

Subject: Silent Announcements for 20161211

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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. 11

Security update

Working quickly to address security concerns

Here's a recap of what additional security is in place and what soon will be:

- **Police and security patrol**
 - **Davenport Police are providing extra patrols of our parking lot** between 5 and 9 p.m. for the next two months.
 - **PerMar is making several mobile stops** during evenings where we have events at UUCQC.
 - **PerMar said we may see a decrease in activity** simply because of the cold weather and snow.

- **Additional lighting**
 - **MidAmerican Energy will set up 400-watt flood lighting using our current poles in our parking lot and driveway.**
 - This is a cost-effective, simple and immediate action.
 - Look for better lighting outside within 2-3 weeks.
 - We may consider additional lighting on the building and other measures, but the first step is to improve the lighting we already have.

- **Just a reminder, please observe good parking lot safety:**
 - Watch your surroundings.
 - Lock car doors.
 - Don't leave valuables in your vehicle or keep them out of sight.
 - Use the buddy system. If you stay after dark, walk outside with someone.
- **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. 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

Words from Rev. Jay

Healing - My reflections from this past Sunday's Service

Journal entry by Jay Wolin
Dec. 9, 2016 on Caring Bridge

Reading - "Cure vs. Healing" by Fred Reclau

Cure may occur without healing; healing may occur without cure.

Cure alters what is; healing offers what might be.

Cure is an act; healing is a process.

Cure seeks to change reality; healing embraces reality.

Cure takes charge; healing takes time.

Cure avoids grief; healing assumes grief.

Cure speaks; healing listens.



It is good to be back. For those who might be new here. I have been on a 3-month health sabbatical. During this time, I received Radiation and Chemotherapy treatment for tongue cancer which also spread to my lymph nodes. After the treatments, I have spent the last six weeks allowing my body to start healing from the treatments. I have found that healing is a process, which is why the reading "Cure vs. Healing" was so meaningful to me. I admit, when I started this process, I was (and to some degree of course still am) focused on the cure part of the

equation. And rightfully so, it is not an either/or proposition.

I am lucky, in that I have a good prognosis for my illness. Yet still I live with uncertainty. I will not know if the treatments were successful until the end of January. It looks good, but I live with uncertainty, and I have to live with it, I don't have a choice. How I deal with that uncertainty and the uncertainty of every day in the future when I feel an ache or pain wondering if it may be a recurrence. To face this uncertainty means that:

Healing embraces reality.

I have to admit to the two months I was in treatment were the hardest two months of my life. I ended up in the hospital three times with a high fever. The pain and discomfort from the treatments were cumulative and at times all I could do was lay up curled in a ball waiting for the pain to pass, or more so waiting for medicines to kick in that would allow me to endure it. Endure, that is probably the best word to describe the experience. I had to keep in the back of my mind that it might be months even years before I was better. Although I lived in the present moment I tried to remember that in other times, I had endured other pains, and had come out at the end healed.

Healing takes time.

Pulling from those memories helped me endure the difficult times. And although I didn't see most of you during this time of healing, you were with me in spirit ...

Read more of Jay's Caring Bridge journal [here](#)

Music notes



Special Christmas Choir invitation!

Always wanted to sing, but can't make a long term commitment? Here's your chance! We need singers for a Christmas-only Choir!

Rehearsals on Wednesdays, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21 5:45-6:45 p.m. Can't

make that day/time? Let me know. Other rehearsal times might be available.

Contact Sheila Doak at music@uucqc.org or 309-721-8868.

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!

This Sunday

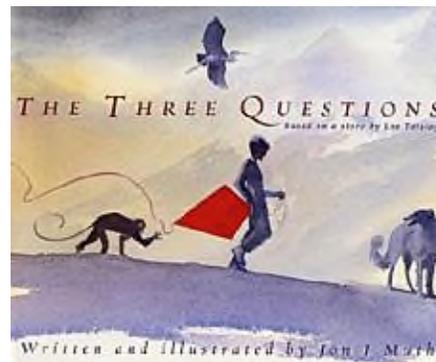
Sunday, Dec. 11
Service
10 a.m.

Youth Holiday Program

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. 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!



Guatemala Service Trip fundraiser



Faithify
Crowdfunding effort
until 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, \$735 has been raised. We're over one-third of the way there! 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

Week of Dec. 11

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

(This event takes place every Monday.)

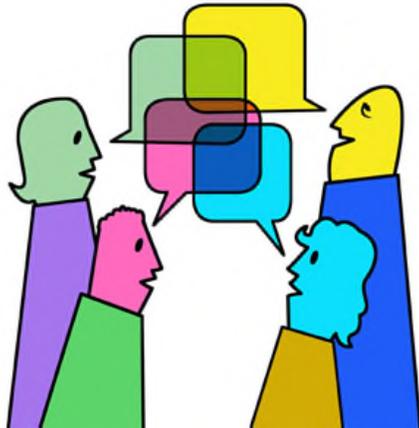
Mindfulness Meditation

Tuesday, Dec. 13

5:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

(This event takes place every Tuesday.)



This Tuesday Night Conversation:

Dec. 13 (2nd Tuesday)

6:45 p.m.

Lounge

Muslim Views of Death and the Afterlife

Facilitated by Alice Martin

Week of Dec. 18



Sunday, Dec. 18

Service

10 a.m.

Presence

Rev. Jay Wolin

What does it mean to be presence to someone?

Zen Meditation

Monday, Dec. 19

7 p.m.

Community Room

(This event takes place every Monday.)

Mindfulness Meditation

Tuesday, Dec. 20

5:30 p.m.

***Community Room** (*Note: This week's meditation will be in the Community Room because the Winter Solstice service will take place in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m.)
(This event takes place every Tuesday.)

CANCELLED:

Tuesday Night Conversations for Dec. 20 & Dec. 27

Please note that the Tuesday Night Conversations that were scheduled for the remainder of December are cancelled.

The Dec. 20 Tuesday Night Conversation is cancelled so that people may attend the **Winter Solstice service Dec. 20 at 6 p.m.**

The Dec. 27 Tuesday Night Conversation is cancelled as well. Thanks for your understanding.

Winter Solstice Service

**Tuesday, Dec. 20
6 p.m.
Sanctuary**

Join us as we reflect on and celebrate the winter solstice, the longest night of the year.



Looking ahead



**Saturday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Service
6 p.m.**

Rev. Jay Wolin

Please join us for our celebration of this traditional holiday service from our Christian sources. The evening will include



singing, music, readings, a homily, and some more singing. Let us rejoice!!

Sunday, Dec. 25
Christmas Day Service
10 a.m.

Rev. Jay Wolin and Allen Bertsche

Since this is Christmas Day, this will be a more informal service. All are welcome to come and share.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

CANCELLED:
Tuesday Night Conversation for Dec. 27

Please note that the Tuesday Night Conversations that was scheduled for Dec. 27 is cancelled. Thanks for your understanding.

Sunday, Jan. 1
Service
10 a.m.

In Memoriam
Religious Services Team



A memorial service discussing notable people's deaths during 2016 and whose contributions to our culture and society should be remembered. This will be a nontraditional service, perhaps gathering around the fireplace for discussion and reflections.

Office Memos



Office closed Monday, Dec. 26 & Monday, Jan. 2

Since Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Sundays, the holidays will be observed (and the office will be closed) on Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 2.

Please contact the office on Tuesday, Dec. 27, and Tuesday, Jan. 3, respectively.

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe holiday season!

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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