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Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities

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If you are a first time guest today we're happy you joined us. If you would like to receive our newsletter or emails to inform you of upcoming events please fill out the white information sheet on the visitor's table (one with dark green cloth) in the gathering space

NOVEMBER 2014 Sunday Services 10:00 & 11:15 a.m.

11/23/14 **NOTE:** The service on forgiveness, peace, and universal love featuring a play has been rescheduled to next spring.

THE ABSENCE OF JUDGMENT

Being more of a contemplative than a cook, lay worship leader, Thia Sadlek with assistance from Tyson Danner & Alice Martin, will share some "food for thought" to hopefully enjoy gathering with your family, friends and fellow Quad Citians in new ways over the Thanksgiving weekend. In the spirit of, "You teach what you most want to learn," she invites you to join her in exploring love as the absence of judgment.

Blessings on the Journey to Justice - Union Thanksgiving Service

6 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities

Please join us for our 71st Annual Thanksgiving Service with Temple Emmanuel and Edwards Congregational UCC.

11/30/14 **Thanks & Giving** Dr. Allen Bertsche (10 a.m. only, no 11:15 a.m. service)

As Thanksgiving Weekend winds down, we can step back from the table, ignore the calls to go shopping and spend an hour thinking about the values inherent in this secular, yet deeply spiritual holiday. An attitude of thanks, of gratitude, and a life lived through giving, through selflessness are fundamental values at the heart of so many religious traditions that they simply should not be overlooked. Join Allen Bertsche, of the Religious Services Team, on an exploration of the power of gratitude and the joy of selflessness, an exploration of Thanks and of Giving.



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I will be travelling to Chicago for my Father's Celebration of Life Service this Friday **November 21st** returning for our Sunday night Unity Thanksgiving Service. I will then be away from the office on vacation from **Monday November 24th** returning **Monday December 1st** at approximately 1pm. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call me on my cell phone 563-284-2223. For other issues, that need my attention, please send me an email and I will respond when I return to the office. – Rev. Jay

SUNDAY FORUM 10 A.M.

UUCQC's own, Katie Reinhardt, will be talking about her time living abroad in Germany and her experiences and travels in Europe.

Please Note:

November 23rd: Due to other conflicts the Forum will meet in the Community Room.

November 30th: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday there will be only one Sunday service at 10am and no Forum.

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No choir rehearsal Wed. Nov. 26th If you'd like to join the choir, come Dec. 3rd 5:45-6:45pm or email Sheila at music@uucqc.org

Coffee and Conversation has produced the worthwhile result of writing a project: **Friends of Reproductive Justice** and scheduled 1 more meeting. We will meet on January 10 at 10 AM in the church lounge for yet another Coffee and Conversation. This one will be a conversation with community advocates that will help us decide on the short and long term goals on the project.

If you are an advocate for Reproductive Justice and would like to sign onto this project here at UUCQC, we welcome you to call Elaine Kresse [563-320-3325](tel:563-320-3325) or email elainekresse@yahoo.com and ask for a copy of the preliminary project.

Those who have agreed to sign on will hopefully meet in early December to discuss the draft project and plan in more detail for January 10th. Please tell Elaine Kresse or Margaret Farrar if you would like to "sign on" to this project. For those who may be unaware the process for a social justice project to move forward at UUCQC is for at least 5 people to sign on to a project that they believe is needed in UUCQC and the community.

In the case of Reproductive Justice it is a 4 year study by the Unitarian Universalist Association. A statement on this issue will be voted on this summer in Portland, Oregon, at the General Assembly.

Happy Human Book Club

We will not meet in December.

We enjoyed the lyricism of our previous author, who talked about "The Joy of Human Life, Here and Now, Unblemished by the Dark Shadow of Whimsical Forces in the Sky."

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14th at 7:00 pm in the Lounge. We will read the "The Science of Good and Evil: Why People Cheat, Gossip, Care, Share and Follow the Golden Rule" by Michael Shermer. Copies are available in the library system and in Kindle.

For the book club, RSVPs not required, but appreciated. Karen Fowler's contact information is in the directory, or you may contact the office at office@uucqc.org. Anyone who is on Facebook is welcome to join the secret



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Facebook group "Happy Human Book Club of the Quad Cities." To join, send a Friend request to Karen Fowler.

Finding Meaning Through the Holiday Season

Saturday, December 6, 2014

10:00 – 12:00

Downstairs in the Social Hall

Presented by the Pastoral Associates Program

12:00-1:00-- bring a sack lunch if you would like to stay for conversation.

We find ourselves celebrating the Holiday Season during the darkest time of the year. This might suggest to us that there is more to be found in its celebrations than joy, merriment and good will. There is also sorrow, loneliness and disappointment. On Saturday, we will explore this paradox, sharing our experiences, learning from each other as we journey to meaning during this season of light in the blessings of the darkness.

We must create pockets of hope,
Safe places where pain is softened
Because love abounds...
Where sparks of light banish darkness.

Rabbi Karyn Kedar

Mission Statement of Pastoral Associates Program

Assist the pastor in extending care to the congregation,
through one-to-one caring and helping activities by
trained lay members of the congregation to those
who are in special need.

Pastoral Associates:

Joanne Maciejko
Rita Coyne
Shari Coe
Ken Hill
Kathleen Carter

Judy Teeple
Barb Thompson
Alice Traylor
Mike Drefchinski

Pastoral Associates Coordinating Team

Alice Martin Jay Wolin Lucia Auman

How to contact if a need should occur:

- Talk to a Pastoral Associate (identified by yellow name tags)
- Fill a form on Pastoral Associates table in entry way and place in locked box (as of Dec 7)
- Call the office (563)-359-0816
- Call Jay Wolin (563)-284-2223

Alice Martin (563)-370-3138



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Pastoral Associates involvement with the congregation from Feb. 1, 2014 to Nov. 1, 2014

Phone calls made: 225

Visits: 102

Hours: 256

Individuals from congregation served: 22

The **UUCQC** is hosting this year's Joint Thanksgiving service with Edwards Congregational and Temple Emanuel. We need to show our guests our great hospitality by providing coffee and food after the service. Please bring finger food desserts or snacks **to the church before the evening service or on Sunday morning**. We could use helpers in the kitchen as well. If you bring in something on Sunday morning, please mark it for use at the evening service so it doesn't get used for coffee hour.

Thanks,
Welcome Team

71st Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 23, 6 p.m.

Edwards Congregational UCC, Temple Emanuel,
and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation
of the Quad Cities



Let's Celebrate Thanksgiving, by Celebrating our
"Blessings on the Journey to Justice"

With stories, readings, and music.

Free Childcare provided

Please join us **HERE** at UUCQC to carry on this wonderful tradition!!



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Thanksgiving Potluck



Well, Terry and I are happy to learn there is interest in another (our 7th, I think) Thanksgiving potluck. It's always a lot of fun, a uniquely American holiday, so let's celebrate the way the Pilgrims did...except after the big feast, we won't kill you and take your land.

We'd like to know how many to expect (and how many turkeys to "invite"), so please let us know if you are planning to come by emailing us at tj_n_ed@yahoo.com. Then, dust off those old family recipes and bring something good to share. We'll eat around 12:00, or so, depending upon the mood of the turkeys.

May your stuffing be tasty
May your turkey plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
Have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious
And your pies take the prize,
And may your Thanksgiving dinner
Stay off your thighs!

Hope to see you,
Ed Hazen & Terry Dierksen

How to Communicate with Your New Staff

We are currently in the process of changing to a group e-mail system to include all Church Staff on to one system. Our goal is to make communication easier for all! Our intention is to slowly move into this process, to have it completed under an Org system by the first of the year. Please be patient as we Welcome, Train, Introduce each staff member to Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities.

Jay Wolin- Reverend minister@uucqc.org

Sherri Pauli-Administrator administrator@uucqc.org

Beth Paul-Communications Coordinator communications@uucqc.org

Jeremy Campbell-Office Assistant office@uucqc.org

Staff Updates-

Please stop in and welcome Jeremy Campbell. He has accepted the position as Office Assistant. We have also filled the position of Bookkeeper. Mary Raab will begin Wednesday, November 19th.

Office Hours will be:
Monday-Friday 10:00-1:00



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My fellow Unitarian Universalist,

As Unitarian Universalists, we hope to move our world "toward more love, justice, and peace." We cast a broad vision--yet ground it in effective action.

And since 2010, the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Board of Trustees has been engaged in efforts to ensure governance of our Association is more effective, democratic, and inclusive. We've made progress, yet the Board has identified three long-standing challenges that remain:

1. Our annual General Assembly is not, in practice, very democratic and inclusive.
2. General Assembly is not especially participatory and does not promote shared learning.
3. There is sometimes poor alignment among leadership roles of the UUA.

The UUA Board and I invite you to explore possibilities for re-imagining governance--from small-scale fixes to broad changes--and comment on them. These are possibilities, not proposals. [Please complete the online survey. "Re-Imagining UUA Governance."](#) It will take 15-20 minutes and will be available through December 20, 2014.

For the future of our faith, please share your thoughts in this important dialogue.

Live Boldly!



Jim Key
Moderator and Chief Governance Officer
Unitarian Universalist Association

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UUCQC WEEKLY AGENDA

Thu Nov 20	9:00am – 10:00am	⊕ YOGA - UUCQC ☑ ☑
	10:00am – 1:30pm	⊕ Archives - Unitarian Church, 3707 Eastern Ave, Davenport, IA, United States ☑
	4:30pm – 6:00pm	⊕ Stewardship Meeting - UUCQC ☑
	5:30pm – 6:30pm	⊕ YOGA - UUCQC ☑
Fri Nov 21	11:00am – 12:00pm	⊕ YOGA - UUCQC ☑
	5:30pm – 7:00pm	⊕ New Member Potluck - Lounge & Social Hall ☑
Sat Nov 22	9:30am – 11:30am	⊕ YOGA - UUCQC ☑ ☑
	6:30pm – 8:30pm	⊕ Lesbian Book Club - Unitarian Church, 3707 Eastern Ave, Davenport, IA, United States ☑
Sun Nov 23	9:30am – 10:00am	⊕ Children's Choir - UUCQC ☑
	10:00am – 11:00am	⊕ 1st Service with Words For All Ages - UUCQC ☑
	10:00am – 11:00am	⊕ Forum - UUCQC ☑ ☑
	10:15am – 11:15am	⊕ Children's Religious Education Program - UUCQC ☑ ☑
	11:00am – 12:00pm	⊕ Coffee - UUCQC ☑
	11:15am – 12:00pm	⊕ Second Service (45 minute service) - UUCQC ☑
	12:00pm – 1:00pm	⊕ Coffee - UUCQC ☑
	5:00pm – 6:00pm	⊕ Thanksgiving Interfaith Service - Entire Church
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Mon Nov 24	9:00am – 10:00am	⊕ Yoga with Kathleen - UUCQC ☑
	11:00am – 12:00pm	⊕ YOGA - UUCQC ☑
	5:30pm – 6:30pm	⊕ YOGA - uucqc ☑ ☑
	7:00pm – 8:00pm	⊕ Zen Meditation - UUCQC ☑
	7:00pm – 8:30pm	⊕ John D & Cindy S. Connection Circle - UUCQC ☑ ☑
Tue Nov 25	11:00am – 12:00pm	⊕ YOGA - UUCQC ☑ ☑
	5:00pm – 6:00pm	⊕ Internet Team - UUCQC ☑
	5:30pm – 6:30pm	⊕ Men's Group with Dick Martin ☑
	5:30pm – 6:30pm	⊕ MINDFULNESS MEDITATION - UUCQC ☑
	6:45pm – 8:15pm	⊕ Spiritual Conversation - UUCQC ☑ ☑
Wed Nov 26	9:00am – 10:00am	⊕ YOGA - UUCQC ☑ ☑
	5:45pm – 6:45pm	⊕ Choir Practice - UUCQC ☑ ☑
	7:00pm – 8:00pm	⊕ Chime Choir - UUCQC ☑