

Subject: Trivia, Pies, & Holiday Bizz!

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Celebrating 150 years
Many beliefs. One faith.

UU News 3 December, 2017

Your weekly UU News 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.)

Trivia Night!!!

This Sunday

Next Sunday

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Welcome, Aubrey!

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Trivia Night!

UUCQC TRIVIA NIGHT
SATURDAY DEC. 9
UUCQC SOCIAL HALL
3707 EASTERN AVE., DAVENPORT
DOORS OPEN AT 6
GAME BEGINS AT 7
\$10 A PERSON/TABLES OF 8
CALL (563) 359-0816 TO RESERVE YOURS
OR EMAIL OFFICE@UUCQC.ORG
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF THE QUAD CITIES



Amanda or Allen.

America's Test Kitchen PIES!!!

Pies Needed!

We are having a pie raffle during Trivia Night! We have a goal of 10 pies. We have about 6 pies pledged thus far. If you are willing and able to make a pie to be donated (and dropped off either Friday during the day or Saturday just prior to the event), please contact

This Sunday

December 3

10 a.m.

Service

**The Ministry of
Joseph Kyle**

Mike Wilcox



The ministry of Joseph A. Kyle-1914 to 1917.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities will be marking its 150th year anniversary next

year. As part of that celebration this service will look back to remember the ministry of Joseph A. Kyle. Reverend Kyle's ministry was marked by a strong stand against World War 1 and the demonization of German Americans. Michael Wilcox of the Religious Services Team will take you back to that time in our congregation's and community's history to reflect upon his ministry.



Forum

9 a.m. in the Community Room

Prairie Lights Bookstore

Iowa City's own Prairie Lights Bookstore
Pop-Up Shop!

[Visit their website](#)

IMPORTANT Youth RE News

Important Religious Education Information:

**** Please remember that you are responsible for your children and they should be sitting with parents/guardians at the beginning of**



the service**

Festival of Lights December 2nd

This annual holiday event, formerly known as Hanging of the Greens, will be on Saturday, December 2nd. **Please join us for a festive evening including singing of carols in the sanctuary and a visit from Santa. We will be making enchilada casseroles. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.**

Schedule of events:

- 4:00 Crafts for the children in the social hall
- 5:00 Potluck dinner
- 5:30 singing of Christmas carols in the sanctuary
- 6:00 visit from Santa

Join us for all or part of the events.

We could use a few people to volunteer to hang the lights upstairs and decorate. The tree will be set up and decorated earlier in the day. We also need people to volunteer to clean up and do dishes.

Thanks,
Melanie Landa RE team member 563-320-6106

Next Sunday

December 10

10 a.m.

Service

The Zen Teachings of Jesus

Reverend Jay Wolin

Jay explores the similarities between the teachings of Jesus and Zen Buddhism.





Forum
9 a.m. in the Community Room
Life After Hate
Frank Meeink

Frank Meeink is a former white supremacist skinhead gang member in the United States. After a three-year stint in prison, he left the racist skinhead movement

and now lectures against it.

[Listen to Frank's story on NPR](#)

Caring Notes

Jim & Velma Graham

Jim Graham is recovering from an emergency surgery last week. Velma is surrounded by their family and doing well. While in recovery, Jim and Velma would love to receive cards mailed to their home address, but are not yet up for visitors OR phone calls.

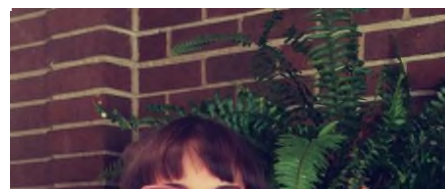
Let's all send cards to this lovely couple!

Jim & Velma Graham
4034 36th Ave. Ct.
Moline, IL 61265



Welcome!

Director of Religious Education



The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities is pleased to welcome Aubrey Ryan to the team! Aubrey will be filling the role of Director of Religious Education. She was raised in this congregation and now, along with her husband, Marty Schiltz, raises their sons here. Please stop and congratulate Aubrey this Sunday!

Aubrey can be reached at re@uucqc.org



Sesquicentennial Fund



Sesquicentennial Fundraising Drive Starts Now!

This is an exciting time to be a part of this Congregation! We are celebrating our 150th year of being the home for free religious thought in the Quad Cities. Our Congregation has been here to create an environment where people can come together and explore the meaning of life and community without dogma. Our Congregation and members have positively influenced life in the Quad

Cities with our principles and values. On a monthly basis the Board and I discern how the Congregation is progressing in fulfilling its vision and mission. Our objective is to create deeply meaningful programs and to ensure that this Congregation will continue to be a strong voice for liberal religious values in the Quad Cities for generations to come. Our theme for

this year is Remember, Reflect, and Re-dedicate. As part of rededicating ourselves to the future health of the Congregation, we are looking to fund the following projects:

- 1) One of the programs that has consistently been meaningful, and which draws visitors to our Congregation is our Children and Youth Religious Education Program. We want to add resources to this program by increasing the hours for Director of Religious Education position to full time for a minimum of two years
- 2) Our beloved 1972 Steinway Piano, which was a gift to us from a former member, is in need of major structural repair
- 3) We are looking to replace our sign on Eastern Ave with a digital sign which will have the actual name of our Congregation, which we have changed
- 4) We have consolidated our administrative positions to one full time position. We would like to extend that position at full time hours for an extra year
- 5) Marketing to inform the Community about the Congregation and its programs.

The leadership of the Congregation has created our Sesquicentennial Fund to raise money for all these projects. The financial goal to accomplish all of this is \$75,000. As of today, we have received pledges or donations totaling \$60,000. This includes pledges and donations from the Memorial Fund, the Ministers Discretionary Fund, Quad Cities Chamber Music, and lead donors from within the Congregation. **As you are considering what donations to make this coming holiday season and year, we ask you to consider to pledge or donate to this fund.** We ask that this be in addition to your regular financial contribution to the Congregation. This is a long-term project. Pledges can be paid over a two-year period; from June 2018-June 2020.

To donate or pledge:

- o Write a check made out to "UUCQC" and put "150 fund" in the description line.
- o Pay via PayPal. At the bottom of our website uucqc.org click the donate button
- o Fill out a yellow pledge card that can be found on the table as you enter the Sanctuary

- o Email our Administrator, Amanda, at office@uucqc.org with your pledge amount for the fund.

Thank you for considering donating to this fund. If you have any question please do not hesitate to ask me.

With a grateful heart

Rev. Jay Wolin

Youth Religious Education



Ending December 5th!

We'll begin collecting donations for Sisters of Humility Housing on November 5th. Please consider donating items to fill stockings for kids in need, baby-teen, to help brighten their holidays. Mac McDonald is taking the lead on this project this year. Please contact her with any question or to donate.

Email Mac or call (563)355-6690

1. Warm socks are definitely welcomed
2. The organization would like to collect 175 20\$ gift cards specifically from Dollar Tree Stores because several of the stores are located along bus routes and therefore easily accessible to their clients.

55 youth

Age	Girls	Boys
0-5	8	3
6-12	18	12

13-18	8	7
19+	1	

3 newborn girls

Kids of all ages love bath toys! Bath crayons, bath color pellets, foam soap, roll-on soap, rubber ducks, etc. are stocking stuffer staples in my house :) Duplos/Legos are another great option! The small builder sets can be found for around \$5 each :)

Hip things for 6-12 year olds: Legos (always), Minecraft, Lego Ninjago, Roblox, Five Nights at Freddy's, My Little Pony, Monster High, Ever After High, Barbie, etc. Kids this age are really into Blind Boxes, too! You can get them for less than \$4 at Target in the trading card section.

Teenagers can be difficult to shop for! Here are some ideas from Amanda's teenage daughter :)

Gift cards (movies, iTunes, Target, Visa), bath bombs, make-up brushes, aftershave, DVDs, earbuds, nail polish, bullet journals, colorful pens, fuzzy socks, travel-sized perfumes & colognes, gum & candy...

I spend a lot of my time thinking about stocking stuffers. Call with questions :)

Amanda

Notes From the Office

From Reverend Jay

VACATION: Jay will be on vacation from Wednesday, November 22 through Wednesday, December 5.



OFFICE HOURS: When Jay returns from vacation, he will discontinue his Wednesday office hours at Fresh Deli. These hours will resume in the spring. Jay's new schedule will be:

Monday- Off

Tuesday-Thurs 2-5
Friday- Writing Day

From Amanda

My email address is office@uucqc.org. Up until this week, messages sent to administrator@uucqc.org & communications@uucqc.org have been forwarded to my office account. **THESE ADDRESSES WILL NO LONGER FORWARD TO MY EMAIL ADDRESS!** Please use office@uucqc.org from here on! Thank you!

???Weekly Mystery Link???

Cheers!

Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attended, coordinated, and volunteered for the Annual Thanksgiving Day Luncheon! Special thanks to Darcy Anderson & Steve Burke for turkey prep, and to Lucia Auman & Alice Martin for the fantastic decor! It was a lovely day with friends and family! Thank you all!



Non-Believers Unite! Humanist Team Meeting



Humanist Team Meeting
Thursday Dec. 21, 6-7 p.m.
Board Room

The Humanist Team of the UUCQC is dedicated to providing a welcoming home for Humanists, Non-believers, Atheists, Skeptics, and questioners, within the greater Quad Cities. Humanism embraces a progressive philosophy of life without super-naturalism. We will provide



education opportunities, resources, and support. Please join us on **in the UUCQC Boardroom** to help plan events, meetings, and programming for the 2018 calendar. Let's make UUCQC an

OFFICIAL "**Free-thinker Friendly**" congregation. Seasonal refreshments will be served. See you there! For questions about the Humanist Team contact Matthew Toland, mctoland@gmail.com .

Adult Religious Education Team Meeting

Adult RE Team Meeting
All are welcome!!!
Thursday, Dec. 21, 7-8 p.m.
Board Room

Our congregation has a long tradition of offering thought-provoking classes, workshops, and programming. Join the Adult Religious Education Team and help develop or lead classes that will inspire others to learn and grow. Seasonal refreshments will be served. See you there! For questions about ARE contact Matthew Toland, mctoland@gmail.com.



Music Team





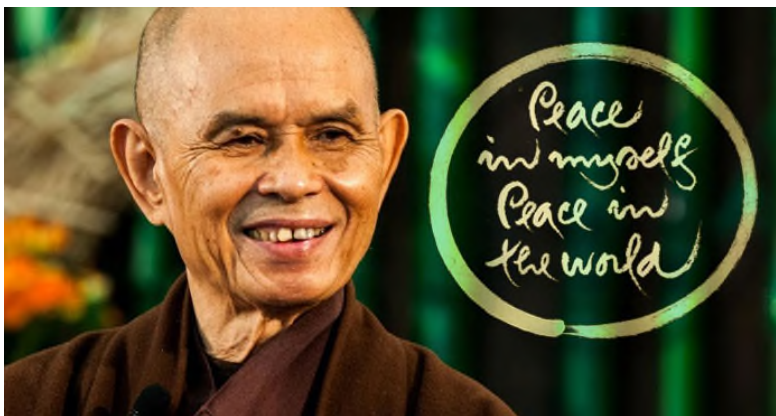
A Musical December

The holiday season and music certainly go together!

- The Hanging of the Greens will be from 4:00 to 6:00 on December 2nd. It will include a Christmas Carol sing-a-long and food.
- The children will perform "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson for the December 17th service.
- The traditional Solstice Service on December 20th always includes special music. It begins at 6:30.
- Finally, please plan on attending the Christmas Eve service on December 24th at 5:00 where we always sing traditional holiday music and close with Silent Night by candlelight. It is followed by cookies and treats.

[One of Amanda's Favorite Winter Songs](#)

Spiritual Practices & Programs



**December 2
9 a.m.**

**"Body and
Mind Are
One"**

*"Freeing
Ourselves from
Notions: Touching
Nirvana."*

This year we want
to welcome all,

including families with children. In the first 20 minutes of each DVD, Hahn speaks to the children (powerful words for adults and educators, too). Then the children will be dismissed to participate in other mindfulness activities, including yoga with Becky and stories and crafts with Joyce so the adults can remain to view the rest of the DVD.

Miss one??? No problem! Drop-in any time, as these videos stand alone! And each event is completely FREE!

These are very simple yet deep talks given by Thich Nhat Hanh

"Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh is a global spiritual leader, poet and peace activist, revered throughout the world for his powerful teachings and bestselling writings on mindfulness and peace. His key teaching is that, through mindfulness, we can learn to live happily in the present moment -- the only way to truly develop peace, both in one's self and in the world."- Plum Village

Childcare will be provided :)

[Text Link](#)

W.O.W.

**Thursday, December
7
11:30 a.m.**

Time for another WOW lunch. All are welcome to gather at the Captains Table, [4801 River Drive](#) in Moline, for lunch and conversation.



[Here's the menu!](#)

Save the Date!!!

**Youth Holiday Program
Dec. 17 @ 10 a.m.**

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever! By Barbara Robinson
Laughs abound in this bestselling Christmas classic by Barbara Robinson! The Best



Christmas Pageant Ever follows the outrageous shenanigans of the Herdman siblings, or "the worst kids in the history of the world." The siblings take over the annual Christmas pageant in a hilarious yet heartwarming tale involving the Three Wise Men, a ham, scared shepherds, and six rowdy kids.

Ralph, Imogene, Leroy, Claude, Ollie, and Gladys Herdman are an awful bunch. They set fire to Fred Shoemaker's toolshed, blackmailed Wanda Pierce to get her charm bracelet, and smacked Alice Wendelken across the head. And that's just the start! When the Herdmans show up at church for the

free snacks and suddenly take over the Christmas pageant, the other kids are shocked. It's obvious that they're up to no good. But Christmas magic is all around and the Herdmans, who have never heard the Christmas story before, start to reimagine it in their own way.

This year's pageant is definitely like no other, but maybe that's exactly what makes it so special.



Winter Solstice Service

December 20, 5:30 p.m.

Save the date for our annual fire-lit Winter Solstice service!

Annual Traditional Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, Dec. 24 @ 5 p.m.



Each Christmas Eve we gather in the sanctuary and light candles, sing together, and celebrate! The Board of Trustees is the hospitality team for the service.



This year, as you may have noticed, Christmas eve falls on a Sunday. **We will still be having service Sunday morning at 10 a.m.** Jay is preparing an informal Question Box Service. **We are in need of volunteers for hospitality Sunday morning. If you can help, please contact Amanda!**

Christmas Song!

Office Hours

UUCQC Office Hours:

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

Amanda (office@uucqc.org)

563-359-0816

Rev. Jay Office Hours:

Monday Off, Tuesday 2-5, Wednesday 2-5, Thursday 2-5,

Friday Writing Day

Call 563-359-0816 or email minister@uucqc.org.

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Every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

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