

**Interfaith: A Taste of Interfaith****Thu Jan 31 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Join The Academy of Faith and Leadership and the Interfaith Partners of South Carolina for “A Taste of Interfaith” Thursday, January 31st from 10- 2 pm. We invite you to come and meet the Interfaith Partners of South Carolina, taste cuisine from the interfaith community, and find out more about the strong interfaith network in Columbia.

Academy of Faith and Leadership at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, 4201 North Main Street Columbia, Reinartz Hall.

For more information, contact: Merianna Harrelson

**Native American: Celebration of Native American Spirituality****Sun Feb 3 9:30 AM-12:30 PM**

At its 9:30 and 11:15 services, Unity Church will host Rev. Catherine Nelson and friends who will provide music, drums, message, Calling of the Four Directions. Smudging will occur outside the sanctuary.

2535 Leeds Ave, North Charleston.

For more information, contact: Ask for Ed or Elizabeth, or call Catherine at 843-217-0962

**Interfaith: Dances of Universal Peace****Fri Feb 1 7-9 PM**

Dances of Universal Peace are active meditative practices honoring the positive spiritual energy in the world’s many different faith traditions. DUP began late in the twentieth century, sponsored by the universalist Sufi Ruhaniat International order. Each dance increases our awareness of the Divine in and around us. For each dance, our mentored leader teaches us a sacred phrase, its meaning and melody, and the motions of the dance. Then we are led to chant and move through several iterations of the dance, to deepen our spiritual connection to the universe. Expect respectful hand-holding, eye contact, and occasional hugs as part of the dances. In our usual two hour session, we typically do several dances and share some blessings, prayers, and poems. Admission is free, and donations are accepted to support the dances. After dancing, we usually socialize for a while.

For more information about DUP, see [www.dancesofuniversalpeacena.org](http://www.dancesofuniversalpeacena.org).

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia 2701 Heyward Street Columbia.

For more information, contact: Marguerite Frongillo, [mff426@gmail.com](mailto:mff426@gmail.com), 803-743-0731.

**For more information about Interfaith Partners of South Carolina, visit us online at [www.interfaithpartnersofsc.org](http://www.interfaithpartnersofsc.org), or contact [PIO@interfaithpartners.org](mailto:PIO@interfaithpartners.org).**

**Celebrating S.C. Interfaith Harmony Month****January 2019****Buddhist: New Year Celebration****Tue Jan 1 1-2:30 PM**

Join the members of SGI-USA Nichiren Buddhism as we celebrate the beginning of 2019. The beginning of each New Year gives us the opportunity to reflect on the year before and set goals for the New Year. Hear from Nichiren Buddhism members about their journey as Buddhists. SGI-USA 228-B O'Neil Court, Columbia  
For more information, contact: [eahendley@gmail.com](mailto:eahendley@gmail.com)

**Interfaith: Women of Many Faiths****Thu Jan 10 6-8 PM**

Monthly meeting of women of diverse faith traditions for fellowship and discussion. The topic will be “Holy Leisure: what activities have you chosen or could you choose to deepen the meaning of your life?” led by Sr. Nancy Hendershot. Refreshments served.

Hosted by Shandon United Methodist Church at 3407 Devine Street, Columbia

For more information, contact: [Carolyn Dorrell Cardor43@mac.com](mailto:Carolyn Dorrell Cardor43@mac.com)

**Interfaith: IPSC Peace in the Park ‘Art Gallery’****Sun Jan 13 Noon-3 PM**

Display of entries to 2018 Peace In The Park art and photography exhibition

McGregor Presbyterian Church 6505 St Andrews Rd Irmo

For more information, contact: [Adrian Bird 803-319-1439](tel:803-319-1439)

**Muslim: Compassion in our Many Faiths****Sun Jan 13 3-5 PM**

Panel discussion followed by Q&A session. Visitors may observe Muslim prayer, meet with their Muslim neighbors and enjoy snacks. PICNA and Masjid Noor Ul Huda 517-Winmet Drive Columbia. For more information, contact: [Chaudhry Sadiq 803.210.7355](tel:803.210.7355)

**Christian: Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration**

**Sun Jan 13 4-6 PM**

Annual MLK, Jr. celebration in the Eau Claire/N. Columbia area brings together people of racial and religious diversity from various communities. Service at Ascension Lutheran Church includes uplifting gospel music selections and a guest speaker who gives a message relating to the progress we have made regarding racial reconciliation as a nation. The service always ends by joining hands and singing "We Shall Overcome," followed by a meal in our fellowship hall. This will be the 9th year of this event to be hosted at Ascension.

827 Wildwood Avenue, Columbia

For more information, contact: 803-786-6429

**Jewish: Judaism 101: Ethics, Spirituality and Peoplehood****Thu Jan 17 7-8:30 PM**

Barry Abels, Executive Director of the Columbia Jewish Federation and Katie & Irwin Kahn JCC, gives an overview of Judaism through an exploration of Jewish ethics, spirituality, and peoplehood.

Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center

306 Flora Drive, Columbia 29223. For more information, contact: 803-787-2023

**Sikh: Kids From Many Faiths****Sat Jan. 19 11 AM-3:30 PM**

Movie, discussion, lunch, traditional Punjabi game and snacks for kids from all faith groups. Sikh Religious Society of South Carolina 11419 Broad River Road Chapin. For more information, contact: Amarjit Singh 917-415-0464

**Secular-Unaffiliated: Coffee and Conversation****Sun Jan 20 2:30-4:30 PM**

Your atheist, agnostic, Humanist, Freethinker, and unaffiliated neighbors want to get to know you. We will be at a local coffee shop, sharing conversation and some casual games for anyone who would like to play. Drop in, enjoy a beverage, and relax with us. (We don't bite!) Co-hosted by Freethought Society of the Midlands and Palmetto State Atheists.

The Local Buzz, 141 S Shandon Street, Columbia. For more information, contact: sarahreadsemail@gmail.com

**Hindu: Bhajan Satsang****Sun Jan 20 5:30-6:45 PM**

A Bhajan is a centuries-old Indian tradition of devotional song, and "satsang" means a gathering of people. This Bhajan Satsang will be followed by a delicious Indian dinner.

Hindu Temple Orangeburg, 1035 Five Chop Rd, Orangeburg

For more information, contact: (803) 531-7522

**Interfaith: Advocacy Skills Training for Interfaith Partners****Sat Jan 26, 9:30-11:00 AM**

Learn advocacy skills training from a faith perspective, including how to build relationships with elected officials and their staff, have civil conversations about issues with friends and family, write a persuasive letter-to-the-editor, organize an advocacy meeting with an elected official and plan a faith-based vigil. Gilbert-Summit Branch of the Lexington County Public Library, 405 Broad Street, Gilbert, SC. For more information, contact: call Sara Damewood 803-730-4987

**Hindu: TBA****Sat Jan 26, 3-6 PM**

Hindu Temple & Cultural Center, 5704 Old Bush River Road in Columbia

For more information, contact: 803-772-9650

**Unitarian Universalist: On Prison Reform****Sun Jan 27 11 AM-1 PM**

Our congregation invites the public to join us for a presentation by Lester Young on Prison Reform. Following the service, please join us for refreshments and conversation in our Social Hall.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia at 2701 Heyward Street, Columbia. For more information, contact: csoehl@soehl.com

**Pagan: Lights of Nut****Sun Jan 27 7 PM**

Each of us makes our own journey through the night, seeking the light of understanding. While we must make a solitary journey, we are not alone. The deep blue body of Nut, the sky mother, embraces and receives us all, and gives rebirth to us with the dawn. Temple Osireion, RSVP for directions to a home in Columbia. For more information, contact: Holli Emore holli@sc.rr.com

**Muslim & Jewish: Third Annual Celebration of Food and Faith!****Mon Jan 28 6:30-8:30 PM**

Blessings: a Dialogue between Muslims and Jews. Join college students and community leaders for a conversation about cultural and religious points of view between Jews and Muslims. Use of "blessings" in prayer, ritual and everyday life, commonalities and differences, followed by sampling of traditional Jewish (Kosher) and Muslim (Halal) food dishes. Admission is free and all are welcome! No reservations are needed. Charleston Interreligious Council with College of Charleston Department of Religious Studies, Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program, Jewish Student Union/Hillel from the College of Charleston, The Mosque of Charleston Arnold Hall, 96 Wentworth Street Charleston. For more information, contact: Ken Fox sckenfox@comcast.net