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February Worship

Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 3
“The M-Word”

Rev. Molly Housh Gordon

It’s the year of loaded words, and is there a word more loaded than money? Join us to reflect on your relationship to money and how we can bring this important part of life into line with our values. Can our financial decisions become a source of joy?

Sunday, Feb. 10
“Breath, Rhythm, Song”

Marques J. Ruff and Jamila Batchelder

Join us for an interactive music service for all ages, exploring the *power* of breath, rhythm, and song to bring us together. Come ready to breathe, drum, and sing!

Sunday, Feb. 17
“The Power of Intimacy”
Intern Minister Alexis

Exercising our abilities and influence in a way that refuses to yield and evolve has stagnating and dangerous consequences. What might life be like if we embrace the power of intimacy and collaborative interactions with one another as well as our environment? We will also celebrate the conclusion of our six weeks of *Green Hearts*. If you haven’t pledged yet, check out the *Green Hearts* bulletin board in the southeast corner of the Greeting Area.

Sunday, Feb. 24
“Reparations and Soul Repair”
Rev. Molly Housh Gordon

If power is the ability to act, then our power is deeply affected by our resources. What do we do about the truth of history that many have been systemically robbed of resources and thus power? What joyful redistribution of shared power could we find through the exercise of reparations? And what does all this mean for the wellbeing of our souls?

**Our 2018-2019 Theme is Loaded Words –
February’s Loaded Word is . . .**

Power

*“Power without love is reckless and abusive,
and love without power is sentimental and anemic.
Power at its best is love implementing the demands
of justice, and justice at its best is power
correcting everything that stands against love”*

– Martin Luther King Jr.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King described power as “the ability to achieve purpose” and “the strength required to bring about social, political and economic change.” Power is a neutral force that can be used for good or for ill, and the *way* we use it is often a strong predictor of its positive or negative influence. Power-over is used to oppress; power-with is used to free. The two are often confused.

Some of the biggest mistakes we make in our interactions with other people come when we misjudge the amount of power we are bringing to the situation – over-estimating our power can lead to ineffectual action, and under-estimating our power can lead to great harm or injury of the other.

Power can be personal, positional, institutional, structural, ideological, collaborative, dominant, and more. In any situation, it behooves us to ask, where is my power coming from and how am I sharing it equitably? This month, let’s get in right relationship to our power.

See you in church! Power to the People!

Rev. Molly

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Stewardship 2019 – ‘Speak Hope, Share Love’

As we spend the year considering “Loaded Words,” we are reminded that words are how we write the poetry of our dreams and desires to make the world a more just and caring place. Words speak truth to power, speak up for those who have no voice, and declare hope in a time of division and hate – thus, this year’s stewardship theme, “Speak Hope, Share Love.”

The stewardship campaign from Feb. 3 to March 3 challenges each of us to speak our hopes and share the love of a community that is made more whole by our actions to realize those hopes. As in previous years, our primary goal is to receive pledges from 100% of those who consider UUCC a spiritual home – both members and friends of the congregation. Pledging is not an exercise in brinkmanship that risks your financial future, but instead asks you to live within your means to support the work of this church that plays a role in your spiritual journey and practice. Our goal is more attainable when everyone participates, and with your help we believe we can reach our \$335,000 goal – a 5% increase over last year’s giving.

Why Pledge?

Pledges enable us to plan a realistic budget. While cash donations in the offering basket are greatly appreciated and are used to help support the church and its causes, they are unpredictable – so we rely on the pledge commitments of our community of members and friends to set our budget. Your pledge will be for our fiscal year starting July 1, 2019.

Where Do Your Pledge Dollars Go?

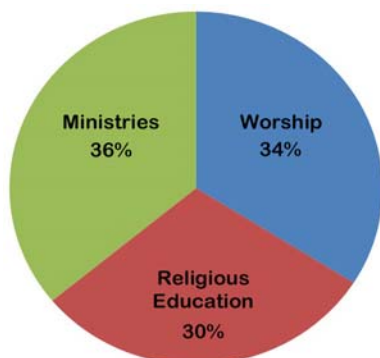
Pledges made during the stewardship campaign constitute about 90% of church income. The remainder comes from pledges made at other times, undesignated Sunday offerings, facility rentals and fund-raisers.

In the 2018-2019 fiscal year ending June 30, we have budgeted \$348,558.

For the 2019-2020 fiscal year starting July 1, we project spending needs of about \$365,000, which will allow us to:

- Enhance funding of our exciting music programming.
- More fully fund new ministries including Adult R.E., the Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry Team, the Sanctuary Team, and more.
- Meet the rising costs of health insurance for our staff.

The pie chart below shows the proportions of our projected budget that will go to worship, religious education and ministries. Each category includes associated staff, administrative and facilities expenses.



Considering Your Pledge Amount

The amount you pledge is your personal decision based on your financial resources and needs. The Stewardship Team asks that you consider the Fair Share Pledging Guide you will find on the back of this year’s pledge card and online.

Most of our members are able to contribute on a regular basis, and many households already pledge at the suggested levels. For those who do not, we ask you to work toward meeting the guidelines over time. For newer members and friends, we ask that you consider pledging an amount that reflects a serious commitment to the church you have chosen as your spiritual home.

We estimate that we can meet our dollar target if current pledgers will increase their pledges by 5% to 15% and if new pledgers will pledge at least \$30 per month.

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:

<https://uucomo.org/stewardship-2019-how-to-pledge/>

Need More Information?

Ask any Stewardship Team member: Jan Swaney and Michela Skelton Birk, co-chairs, and Ene-Kaja Chippendale, Qhyrrae Michaelieu, Steve Mudrick, Dennis Murphy, Maria Oropallo, Steve Scott and Kim Wade.

Go to <https://uucomo.org/stewardship-2019-overview/>.

‘Speak Hope, Share Love’ – and FOOD! A Stewardship Celebration Potluck

Join us for a potluck to celebrate the abundance of community and the conclusion of the annual stewardship campaign on Sunday, March 3 from noon to 2 p.m.

President's Perspective – Carrying On

By Barbara Rupp, 2018-19 President

January brought us a new year, along with a whole lot of winter! We had enough winter that we were even forced to cancel our church activities and service while we all dug out. However, we shoveled and plowed and carried on, with members involved in their usual myriad activities within the church, our community and beyond.

Along with our usual projects, I was pleased to see the progress of the Building Needs Task Force this last month, resulting in choosing SOA (Simon Oswald Architecture) to work with us on our planned building renovation project. SOA is very experienced in working with renovation projects with non-profit organizations, having worked on more than 30 churches over the years. Additionally, they are committed to working with us to design a plan that will mesh with our fund-raising capabilities, and their projects reflect their commitment to affordable sustainability.



A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the church
on the fourth Sunday each month

The Green Sanctuary Team is sponsoring monthly walks throughout the year to explore the beauty of local woods and creeks (Gans Creek, Three Creeks, and Mark Twain National Forest).

Shrug off your civilized self for a short time and come with us into the peace of wild things.

*When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's life may be,*

*I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water
and the great heron feeds.*

*I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief.*

*I come into the presence of still water,
and I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light.*

*For a time I rest in the grace
of the world and am free.*

The walks will be suitable for reasonably fit 10- to 70-year-olds. Children are very welcome. There will be plenty of stops along the way. For more information, contact Peter Holmes.

As we move forward you will have the opportunity to hear directly from our two lead architects at SOA and to ask them questions and give them your feedback. Our current goal is to work closely with them in coming months, along with moving forward with a fund-raising consultant, and to bring updates to the entire congregation on a regular basis.

Be assured that we are still in the very beginning of this project, in the stages of pre-planning, pre-design and full needs assessment, so there will be ample opportunity for input. Meanwhile, if you have not already done so, please, please consider filling out the Building Needs Task Force feedback form, available on the home page of our website at uucomo.org. Before you complete the form, I hope you will also read the abbreviated report from the Building Needs Task Force that is available online at our website in the January newsletter.

Thanks for your continued involvement.

Want to learn more about meditation?

Substituting in February for the usual Mindfulness Meditation sessions, "Meditation Basics" will be offered from 10:05 to 10:50 a.m. on Sundays – Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24.

The sessions, to be held in the Centering Room or the Schweitzer classroom, will allow participants to discuss and practice the basic elements of mindfulness meditation.

Facilitated by Peter Holmes, Ph.D., the sessions will be suitable for complete beginners as well as experienced meditators. It is not necessary to attend all four sessions.

Evensong 2019

In view of the overwhelming success of our first Evensong in December, we have scheduled a number of Evensong events in 2019.

Although January's weather slowed us down, the next Evensong will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 25.

The service is just about 45 minutes, and offers a unique, non-traditional service woven together through music. Join us for an evening of prayer, meditation and song.

Forum –
February 2019
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. 3 – Dave Johnson, a Forum regular, will share his “Memories of a Boyhood in Africa.”

Feb. 10 – Fran Reynolds will be joined by members of her UU Writers’ Group.

Feb. 17 – Caya Tanski-French will discuss the root causes of the mass migration out of Honduras.

Feb. 24 – A representative from the Columbia City Energy Program will present an update and a glimpse of the future.

UUCC Caring Ministry

We need many hands
and caring hearts!

Contact Meredith Donaldson by
email at mjdonlsn@gmail.com
or call the church office at
573-442-5764 to volunteer.

Sanctuary Team Report

**“Tamales and Tales
from the Border”
Save the Date!**

Lunch on Sunday, April 7

Your UUCC Sanctuary Team is busy preparing a fellowship and fundraising event (in collaboration with the Sanctuary Team from Rock Bridge Christian Church) for the Faith Voices Immigrant Justice/Sanctuary Network Fund. We plan to offer incredibly delicious homemade tamales and side dishes along with stories and pictures of first-hand experiences from our team members who have recently traveled to the border.

All ages are welcome. Come to enjoy the food and fellowship and to learn more about this team’s work to support our immigrant friends and neighbors and end this country’s inhumane detention system. More event details will follow very soon.

If you have questions or are interested in joining the Sanctuary Team, please contact either one of the co-leaders, Dottie Mathews (dmathews@uuma.org) or Allie Gassman (alliegassman@socket.net).



Do you care? Will you serve?

Are you passionate about our mission of forging a community of radical welcome and deep connection that moves us together to heal the world?

If so, you are a great candidate to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees or as a delegate to the UUA General Assembly.

Both jobs are great opportunities to live our mission in very immediate ways.

February focus for Festival of Sharing

For the month of February, the focus is on the “Missouri Baby Bundle Pack” project. Each box will consist of the following items:

- 2 receiving blankets
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt
- 2 sleepers
- 8-12 count of disposable or cloth diapers
- 3-pack of onesies
- 4 diaper pins (if cloth diapers are enclosed)

In 2017, there were requests for 1,744 packs state-wide but only 1,435 were provided. In particular, agencies do not usually have a large supply of diapers. Collection boxes are available in the church greeting area.

– Bonnie Johnson, Festival of Sharing Chair

Green Sanctuary Team happenings

We started off the New Year with a hike – eight hardy souls walked from the Shooting Star trail head in Gans Wild Area, the younger participants galloping ahead and others picking their way carefully along the cold, wet path. It was a memorable and muddy hike, giving all of us a chance to have a fully embodied experience of reconnecting with our beloved and unpredictable Mother Earth.

We plan to continue to offer these experiences with a monthly hiking program called “A Walk on the Wild Side.” Meet at 1:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday each month at the church. Shrug off your civilized self for a short time and come with us into the peace of wild things.

In January, we introduced our *Green Hearts* program, to help members and friends think about things they can change between New Year and Valentines Day to reduce their impact on the planet and on other beings. We will be recognizing our shared commitments to environmental practice, environmental justice and love during the service on Feb. 17.

We will be continuing our partnership with the Missouri Rural Crisis Center, advocating for clean water in all Missouri communities through restricting heavily polluting Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). We will post opportunities to be involved through church announcements and social media as they arise.

Our next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 at the Gassmann home, 1700 Princeton Dr. All are welcome.



Registration now open for 2019 MidAmerica Regional Assembly

This year, the MidAmerica Regional Assembly will be held April 5-7 in St. Louis, Mo. at the Marriott St. Louis Airport Hotel.

Please visit uua.org/midamerica/ra for information about Regional Assembly including pricing, hotel information, schedule of events, workshop information, information on volunteering, how to register, and much more.

The theme is “Intersectionalities.” The keynote presenter will be UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray. Presentations and workshops will explore identities we encounter and embody, the challenges of social inequality, and tools and skills we need in order to work more effectively with one another, as well as the general “nuts and bolts” of congregational life, such as leadership, stewardship, membership, and religious education. Join us to explore, share, and worship with fellow Unitarian Universalists.

Second annual services auction a big success

On the evening of Jan. 26, 2019, about 60 members and friends of UUCC gathered for the second annual Founders’ Day Services Auction. The room was full of laughter and conversation as attendees browsed the services generously donated by our community and enjoyed an array of heavy appetizers and dessert items prepared by volunteers as well as beer and wine donated by Broadway Brewery.

Auctioned services included baked goods, luxurious dinners, exciting game nights, lessons and assistance of all kinds, caregiving, and hand-crafted works of art. In all, there were 45 services on offer during the silent auction. Slightly more than \$4,000 was raised for the church’s general operating fund.

The success of the event was made possible by the UUCC community’s willingness to share abilities and resources generously. The crowd was entertained by the Joy Boys (Scott Denson and Peter Holmes) and the jazz duo Standard Deviation (Alan Arnold and Neil Minturn), who further demonstrated the great talents within our church.

The hard-working Auction Team consisted of Lisa Fritsche, lead organizer and general communications; Chelsea Otten, donations manager; Maria Oropallo, ticket sales and collections; Tim Dickerson, food and beverage coordinator; Scott Denson, entertainment coordinator; and Patty Daus and Elaine Martin, setup coordinators.

Read more about the auction and see photos from the event on our website at <https://uucomo.org/jan-26-2019-second-annual-services-auction/>.

SEVENTH ANNUAL HONDURAS BENEFIT Trivia Night and Chili Cook Off

5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23
at the UU Church of Columbia

**Tickets are \$20 per person or \$15 for students
Six people per team**

Tickets can be purchased at the door or at church on Jan. 27 and Feb. 3, 10 and 17

Child Care! Silent Auction! 50-50 Raffles!

Confident in your chili? Bring chili to share by 5:45 p.m. for a chance to win a **beautiful Honduran bag!**
Join us for a night of fun, prizes, and good food.



All proceeds will go to support the El Pital, Honduras health clinic and other UCC partner projects in Honduras.

For more information, please contact Allie at alliegassmann@socket.net.

Caya Tanski went on a study trip to Honduras recently, and she reports that the political situation there continues to be dire. Funds raised at the Trivia Night will be used for urgently needed El Pital clinic supplies (including roof repair due to heavy rains) and to support the microfinance group Adelante.

Messages from Alexis, our ministerial intern

I will be giving the sermon on Feb. 17, and it is titled “The Power of Intimacy.” Exercising our abilities and influence in a way that refuses to yield and evolve has stagnating and dangerous consequences. What might life be like if we embrace the power of intimacy and collaborative interactions with one another as well as our environment?

We will also celebrate the conclusion of our six weeks of Green Hearts. If you haven’t pledged yet, check out the Green Hearts bulletin board on the southeast corner of the Greeting Area.

Storytellers...

We are storytellers – we use stories to make sense of our many experiences, and our personal stories are populated by individuals who continue to influence who we are, even if they are no longer physically in our lives. I appreciate the stories people have shared with me, both of a personal nature and about this congregation’s history.

More stories are welcome, so please don’t hesitate to contact me – my email is internminister@uucomo.org – to arrange a time to meet. I am usually in Columbia on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday until 1:30 p.m.

As the Stewardship Campaign begins, I am particularly looking forward to learning stories that illustrate what you appreciate about this church and what you hope to see in future chapters.



UCC Mission Statement

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

Programs and Events

Kaleidoscope Pagan Gathering – 6 p.m. Feb. 2

Join us as we celebrate Imbolc, also known as Brigid's Feast. The first stirrings of life after the long winter appear. Brigid shines the light of creativity upon us. Growth begins.

Gather with us at the church. We will join in ritual, followed by a potluck and friendship. All are welcome, no matter what your personal path.

UUCB Book Discussion – Feb. 9

The UUCB Book Discussion Group will meet at noon Saturday, Feb. 9 at Bamboo Terrace, 3101 W. Broadway, Suite 101. Bring a book you have read to briefly discuss.

If you have questions, call Pam Springsteel at 573-445-0642.

Conversations, Etc. – Feb. 13

Conversations, Etc., the UUCB women's group, will meet at the church at noon Wednesday, Feb. 13. Bring a brown bag lunch. Come enjoy the company of friends.

For information, call Melinda Farhangi at 573-445-6325.

'Meditation Basics' Sunday mornings

"Meditation Basics" will be offered from 10:05 to 10:50 a.m. every Sunday in February downstairs in the Centering Room or the Schweitzer classroom. The sessions will take the place of Mindfulness Meditation in February. Attend some or all sessions.

UU Life Writers Winter/Spring 2019

In the great 1994 film *Forrest Gump*, lead character Forrest Gump (played by Tom Hanks), says, "My mama always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get."

As the UU Life Writers' group starts its 19th year on Feb. 2, our theme is "Life is like a box of chocolates...!" We write mini-memoirs, and like a box of chocolates, we never know what stories our themes and prompts will lead to. We do know they lead to marvelous life narratives.

All are welcome to join the group. One does not have to be a great writer, just one who enjoys writing life stories and hearing others. This is not a critique group. Pens/pencils and paper are the only requirements.

Meetings are at 10:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays each month in the Centering Room. Coffee and conversation is followed by writing and sharing.

For more information, contact Fran Reynolds at 573-881-3828 or Reynoldsf@missouri.edu.

Men's Group

The UUCB 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 contact Wiley Miller at 573-864-8574 or millerwi@missouri.edu.

UUCB provides Loaves and Fishes meal on third Sundays – Feb. 17

UUCB provides the evening meal at Loaves and Fishes on the third Sunday each month – Feb. 17 this month.

Please sign up on the church website to prepare food for this meal and/or to help set up, serve, and clean up.

Serving meals at Loaves and Fishes is a project of our Social Action Team. Email Diane Suhler at drsuhler@ccis.edu for more information.

Non-toxic masculinity men's group – 7 p.m. Mondays at church

The Non-Toxic Masculinity Men's Group meets at the church at 7 p.m. Monday evenings.

The group serves cisgendered, straight, white men who are actively working to detoxify their masculinity and privilege so that they can stop doing damage to others and learn how to become active allies of other, more marginalized, groups.

For more information, contact Jeff Ordway.

Welcoming Team Announces:

**For Our Newcomers:
"Getting to Know UU" (for
those who want to know
more about us)**

On the first Sunday each month in the minister's office after the 11 a.m. worship service for about 30 minutes. Childcare provided.

Adult R.E. for Winter 2019 continues

Classes began Jan. 15 and will continue through March 19 every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Child-care is provided. We have two offerings and two talented facilitation teams! All are welcome to attend one, some, or all sessions. For more information, contact Ellen Thomas at 573-445-2928 or ellenthomasco-mo@gmail.com, or Lisa Fritsche at 573-289-4162 or lisa.fritsche@gmail.com.

Spirit in Practice

Led by Caya Tanski, Rosie Geiser and Peter Holmes

The Spirit in Practice series was created for new or long-time Unitarian Universalists to develop regular disciplines or practices of the spirit. These practices can help you connect with the sacred ground of your being, however you understand it. While participants of these workshops will come from various spiritual or religious paths, the series affirms that diversity, while seeking unity in our communal quest for meaning and wholeness and offering a forum for learning, sharing, and growth that can enrich all faith journeys. You will be invited to reflect, share, and explore ways to nurture your connections with the sacred in everyday life. You will be encouraged to try new lenses through which to view and engage the depth and dimension of your life.

- Feb. 5 - Spiritual Partnerships
- Feb. 12 - Mind Practices
- Feb. 19 - Body Practices
- Feb. 26 - Soul Practices
- March 5 - Life Practices
- March 12 - Justice Practices
- March 19 - Looking Back and Moving Forward

While the individual offerings of Spirit in Practice can stand alone, a deeper sense of community and connection will develop over the 10-week series if you are able to participate in as many of the sessions as possible.

Building the World We Dream Of

Led by Chuck Swaney, Kim Wade and Jill Graham

Through a series of interactive seminars, participants will explore topics that increase their understanding of race/ethnicity and systemic racism. The curriculum is designed to help us move personally and as a community toward an anti-racist, multicultural congregational transformation. Topics will include:

- Feb. 5 - Dominant Culture and Identity
- Feb. 12 - Whiteness and Privilege
- Feb. 19 - Voices and Perspectives
- Feb. 26 - Building Multicultural Competence as Personal and Spiritual Practice
- March 5 - Resistance
- March 12 - Commitments
- March 19 - Book Discussion: *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin Diangelo

Social Action Team news

At its January meeting the Social Action Team reviewed and voted to support the Faith Voices of Columbia Moral Agenda 2019, which will be presented to the Columbia City Council at its Feb. 4 meeting. If you are reading this before that date, please consider showing your support at the meeting. The moral agenda will be available on our website after Feb. 4.

UUC t-shirts are now available! The SAT has purchased a variety of sizes to fit every UU body. They're perfect for showing some UU solidarity at the next event... or at the gym, or on the trail... wherever UUs roam. Watch for our marketing and distribution plan, or just cut to the chase and contact Caya Tanski.

As always, all are welcome at the SAT monthly meetings the first Sunday of each month in the Forum room immediately after the 11 a.m. worship service.

Our presence on the web

Our website address is now <https://uucomo.org>.

Go there for information on church activities and our online calendar of events.

Note: If you forget and go to <https://uuchurch.net>, you will be redirected to <https://uucomo.org>.

Reflections

This month, we are exploring the meaning of the word “power” and its value to us as UUs. I think one of the most challenging aspects of childhood is a sense of powerlessness, of living in a world where adults make rules that can feel arbitrary and in which children have no voice. I encourage everyone to have conversations with their children this month about power. What is it and who has it? How do we feel when power is shared versus when power is exclusive? What is the connection between wisdom and power? (In my family, this part of the conversation has revolved around “Why can’t we just eat ice cream for dinner?”) Here are some other ways to explore the theme of power with your kids:

- Rewrite the family rules, giving children a role in creating them and exploring the reasons behind the rules.
- Read *Let the Children March* by Monica Clark-Robinson and discuss the Children’s March in Birmingham, Ala. in 1963 to understand just how much power children can have.
- For the Harry Potter fans, the character of Dolores Umbridge is a striking example of the misuse of power, but also of how systems can create the conditions in which power can be misused. Ask your children how they feel about her character and what would need to change to make sure that type of power abuse does not happen again.
- Find out what issues concern your child, and then help find ways that allow them to use their power to be a force for change around that issue. It could be raising money for a cause they care about, donating socks to a homeless shelter, or writing a letter to a congressperson. We all have something we can do.
- When you are out hiking, look at the way different elements have power to shape the landscape. From looking at the way water shapes a rock, to the way windblown trees create new clearings in the woods, to the way a rocky outcrop shapes the curve of a path, we see how diverse and interconnected the forms of power can be. Which one reminds them most of their own inner power?

– Jamila Batchelder, Director of Religious Education

Valentine’s Family Dance 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9

All are invited to our annual Valentine’s Family Dance, hosted by the YRUU high school youth group. This is a wonderful way to celebrate Valentine’s Day with your whole family and with our community.

The event is free, though donations will be accepted for a cause the youth group is passionate about (they will announce it soon).

Light refreshments will be served.

Jamila Batchelder
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Office Hours: Wed. 10 a.m.-noon
and by appointment

Junior Youth Night
6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 8



Our middle schoolers will meet to re-enact the game show *Chopped!* with an exciting cooking competition!

February R.E. Schedule

- **Feb. 3:** Service Sunday to support Stewardship Campaign
- **Feb. 10:** Intergenerational Service: The Power of Music
- **Feb. 17:** Regular RE Classes
- **Feb. 24:** Regular R.E. Classes



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