

Subject: Silent Announcements for 20161204

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Your weekly Silent Announcements lets you see at a glance upcoming events at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities.

(Note: This is only a partial list of upcoming events at UUCQC. A full calendar can be found at uucqc.org.)

Weekly Silent Announcements for Dec. 4

Security update

Working quickly to address security concerns

I'd like to share a recap and clarification of the security issues at UUCQC, as we've now had three incidents of vandalism in our parking lot in November.

I'm sorry these incidents have happened. I know there is fear and uncertainty. And I am working to address these issues as quickly as I can to ensure the safety of everyone involved at UUCQC.

November vandalism recap:

- **On Nov. 12, we had an incident of vandalism to individual vehicles between 6:30 and 9 p.m. in the parking lot.** About five cars had windows broken and items were taken. It appeared to be a random, smash-and-grab crime. (This was covered in past issue of Silent Announcements.) Individuals involved filed a police report. I checked with Great Southern Bank and PerMar to see if their cameras captured anyone walking through their lots, and they didn't.

- **We had several quiet weeks in November where no incidents occurred.** We'd begun to look into lighting and cameras, which require time to investigate and unknown expenses.
- **This week, on the evenings of Nov. 28 and Nov. 30, we had two more incidents** where individuals' vehicles had windows broken with some items taken. At least one police report was filed.
- **No one was harmed in any of these incidents.**
- **We've had no vandalism issues happen during daylight hours.**

Here are the actions taken so far on Dec. 1 and 2:

- **Getting additional police and security patrol is an immediate action** we can take until we can get long-term security measures put in place.
 - **I've contacted the Davenport Police to request extra patrol of our parking lot** between 5 and 9 p.m. for the next two months.
 - **I've set up mobile stops through PerMar for evenings where we have events at UUCQC.** Mobile stops are uniformed officers in a marked PerMar vehicle with flashing lights who will make random visits for 10-15 minutes at several points between 5-9 p.m. They will consult our events calendar and may try to be present toward the end of events as people are walking to their cars.
- **I am consulting with several security experts** and will take action based on their recommendations.
- **PerMar's facilities team** said:
 - Deterring these incidents is the main goal.
 - Better lighting is the first step before looking into other security measures.
 - They're confident that the vandalism is most likely being committed by people on foot, as there is a lot of foot traffic in the area at all times.
 - We may consider a fence along the parking lot as a deterrent.
 - People should observe good parking lot safety:
 - Lock car doors
 - Don't leave valuables inside your vehicle or keep them out of sight
 - Watch your surroundings
 - If you stay after dark, leave with someone
- **PerMar recommended and installed more "Protected by PerMar" signage** on our windows and around the building.
- **I've set up meetings with vendors on Dec. 5 to address lighting and possible fencing issues.** Cameras are on hold until the lighting issue is addressed, but we will get pricing for cameras as well.

- **I will gather information from vendors and make a proposal** to best protect the congregation and figure out how we can fund security measures.
- **I know everyone is concerned. However, I do not recommend a community watch with members in their cars during events, as that is a huge safety issue.** (A volunteer could keep an eye on the parking lot from *inside* the building and call 911 if they saw anything happening. However, I'm not sure how much that would help until we get better lighting in the parking lot.)
- **We're not planning to cancel or discourage evening events**, as many happen here each week. Getting paid patrol and additional police patrol of the area in the evenings will help address this issue in the short term, with additional measures to follow ASAP.

The safety of our members, friends, visitors and associates of UUCQC is *truly* our top priority.

Please be patient as I work as quickly as I can to address these issues. Please understand that **communications pieces or projects may be late, or I may not respond to messages about minor issues at this time as I focus on security issues.**

As always, please contact me at 563-359-0816 or administrator@uucqc.org with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jane Peterson
UUCQC Congregational Administrator & Communications Coordinator

Thank you!

Many thanks to the Building Team (led by Gary Anderson) and the Memorial Fund Committee in seeing that improvements to the downstairs restroom made it totally handicapped accessible and friendly!

A good time was had by all at the Thanksgiving Day Potluck. Thanks go out to the turkey donors, cooks, servers, cleaners, eaters, (is there anything better than Terry's home made bread?). We truly have a church to be thankful for.

- Jackie Erikson

This weekend

Mindfulness Meditation Video Series

Saturday, Dec. 3

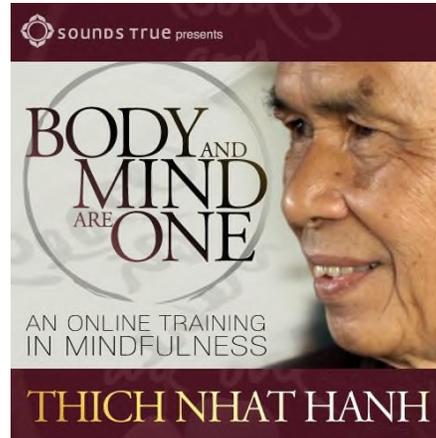
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Lounge

"Freeing Ourselves from Notions: Touching Nirvana"

In this DVD, Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh speaks about:

- How to maintain joy and happiness and not let anger overcome you
- 4 mantras in communication
- 4 objects of concentration for liberating the mind from notions
- 3 doors of liberation
- the Diamond Sutra that cuts notions
- Newton's law of relativity and Quantum Physics/historical truth and ultimate truth



This is a very rich dharma talk that Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh gives with his classic demonstrations, stories and sweet humor. Don't miss it!



Festival of Lights (formerly known as Hanging of the Greens)

Saturday, Dec. 3
4-7 p.m.

Bring family and friends to this all-church favorite!

- * Festive crafts and activities for all ages
- * Decorations to adorn our congregation
- * Pasta dinner prepared by the UUCQC Youth Group
- * Santa Claus will be stopping by
- * **Volunteers are needed to come at 4 p.m. to decorate the UUCQC Christmas tree***

Suggested Dinner Price:

- Adults \$5
- Children \$3
- Family \$15

RSVP: Sarah Moulton, REDirectorUU@gmail.com
Becky Nakashima Brooke, beckynakabrooke@gmail.com

Sunday, Dec. 4

Service
10 a.m.

Healing

Rev. Jay Wolin

During my illness I pondered the difference between being cured and healed. I will look at healing from both a personal and communal perspective.

Update from Rev. Jay:

As most of you know, from late August through October, I have been receiving treatments for tongue cancer that has spread to my lymph nodes. I have spent the month of November healing from those treatments. Each day I live with uncertainty. When I wake up, I don't know how I will feel that day, or what I will be able to accomplish. I have had to learn patience. I have had to learn that it is ok to take naps when I need them. However, this uncertainty makes it difficult to plan any given day. I am planning on returning to the pulpit December 4th. I admit I am not fully healed, but I have a yearning to connect with the Congregation.

I feel we are always living in a time of uncertainty. I know that many of you are feeling this acutely due to events of the past month. I believe connection with others and with our community is the answer to the feeling of insecurity that comes from uncertainty. I encourage you to take the time to connect with each other and especially with those who may be newer to our community. Imagine the uncertainty visitors and newer members feel searching for community and not knowing others deeply. Let us lead with intentional compassion for others who walk through our doors seeking connection.

I will ease back into my ministry over the next two months as my energy and health allows me. I will not have set office hours in December, but if you want to meet with me, please call me to set an appointment. I appreciate the grace and generosity of time you have offered me on my road to healing.

with a grateful heart

Rev. Jay Wolin



**Service Learning Trip to
San Juan La Laguna,
Guatemala**



**Informational Meeting
Dec. 4, 11:30 a.m.
Lounge**

If you're interested in visiting San Juan and working with the UUCQC Immigration Project/Youth Religious

Education to build a home, please attend this meeting. You'll receive an itinerary, forms, and other information.

If you are interested in participating, you'll need to make a deposit of \$100 at the time of the meeting or in the following week.

Contact Marcy Doyle mjdq@hotmail.com or Diane Kinser dmkins@sbcglobal.net for more information.

**Drum Circle
with special guest,
Teranga Drummers &
Dancers**

**Sunday, Dec. 4
5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary**

Join us for the last drum circle of 2016, with special guest the Teranga Drummers and Dancer from Rock Island will perform and lift our spirits!



Week of Dec. 4



Faithify
Crowdfunding effort
Nov. 29-Dec. 28 to raise \$\$\$ for



Guatemala Home-Building Trip

A service learning trip to Guatemala in July 2017 will include building a house for a family living in poverty in San Juan La Laguna. This will be a life-changing project for all involved, and we need your help to make it happen.

UUCQC needs to raise \$5,200 for building materials. About \$2,300 has been raised already through the Nut Sale and Share the Plate from December 2015. The Immigration Project is currently also raising funds through Share the Plate in November 2016.

On Nov. 29 (Giving Tuesday), UUCQC embarked upon a crowdfunding effort hosted by the UUA called Faithify (www.faithify.org). Our goal is to raise \$2,000 before Dec. 28. **To date, \$450 has been raised. Thank you!!**

We're hoping that everyone in the congregation will participate by calling the attention of the family and friends to this opportunity to support a very needy family in Guatemala.

To break it down: If 20 families contact 10 friends or family members, and they each give \$10, we will reach our goal.

How to donate:

1. Go to www.faithify.org
2. Search for the project name ("Casa Nueva") or click the "Discover Projects" heading, then "Building Projects".
3. Check out the information and click the "Fund" button.
4. Enter your credit card* information to make a donation.

**Please note that your credit card will not be charged until the end of the fundraising period (Dec. 28, 2016), AND only if the \$2,000 goal is reached.*

Thank you in advance for your help and generosity!

Questions? Contact Marcy Doyle mjdg@hotmail.com or Diane Kinser dmkns@sbcglobal.net

Zen Meditation

Monday, Dec. 5

7 p.m.

Community Room

(This event takes place every Monday.)



WOW (lunch + casual conversation)

Tuesday, Dec. 6



**11:30 a.m.
TPC Grill at Deere Run,
Silvis**

WOW, all are welcome to join a bunch for lunch and conversation Tuesday, Dec. 6, at

11:30 at TPC Grill at Deere Run, 3100 Heather Knoll, Silvis, Ill.

- 1. If you are coming from Iowa take I-74 east**
- 2. Exit at Avenue of the Cities, Turn left onto Avenue of the Cities**
- 3. Stay on that road, traveling east.**
- 4. About 5 miles down the road, Avenue of the Cities becomes Colona Road.**
- 5. Continue to Troy Drive, take a right.**
- 6. There are signs directing you to dining hall**

(You can also take I-74 to the John Deere Road exit, east, and follow to Colona Road, turn right, then right again on Troy Drive.)

**Mindfulness Meditation
Tuesday, Dec. 6
5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary**

(This event takes place every Tuesday.)



Facilitated by Ed Mueller

**This Tuesday Night
Conversation:**

**Dec. 6 (1st Tuesday)
6:45 p.m.
Lounge**

**Videos That Inform Us -
TED Talk with Jonathan Haidt:
"Can a Divided America
Heal?"**

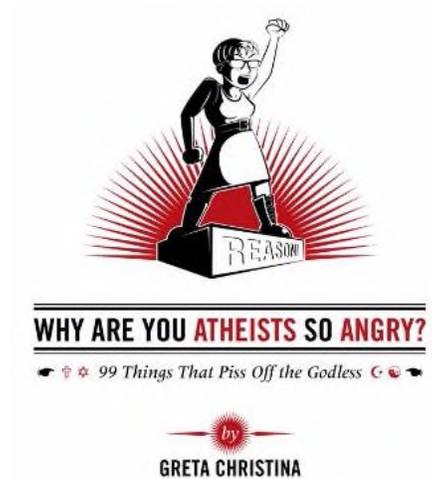
How can the US recover after the negative, partisan presidential election of 2016? Social psychologist Jonathan Haidt studies the morals that form the basis of our political choices. Haidt describes the patterns of thinking and historical causes that have led to such sharp divisions in America - and provides a vision for how the country might move forward.

Happy Human Book Club Video Thursday, Dec. 8 7 p.m.

The Happy Human Book Club discusses printed materials and videos from the non-theist worldview. You are welcome to participate on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. We will watch a video.

Next book:

Looking ahead to January, we will discuss the book, "Why Are You Atheists So Angry? 99 Things that Piss off the Godless" by Greta Christina.



Week of Dec. 11

Musical Smorgasbord in December

The holiday season traditionally is a musical smorgasbord in our church, and this year is no exception.

- On Dec. 11, the children will perform their annual pageant.
- On Dec. 18, the chime choir will be performing.
- The Winter Solstice service, on Dec. 20, is a highlight of the season.
- Finally, the Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24, with its carols, cookies and fellowship culminates the season.

Please join us!



Sunday, Dec. 11
No Forum

Service
10 a.m.* (*One service only)

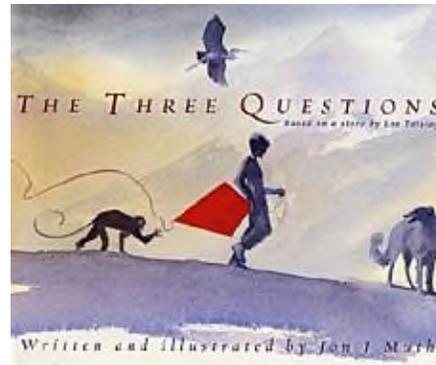
Youth Holiday Program

Load up the car and join us in celebrating the hardworking kids of the Youth Religious Education Program!

Each year the children put on a performance in lieu of service for one Sunday in December. We will proudly carry on this tradition at 10 a.m. on Sunday the 11th of December.

This year's program will be a trio of short plays based on the stories "The Three Questions," "Nine Spoons," and "The Gift of Nothing."

Bring your friends and family.



Zen Meditation
Monday, Dec. 12
7 p.m.
Community Room

(This event takes place every Monday.)

Mindfulness Meditation
Tuesday, Dec. 13
5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

(This event takes place every Tuesday.)



Next Tuesday Night
Conversation:

Dec. 13 (2nd Tuesday)
6:45 p.m.
Lounge



Muslim Views of Death and the Afterlife

Facilitated by Alice Martin

Office Memos

Office Hours:

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

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

Silent Announcement submission deadline:

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Email administrator@uucqc.org

*New monthly newsletter deadline:

The 20th of every month (Next deadline: Dec. 20)

Email administrator@uucqc.org

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