

Subject: Silent Announcements for Sept. 4
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Your weekly **Silent Announcements** lets you see at a glance everything coming up at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities.

Weekly Silent Announcements for Sept. 4

This week

Office Closed - Friday, Sept. 2 & Monday, Sept. 5

UUCQC's office will be closed Friday, Sept. 2 and Monday, Sept. 5 for Labor Day. Please check back with staff on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Have a happy and safe holiday!

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - noon (or by appointment)

Staff is available via email if urgent.

Amanda (office@uucqc.org), Jane (administrator@uucqc.org). Thanks!

Sunday Service -

Sept. 4 at 10 a.m.*

(*Please note time)

Free from the Fear of Change

Rev. Kent C. McKusick,
UU Fellowship of Ames, Iowa

During times of challenge, change, and



uncertainty, fear has the capacity to control our lives and diminish the possibility of being fully alive. Two faith leaders, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Pema Chodron, have provided antidotes for living through fear. The "conversations" between King and Chodron offer guidance for moving away from fear to new possibilities.



Rev. Kent C. McKusick is currently serving in his fifth year as minister at the UU Fellowship of Ames, Iowa. Originally from Maine, he is a graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry. Prior to recognizing the call to ministry, Kent had fascinating and formative life experiences in theatre, recreational management, banking, and lay ministry.

Drum Circle, Sept. 4 at 5:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

Bring your rattles, drums or other instruments and come drum with us!

WOW

Sept. 6 at 11:30 a.m.
at The Driftwood

The September WOW will be at The Driftwood (formerly The Boat House), 1201 E. River Drive, Davenport, **Tuesday Sept. 6 at 11:30 a.m.**

We will eat outdoors if the weather permits. Good food, good conversation, and a good view of the river. All are welcome! (Wow is a very informal lunch gathering. Come and go as you choose.)

Contact Connie Meyer at 309-794-9677 or Jackie Erikson at jdherikson@aol.com

Tuesday Night Conversations, starting Sept. 6

Spiritual Practices and Programs will offer four programs that give us the opportunity to grow together in community as well as individually. **Starting in September, each Tuesday will feature a different program from 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Drop in, no RSVP necessary!**

Videos That Inform Us -- 1st Tuesday of every month (Begins Sept. 6)

Facilitated by Ed Mueller, Alice Martin, Meg Bolich

A video, no longer than 20 minutes, will be shown as the basis for conversation. Videos will be informative, challenging and possibly controversial, but we will learn and expand our way of thinking together. *The video and discussion on Sept. 6 will be on near death experiences.*

Soul Matters Conversation -- 2nd Tuesday of every month (Begins Sept. 13)

Facilitated by John Dunsheath

Soul Matters uses questions as tools for individual exploration. Participants are asked to read questions and find the one that "hooks" them, that speaks to and challenges them personally.

Participants will share a story about how this question leads them to deeper, personal learning. This technique avoids abstraction and helps participants to apply questions to daily living.

Facing Death with Life -- 3rd Tuesday of every month (*Begins Sept. 20*)

Facilitated by Alice Martin

An eight-session series that uses reflection, learning, and conversation focused on the topic of death and dying. This program will invite participants to discuss death and dying as a healthy part of life, including the preparation, the moment of death, grieving, and living on. This is a Tapestry of Faith program under the auspices of UUA.

Open Discussion/TBA -- 4th Tuesday of every month- (*Begins Sept. 27*)

Facilitated by Kathy Bowman

ARE Team Meeting, Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Board Room

ARE Team members and others who have talked about leading a class, session, or series, please plan on attending the Adult Religious Education Team meeting. We will be discussing our plans for Fall and Winter programming.

Humanist Team Meeting, Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Board Room

We will be discussing plans for becoming a "Freethinker Friendly" congregation. Please join us!

Choir Rehearsal Sept. 7 at 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Choir rehearsals will begin Sept. 7, 5:45-6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We'd love to see lots of new faces, so don't be afraid to try it! No long-term commitment required. Come when you can. Contact Director of Music Sheila Doak at music@uucqc.org for more information.

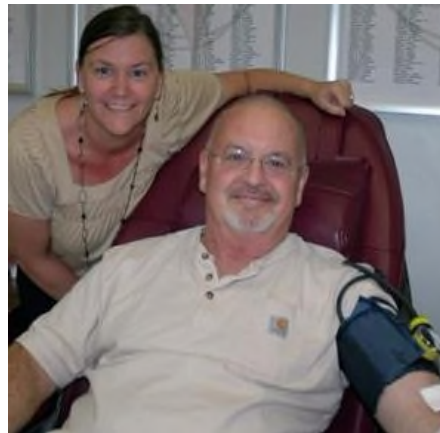
**Blood Drive @ UUCQC
Saturday, Sept. 10**

Who: Anyone able & willing to donate
When: **Sept 10th 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.**
Where: UUCQC Social Hall
Why: **Each donation can save up to 3 lives**
(plus you get cookies after donating)

Donating blood is one of the easiest ways our giving and loving community can give back. It only takes about an hour of your time, you get to lay back, talk with your neighbor and after, you get cookies.

You'll also automatically be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a car! And, anyone who checks in and gets screened at our donation site is also entered for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon.com gift card regardless of if you donate or are deferred.

Schedule your appointment by calling or emailing Gale Springer at 309-269-6730 or springer.gale@yahoo.com



OR

Make your appointment online. Simply log on at:

<https://www.bloodcenterimpact.org/> go to My Appointments, then click a "schedule a new appointment" link, and search for UUCQC's drive under the sponsor code 234.

Next week

Children's Choir begins Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Children's choir rehearsal resumes on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Lorna Johnson serves as our Children's Choir Director. Children of all ages welcome. Come join us!

Sunday Forum on Sept. 11 at 10 a.m.

What I Did on My Summer Vacation: Thailand

Matthew Toland & Saul Nache

Return to two-service schedule until Thanksgiving

Sunday Service on Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Restorative Justice: A Way of Life

John De Taeye

We often hear about Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices as programs -- programs to reduce mass incarceration, end the school to prison pipeline, create an alternative to the adversarial nature of the criminal justice system, establish ways for crime victims to face their offenders in a meaningful way for both. There are a lots of programs to discuss. And there is more. We will discuss Howard Zehr's "10 Ways to Live Restoratively" and Bryan Stevenson's famous passage, "Each of us is more than the worst thing we've ever done."

Becoming a Mentor

Sept. 14, 6-7 p.m.

Lounge

The mentor program, which will ease the transition for new members into our community, is beginning to take shape. At the first meeting, six members of the congregation have signed on to be mentors. For those who were unable to attend, a second informational meeting will be held **Sept. 14, 6-7 p.m.** in the Lounge. Come one, come all, new members await us!

If you're interested but unable to attend, please call the office at 563-359-0816 and provide your contact information.

Upcoming Community Meal dates

Mark your calendar to help prepare and/or serve UUCQC's Community Meal! Upcoming dates

are the third Thursday, every other month.

- Sept. 15
- Nov. 17
- Jan. 19

Contact Connie Meyer at 309-794-9677 for more information.

Margaret Skinner Memorial Sept. 17 at 3 p.m.

Sanctuary & Social Hall

A memorial service for Margaret Skinner will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary.

It will be followed by a gathering, in Margaret's style with wine and hors d'oeuvres, in the Social Hall following the service.



Anyone who would like to assist with the reception following the service, please contact Kathryn Allen at kasavelie@aol.com



Rev. Jay Wolin update

Rev. Jay has begun treatment in Iowa City and is feeling very fatigued. He appreciates your continued support.

If you'd like to send him a card in September, you can mail him at:

**Rev. Jay Wolin
c/o Hope Lodge
Room 105
750 Hawkins Drive**

Iowa City, IA 52246

You can also email well wishes at jaywolin@gmail.com.

If you need help with pastoral or other matters, please contact the office at 563-359-0816 or office@uucqc.org. Or contact Alice Martin, leader of the Pastoral Care Team at biscuitmore@aol.com.

If you have questions about congregational operations, please contact Congregational Administrator Jane Peterson at 563-359-9723 or administrator@uucqc.org.

Sending all of our support, love and well wishes for healing, Rev. Jay!

Rev. Jay Wolin is on a three-month health sabbatical, August through November 2016, as he receives treatment for tongue and lymph node cancer.

Looking for a way to help Jay? Join Stewardship Team!

In Jay's absence, several volunteers have asked staff how they can help. Those offers are much appreciated. Staff is busy, but things are under control.

The biggest way you could help Jay is by joining Stewardship Team! This is a major priority for the congregation and a worry that was on Jay's mind as he was leaving for his sabbatical.

If many volunteers step up in small ways, then fewer volunteers will have to step up in a big way. Volunteer opportunities include:

- People who can see the big picture and how all the pieces fit together
- People who are organized and detail-oriented
- People who can create event ideas and team up with staff to produce materials and promotions
- People willing to talk to congregants and speak in public for spotlights
- People who'll follow up on pledge cards and answer questions as needed, contact vendors or community members (depending on the type of event)

If you're interested in helping, please contact Jane at administrator@uucqc.org by **Sept. 15**.

Reminders

Pastoral Care is here for you!

If you have a need for pastoral care while Rev. Jay is away, the Pastoral Care Team is here for you! You can contact the office during the week at 563-359-0816 or office@uucqc.org with pastoral care requests. During nights and weekends, you may contact Alice Martin at biscuitmore@aol.com

Welcome Team Reminders

1. The Welcome Team stocks the kitchen with supplies for Sunday coffee hour *only*.
2. If your team or program requires kitchen items like napkins and juice, please supply your own or replenish the Sunday supplies after using them.
3. Please remember to wipe counters, do dishes and sweep the floor when you're finished in the kitchen.
4. Only leave foods that *you're personally going to use within the expiration date*. Any other leftovers should be taken with you after the event.
5. Hospitality Teams are organized! UUCQC has 13 Hospitality Teams, and every member is assigned to a team.
6. These teams line up our Sunday volunteers: greeters, ushers and coffee servers that make our Sundays wonderful. Each team covers four Sundays per year.
7. If you're a member and have not been contacted regarding your team assignment, please contact Amanda at 563-359-0816 or email office@uucqc.org. Thanks!

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