



The Searchlight

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Worship Services February 2016

**Services begin at
9 and 11 a.m.**

**Sunday, Feb. 7
Rev. Roger Bertschausen
Guest Preacher**

The Rev. Roger Bertschausen served as the minister of the Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Appleton, WI from 1990 to 2015. During his ministry, the membership of the congregation grew from 100 to 700 members, making it one of the 20 largest Unitarian Universalist congregations in the United States. Roger recently relocated to St. Louis, where he serves as the Assistant to the President of Eden Theological Seminary for Special Projects and travels nationwide as a consultant on church governance with Unity Consultants.

**Sunday, Feb. 14
“Share the Love Sunday”
Intergenerational Worship Team**

Join our intergenerational worship team for a lively Valentine’s Day Service for all ages, as we join Unitarian Universalists across the country for “Share the Love Sunday,” imagining how we can share a spirit of love and justice within our communities *and* beyond our walls.

**Sunday, Feb. 21
“Secular Spirituality”
James Cutts**

Join young adult leader James Cutts for a service exploring the idea of secular spirituality.

**Sunday, Feb. 28
Guest Preacher**

This month and next, join us for more exciting guest preaching from UU ministers across the area and country.

Building Bridges, Building Community

On Jan. 20, I heard from renowned lifelong civil rights activist Diane Nash as she gave a keynote address to the University of Missouri. Nash was a contemporary of Martin Luther King Jr., a leader in the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, and a powerful activist who helped organize lunch counter sit-ins, voting rights campaigns, and marches for civil rights in the profound movement of the 1960s.

She reminded those gathered that while there is energy and therefore power in acts of violence, there is more energy, more power in the feeling and expression of love. There is transformative power released from the reality of our relationships.

She also told us, “I want you to know that the work we did was for all of you. When we were afraid for our lives, when our courage flagged, we reminded each other that we were doing this for generations yet unborn. I want you to know that we loved you before we met you.”

This month during our annual stewardship drive, our Stewardship Team will be talking about the power of relationship to change our world and our own lives, as we work together to build community and then to extend that community by building bridges – bridges to others, bridges to our legacy, and bridges to those future generations whom we do not yet know but whom we reach toward with love.

I hope you will engage this time as one of recommitment to the many ways that we practice the power of love – through giving of resources, certainly, but also through the giving of ourselves into deeper relationship and service to one another and our wider community.

Together we are building bridges and building transformative community!

With Love,
Rev. Molly

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Potluck Plans for the Remainder of 2015-2016

Second Sunday Finger Food Feasts

10 to 11 a.m., second Sundays in February, March and April
Finger foods only, please. Foods that require utensils may not be served.

Sunday, Feb. 14 – 10-11 a.m. – Valentine Party

Bring Valentine-themed finger foods to share, and visit our Valentine-making table to create a card for a loved one, neighbor or stranger!

Sunday, March 13 – 10-11 a.m. – St. Paddy's Feast

Bring a green, sweet or savory snack to share. Bonus points for the most creative use of the color green!

Sunday, April 10 – 10-11 a.m. – Spring Fling

Bring a spring-y snack to share and explore our church grounds for your favorite sights of spring!



Green Sanctuary Team News

The Columbia Earth Day Festival is scheduled on Sunday, April 24. The Green Sanctuary Team (GST) will be sponsoring a booth and is looking for volunteers to come talk about our UU environmental values. Look for a sign-up link in the March *Searchlight* and volunteer a couple of hours with us!

The GST is planning a camping trip this summer at Bergfried near Hermann, Mo. Peter Holmes and Patty Daus will be organizing this fun, family-centered event. The dates will be announced later this spring. The Bergfried property is owned by Eliot Chapel in Kirkwood. Check out this website – <http://www.eliotchapel.org/bergfried> – and get ready for a fun camping trip.

On Saturday, April 2, Peter Holmes and Patty Daus will be leading a group in honeysuckle eradication. Please come out between 9 a.m. and noon and help us deal with honeysuckle on the church property. We are making good progress but still need to keep up with it, and more volunteers are needed.

In order to celebrate the hard work of the Grounds Team, and their planting of native species in the church flowerbeds, the GST is making plans to purchase small plaques/signs that indicate the areas. Example: “Pollinator Habitat” (small sign with images of bee on a flower). If you have other ideas about how to call attention to these changes and new plants, especially with regard to education, please contact Ellen Thomas or Lisa Guillory.

The GST will be holding a planning and goals retreat from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 27 at a cabin near Lupus. We welcome new members and new ideas. Contact Lisa Guillory or Ellen Thomas for details and carpooling.

Our next regular meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9 at Lisa Guillory’s house. Contact Lisa for the address and directions. All are welcome.



Stewardship 2016

All year we're exploring the idea of "Beloved Community," representing the greater world community we seek to create – the calling of a world made whole and human community made just. We're learning that Beloved Community is something we model in our own human communities when we seek to widen our circles and live out the spirit of love.

As we build bridges and seek to build Beloved Community beyond our walls, we also need to tend to our own church community with our time, talents and treasure.

Again this year our primary stewardship goal is to receive pledges from 100% of potential pledgers – we estimate there are 185. Last year we received a record 164 pledges – a stunning 96% of 170 potential pledgers at that time – including 33 first-time pledges. We need to build on that success to meet this year's dollar target of \$300,000, a 15% increase over last year's \$260,000 target.

Our growth and expanded outreach means higher expenses – and pledges enable us to plan a realistic budget to pay those expenses. While cash donations in the offering basket are greatly appreciated, and are used to help support the church and its causes, they are unpredictable, and thus we cannot rely upon them when planning our budget.

Submitting Your Pledge

Pledge cards, available in the Greeting Area, can be turned in at the stewardship table, placed in the offering basket, given to any Stewardship Team member or the church administrator, or mailed to the church.

You can also pledge online at uuchurch.net/stewardship/.

Key Stewardship Dates

Sunday, Jan. 31: Beginning of 2016 Stewardship Campaign
Sunday, Feb. 21: Stewards training after 11 a.m. worship service

Sunday, Feb. 28: Stewardship Sunday – stewards will visit all who have not pledged by this date

Sunday, March 6: Final deadline for receipt of pledges

Where Do Your Pledge Dollars Go?

Pledges made during the stewardship campaign constitute about 90% of church income. The remainder comes from pledges made at other times, undesignated Sunday offerings, facility rentals and fund-raisers.

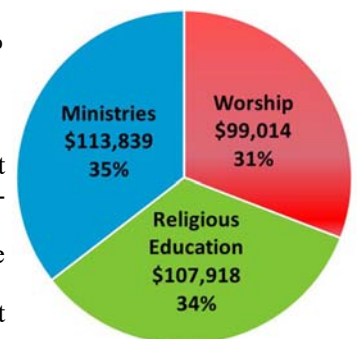
For the fiscal year starting July 1, we project spending needs totaling \$320,771:

- **Ministries:** \$113,839 – 35%
- **Religious Education:** \$107,918 – 34%

• **Worship:** \$99,014 – 31%
 All amounts include relevant staff, facilities and administrative expenses.

For the current fiscal year, we have budgeted \$304,249.

Increases projected for next year include more money for ministries to help build Beloved Community beyond our walls as well as normal increases in staff, facilities and administrative expenses.



Meet Your Parental Leave Team

As I hope you have heard by now, I will be away on Parental Leave for 12 weeks starting at the birth of James' and my first child due Feb. 14.

I hope you have also heard that our Board of Trustees has a comprehensive plan for coverage, including exciting guest preachers to fill the pulpit, a professional pastoral minister on call for pastoral care (see page 5), and a "Parental Leave Executive Team" – or Leave Team – to fulfill any administrative needs in my absence.

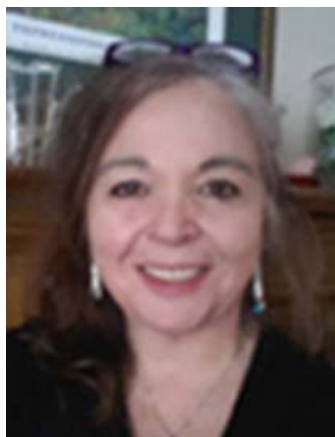
I am very pleased to introduce to you our Leave Team members. They are Allie Gassman, Todd Iveson, Maria Oropallo, and Sam Otten.



Allie Gassmann



Todd Iveson



Maria Oropallo



Sam Otten

Their duties will be covering the administrative and executive capacities usually performed by the minister. They will be available to support our staff *and* our ministry teams and to triage any issues that may arise in the life of the church.

They will be available to you in several ways:

- By email at leaveteam@uuchurch.net.
- Through monthly updates in the *Searchlight*.
- On Sunday mornings at church.
- At weekly office hours from 6 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday at the church, beginning Wednesday, Feb. 3

Please do not hesitate to be in touch with our wonderful Leave Team!

In Faith,
Rev. Molly

Introducing Your Parental Leave Pastoral Care Minister

The Rev. Dottie Mathews will serve as your pastoral care minister during my parental leave.

Rev. Dottie, along with her wife Rosie Geiser and their daughter Angie Mathews Stuart, relocated to Missouri from north-central Wisconsin last summer.

This happy move came after Rev. Dottie retired from her work as the Organizational Chaplain for that region's Goodwill, where she led a team of five people providing holistic care and support for more than 1,400 Goodwill team members



Rev. Dottie Mathews

across 35 Wisconsin counties.

Previously, Rev. Dottie served as the Associate Minister with the Fox Valley UU Fellowship in Appleton, WI, where her primary role was providing pastoral care for that large congregation.

Regardless of title or lo-

cale, Rev. Dottie sees "compassionate listening" as the core and call of her ministry, and she and her family are delighted to now be among us here at UUCC. She, Rosie and Angie all look forward to new and growing relationships with the congregation.

During my Parental Leave, Dottie will be available for your pastoral needs. She can be reached at pastoral-care@uuchurch.net or by contacting the church office. Please do not hesitate to reach out!

– Rev. Molly

Forum for February 2016 9 a.m. Sundays

The UU Forum, an adult discussion group open to the public, meets on Sundays from 9 to 10 a.m. Conversation and light refreshments are offered along with the discussion. Forum coordinator: Bill Clark, 573-474-4510.

Feb. 7: George Frissell will return to visit with us about one of the world's major religions.

Feb. 14: The Rev. Meg Hegemann from Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church will outline the role of "The Turning Point," a major program sponsored by the church to help the community's homeless population. The church was the winner of the group Columbia Values Diversity Award in January.

Feb. 21: Dr. Jack Colwill will present Part 3 of the "Healthcare Dilemma in the U.S."

Feb. 28: Jeanne Snodgrass, Executive Director of Mizzou Hillel, will discuss the Jewish religion and the Jewish presence at the University of Missouri and in our community.

The Grounds Team's vision for UUCC...

Imagine our UU Church set in a woodland garden that feels peaceful, welcoming and fascinating...

...where you feel at home and want to spend time exploring or just sitting and connecting with the vibrant life around you...

...where you can take a walk along winding footpaths and discover little nooks and dells...

...where somebody has placed a sculpture or built a stone cairn...

...where you can sit in the shade and watch insects going about their busy lives, listen to the birds singing, and have a relaxed talk with friends...

...where your children can explore a wild, safe playground and discover and learn to feel at home in nature.

This is the Grounds Team's vision for UUCC.

You can help achieve this vision by joining in honeysuckle removal and grounds cleanup events in April and May. More information will be published in the March *Searchlight*.

The Grounds Team meets at church from 9 to 10:30 a.m. every third Saturday. For more information contact pfholmes63@gmail.com or pdaus@mchsi.com

How do we measure our growth?

Whenever I'm feeling a little down (mostly due to the cold, grey weather we've been having), I take some time to look over the congregation on an average Sunday morning. Our church sanctuary is regularly populated with new faces taking part in our beloved community.

Actually, measuring the growth in our church is (to me personally) a bit like the old Indian proverb of the blind men and the elephant. One blind man touches the elephant's trunk and reports it is like a rope. Another touches the elephant's ear and says it is like a sail. And so on. The takeaway: none of the blind men have the exact picture, but none are actually "wrong."

In any case, our church membership has objectively grown. Since August 2013 Rev. Molly has reported membership figures monthly to the Board of Trustees. In August 2013, our membership was 226; last month it was 247. That's almost a 10 percent increase.

Meanwhile, our church budget has increased steadily over the past two fiscal years. We've expanded to two Sunday services, increased staff capacity and our profile as a beacon of radical welcome and progressive spirituality in

Central Missouri.

Growth may be hard to pin down in terms of exact metrics, but it's there.

The UUA 2005 publication "Congregational Growth in Unitarian Universalism" underscores the importance of good leadership in times of growth: "There is natural wisdom in growth.... leaders must welcome the changes occurring while listening to people's concerns along the way."

This requires good listening skills and an attitude of inclusion. On that note, I'd like to welcome all Columbia UUs to participate in church leadership in ways that fit their skill sets and passions.

Looking for a way to get involved? The church Nominating Committee is always looking for people to fill various spots. Members of this important committee are Kevin Fritsche, Melissa McConnell, Jan Swaney and Maria Oropollo.

For those who have stepped up for leadership positions, thank you. For those considering doing so, welcome aboard! And let me (us) know how we can help!

– Jeremy Milarsky, 2015-16 President

Upcoming Workshop

Collective Wisdom and Synergy Sharing

9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6

Does your team have trouble recruiting volunteers? Do you have great ideas for how to inspire people or run a successful meeting? How is your committee's work connected to the mission and vision statement of our church?

Join leaders from other church teams/committees to discuss your successes and failures and learn from each other's experiences.

This workshop will be facilitated by members of the Committee on Ministry from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 in the Greeting Area at church. The event is open to all. Light breakfast and childcare will be provided.

The primary purpose of the Committee on Ministry is to promote the spiritual health and well-being of UUCC. In that role the committee is working to develop leadership, build commitment to shared ministry, and help our congregation work to fulfill the mission of our church.

Our Mission
***In the spirit of
courageous love, we
forge a community
of radical welcome
and deep
connection that
moves us
together to
heal the world.***

REflections

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Mystery Friends Returns!



A favorite intergenerational program continues!

Building connections within our community keeps it strong and happy. Sunday School children will be matched up with adults from our church who will send a letter or card each week to their child friend. Children will then send a response.

Want to get involved?

Children in 8th grade or younger are invited to enroll and must promise to answer notes from your Mystery Friend (you will leave letters at church to keep your identity a mystery). You will also need to be at church for the Big Reveal on Sunday, April 24.

Adults will need to promise to mysteriously contact your young friend at least once each week for the duration of the program. You must also keep your identity a secret and plan to be at church for the Big Reveal on Sunday, April 24.

Mystery Friends will run for six weeks, from March 6 through April 17. Please email Shanon Dickerson at dre@uuchurch.net if you would like to join the fun! Sign-up sheets will be available Feb. 14-21 in the Greeting Area.

Important Dates

Feb. 5 - Jr. Youth Group Dance Party

Feb. 7 - RE Team Meeting

Feb. 13 - YRUU Valentine's Day Dance

Feb. 14 - Spread the Love Event (Part 2)

Feb. 14 - Mystery Friends Sign-Up Begins

RE Photos!



Two-Part Valentine's Day Event: Spread the Love!



Part 1: During Service Sunday, Feb. 7, we will be making cards and door decorations for the elderly at Lenoir Woods Assisted Living.

Part 2: Right after the Valentine's Day Intergenerational Service, Feb. 14, those who are interested will all go directly to Lenoir Woods Assisted Living Building on 3801 Miller Drive to spread the love and pass out our cards, door decorations and pictures (made the previous Sunday) from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

This event will be short, sweet and really neat. So join us we spread the love together!

Reflections...continued

OWL Schedule: 10th-12th Grade



Must be registered to participate. All events will take place in the Centering Room unless otherwise noted.

- Sunday, Jan. 17 – 6 to 7:30 p.m.** Parent Orientation
- Sunday, Jan. 31 – 2 to 6 p.m.** First OWL session
- Sunday, Feb. 7 – Noon to 4 p.m.**
- Friday-Sunday, Feb. 13-15** – Overnight two nights at UUCC from 9 p.m. Saturday to 11 a.m. Monday (school holiday)
- Sunday, Feb. 21 – 2 to 6 p.m.**
- Sunday, Feb. 28 – 2 to 6 p.m.**
- Sunday, March 6 – 2 to 6 p.m.** Snow Day Makeup (if needed)
- Sunday, March 13 – 2 to 6 p.m.**

For more information, please contact:

- Larry Lile (573-657-0231 or lawrencelile@gmail.com)
- Kristen Richter (kristenleannjohnson@gmail.com)

Annual YRUU Valentine's Day Dance Feb. 13

Everyone is invited to YRUU's annual Valentine's Day Dance.

Join us Saturday, Feb. 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Sanctuary for food, fun and dancing.

As part of the YRUU fundraising efforts, donations will be accepted for light refreshments and in lieu of admission.

So bring your family and friends for a night of celebrating the love that unites us all!



Tentative YRUU Spring Schedule



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| Feb. 7 | Workshop on Non-violent Communication |
| Feb. 13 | Valentine's Day Dance |
| Feb. 21 | Ethics Workshop |
| Feb. 28 | Start planning lay-led service |
| Mar. 6 | Queue for T/F film and/or watch documentary from previous T/F year. Discuss. |
| Mar. 13 | Finish planning Lay-led service |
| Mar. 20 | Lay-led service |
| Mar. 26-27 | Lock-In and Easter brunch (after 2nd service) |
| Apr. 1 | Game Night with Jr. Youth |
| Apr. 3 | Spring Hike |
| Apr. 9-10 | Trip to St. Louis |
| Apr. 17 | Watch movie (maybe the <i>Invention of Lying?</i>) |
| Apr. 24 | Go Carts |
| May 1 | Yard work for church |
| May 8 | Cancel or do Mother's Day Luncheon |
| May 15 | American Life Policing podcast |
| May 22 | Trip to a pool |
| May 29 | Plan Bergfried Trip |
| Jun. 3-5 | Bergfried Trip |

Programs and Events

Men's Group

The UUC Men's Group meets on the second, fourth and fifth Saturdays of each month at 8 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Executive Center.

The group is open to all men. There are no fees and no reservations are necessary. The agenda is an open discussion of whatever is on the minds of those in attendance – and breakfast!

For more information call Wiley Miller at 573-864-8574.

Mindfulness Meditation

Starting Feb. 7, mindfulness meditation will take place from 10:05 to 10:35 a.m. every Sunday in the Centering Room – except for third Sundays when we will sit outside around the fire circle.

Meditators of all levels of experience are welcome. This will be mainly silent meditation with some instruction, if needed, and with brief selected readings from eminent teachers.

We are hoping to build a group of UU members committed to regular meditation practice.

For more information, contact Peter Holmes by email at pfolmes63@gmail.com.

Kaleidoscope

Join Kaleidoscope at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 at the church as we celebrate Imbolc. The light grows, the ewes feel the first stirring of the lambs within their bellies. This is the time of Brigid, goddess of the forge, of poetry, of creativity.

The ritual at 6 p.m. will be followed by a potluck. All are welcome.

Grieving Circle

Grieving Circle meets at church every month on the second Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. and on the fourth Thursday at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Come, share, listen.

More information at <http://uuchurch.net/grieving-circle/>.

Follow us on FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/GrievingCircleUUC/?fref=ts>.

UU Book Discussion Group – Feb. 12

The UU Book Discussion Group will meet at 5 p.m. Feb. 12 at ABC Chinese Cuisine, 3510 I-70 Dr. S.E. Bring a book you have read to discuss.

Call Pam Springsteel at 573-445-0642 if you have questions.

Conversations, Etc. – Feb. 10

The Conversations, Etc. women's group will meet at noon Feb. 10 at the church. Bring a brown bag lunch and a snack to share if you wish.

Call Melinda Farhangi at 573-445-6325 if you have questions.

Life Writers Group

The Life Writers Group will resume meeting on the first and third Saturday each month at 10:30 a.m. in the lower level of the church.

Need a ride?

Do you need a ride to church on Sunday, or a church function at another time? We are coordinating rides as part of the Caring Ministry. Please call the church office at 573-442-5764 or contact Meredith Donaldson or Win Scott, Team Leaders.

Reel UUs – Feb. 16

The Reel UUs Film Group gathers on the third Tuesday of each month to view a film and hold a discussion immediately following.

The film and location are announced each month in the weekly emails and on the website.

For more information, contact Janice Smith at janepicurean@gmail.com.

WhaleCoast Alaska

Have you ever dreamed of visiting Alaska? If so, WhaleCoast Alaska 2016 is for you! Four Alaska UU fellowships invite you to experience our eco-cultural and spiritual program next summer.

See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Seward, and Sitka with friendly homestays and unique tour activities. See wildlife, including moose, bears, caribou, whales, bald eagles, seals, and otters. Visit Denali National Park. Experience Native Alaskan culture. Forget the cruise ships – our program is the best way to visit Alaska!

Programs are led by Dave Frey, member of the Fairbanks UU congregation and Alaska travel expert. To find out more about this Alaskan trip of a lifetime, visit www.WhaleCoastAK.org, email dfrey@whalecoastak.org, or call 907-322-4966.

**Our presence
on the web**

Go to <http://uuchurch.net>
for complete information on
church activities and our
online calendar of events

Summary Report from Peacebuilding Team on Listening Circle Potluck Dinners

During November and December 2015, Rev. Molly Housh Gordon, members of the Peace Building Team, and the Board of Directors facilitated four listening circle potluck dinners that were focused on the church's growth and the future of monthly potlucks. Altogether, approximately 60 individuals participated in these listening circles. The Peace Building Team's full report can be found on our website at uuchurch.net and provides all of the feedback from the four listening circles. The following excerpt is from the report summary:

Overall, the listening circles revealed more enthusiasm and excitement around growth than concerns about negative aspects or needs not being met.

The most common positive aspects of growth that participants expressed were: 1) the opportunity to have a greater impact in the community, *i.e.*, live out our mission and be more visible in the community; 2) the greater flexibility that two services have created for congregants; 3) more people and resources for existing and new church programs; and 4) the increased fun and excitement that comes with being part of a dynamic, growing congregation.

The most common negative or challenging aspects of growth that participants expressed were: 1) a loss of some traditions/rituals, 2) more difficulty connecting with people/groups and feeling less personally engaged/needed, 3) difficulty integrating new members and balancing that with needs of long-term members, and 4) concern that two services reduces time to socialize and could create "two churches."

When asked about what creative ideas participants had for creating a "beloved community," the most common responses were that there should be a focus on connecting members across generations, finding ways to integrate new and long-term members, finding ways to improve the diversity of our congregation and focus on inclusion (e.g., race, poverty status, disability, etc.), and using small groups (e.g., Chalice Circles) and alternative or unstructured meeting/socializing opportunities to create more connections (e.g., picnics, dinner clubs). The idea increasing the quantity and diversity of small-group opportunities came up repeatedly.

Finally, there were many ideas suggested to make monthly potlucks more feasible in the future – some of those ideas were minor tweaks to the past process (e.g., assigning logistics, serving by tables, tiered system for serving) and some of those ideas involved departing from the past format altogether (e.g., evening dinners, picnics, repurposing 10-11 a.m. time for other group activities). A few individuals were quite frank that potlucks had outlived their usefulness and should be eliminated, but others remained committed to retaining potlucks in some form.

The report and summary were prepared by Caya Tanski French, Dave Gibbons, Kakie Love and Suzanne Hansford-Bowles.



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“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Upcoming activism opportunities:

- PROMO Equality Day at the Capitol in Jefferson City – 10 a.m. Feb. 16
- Black History Month – all February
- Real Colorism at the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center, MU – 6-8 p.m. Feb. 16
- Film & Discussion, “12 Years a Slave” at the Armory Sports Center – 7 p.m. Feb. 5
- Planned Parenthood Lobby Day at the Capitol – 9 a.m. Feb. 23
- Tim Wise, anti-racism writer and activist, MU – March 8-9

SAVE THE DATE

Anti-Racism Workshop and Sunday Service with Chris Crass

Chris is a UU author, educator and movement builder who will give a four-hour workshop on “Anti-Racist Vision and Organizing in White Communities” on April 9. On April 10 he will be a guest in our pulpit.

You won’t want to miss this exciting social justice weekend at the UUCC!
Please register for this event at www.chriscrassworkshop.eventbrite.com.

Social activism efforts in January:

- Room at the Inn participation – Jan. 3-16
- Fed the hungry at Loaves and Fishes – Jan. 17
- MLK Sunday Service by the SAT – Jan. 17
- MLK Commemorative March and Vigil – Jan. 18
- MLK Annual Lecture with Diane Nash – Jan. 20
- Honduras Trivia Night and Chili Cook off – Jan. 23
- Non-Violent Communication Workshop – Jan. 24

**Next meeting of the
Social Action Team
is Feb. 7 from 12:30
to 2 p.m. in the
Forum Room**

Columbia Celebrates Diversity Breakfast:

On Jan. 14 the City of Columbia held the annual Columbia Celebrates Diversity Breakfast. For the fourth year in a row, UUCC was a top-level “Champion of Diversity” sponsor thanks to an anonymous donor. UUCC was the only church to participate at that level. This year, we had three tables represented by at least 18 UUs, and we shared a table with Mid-Mo PrideFest.

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