

**Here is the current schedule for UCE Forum
on First and Third Sundays.**

Dec 19 The best gift: Your time and interest in another person. Let's explore ways to connect to each other virtually and in person to grow our faith community. Led by Dale Griffin, Carolyn Laughlin and Rev. Scott Aaseng. Emphasis on personal connections during the holidays, the pandemic, and the cold of winter. Let's warm ourselves around the fire of human connection.

Jan 2 Holiday weekend: Forum takes a Holiday! Join us on Jan. 16.

Jan 16 MLK weekend: Scaling up social solidarity: Is it realistic for all to have what they need? Envision what is possible. Steve Serikaku and perhaps one other co-leader and/or **some youth who** could participate.

Words to contemplate before Forum: "The world has enough for everyone's needs, but not everyone's greed," Mahatma Gandhi

Feb 6 Nominating & Recruiting: What Makes a Good UCE Leader? Members from Nominating & Recruiting join us February 6 to explore the qualities of a good leader, how UCE elected leaders help the church fulfill its mission and be more inclusive, and about paths to leadership and available resources. Young adults and parents are especially encouraged to join us. Led by Sally Parsons.

Feb 20 Green Team: State Rep. Robin Gabel joins us to explain the impact of the Clean Energy Act that passed in Illinois last session. Leader TBA

March 6 General Assembly: Preview of Portland Coming Attractions by Denominational Affairs

March 20: History of Jane Addams & Ida B. Wells and their connection presented by Kristin Lems.

April 3 Immigrant Solidarity Team

April 17 (Easter) Earth Day program by Green Team

May 1 Gender Issues/ Trans Issues with Jordan Strueber. Youth are invited to join this discussion.

May 15 Topic TBA

June 5 Topic TBA

Possible Topics:

“Sarah Matters: Exploring our 1st Principle.” Organizer is Bob Mesle.

Children’s Book: 1619 Project: Born on the Water, by Nikole Hannah-Jones and Renee Watson, illustrated by Nikkolas Smith

On hold: Music as a Spiritual Experience organized by Peggy Bocard