

# EVANSTON

## UNITARIAN NEWS

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

This Sunday September 15, 2019

Services will be held at 9:15 am AND 11 am this Sunday

### **Worship Service @ 9:15 am - Rev. Karen Gustafson**

"Transition: A Challenge to our Better Selves" - Change happens. We all know that. Transition is the emotional and psychological aspect of change. Change can be engaged and understood with our minds. Transition is experienced through our feelings and reactions and sometimes breaks open our hearts. Change redefines our circumstances. Transition is an unfolding process of coming to terms with the realities of change. Change is often external, a namable result. Transition is a process of facing ambiguity and discomfort and unfamiliarity. It challenges us to deeper reflection and calls us to be accountable for the ways in which our short term reactivity can lead to long term consequence. UCE is a community awash in change. How might you engage the process of transition in a way that will bring about a more fulfilling future?

### **The Chris Isely Cancer Support Group @ 9:30 am, 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](#).

### **Worship Service @ 11 am - Rev. Karen Gustafson**

"Transition: A Challenge to our Better Selves" See above.

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

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.

### **From Rev. Eileen, Acting Senior Minister**



It's hard to believe it's only been one week since Rev. Karen arrived and we began, in earnest, our interim work together. I am tremendously grateful for her breadth of experience, calm presence, valuable guidance, useful questions, and good humor. Many of you have expressed your feeling that we are in good hands and you are eager to engage in the important work ahead of us. I am in awe of your receptivity, your openness as we forge new territory and explore important questions. I'm also deeply grateful for your willingness to be vulnerable and curious. ([read more](#))

### **Lifespan Religious Education Updates**

**Sun September 15 RE Open House:**

Come see the RE space and meet the leaders and volunteers! Immediately after the worship services: **10 am and 12:15 pm**



**Thanks to all who have volunteered to help! We still have a few more spots open, so please consider:**

- Helping in the nursery or preschool room at 9 am or 10:45 am
- Being a leader or helper with 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grades, 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grades, or 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades at 10:45 am

**Or perhaps one of these options would suit you better?**

- Help decorate bulletin boards, make posters and signs, and create welcoming spaces
- Serve on the Children and Youth Program Team or Adult Program team to plan programs
- Have an idea for a fun event or activity? Make it a reality by joining others to make it happen!
- If any of these opportunities spark your inner light, email Kathy at [kunderwood@ucevanston.org](mailto:kunderwood@ucevanston.org).

**September 28-29 Youth Lock-In is coming** High school youth are invited to gather at 3pm Saturday, when we'll have some fun activities, dinner with Rev. Eileen, a special program with Bonsai Bermudez, and planning for our hosting of the fall youth con. RSVP to Chris at [allenderchristine@gmail.com](mailto:allenderchristine@gmail.com) by **9/22** so we have enough food for you!

## Seeking Answers; Sharing Questions



As you may remember from last year, the first task in the Interim Process is termed "Heritage" which involves "Claiming and honoring the congregation's past and engaging and honoring griefs and conflicts". As part of last year's work some of you met with Rev Greg individually and in groups to address this task. His leaving has added another dimension to the story of ministerial departure.

During Karen Gustafson's September Interim visit, she is inviting you into conversation about ministerial loss and legacy. She asks that you consider two questions:

1. What questions, if any, remain unresolved for you regarding the departures of your past ministers?
2. What did you learn about yourself and your congregation during last year's interim?

Rev Karen will be available for a discussion of these questions TOMORROW, **Sept 14 12-1:30 pm**. If you are unable to participate in a group conversation, you can contact her by email at [kgustafson@ucevanston.org](mailto:kgustafson@ucevanston.org)

## Update Your Contact Info

Please let the office know if you have changed your address or phone number in the past several months. We have found that some landline numbers are no longer functioning and some of our information is out of date. Feel free to call the office at **(847)864-1330** or email [admin@ucevanston.org](mailto:admin@ucevanston.org).

Thank you for helping us be as efficient and helpful as possible!

Jessica Meis,  
Communications Coordinator



## Hospitality Team Training



Rev. Eileen will conduct a training for hospitality team members on **Sunday, September 22 at 12:30 pm**. Those on a Hospitality Teams who want to hone up on their skills at welcoming visitors and members alike, or those wishing to join a Team, please RSVP to Melanie Kitchner at [mkitchner@gmail.com](mailto:mkitchner@gmail.com). Come learn how to create a welcoming atmosphere at UCE on Sunday mornings!

## Save the Date for Serendipity Auction

Mark you calendars for **Saturday, November 16!** The social highlight of the UCE year is also a major fundraiser for our operating budget. Silent auction, dinner, socializing, and a live auction make for an entertaining evening. Watch here for weekly updates. Questions? You may contact auction co-chairs Jenny Walsh ([jmw99free@gmail.com](mailto:jmw99free@gmail.com)) or Susan Comstock ([susan.l.comstock@gmail.com](mailto:susan.l.comstock@gmail.com)).

## Important Updates from Sandra

**Update on Parking Lot** - Capital Campaign "Projects Team Leaders" Ann Peterson and Greg Grabowski have been working over the past many months on research and planning of the parking lot & sewers project. Currently Greg and Ann are working with several civil engineers to get RFP's to determine who they will hire to provide indepth analysis on best methods for upgrading our parking lot. Once the civil engineers do their analysis of the lot and provide best recommendations, whether it is non-permeable or permeable, a town hall meeting will be held. Congregation members will have an opportunity to see the outcome of the studies. The parking lot and sewer work is planned for mid-July through August 2020.

I had a qualified professional plumbing company come out and look at the sewers and it was their opinion that there is no immediate safety threat to driving over these settling areas and thought the timing of the work next summer would be an acceptable time frame.

**Lobby Ceiling** - As part of the Capital Campaign remaining upgrades will be done to the lobby. The volunteer project leader is Buildings and Grounds member Johna VanDyke who is working collaboratively with Ann, Greg and me to accomplish a freshening of our lobby space. This will include new floor tiles for the lobby, wing hallway, bathrooms, office and Room 3.

Please call me or email me at [srobinson@ucevanston.org](mailto:srobinson@ucevanston.org) with questions you may have or if you just want to talk about Buildings and Grounds projects you are curious about. Sandra Robinson, Executive Operations Director

[Click Here for More Update Info](#)

## Green Team Meeting

The Green Team will be meeting **Sunday September 15 at 12:20**. We will get an update on the information we submitted to the Capital Campaign Committee, discuss upcoming events and leadership elections.

## Journeys to Justice

Are you looking for a way to get involved in social justice work at UCE? Join the Journeys to Justice meeting on **September 15 12:30-1:30 in Room 6** at UCE. This month a window into UU Prison Ministry and its Solidarity Circles. Hear from Monica Cosby and Robert Gunn about their experience as leaders, and UCE members who have been part of their circles. Learn what the circles can do, what they are like and how someone gets involved.

## Bike the Ridge event coming soon!

Summer may be ending, but UCE members can look forward to Evanston's fall event: Bike the Ridge. On **Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-1:00 pm**, Ridge Avenue between Howard and Church will be closed to vehicular traffic for "Bike the Ridge."



This event is an excellent community building opportunity for UCE. Hundreds of people will be biking by UCE's doorstep; let's give them a UCE welcome! We will have a tent set up on Ridge. Here UCE members can greet bikers, supply them with water, and provide information about the church. We need lots of friendly faces on Ridge to represent UCE!

Please contact David Bates-Jefferys to volunteer or with any questions: 860-501-5300 or [david.wood.bates@gmail.com](mailto:david.wood.bates@gmail.com)

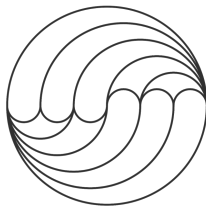
[Click here for more info!](#)

## Update from Ministerial Search Committee

We all wonder about who the next minister be and have a picture of an "ideal minister" in our heads. To keep these mental pictures from getting in the way of a productive ministerial search, the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) offers the Beyond Categorical Thinking (BCT) workshop, which is designed to promote inclusive thinking and prevent unfair discrimination during the search. This program will be offered at UCE on **Sunday, October 13**. Please join the search committee to find out more about the ministerial search process and discuss your own hopes and expectations for the new minister.

[Click here](#) to find out more and to RSVP for the workshop.

## Planning for What Matters Most starts October 2



*Planning for What Matters Most: Living in the Present, Preparing for the Future* will be starting on **October 2**. Life planning occurs at many different stages of one's life: going to school, getting married, starting a family, buying a house, and, as you move along life's path toward retirement—acknowledging the need for planning and acting on housing, healthcare, financial and legal decisions. We do this to protect our assets and maintain or improve the quality of our lives.

The seminar has been designed to encourage participants to take proactive steps for life planning. For example, you can plan to meet with an attorney to document your will or trust, explore investments needed to reach your financial goals, and make and record decisions regarding your future health care needs. Please plan to register online by going to the URL: [ucevanston.org/religious-education-adults/](http://ucevanston.org/religious-education-adults/) and clicking on the yellow "Learn More" button. Brochures about the program are available at the back of the church or on the bulletin board. Questions: write to Carol Nielsen at [carolnielsen2100@gmail.com](mailto:carolnielsen2100@gmail.com)

## Eco-Justice Global Climate Strike

Young People around the world, led by activists such as Greta Thunberg, are organizing a **global day of action** and climate strike on **Friday September 20**. In Chicago, strikers will meet at the South end of Grant Park (Columbus and Roosevelt) at 11 am and march to Federal Plaza, for a rally featuring performers and speakers. All ages are welcome! Sign up on the [Facebook event page](#).



To support the Green New Deal, UUSJ, UUJEC, UU Ministry for the Earth, Side with Love are among those supporting a Washington DC gathering to educate about and advocate for the Green New Deal. Jane and Lee Bannor are going and you can get details from them or at this site: <https://uujec.org/gndconference>

## Black and Pink Card Making



Rainbow Alliance is holding a card-making event for Black and Pink. We will be making birthday cards and donating stamps to Black Pink. The cards go to LGBTQ+ incarcerated people. Several UCE members have Black and Pink penpals and we know that the cards are greatly appreciated. Getting mail shows that the outside world cares. Please join us and help bring a little joy to someone's life, we will meet at **12:30 on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> in Room 3**. Please consider bringing some stamps to share with Black and Pink—any number is greatly appreciated. If you won't be there

that Sunday, you can leave stamps in the office in an envelope marked "Rainbow Alliance."

## Friendship Dinners

Want to expand your circle of friends at UCE? Join us in one or more of UCE's Friendship Dinners (for adults) shared in the homes of fellow members and friends. Hosts provide the main dish; guests bring the other dishes. This is a wonderful way to get to know other UCE folks in a relaxed, intimate setting.

Our dinner dates in 2019-2020 are:

**October 19, 2019**  
**December 14, 2019**  
**February 15, 2020**  
**April 18, 2020**

Whether you are new to UCE, a long time member of our community or somewhere in between, Friendship Dinners are a great way to connect with other members and friends over a meal. Sign up to participate and to host one or more dinners. Can't host? You are still welcome to participate (but without enough hosts dinners won't happen).

Look for our sign-up table at church on Sunday, or click here to sign up online: <http://tinyurl.com/UCF-Friendship-Dinner-2019>. Signup ends **September 22**.

Questions? Contact Gay Menges [gaymenges@gmail.com](mailto:gaymenges@gmail.com) or Luanne Vanderpool [Lvanderp@mindspring.com](mailto:Lvanderp@mindspring.com)

## Help with the Soup Kitchens October 2nd and 9th

UCE will host Soup Kitchens on **Wednesday**,

**October 2nd & Wednesday, October 9th** this Fall. We typically feed dinner to about 100 people from Evanston and surrounding communities and we provide them with a lunch to take away as well. The soup kitchen leaders are making a concerted effort this year to provide our guests with healthy food. Please click on the appropriate link below to sign-up for helping with food, set-up, serving, or clean-up. Contact Winnie Stevenson ([wstevenson4@gmail.com](mailto:wstevenson4@gmail.com)) or Maggie Weiss ([msmaggie6@comcast.net](mailto:msmaggie6@comcast.net)) with any questions. Thanks, as always, for your generosity! Click on the date on which you would like to volunteer:



**October 2**  
**October 9**

### ***Witnessing Whiteness – October 8, 15, 22, 29 — 7-9 pm at UCE***

If you've done some learning about racism and white privilege and are ready to go a bit deeper, plan to attend the **Witnessing Whiteness workshop in October**, sponsored by REAL team (Racial Equity Action and Leadership). Based on Dr. Shelley Tochluk's book of the same name, this 4-session dialogue-based workshop focuses on increasing white people's capacity for identifying and addressing racism. Participants will discuss white culture, explore how white privilege can show up in everyday interactions and cross-racial relationships, build new skills for addressing racism in everyday life, and develop a personal plan for continued anti-racist work. The workshop is free and a small amount of preparation prior to most sessions will be required. Facilitators are Dr. Gina Logan and Beth McDonald. Registration will open soon. Watch for it, since space is limited.

### **You can help refugees stay warm this winter!**



The Immigrant Solidarity Team needs your help. We are gathering donations to help refugees stay warm and safe this winter.

We will be collecting the following items and delivering them to [Refugee One](#).

Items Needed - must be clean, gently used or new:

- 500 Waterproof Winter Coats (All sizes; men, women, & children)
- 500 pairs of snow boots (All sizes; men, women, & children)
- Hats, gloves, scarves, and wool socks (all sizes)

Many congregations and individuals will be donating these items, so let's do our part! Please place items in the bins under the coat racks in the lobby. All items must be donated by **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks for helping out refugees who are making Chicago their new home. Questions? Email Jeanne Kerl, [figkerl@gmail.com](mailto:figkerl@gmail.com)

### **Workshop scheduled for Oct. 25-27**

**"Building a Vocal Community: The Power of Singing in the African-American Tradition"** is a workshop being planned for October 25-27, 2019. The group will explore from an African American world view:

- the values embedded in the music,
- the role of cultural and spiritual traditions and rituals,
- ways in which leadership emerges and can be shared by and among community



- members,
- the nature of cultural responses to and influences on political and social struggle.
- and finally, the significance of a shared communal experience in ones' personal life.

All that is required is a willingness to sing. Workshop led by Dr. Ysaye Barnwell.  
<https://www.ymbarnwell.com/> Registration will be open soon.

## Beloved Conversations: Meditations on Race and Ethnicity

This learning opportunity is being offered again in 2019-2020 with a kick off retreat on **Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm – 9 pm and Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 5 pm** at Hinsdale Unitarian Church. It is followed by eight two-hour sessions here at UCE co-facilitated by Chris Allender and John LaPlante. Dates for the eight sessions are as follows: October 9, October 23, October 30, November 6, November 13, December 4, December 11 and December 18. The sessions are from 7 pm – 9 pm. Beloved Conversations is an in-depth and small group series of discussions and exercises that help participants reflect on race and ethnicity in their individual and congregational lives with an eye towards change and healing. Groups are comprised of 8 – 12 people. More information about the content can be found at [www.meadville.edu/beloved](http://www.meadville.edu/beloved). This course is open to UCE members or those on the path to membership and requires a degree of openness, willingness to engage in deeply personal conversations and a level of comfort with potentially difficult interactions. More than 35 members of our congregation have already participated in Beloved Conversations. Please contact Susan Carlton, if interested [susan.carlton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susan.carlton@sbcglobal.net).

## Note from former Ministerial Intern Susan Frances



Hello, UCE!

I hope you are doing well. Mickey and I have spent much of the summer resting, reading, and recovering on our back porch. Mickey came through her surgery in June and her radiation sessions in August really well, and her scans show that she is still free of cancer. Thank you again for your support during this challenging time.

My interview with the UUA's Ministerial Fellowship Committee is at 3:30 p.m. on September 20, 2019, in Boston. If that interview goes well, then I will be in Preliminary Fellowship with the UUA and will start planning for my ordination. Thank you for your ongoing encouragement of my ministry.

Blessings, Susan Frances.

## UUA NEWSLETTER

Each month the UUA communicates with its 1000+ congregations by sending a short message via email. This one includes a video message from our president as we all begin our new church calendar year. View the entire UUA newsletter:  
<https://www.uua.org/sites/live->



[new.uua.org/files/september\\_2019\\_uua\\_newsletter\\_blessings\\_for\\_the\\_new\\_church\\_year.pdf](https://www.uua.org/files/september_2019_uua_newsletter_blessings_for_the_new_church_year.pdf).

[Click Here to view the video!](#)

## Hats off to Maggie Weiss and Winnie Stevenson



We are so grateful for their leadership of our soup kitchens for the past several years. Providing these meals is a huge effort and a meaningful way for us to serve our community and it wouldn't be possible without their leadership. Maggie and Winnie make the meals we serve not only delicious and nutritious but ensure that they are served with thoughtful care and a warm spirit of hospitality. Many thanks to you both for your kindness to our congregation and our broader community.

## Capital Campaign Update

As of September 8, our gift total is:

**\$902,500**

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 early October.

*Have any questions right now? Please reach out to the Capital Campaign co-chairs: Martha Holman, Dan Lawrence, and Gillian Lawrence. Thank you!*

### Why I Gave: Greg Grabowski

As a recently retired project mechanical engineer, I've had some free time available, and I looked for an additional way to volunteer at UCE. So when I was asked by Martha Holman and Rev Eileen to help with some of the projects for the UCE Capital Campaign, I said YES!

[Click here to continue Greg's Story](#)

## Correction re: Kevin DeBeck

In last week's email it was reported that Kevin was called to Tree of Life UU Church in McHenry, IL. He was not. He was, happily ordained on September 1st and we continue to share in his joy.

## Fiction Book Club

**The Fiction Book Club has made their selections for this fall:**

**September 20:** Toni Morrison, *Song of Solomon*

**October 18:** Orhan Pamuk, *The New Life*

**November 15:** John Irving, *The Hotel New Hampshire*

## Nonfiction Book Group



The nonfiction book group will meet **Sunday, Sept. 29** at 12:30pm in room 13 to discuss *How Democracies Die* by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt. Copies of the book are available at the Book Hand and at public libraries.

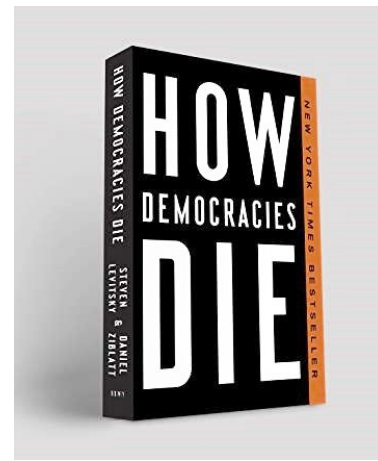
**Oct. 27, 2019**

*Despite the Best Intentions: How Racial Inequality Thrives in Good Schools* by Amanda Lewis and John Diamond. 2015. 249 p.

**Nov. 24, 2019**

*Cooked: a Natural History of Transformation* by Michael Pollan. 2014. 468 p.

[Click here](#) to view the entire year's list.



## Loss Through Suicide Grief Group

**Tuesdays through September 17 @ 6:30 pm, 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](mailto:ellenerieger@gmail.com) or 847-791-8602 to register or for further information. You need not sign up for all sessions, but do contact Ellen to let her know who is attending.

## Looking to Lend a Hand at UCE?

Are you or someone you know looking to get more involved at UCE? We are currently looking for more volunteers to fill the following positions.

- Lobby Staff - Sundays
- Religious Education Teachers - Sundays
- Childcare Providers - Schedule varies



Please contact Sandra Robinson 847-864-1330 or [srobinson@ucevanston.org](mailto:srobinson@ucevanston.org) for more information about the positions and the application process.

## Giving by Text

Giving by Text is now possible for four areas:  
Shared Plate Offering, Coffee & Bagels, UCE Operating Fund  
and Capital Campaign.

Send a text message to **312-584-9160** with the amount you would like to contribute and *the code* for where you would like it to go (e.g., **50 OFFERING**). Valid codes are **OFFERING** (Shared Plate Offering), **PLEDGE** (Pledge Payment), **CAP** (Capital Campaign), or **BAGELS** (for coffee/bagels). Example text: **50 OFFERING** (give \$50 to the shared offering). If you forget the funds, simply type in **FUNDS** and the list will pop up.

Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debit or card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via e-mail. For

future giving, send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically! You can even text “repeat” to make it a recurring donation. Text giving is one of the fastest, easiest ways to give. We hope you enjoy this new way to share your generosity, and we thank you for supporting the church. To read more, [click here](#). If you experience any issues, contact Adam at [agough@ucevanston.org](mailto:agough@ucevanston.org).

Once you have completed this process successfully, you can save the number in your text as UCE Donation and giving becomes one simple step. Please note: You can still pay for Fair Trade Cart and Book H items at those locations on Sunday morning. Joan Retzlöff and Margaret Shaklee have an iPad and card reader for those accounts.

## 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 dates **Sunday September 29 and Sunday November 17, 12:30-2 pm, 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 **Saturday November 23, 9 am to Noon, Rm 3**. You can take this class 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, is September 22, 2019.

## September Schedule for Rev. Karen Gustafson

Rev. Karen Gustafson can be contacted by email with questions or to request an appointment anytime. She will respond to email on **September 17, 19, 24 and 26**. Rev. Karen will return home after service this Sunday, September 15. She will return Wednesday Oct 9 and be with us through Friday Oct 20.

Please call [847-864-1330 ex.111](tel:847-864-1330) or email [kgustafson@ucevanston.org](mailto:kgustafson@ucevanston.org)

## Schedule for Rev. Eileen Wiviott

### Rev. Eileen Wiviott's office hours

Sunday: By Appt. Only

Monday: Sacred Day Off

Tuesday: 10 AM - 5 PM

Wednesday: 10 AM - 5 PM

Thursday: 10 AM - 5 PM

Friday: Writing Day (Offsite)

Saturday: By Appointment Only

Please contact Rev. Eileen via email at [ewiviott@ucevanston.org](mailto:ewiviott@ucevanston.org)

## UCE Community News

Our Giving House - September, 2019



This month we're asking for canned hearty soups and stews, which will be donated to the pantries at Connections for the Homeless. These are crucial, because both pantries, at 2121 Dewey and at Lake Street Church, regularly run out of protein items between deliveries from the Chicago Food Depository. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Check out the [Giving House Calendar 2019-2010](#).

## Yoga at UCE - Wednesdays @ 9:30 am - 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 @ 7:15 pm, 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.

## 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 6:30 pm Rm 2**

**Saturday, 9:00 am Rm 2**

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**Wednesdays at 9:30 am Rm 2**

Yoga with Doug Erickson & Jessica Tomell-Presto

**Thursdays at 5:30 pm Rm 2.**

Buddhist meditation with Andrea DeMers

**2nd Saturday of each month at 9:30 am 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 **September 19, 7:00 pm 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](#)

[Upcoming Worship Services](#)

[Listen to Sermons](#)

[Facebook](#)

[UCE Member to Member Facebook Group](#)

[UCE Children and Youth Religious Education Facebook Group](#)

[UCE Social Action Facebook Group](#)