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Weekly Silent Announcements for March 19

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.)

Sign up for a photo session

New UUCQC Directory: Sign up for a photo session!

Please sign up for your appointments to be included in the 150th Anniversary UUCQC Directory!

- **Our portrait dates are Thursday, April 6- Sunday, April 9.** Sign up by visiting our website today!
- **Every family receives a FREE 8x10 AND a copy of the directory.** You have an option to buy a portrait package, but are not required to.



- **You are welcome to bring pets & personal items** (such as hockey sticks or bongo drums)! Invite your friends and family. Generation portraits are welcome.
- Only members and friends of the UUCQC will receive a copy of the directory.
- YOU control the information included in the directory.
- You will be granted access to an online version of the directory as well. Access that phone number you're looking for even if you can't find your directory.
- **Volunteer to help!** We will need volunteers to make invitation calls to other members. We will also need volunteers to sign-in families at the portrait sessions.
- **Bring in a canned good donation** on the day of your session and receive \$5 off a portrait package, AND help us fill the shopping cart for Second Baptist Food Bank!

Available dates are:

Thursday, April 6 (2 - 8 p.m.)

Friday, April 7 (2 - 8 p.m.)

Saturday, April 8 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Sunday, April 9 (12 - 4 p.m.)

Sign up for an appointment online [here](#), call the office at 563-359-0816 or sign up after Sunday services.

This weekend

Saturday, March 18
9:30 a.m.
Social Hall

**Reproductive
Justice Team
Organizational
Meeting**

The Reproductive Justice Team will have an organizational meeting on March 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall at UUCQC. Please read the following UU statement and come for a light breakfast and a great discussion of what our focus will be. We need your ideas, and would appreciate an RSVP. Please contact Elaine Kresse if you plan to attend. We hope you decide to join us. elainekresse2@gmail.com or 563-320-3325



Two Things Every UU Should Know About Reproductive Justice

1. "Reproductive justice" has a broad agenda, and is different than "reproductive rights".

The understanding of reproductive justice has evolved over time, and there is no universally accepted definition. However, all definitions recognize that the need for access to resources goes far beyond abortion alone. These four principles are accepted by many as representative:

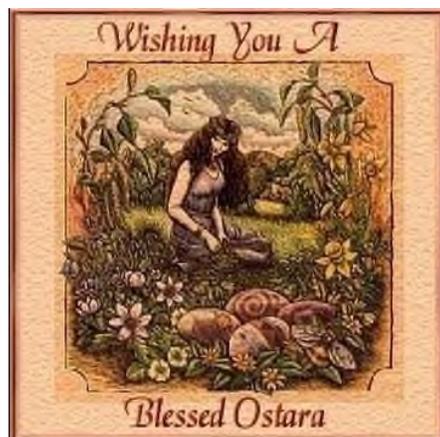
- People have a right to have children.
- People have a right *not* to have children.
- People have a right to raise their children in safe and healthy environments.
- People have a right to health and self-determination regarding their bodies and sexuality, free from oppression and shame.

Notably, reproductive justice is not simply a different phrase that is interchangeable with reproductive health or reproductive rights, and nor is it intended to replace these concepts. Instead, reproductive justice is a framework created by women of color that combines the fields of reproductive rights, social justice, and human rights. It is grounded in the particular experiences, values, priorities, and leadership of women of color.

2. Reproductive justice has a different approach.

It's not enough to focus on reaching a set of end goals through any means possible. Instead, our approach must reflect the world we are trying to create. This includes:

- Constantly talking about the impact our personal identities (including race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, wealth, etc.) have on our viewpoints and actions. In order to successfully change the culture, we must be open to growth and change ourselves.
- Centering the marginalized. Changing structures of power means that leadership must come from the groups most affected by the denial of access to rights and resources, including women and people of color, people struggling to make ends meet, and young people.
- Intersectionality. The work must be intersectional, which means engaging multiple identities and building coalitions rather than trying to keep people and issues confined in separate boxes. Changing structures of power requires that we view identities as linked and formulate solutions that are based on collaboration and solidarity.



Saturday, March 18
5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

Ostara Ceremony & Potluck

Ostara the Germanic Goddess heralds the beginning of spring. She is the Maiden Goddess, full of potential, representing the



opportunity of growth and rebirth after the stagnation of winter.

At Ostara, a time of new beginnings and rebirth, let yourself let go of those feelings

that there is a "right" way to honor the seasons and deity and allow yourself to find the simple ways to celebrate each day.

Really take notice of the changes happening around you in nature. Take note of the fact that darkness is falling later each day. Pay attention to the birds that land in your yard - are the robins out yet? Say a little prayer of thanks for warmer days, the beginning of the growing season and start looking forward to all those wonderful spring and summer foods that are coming!

Please join us on Saturday, March 18, for ceremony and discussion. Community Potluck will be held immediately following. We encourage all who plan to attend our potluck to bring your own place settings. This is one small way we can honor Mother Earth by cutting down on waste.

Questions: Email Ed Mueller ejmueller3@gmail.com or Gale Springer springer.gale@yahoo.com

The purpose of UUCQC's Earth-based Traditions Team is to provide spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Sunday, March 19

Services

10 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary

John DeGreve and Dave Coe

Sanctuary - a place offering protection and safety. A source of help, relief, or comfort. A space set aside for private use. Please join John DeGreve and Dave Coe, of our Religious Service Team, on a journey of discovery of the many Sanctuaries in and around our lives. ***Please bring old keys you no longer use!***

Next weekend

COFFEE HOUSE
and Silent Auction

Saturday, March 25 | 5:00 p.m. Mark Ridolfi

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Doors open 4:30 p.m.
Music starts 5:00 p.m.

Tickets available at door
 for taco bar and drinks
 (including wine & beer)

5:00 p.m. Mark Ridolfi
 5:45 p.m. Dave & Rex
 6:30 p.m. Chris Dunn
 7:15 p.m. Larry Miller &
 Steve Burke
 8:00 p.m. Rose 'n' Thorns
 8:45 p.m. Fanny & Doug
 9:30 p.m. Dr. Heat

Admission: \$10/adult; \$5/child 12 & under

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Coffee House volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed to make Coffee House & Silent Auction a success! A few ways you can help:

- **Donate a card table for us to borrow**
- **Donate a dessert**
- **Give us a hand the night of the event** with: checking in performers, monitoring the Silent Auction, ticket-taking in the food area, supervising a movie room for the kids, or supervising a karaoke room for the kids.

You don't have to go it alone! All positions are broken up into 2 1/2 hour shifts (4 - 6:30 p.m. or 6:30 - 9 p.m.). Grab a few friends and spend the evening having fun!

Contact Amanda at 563-359-0816 or office@uucqc.org

Silent Auction items needed!

Silent Auction is UUCQC's biggest fundraiser. We need items ASAP to make it happen! Bring them in!

We need your donations of estate-quality items, which could include single larger items, theme baskets, services (babysitting, cleaning, car wash, etc.), gift certificates.

You could even donate a bottle of wine (For a "wine pull." Here's how it works: Participants donate \$20 the night of the event, they pull a number, and take home a donated bottle of wine with that number worth up to ??).





Silent Auction donation forms are available in the foyer. Please bring in your items between 9 a.m. and noon Monday through Thursday, or contact Amanda office@uucgc.org or Jane administrator@uucgc.org to arrange a drop-off time. Thank you!

Week of March 26



Sunday, March 26

Services

10 & 11:15 a.m.

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) Justice Sunday

Rev. Jay Wolin

UUSC has a long history of helping those most vulnerable in the world. One of our former ministers, Waitstill Sharp was involved in founding UUSC. He and wife left their family and went to Europe to rescue Jews during World War II. I will share what UUSC is currently involved in, and what we can do to help those who are under threat today.

Saturday, April 1

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Blood Drive

About 15 donors are needed for blood drive.

Questions? Contact Gale Springer at springer.gale@yahoo.com or 309-269-6730.

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AB+	AB+	Everyone
A-	A+, A-, AB+, AB-	A-, O-
O-	Everyone	O-
B-	B+, B-, AB+, AB-	B-, O-
AB-	AB+, AB-	AB-, A-, B-, O-

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It's a FareWells Party!!!



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Join the UU Congregation, Family, and Friends at an
Open House

April 2nd, 3:00-5:00 PM at the Unitarian Church,
3707 Eastern Ave., Davenport

Bid Martha Easter-Wells and Kriss Wells a Fond Farewell
as they relocate near family in Minneapolis

Snacks and punch will be provided

Complete your pledge online

Online pledging now available

UUCQC has served the Quad City area and beyond for nearly 150 years. We need your support to continue:

- Facilitating the responsible search for truth and meaning
- Standing up for social justice
- Creating a safe space for free thinkers
- Providing a means to explore a variety of religious traditions
- Embracing one another's individual spiritual paths

To save paper and postage costs, we're moving pledging online.
Go to <http://www.uucqc.org/pledge> to enter your pledge for 2017-18. Pledge cards will also be available for pick up at the congregation. Thanks for your support!

Office Hours

UUCQC Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday*, 9 a.m. - noon (or by appointment)
Amanda (office@uucqc.org), Jane (administrator@uucqc.org).
563-359-0816

(*Please note that the office is closed on Fridays.)

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email minister@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: March 20)

Email administrator@uucqc.org

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