

# EVANSTON

## UNITARIAN NEWS

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

This Sunday January 26, 2020

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

### **Worship Service @ 9:15 am - Rev. Eileen Wiviott**

"Patience: Is it always a virtue?" – Patience is a virtue, except when it's not. As the world moves ever faster and we, its inhabitants, are more instantly gratified, it seems increasingly challenging to ask for and practice patience. We will explore the virtue and vice of patience and how we might practice it with one another, while navigating and responding to the urgency of our times. Bridget Wild and Ben Kornfeld are the recipients of this auction sermon.

### **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](#).

### **Forum Discussion Group @ 9:30 am, Rm 7**

Join the Forum Discussion Group this Sunday with the topic: *Racial Injustice in the US - Truth and Reconciliation*. We will continue discussion of Racial Injustice, following up on last week's presentation by some attendees of the Montgomery AL Legacy Museum. UCE members who may have read the book or seen the new movie Just Mercy may be especially interested in joining the Forum this Sunday! The Forum Discussion group is self-managed, and participants are encouraged to propose topics, serve as moderators and present issues to discuss.

### **Worship Service @ 11 am - Rev. Eileen Wiviott**

"Patience: Is it always a virtue?" - See above.

### **Join Us to Stand in Support of Black Lives Matter @ 12:10 pm- 12:30 pm**

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.

### **Social Justice Sticky Notes**

In case you missed last Sunday, you will notice a temporary, colorful addition to the wall in the front of the sanctuary, under the screen. It is a list of the social justice activities in which congregants are engaged, outside of our UCE organized actions. Each paper panel contains stickies which represent a different sort of work, volunteer or job/career and the name of the person doing that.

Please take some time before or after the service this week to look at these, and to add your efforts to our list. This is a very important part of the picture of UCE which we can eventually share with our senior minister, and which we can now, hopefully use to better understand and appreciate each other and ourselves.



Please remember to put your name on your sticky. If you put one up last Sunday, but forgot to include your name, please add your name this week. Joe Romeo will be present at a table with the stickies.

## News from UCE Ministers and Staff

### From Kathy Underwood, Director of Lifespan Religious Education



We have reached an interesting period here at UCE as well as in our country and in time. 2020 is the start of a new decade with its promises and hopes. If you believe in numerology, when adding the digits in the year 2020, you get 4, which represents order, responsibility, stability, family, home, manifestation, conservation, peace, physical reality, and practical solutions. It is the number of work -- of getting it done. You are being asked in 2020 to be fully invested in creating a foundation for long-lasting success, security, and grounding by building something of value that stands the test of time, according to *Numerology.com*. And if you're into astrology, it marks the ending of three major planetary cycles of Saturn, Pluto & Jupiter.

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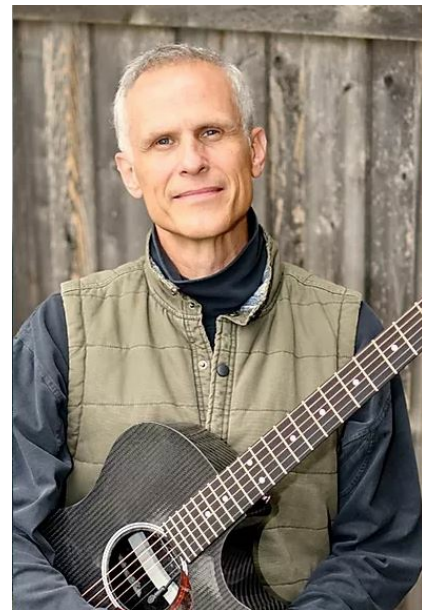
## Important Save the Date!

"His guitar work is breath-taking, his lyrics mind-spinning, his singing soul-soothing and his feet-on-the-ground optimism nothing short of healing."

--Marilyn Rea-Beyer, music director, WUMB Radio, Boston

Peter Mayer, the Minneapolis-based UU and singer-songwriter who wrote "Blue Boat Home," will perform in our UCE sanctuary on **Saturday evening, February 22**. Tickets will go on sale soon.

Peter will also join us for a combined 10:30 a.m. worship service on February 23 as we kick off our 2020 Pledge Campaign. A Spiritual Practice session will be offered by Rev. Eileen at 9:15am on February 23, but we would love for you to stay for the festivities following the 10:30am service as we celebrate our rededication to UCE's mission and each other.



Mark your calendars and plan to join us! Tickets are available for purchase today by clicking the link below.

[Buy your tickets today!](#)

## Informational Town Hall - This Sunday, January 26

Do you have a favorite project from the Capital Campaign? Want to know when we plan to start it? Come to an Informational Town Hall meeting on **this Sunday, January 26** (after each service) where the Capital Campaign Implementation Committee will share the 3-year plan for all of the Capital Campaign Projects. We've already announced that

the Kitchen will be under construction in January and February and the Parking Lot will be started in August.

Come to this Town Hall to learn when we plan to start other projects, like the hearing loop, wing refurbishing, playspace, ramps and sidewalks, sanctuary chairs, lower level bathrooms, and sanctuary cooling.

## Caring Committee and Pastoral Associates: Appreciation and Planning Dinner

*Hosted by Lois Taft, Rev. Eileen and Rev. Karen*

**If you are or have been a Caring Committee volunteer or a Pastoral Associate, or if you are interested in participating in the future**, you are invited to a dinner at UCE on Friday evening **February 21<sup>st</sup> 6-8:30 pm**. Rev. Karen will be joining us, and we will look at our activities from a transitions planning perspective.

After dinner, we would like to have a conversation on these topics:

- What would we like Pastoral Care to look like at UCE?
- How are the Pastoral Associates and the Caring Committee different?
- What's the best way to set up rides to church for those who aren't able to drive?
- What's the best way to welcome and support parents of new babies?
- Are there other ways to share some of the caring activities?

Please RSVP if you plan to attend by using the button below.

[RSVP Today!](#)

## Check this out in the UCE Office!

Upon Karen Gufstafson's arrival as Interim Minister, she held a staff start-up workshop where the staff created a covenant together. This document was developed by our entire staff during this meaningful day of learning and sharing with one another. Thank you to Jill Donovan for making it into a beautiful document that now hangs in the office to remind us all of our covenant with one another.

[View the UCE Staff Covenant.](#)

## What's Happening in Lifespan Religious Education?

### This Sunday in Religious Education



As we continue exploring our theme of "Integrity" this month, our young people will explore the idea of being brave in the face of things that challenge their integrity. Our middle school youth will be reflecting on their visit to the Quaker meeting house.

**9:15 am** - All are invited to worship. Nursery care for 0-2 years old, and Pre/K/1 for 3-7 years old are available in the lower level.

**9:30 am** - Forum Discussion Group - *Racial Injustice in the US - Truth and Reconciliation*

High school youth and adults are invited to join us in room 7 to continue the conversation begun with our guest speakers last week. Our discussion will be around these questions:

- What would it mean for the US to engage in an intentional 'truth and reconciliation' process around the racial terror directed at Black Americans in the years after the civil war?
  - How would this impact our understanding of the US ideology? How would it change the way we tell our history?
  - What would change at a systemic level? At a community level? At an individual level?
  - How would it impact our reputation abroad?
- Should UUs play a part in this process?
- As individuals, is there a way to invite non-violent tension into our lives in order to create change today?

**11:15 am** - All young people and youth are invited to sit together in the Young UU section near the front and left of the sanctuary during worship, where the high school youth have offered to watch over the youngsters in this area so that parents who wish can enjoy worship hands/arms-free!

The young people will be sung out to their religious education program after the Time for All Ages. Nursery care for 0-2 years old and for 3-7 years old are available in the lower level for those who would like to use it. Children can be picked up at 12:15 pm after religious education.

If you haven't registered for RE yet, click the button below!

[Register for RE Today!](#)

## Children and Youth

### Next Sunday...

We begin exploring our new theme, *Resilience*.

## Adults

### Current Programs and Events

#### Deepening Our UU Identity

*Tuesday, January 28 @ 7-9pm*

*Led by Rev. Wiviott, Rev. Gustafson, and the New Member Committee*

*What does it mean to be a Unitarian Universalist? Without a common creed or theology, what unites us and grounds us? Contrary to the common misunderstanding of our inclusivity, that we are the ones who "can believe whatever we want," Unitarian Universalism is a chosen faith that asks a great deal of those who commit to its aspirations and covenants. For more information, [click here](#).*

#### UCE Book Groups

The fiction book group will meet on **Today Friday, January 24 in Rm 2** to discuss *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. This is a rescheduled meeting from January 17. The non-fiction book group will meet this **Sunday, January 26, 2020** at 12:30pm in room 13 to discuss *The Sixth Extinction: an Unnatural History* by Elizabeth Kolbert. Copies of the books are available at the Book H and at public libraries. For more information about UCE Book Groups and upcoming books, [click here](#).

### Upcoming Programs and Events

#### Revising Lifespan Religious Education

*February 15, 2020 at 9 am*

Join Rev. Karen, Rev. Eileen, and Kathy Underwood as we look at our lifespan religious education program and formulate a new vision as we head into a ministerial search next

year. More details in Kathy's article available [here](#).

### Darwin

A new program on **Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25 from 7-9 PM**. Facilitated by UCE members Dick Whitaker and Bill Irons. We will celebrate Darwin's birthday with a month-long series of classes on the history of his theory of evolution, from his time to the present.

## Family Fun and Resources for this month's theme, *Integrity*



# Soul Matters

Click [here](#) for ways to connect as a family to our faith!

## Are you Numero Uno at UNO?

We have some openings for the UNO Tournament on **January 25 from 6-8 pm** here at UCE! Join the fun and snacks at this event offered in the Serendipity Auction. Cost is \$5 per person. You can pay at the door, but please RSVP here ([Kunderwood@ucevanston.org](mailto:Kunderwood@ucevanston.org)) by January 23. Who will win this year's trophy?



## Side with Love



...is an interfaith public advocacy campaign promoting respect for the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Side with Love confronts issues of exclusion, oppression, and violence based on identity. With the goal of creating beloved community, the campaign pursues social change through advocacy,

public witness, and speaking out in solidarity with those whose lives are publicly demeaned.

Families/couples can use [this calendar](#) as a guide to activities to do together.

## Looking for Ways to Help?

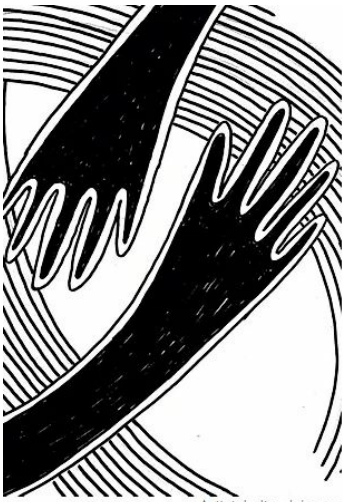
If any of these opportunities spark your inner light, email Kathy at [kunderwood@ucevanston.org](mailto:kunderwood@ucevanston.org).

- Help organize the RE book collection
- Be a helper with the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade room
- Serve on the Lifespan Learning Council



## Upcoming Events and Social Justice Opportunities

Evanston 2020 Year of Kindness and  
Nonviolent Action Initiative Kick-Off Event



The 2020 Year of Kindness and Nonviolent Action is a public art and community engagement initiative that uses the transformative power of the arts to bring people together around the common goal of fostering an inclusive and peaceful community. Join the kick-off event for this exciting grassroots initiative on **Sunday, January 26 at 3-5pm** at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center at 1655 Foster St., Evanston, IL 60201.

Festivities include special presentations and performances from local artists, community groups and organizations, and Mayor Hagerty. Be a part of the community art making for all ages, food, drinks, and music at this FREE event for all Evanston community members and families. To learn more or reserve your spot, click the button below.

[www.kindnessinactionevanston.com](http://www.kindnessinactionevanston.com)

## Retired (But Never Retiring!) Women

Retired (But Never Retiring!) Women will meet on **Tuesday, January 28 at 5pm** in the back of the sanctuary. We will gather for a scrumptious potluck, followed by a discussion led by Carol Nielson reflecting on the 2 January talks from the year-long sessions on "Life Planning": medical ethics and autonomy, and end of life issues. All are welcome to ask questions or to offer their own ideas. For more information please contact Margie Rogasner.

## REAL presents "An Evening with Daniel Epstein" - Wed, Jan 29

The UCE Racial Equity team brings you this event on **Wednesday, January 29th from 7pm to 8:30pm** at the Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge (Ridge and Greenwood) in the Sanctuary.

***An evening with Daniel Epstein: Institutional bias and corruption in Illinois's court system, and how to fix it.***

Daniel Epstein served clients in the Supreme Court of the United States and in jurisdictions across the country, including Illinois, where he witnessed deep systemic problems in our justice system. He saw how money, rather than merits, can determine outcomes; how pseudoscience in our courtrooms has produced false verdicts; how conflicts of interest can infect our courts; how important evidence can be hidden; how pressure to close cases imposes a huge tax on the community; and how some can't even take the first step toward justice because courts are inaccessible to them. He also saw how we can fix those problems.

Daniel is an Evanston native and resident who worked for Jenner & Block, where he was awarded for his pro bono service. While there he co-authored the 2018 Illinois Civil Practice Guide, chaired the Chicago Bar Association committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution, and founded a nonprofit providing security cameras and solar panels to a block in Chicago's Austin neighborhood.



## Wine Tasting! Snacks! Socializing!

There are 4 open spots at the Wine Tasting



event at Lush Wine & Spirits, 2022 Central Street, Evanston, on **Thurs, January 30, 4-6 pm**. We will taste wine guided by their sommelier, enjoy some appetizers and socialize! A perfect reason to venture out next week. Please contact Meredith at [mhaydon@haydonlegal.com](mailto:mhaydon@haydonlegal.com) or Rachele at [rlbrooks.phd@gmail.com](mailto:rlbrooks.phd@gmail.com) and drop off or bring a check for \$35.00 payable to UCE, noting Auction event at Lush. Hope to see you there.

## Evanston Forum: "What Makes a Community Safe"

When? **Thursday, January 30th, 7:00-8:30 PM**

Where? St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Oldershaw Hall, 1108 Washington St., Evanston

The People's Lobby, Reclaim Evanston, and OPAL (Organization for Positive Action and Leadership) are co-sponsoring a public forum and conversation on what makes a community safe. We are inviting you to re-imagine community safety, to move beyond a reliance on police and prosecution and towards a community with resources for its most vulnerable residents. Panelists include Cook County States Attorney Kim Foxx, Evanston Alderman Cicely Fleming and Evanston Youth/Young Adult Program Coordinator Nathan Norman.

[Check out more info about the forum and RSVP](#)

## The Night of the Arts is February 8!

Reviving a tradition started by artist and UCE member Rosemary Zwick, The Rosemary Zwick Night of the Arts this year is **Saturday, February 8 from 6-9pm**. The cost is \$5.00 per person, or \$15.00 per family. The sanctuary will be filled with people of all ages enjoying a variety of art projects. Some projects will be individual for taking home, and some will be group projects for display. Make a valentine for your honey, enjoy music and noshes, and ward off the winter blahs. It may be cold outside, but we'll keep it warm and cozy inside making art.



If you are interested in doing a project or volunteering, contact Johna Van Dyke 847.864.7852 or cell 312.399.5745, e-mail at [johnavandyke@gmail.com](mailto:johnavandyke@gmail.com) or Will Van Dyke, cell 312.399.5734, e-mail [willvd@sbglobal.net](mailto:willvd@sbglobal.net)

## You're Invited to the Northwestern Women's Basketball Game!



Rainbow Alliance invites everyone to attend the Northwestern Women's Basketball game on **Feb. 16th at 2pm**. There is no sign-up, just show up, find the UCE folks, and have fun while we all watch the game together. Save the date now! Email Jeanne Kerl, [figkerl@gmail.com](mailto:figkerl@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Mark your Calendars! Vision Keepers Dinner - February 16**

Here's a delightful way to support Interfaith Action of Evanston. The Vision Keepers dinner will be **Sunday, February 16 at 5:30pm** in Evanston. Each faith community nominated an outstanding member in their congregation. Our honoree this year is Kathy Talmage. Please come to the Vision Keepers dinner to both honor Kathy and support Interfaith Action. Tickets are \$75. Reservations can be made by clicking the button below.



**Make your reservation for the Vision Keepers Dinner today**

### Schedule for Rev. Eileen Wiviott & Rev. Karen Gustafson

#### 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)

Rev. Karen Gustafson will return Thursday, February 13 and be with us through Sunday, February 23.

Feel free to e-mail [kgustafson@ucevanston.org](mailto:kgustafson@ucevanston.org) or call (847) 864-1330 ext 111.

**Learn more about the Interim!**

### Welcome to 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? Scroll down for info on ongoing programs and useful information. Can't find your answers here? Click the button below to learn more on our website.

**More things to know about our UCE community**

### Pathways to Membership

**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 approximately every other month; the next date is **Sunday, March 22, 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 February 29, 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.

## Our Giving House - January 2019



This month the Giving House will be collecting Canned tuna, salmon, chicken for Connections for the Homeless. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated!

Check out the [Giving House Calendar 2019-2010](#).

## Giving By Text at UCE

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), **MUSIC** (music fund), or **BAGELS** (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 Retzloff and Margaret Shaklee have an iPad and card reader for those accounts.

## Brighten Sunday Service with Flowers and Light



UCE needs volunteers to bring flowers and light the chalice during Sunday services. There are no sign ups for the next few months. Do you have a special occasion coming up? Do you have a holiday tradition that you are grateful for? Are you just missing a bit of Spring and want to share some hope and joy with the congregation? Whatever your reason, big or small, we would love to have you be a special part of one of UCE's Sunday services. Bring the flowers and your words for the order of service and we'll provide the rest.

Sign up on the button below or on the sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jessica at [admin@ucevanston.org](mailto:admin@ucevanston.org).

## 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.

## Opportunities For Spiritual Practice

**Tuesdays at 6:30 pm Rm 2**

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

Udumbara Buddhist Zen Community

All Welcome. For more information, click [here](#).

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

Yoga with Doug Erickson & Jessica Tomell-Presto

For more information, click [here](#).

**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



## Board Of Trustees

The Board of Trustees meets the third Thursday of every month.  
The next meeting is on **February 20, 7:00 pm in Room 6.**

Questions for the board? Email [BOT@ucevanston.org](mailto:BOT@ucevanston.org).

## 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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