

**A HISTORY TIMELINE FOR THE  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF COLUMBIA**

**1951**      **First Organizational Meeting held, January 28**

**Unitarian Fellowship of Columbia receives charter from  
American Unitarian Association, March 14**

1954 – Carla and Wayne Anderson (come as  
graduate students; return 1963)

1955 – Duane Dailey (comes as a student;  
returns 1959)

1958 – Lois and George Parker

**1959**      Fellowship begins to seek own space

**1965**      Fellowship selects Shepard Boulevard site for its permanent  
meeting space

**1969**      Groundbreaking for Fellowship Building

1969 – Marian (Dolliver) Hjelmfelt (leaves 1980; returns 2008)

1970 – David and Carolyn Leuthold

**1970**      **Fellowship moves into Shepard Boulevard building**

1971 – Andrew Twaddle and Sarah Wolcott-Twaddle

1972 - Margaret Tyler (between 1972-77)

1974 – Carl Kardinal, Lara Kardinal Brotslaw, Jeni Kardinal

1976 - Linda Lou Brown

1977 - Fran Reynolds

1977 - Joan and Steve Mudrick

1977 – Monica Miller (77 or 78)

1978 - Barbara Carter

1970s      Sunday School  
Workshops for lay-led services  
First sex education class, taught by Art McArthur  
Church sends young person to UU camp in Mexico, to live with family  
(1975)  
Founding of Singletarians (1978)  
Choir founded – Beth Brown (1979 - or was it in early 1980s?)

**1980** Fellowship calls its first minister, the Rev. Gertrude Lindener. (She later marries Conrad Stawski, and becomes Gertrude Lindener-Stawski). She is installed on October 26.

- ❖ Outside speakers continue.
- ❖ Some people leave because a minister comes, but overall membership grows.

1980 – Sue Tillema  
1982 – Rose Wise  
1983 – Susie Liu  
1983 – Desirée Long  
1984 – Kakie Love

Early 1980s:

A naming ceremony for an adult woman  
Canvass kickoff – Betty Holcomb as God in a bright red teddy and red boots  
'Dual Career' service – the Andersons  
25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary – the Leutholds  
Marriages – Janet Leuthold, Marc Lenau  
Tragic death – teen Richard Helmick, during YRUU trip  
Divorce support group  
General Assembly '83 – Beth Brown and Sarah Wolcott-Twaddle  
Renaissance Dinners  
"Anti-Depression Services" – silly ones for the Sunday after Christmas  
A 24-member Board (!)

**1986** The Rev. Gertrude Lindener-Stawski resigns.

**1987** The Rev. George Brooks arrives as Interim Minister; stays till 1989.

1988 – Kathie and Greg Bergmann  
1989 – Jeanne and Dennis Murphy  
Kevin and Lisa Fritsche

**1989** The Rev. William Haney is called as Minister.

**1992** Kathie Bergmann becomes Church Administrator.

Desi Long becomes Music Director.

1990 – Mary Beth Schillinger  
1990 – Joy Amuedo  
1991 – Scott Denson  
1992 – Howard Hutton  
1993 – Paul Miller  
1995 – Alan, Carol, Ian, and Chris Arnold  
1995 – Barb Tucker and Ellen Thieme

Births: Sally Fritsche (1991), Mary Cate Denson (1993), Betsy Fritsche (1994),  
Eli Byerly-Duke (1995), Hannah Hutton (1995)

Early to 1990s

1991 – Unsuccessful effort to begin building remodeling. Cost predictions  
exceeded revenue predictions.

Marriages: Mary Beth Schillinger and Tom Ratermann (1991, in St. Louis).

Light moments: The Unknown Comic, Charlie Pickle, wearing a paper sack on  
his head. Canvass Kickoff with Lois Parker in a feather boa, singing  
“Hey, Big Spender.” Madrigal Dinners.

YRUU – a very helpful program

December piano recitals

**1995**

**Joy Amuedo becomes Director of Religious Education.**

**1995 (?)**

**Vote to remodel Shepard Boulevard church building, rather than purchase  
United Methodist Church building on Broadway. (Some members leave to  
join Unity, which did purchase the UMC building.)**

Mid- to late-1990s

Founding of CUUPS (Covenant of UU Pagans). Lots of controversy; one  
person left the church for two years.

Variety show for Canvass Dinner

Social Entertainments (e.g. Madrigal Dinner) were frequent and brought group  
participation.

“Our first Christmas Eve service was a magical Christmas without being  
centered on the Christian story.”

Peace-building Team founded.

Worship Associates formed.

Wedding: Anni Waters and Jim Martin (1996).

General Assemblies

**1997-98**

**Shepard Boulevard Building Expansion Project. Sunday Services held at Shepard  
Elementary School.**

**1998**

**Fall: Staff moved into new offices.**

1998 – Sue Bader

1998 – Todd Iveson

1999 – Meredith Donaldson

1999 – Janet Groat

1999 – Ellen Thomas

1999 – Allie, Walter, Jonas, and Gabriel Gassmann

2000 – Jeremy Duke

2000 – Katherine Corey, Michael and Lucas Corey-Yates

2000 – Amy Ewing

## 2001

### A new Millennium

2001 – Jackie and Maya Bell  
2001 – Care Francis  
2002 – Stephanie, Larry, Adele, and Stephan Dorman  
2003 – Armine Cuber  
2003 – Marty Patton  
2003 – Greg, Julie, Travis, and Rose Baka  
2003 – Ellie A.  
2003 – Carver-Horner Family  
2004 – Hayday Family  
2004 – Caroline Armstrong

Births: Leila Gassmann (2000), Maya Bell (2000, dedicated Mother's Day 2001), Ellie Carver-Horner (2001?), Stephan Dorman (2002)

Dedications: Maya Bell (2001), Stephan Dorman (2002), Abigail and Nate Martin (2004)

Marriages: Qhyrrae Michaelieu and Larry Lile (2000)

Memorial Services: Arthur Royal Amuedo (2003)

#### Late 1990s and early 2000s

Dennis Murphy was YRUU leader. YRUU trips to Duluth, Colorado, Knoxville Central Midwest District Assembly held in Columbia, with Forrest Church speaking.

Parking lot paved.

UUCS folks help Barb Tucker fix up her old house.

“The Bawdy Monk and Abstemious Abbot”

Kathleen Knepper directs “Wizard of Oz” dinner theatre fundraiser

2003 – Stephanie Dorman attends Young Adult conference in Milwaukee, and is inspired to get UUCS involved in the Welcoming Congregation program.

## 2003

**Memorial Garden Dedicated.**

## 2004

**Service Sundays begin in R.E.**

## 2004

**First YRUU New Orleans trip.**

## 2005

**Fair Trade Coffee Sales begin.**

## 2005

**UUCS becomes a Welcoming Congregation (to GLBT community)**

## 2006

**OWL (Our Whole Lives – sexuality education) program introduced**

## 2007

**First Coming of Age class**

2005 – Jenny, Matthew, Mary Frances Borsaller

2005 – Jenn Sprague

2006 – Adele Coleman

2006 – Gregory Brown

2006 – Jan Whitaker – absolute faith that we accepted her

2007 – Naomi  
2007 – Becky Scott  
2008 – Ken Wiley  
2008 – Dawn and Bill Pumphrey (Janet Groat’s parents)  
2008 – Sandra Kardinal

Births: Ruby Batchelder(?) Draper (2007), Leo Batchelder-Draper

Vow renewals and anniversary parties: Stephanie and Larry Dorman (2008), Greg and Julie Baka (2009)

Departure: Ginny Lewis and Daryn, Culver, and Asher (move in 2005)

Memorial Services: Bob Breitenbach (2005), Anne Robins (mid 2000s), Leland Phefer (2006), John Patton (2008), Tony Carter-Bailey (2009)

#### Mid-to-late 2000s

YRUU trips to New Orleans, Boston, Chicago

Refugee Program hosts families from Bosnia, then Ethiopia

OWL program – 2006

Holiday revels - 2006

Memorable lay services, including

Betty Cook Rotteman’s “Did they not pray well enough?”

Qhyrrae and Larry’s “First Tent Revival Sing Along”

“Elevator Conversations” service

The Rev. Tom Nordberg preaches at Social Action Service

Ken Wiley – “Start with WHY”

Interior Design Committee (2006-07)

“Building Your Own Theology” classes – Gertrude L-S and Fran R.

First official participation in Crop Walk (2008)

Service trip to Honduras (2009)

Green Sanctuary’s Harvest Suppers

UU Dinner Club – such fun!

2008: David Wellman defines UUCC as “pastry-centric”

2010: UU at Mizzou starts again – renamed “YUUAC”

## 2009

### Bill Haney resigns as minister, effective May 2010

2009 – Jonathan Jeffus and Genny Welschmeyer

2009 – Zane and Brandee Black

2009 – Alice Reese

2010 – John Liner

2010 – Rita Tucker and Joe Szucs

2010 – Diane and Greg Suhler

2009-10

“Exploring Spirituality” class begins

One Read: *Three Cups of Tea* (2009), *Here if You Need Me* (2010)

YRUU “issues”

YRUU Service Trip to New Orleans

Bill’s retirement party – May 30, 2010

Births: Leo Batchelder-Draper (2009)

Marriages: Genny Welschmeyer and Jonathan Jeffus (2010)

Deaths: Henry Liu (2009), Francena Miller (2010)

**2010**

**Congregation begins Interim Period (2 years) with Sue Spencer as Interim Minister.**