



If you flip through our hymnals, you'll notice how many songs begin with or contain the word 'we'. This tiny word holds the hope and possibility of inclusiveness and expansiveness in Unitarian Universalism. It also inspired the theme of this year's General Assembly in Spokane, Washington, our annual gathering of Unitarian Universalist congregations ~ "The Power of We."

click [here](#) to read more

A message from outgoing Board President

As I pass the Board President baton on to Martha Holman, I offer my gratitude to her, the rest of the board and to all of you for the many ways you support the work of the church. I know that we have had a number of staff and ministerial changes and I am confident

that we will get through this and be stronger for it. It's a cliché that transition is never easy, but it's said so often, because it is true (at least in my experience). I've also learned that from change, comes new ideas, approaches and paths.

We are fortunate to have Rev. Eileen guiding us--she is so familiar with us and I am very confident that Rev. Karen will get us jump started on our interim work and share her many skills. She stayed in my home when she was here working with leaders in April and I got to know her pretty well. I was impressed by her leadership qualities, but mostly by her curiosity about who we are and how she might be able to help us reach our full potential as UUs.

Martha will be taking over as Board President starting July 1st (Monday!) and she and I have worked together as a team throughout this past year. She is a skilled, thoughtful, and experienced leader. The new board members are an impressive group and we're all excited about what's ahead.

If I may ask you one favor as I step down -- please read the newsletter (even though it's summer) to keep posted about the transition and then participate in the interim work which will begin in early September.

I will be at a table at the back of the sanctuary this Sunday if you have any questions about the transition.

Yours in community, Jeanne Kerl

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

Hats Off to Jeanne Kerl

Our hats are off to outgoing Board President, Jeanne Kerl. Each year at this time, we look back at the year which has past and marvel at the leadership skills of the president who led us through the ups and downs. This year is no different. The UCE staff is so grateful for the measured, wise, and thorough guidance Jeanne provided this year as we navigated many changes, challenges and new initiatives. Jeanne is one of those rare gems who keeps an eye on the big picture while paying attention to the details. Not only did she juggle the extensive responsibilities of the board president, she did it while holding a full-time job and still finding ways to volunteer throughout the church – with soup kitchens, on her hospitality team, and for special events. Even more importantly, Jeanne has been a consistently patient, open and receptive leader, always seeking connection and understanding, always showing kindness and compassion in her relationships with other members and with staff. Jeanne, we appreciate you so much and will miss your presence on the board, even though we know you've earned a break!



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 send information to her at the *new* email address Admin@ucevanston.org. 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.

Capital Campaign Update

As of June 24, our gift total is:

\$531,600
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 can't we use our Endowment Fund to pay for the proposed building projects in the Capital Campaign?

A. The Endowment Fund provides a lasting financial base so we can continue to nourish our congregation and empower our life-changing work in the community for years to come.

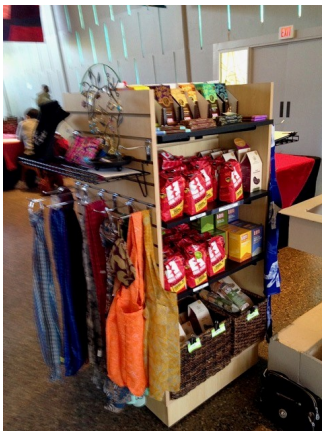
In accordance with the Trust Agreement, a maximum of 5% of the Fund can be released every year (currently about \$70,000) and the cost of planned Capital Campaign projects far exceeds that amount.

In addition, the Endowment Trustees (who are elected by the congregation) are charged to fund a broad spectrum of special projects outside the operating budget, including community outreach, scholarships, and enrichment opportunities. Building repairs and upgrades can only be a portion of the projects funded in any given year

Sue Thornton Memorial, tomorrow June 29 @ 2pm, UCE

Please come help celebrate the life of Sue Thornton, a UCE member since 2015, who died June 11th after a difficult illness. She was a kind, thoughtful, and dedicated person.

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 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.

For the other two visiting minister's sermons, [click here](#)

Summer Religious Exploration 2019



Religious Education Fun this summer

- **Sun Jul 7:** Democracy Day – come explore and celebrate our UU 5th principle and *practice voting*, with Carol Emory and Virginia Bahena
- **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 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 tomorrow, 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. [

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

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, Rm 3**. 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, 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

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 - 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 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.

Saturdays at 9am Rm 2
Zen Meditation with Udumbara

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 the third Thursday each 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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