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## Weekly Silent Announcements for April 9

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](http://uucqc.org).)

## Caring notes

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**Ross Lance** is recovering at home from lung surgery. Once he has fully recovered, he will undergo heart surgery for a blocked artery.

Ross and Judie would appreciate cards, but are not up to visitors right now. Please keep

them in your thoughts.

**Phil Kester** continues to heal after prostate surgery. He is feeling better every day and is back to work.

## Office memos

### Silent Auction thank you correction

Special thanks to Matt Jensen for his help in entering items in the computer program and handling the accounting for Silent Auction. His name was accidentally omitted from the volunteer thank you list. Thanks again, Matt! We so appreciate your help!

### Membership Office near Community Room

Just a reminder: the Membership Office near the Community Room is a staff work space. Many organized items for Silent Auction recently had to be reorganized because items were moved and not put back as they were found. If you need a space to meet, please contact Amanda at [office@uucgc.org](mailto:office@uucgc.org) to schedule a designated meeting space in the building. Thank you!

## This weekend

### Sunday, April 9

#### Forum (*rescheduled*)

10 a.m.

#### "The Template: A Parable of the Environment"

**Mark W. Schwiebert**

Mark W. Schwiebert, former mayor of Rock Island and attorney at law, wrote a novel, "The Template" about climate change. He will lead a discussion of environmental concerns, and his novel will be available for purchase.

#### *Novel description:*

Former President Joshua Johnson is found dead face down in the water off the boat

dock of his lakeshore home. The case looks simple enough - probably a heart attack. Special Agent Derrick Bone is called in to investigate, but he's suspicious. Just a month before, the former president's annual physical reported he was in perfect health.

Prior to his death, Johnson had generated a number of enemies. Over the preceding eighteen months, he led the charge for major changes in global environmental policy, going so far as to suggest a Template for worldwide sustainability. This roused the anger of those opposed to environmental reforms.

Meanwhile, the world is overwhelmed by a rising tide of natural disasters. Droughts, plagues, and tsunamis rock modern civilization. But what do these tragedies have to do with the death of a former president? Written as a parable, The Template portrays the possible future of our planet, framed within a murder investigation and explores alternatives to the crises that come with climate change.

## Services

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

### "Wake, Now, My Senses"

Rev. Steven Protzman, UU Society of Iowa City  
Hymn #298, "Wake, Now, My Senses," was written by former UUSIC (Unitarian Universalist Society of Iowa City) minister Thomas Mikelson for the installation of Charity Rowley as Director of Religious Education at First Parish, Arlington, Massachusetts. Guest speaker Rev. Steven Protzman, the UU minister in Iowa City, will explore how this hymn expresses the heart of Unitarian Universalism and invites us to awaken so that we can live as fully as possible.

## Governance Town Hall

**11:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.**

### Lounge

The Governance Committee is looking for Congregational input on the Board Policies written for Oversight and the Committee on Ministry. The Board Oversight Monitoring Policy describes how the Board, Minister (lead administrator) and Administry Team communicate on financial, personnel, program and areas of concern. The Board Oversight Evaluation Policy describes how the Board will evaluate itself, the Minister, and references the Committee on Ministry Policy, which establishes it as a Board Committee.

Links to the policies below:

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## SPECIAL FILM SCREENING

### Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War



**Sunday, April 9  
4 - 6 p.m.**

**Figge Art Museum Auditorium  
\$7 Adults / \$6 Military and 60+  
FREE for Students**

**(\*Four FREE passes available through UUCQC. First call to Amanda at 563-359-0816 gets the free passes!)**

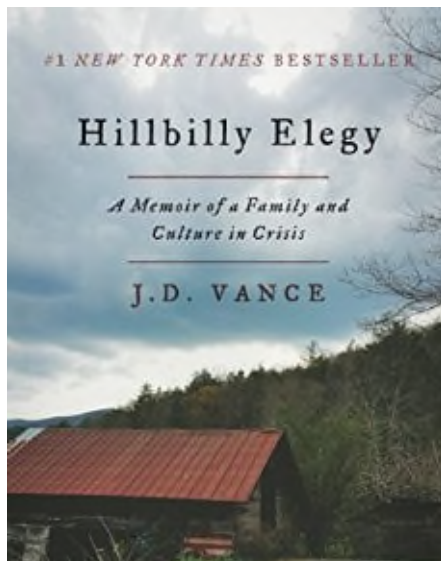
Before serving as minister of the Unitarian Church in Davenport from 1954 to 1963, Waitstill Sharp and his wife Martha answered the call to save refugees fleeing Europe on the precipice of World War II. Leaving their two children at home in Wellesley, Massachusetts, they bravely saved scores of Jewish children, scientists, journalists, doctors, and powerful anti-Nazi activists.

In 2005, the Sharps were named Righteous Among the Nations by the State of Israel. This honor is given to non-Jews who risked their lives during the Holocaust to save Jews from extermination by the Nazis. Waitstill and Martha are two among only five people from the United States to receive this honor.

This PBS film by Ken Burns tells the Sharps' powerful story and shows the people who are alive today because of the Sharps' compassion and courage. Tom Hanks is the voice of Waitstill, and Marina Goldman voices Martha. [View trailer](#)

**Please bring your family and invite your friends to see this inspiring, timely film UUCQC is co-sponsoring as a part of The Lloyd M. Burstein Memorial Holocaust Film Series of the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities! For more information call 309-793-1300.**

## Week of April 9



**Happy Human Book Club  
hosts All-Church Read on  
May 7: Order your book by  
April 10!**

"Hillbilly Elegy" by J. D. Vance is a best-seller that describes how the author rose up from his disadvantaged family and culture.

The Happy Human Book Club is hosting an All-Church Read to invite discussion from our diverse community. The book will be discussed



at the Forum on May 7 and at coffee following the service. A discussion forum will be set up on [www.uucqc.org](http://www.uucqc.org).

You may order the book yourself [here](#), or you may contact Amanda Conger at [office@uucqc.org](mailto:office@uucqc.org) by **April 10** to participate in a group order (hardcover copy: \$17).



## Tuesday Night Conversation Tuesday, April 11

6:45 p.m.  
Lounge

**Videos That Inspire Us:**  
**"The Human Brain: Hardwired for Spirituality" by Tracy Thomson**

As humanity and the planet careen on a path of self-destruction it is imperative to realize that we hold within ourselves, within our brains, the solutions to a better life and the ability to understand the oneness that connects us all. With that understanding we make better decisions in our personal lives, our relationships, and ultimately our communities.

We now get to understand, with advances in neuro-imaging, how ancient cultures elevated their state of consciousness and how we can and **MUST** do the same!

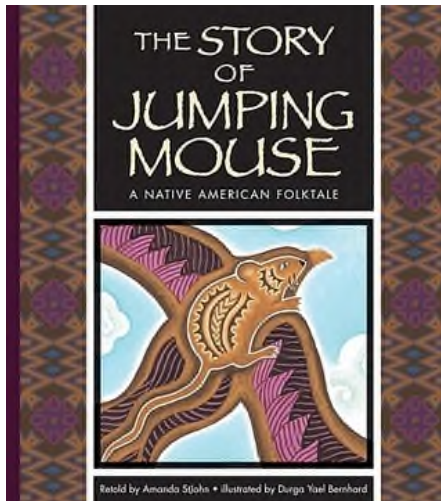
**Wednesday, April 12**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Sanctuary**

## Guitar Jam & Learning Session

Come for a fun acoustic guitar jam and learning session with Doug McCollum.



# Next weekend



**Sunday, April 16**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**10 a.m.**

**Intergenerational Easter Program**  
**"The Story of Jumping Mouse: A Native American Legend"**

UUCQC Youth

"You will reach far-off lands if you keep hope alive within you." Join Mouse on his perilous journey as he faces obstacles and sacrifices

much to help others in need.

**11:15 a.m.**  
**Good Friday?**

*Rev. Jay Wolin*

As we celebrate our Christian sources, the story of Easter speaks of new beginnings. We must remember that the Christian story of Easter morning cannot happen without the previous suffering that happened on Good Friday. Why then is it called Good Friday? What new beginnings are you looking forward to? What has to happen to make that beginning a reality?

## Week of April 16

**Thursday, April 20**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Sanctuary**

### Master Matrix meeting

UUCQC's Green Sanctuary Team is Partnering with Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement to bring a Master Matrix presentation. Here's some information:

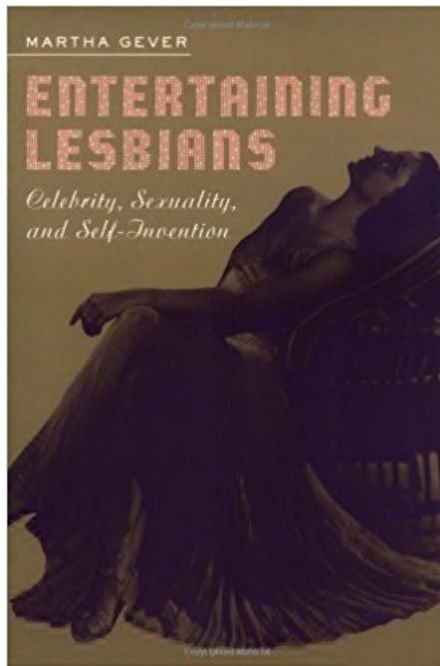
**Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement has scheduled a tour of community meetings across the state to gather input from lowans on how to strengthen the Master Matrix.** The first stop on the tour was in Charles City on March 2. Twenty community members from Floyd, Cerro Gordo, Mitchell, and Howard counties attended the meeting to brainstorm how the Master Matrix could better protect their communities and environment from factory farm pollution.





**The Master Matrix is one of the few tools counties and citizens have to weigh in on factory farm construction.** However, it is far from perfect and doesn't go far enough in protecting lowans or the environment from factory farm pollution. Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to learn more and discuss the Master Matrix, as well as provide input on how it should change.

**Counties across the state are beginning to take a stand on factory farms.** In January, Allamakee and Winneshiek counties passed resolutions calling for a suspension on factory farm construction until the Legislature fixed the Master Matrix. Floyd County passed a similar resolution that called for changes to the Master Matrix. In late 2016, Webster and Pocahontas counties wrote letters to legislators and the Iowa DNR calling for a moratorium and more local control. This shows growing momentum for local control and a moratorium on new and expanding factory farms in Iowa.



**Saturday, April 22**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Lounge**

**Lesbian Book Club**

**"Entertaining Lesbians: Celebrity, Sexuality, and Self-Invention" by Martha Gever**

Before the rise of celebrities like Ellen DeGeneres and k.d. lang, lesbians were rarely in the limelight and the few that were often did not fare well. Times have changed and today's famous lesbians are popular icons.

"Entertaining Lesbians" charts the rise of lesbians in the public eye, proposing that

celebrity has never been a simple matter of opening closet doors, portraying "positive images," or becoming "role models." Gever traces the history of lesbians in popular culture during the twentieth century, from Radclyffe Hall and Greta Garbo to Martina Navratilova and Rosie O'Donnell, to explore the paradoxes inherent in lesbian celebrity.

## UUA General Assembly



**UUA General Assembly is coming! Interested in**



## UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### serving as a delegate?

**General Assembly (GA)** is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). It takes place June 21-25 in New Orleans, LA.

Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. In June, delegates will vote for our next UUA president and open Board and Committee Positions. Delegates may vote at General Assembly or absentee. You can find out more about the candidates at <https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/elections>

**If you're interested in attending GA and serving as a delegate, please contact Jane at [administrator@uucqc.org](mailto:administrator@uucqc.org) by May 1.** Jane will make online arrangements for delegate credentials.

Find out more about UUA GA at <https://www.uua.org/ga>

## Office Hours

### UUCQC Office Hours:

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

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

### Rev. Jay is available by appointment

Rev. Jay is available by appointment. Call 563-359-0816 or email [minister@uucqc.org](mailto:minister@uucqc.org).

**Silent Announcement submission deadline:**  
Every Wednesday at 10 a.m.  
Email [administrator@uucqc.org](mailto:administrator@uucqc.org)

**\*New monthly newsletter deadline:**  
The 20th of every month (Next deadline: April 20)  
Email [administrator@uucqc.org](mailto:administrator@uucqc.org)

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