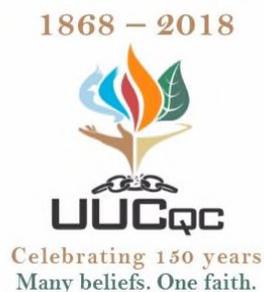


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UU News 10 January, 2018

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.)

This Sunday
Next Sunday
Thank you!!!
Family-Friendly Game Night
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UU Drum Circle
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**Special Viewing & Discussion of The Sharp's War
Music @ UUCQC
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YRE Holiday Program DVDs Available
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Save the Dates!**

This Sunday

January 14

**10 a.m.
Service
Malcolm & Martin
Reverend Jay Wolin**

Reverend Jay will look at the intersections of the lives and ministries of these two African American leaders and how they complimented and contrasted with each other on the road toward freedom.



**Forum
9 a.m. in the Lounge
Mental Health Court Help Needed**

Join UUCQC member Ken Croken as we explore the needs of the new Mental Health Court, including a multitude of volunteer opportunities!

From the UUCQC Mental Health Project:

As you know, the Scott County Mental Health Court Pilot Program is now 18-months-old and is a stunning success by any measure. Financially, the return on investment is significant: \$4:\$1 in terms of cost avoidance. But more importantly, the program has transformed lives and provided an effective way "out" of the revolving door of arrest...followed by involuntary commitment...followed by incarceration...followed by unsupervised release...followed by re-arrest.

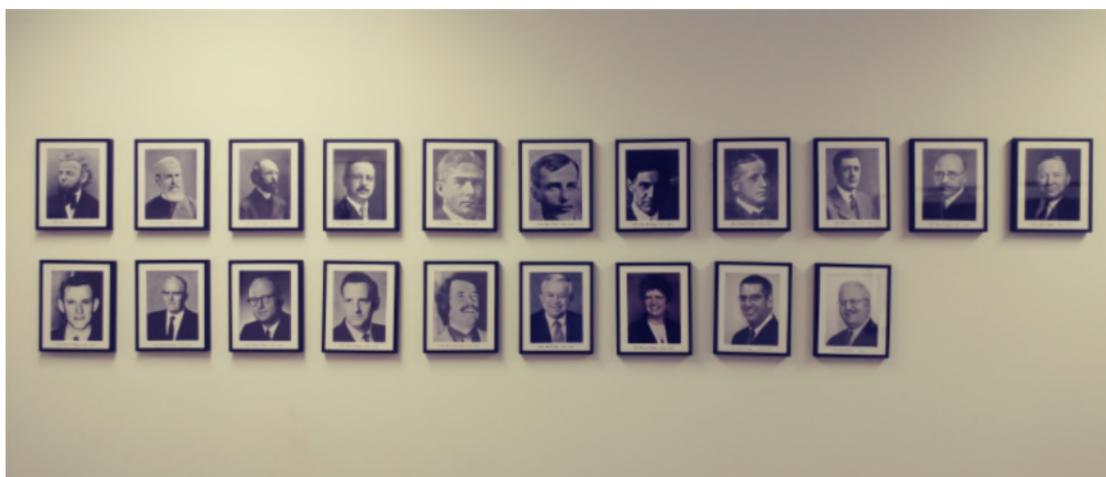
The jail diversion program is not taxpayer-supported and, sadly, it is not sustainable without on-going community engagement. So, we continue to need money and support, relying on the "kindness of strangers." To that end, Genesis is organizing a second-hand music (mostly vinyl records) sale for January 28 at the RiverCenter in downtown Davenport. We already have nearly 4,000 albums and 45s!!! Event details will be announced next week. But, 100% of the proceeds will benefit mental health court operations and help maintain the program while a more permanent source of funding is secured.

If the congregation wishes to be participate in this most worthy effort to raise funds and awareness; they could do so in a number of ways:

- 1) Work as "sales" staff at the event on January 28;
- 2) Donate merchandise, (such as vinyl records in good condition); and/or,
- 3) Dedicate collection proceeds to the event in order to promote it in markets beyond on the QCA, such Iowa City/Cedar Rapids, Peoria and Chicagoland. (We need to reach a large audience of collectors and plan to do a significant amount of social media advertising.)

Please feel free to share this invitation with any committees that need to review it. And, if you would like me to present the opportunity at a service or committee meeting; I would be happy to do so. Thank you. - KRC

Next Sunday



January 21

10 a.m.

Service

Our Ministers and Our Ministries

Reverend Jay Wolin

Over the course of our Congregation's 150 year history we have had 20 settled Ministers. Each one was unique in their own way. I will explore the changing nature of our Ministers and Ministries over the course of time.



Forum

9 a.m. in the Lounge

Shall We Be a Sanctuary Church?

Join UUCQC member & chair of the Sanctuary Task Force, John Dunsheath, for the first of many congregational discussions regarding our status as sanctuary for people facing deportation. Gather

information and have questions answered- we will vote as a congregation on the matter at the Annual Meeting in May.

Caring Notes

Edye Pearson is turning 95!!!

Longtime UUCQC member Edye Pearson turns 95 years young on January 17th! She would love to receive some birthday cards to help welcome her home from a long stay in recovery after illness.

Edye Pearson
Palmer Hills Apt. 208
2617 Maplecrest Road
Bettendorf, IA 52722



From Amanda

Thank you to everyone who sent well-wishes, inquiries, and good thoughts while my girls were ill last week! Everyone is healthy again :) Y'all are the best!

Paying it Forward!



Trivia Nights with our Friends!
January 20 OR
January 27

From Allen Bertsche, Board Chair:

Hello UUCQC folks,

Still hoping to put together trivia teams for January 20th (MCC Church) and January 27th (QC Interfaith). I have a few people lined up for the 20th, a team led by board members Marcy Doyle and Fred Weymouth, but no one signed up for January 20th with Laurie and I. Any takers.

We have 5 spots left for January 20 and 6 spots for January 27th. Please send me an email to reserve a spot on the team. Here is the info on both:

MCC Church Trivia Night: January 20 @ 6pm at MCC Church on Locust St.

QC Interfaith Trivia Night: January 27 @ 7pm at Holiday Inn, Rock Island

Expect to pay \$10 per person for a table of 8 people (\$80 per table) and then to spend some money on drinks, raffle tickets, 50/50 or mulligans (free missed answers at trivia).

If you are interested in either UUCQC Team, Jan 20 with Marcy and Fred, or Jan 27 with Laurie and I, just send me an email and I will sign you up.

[Email Allen](#)

Sanctuary Task Force

Address to Congregation of UUCQC

Let me begin with a little background. This past year, our federal government took actions that jeopardize the future for 'Dreamers,' people who qualify for the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act. A short time later, Reverend Peter Morales, president of the UUA, put out a call for UU congregations to become "Sanctuary Congregations" to shelter undocumented and out of favor people

from potential detention and deportation. Through the honorable tradition of "sanctuary" Reverend Morales hoped to counter the administration's policy of hate and distrust with our UU principles of love and compassion.

In order to answer the request by Reverend Morales, a Sanctuary task force was formed in this congregation. We suffered through a time of disorganization and lack of direction until our attention was grabbed by the suspension of the DACA or "dreamer's" act begun by President Obama in 2012. The spectre of over 800,000 dreamers being subject to deportation gave us a focus we needed and we helped Reverend Wolin deliver a service featuring the testimony of two actual dreamers which put a personal face on this issue. All of a sudden, the dreamers ceased being an anonymous group of people and began being Alejandra and Nancy. The prospect of allowing the deportation of those two visitors to our congregation is abhorrent to our principles and our values. The response of our congregation was so strong that we ran out of the postcards to our legislators that we had allocated for the service and the task force became larger and more focused.

Members of our group studied the sanctuary church toolkit put out by the UUA, consulted with congregations in our region who had gone through this process, made a list of the questions we needed to answer, and began to formulate our own unique answers to the questions every congregation before us had had to answer. It is our hope to have a resolution on the ballot at the May General Meeting proposing that the UUCQC be officially designated a Sanctuary Congregation and that we become ready to house people who need shelter.

We are asking the congregation to communicate with us to discuss the issues involved here. We will have a table downstairs after every service until the May meeting staffed by members of our task force. Please feel free to talk with us, to ask questions, and to give us your advice. In addition, we will sponsor a Forum on January 21 at 9:00 in the Lounge in which we hope to have an open discussion of what sanctuary means and why we should take this step. Please come talk with us.

John Dunsheath, Sanctuary Task Force Chair

Music at UUCQC



From the Music Team

Do you or your child like to sing or make music? Join UU members and friends as we make beautiful music to lift spirits and sustain good work. Chimes and Singers have weekly practice at the church; Junior Singers and ensemble groups practice as needed. No experience necessary, just come to practice! Contact Saul at music@uucqc.org or anyone in the groups to get involved.

Thank You's!

Thank you!

December's Share the Plate collection raised \$570.90 for QC's new chapter of PFLAG! Founded in 1972 with the simple act of a mother publicly supporting her gay son, PFLAG is the nation's largest family and ally organization. Uniting people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) with families, friends, and allies, PFLAG is committed to advancing equality through its mission of support, education, and advocacy. PFLAG has 400 chapters and 200,000 supporters crossing multiple generations of American families in major urban centers, small cities, and rural areas in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. This vast grassroots network is cultivated, resourced, and serviced by PFLAG National, located in Washington, D.C., the National Board of Directors and 13 volunteer Regional Directors.

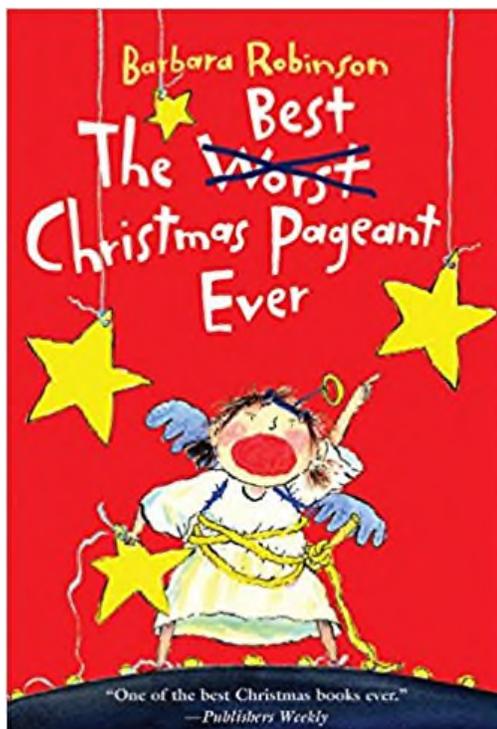
[Learn More HERE](#)

Our December 31 Fifth Sunday Collection was split with the Community Meal Task Force and raised \$110.50!

[Learn More HERE](#)

Thank you all for your generous support!

Youth RE Holiday Pageant

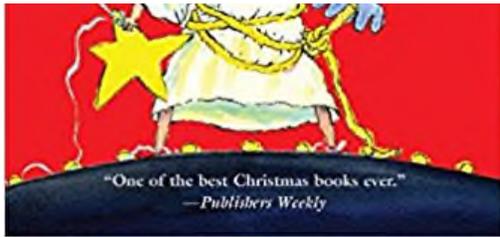


DVD Copies Available!

A video has been completed of the "Best Christmas Pageant Ever" that was presented by Youth RE on December 17. DVD copies will be provided to parents and teachers of Youth RE students on request. This video will not be made available on our UUCQC YouTube site. RE parents or teachers who want a DVD should contact Amanda at office@uucqc.org

Thanks!

Cliff Day
UUCQC Computer and
Software Support Team



Email: it@uucgc.org

Family-Friendly Game Night



Friday, January 12 @ 6 p.m.

Join us for family-friendly games every other Friday night in the social hall! Bring your own game, or choose one from our collection :) Snacks are welcome!

Some Guy's Idea of the Best Board Games of

2017

UU Drum Circle RESCHEDULED!!!



Sunday, January 14 @ 5:30 p.m.

January is cold! Warm up with drumming!

We gather to drum in our UU Drum Circle with others from the surrounding community.

The circle offers equality ~ there is no head or tail. It includes people of all ages.

The main objective is to share rhythm and get in tune with each other and ourselves. A new voice, a collective voice, emerges from the group as we drum together.

Free Tea Leaf Reading Class





Saturday, January 13 @ 5:30 p.m.

Join Carole, of the UUCQC Earth Based Traditions Team, to explore the art of tea leaf reading! Class begins at 5:30 sharp, and is followed by a pot-luck dinner. Free & open to the public! More details to come!

We'll supply the tea and have some tea cups on hand. If you want to bring their own, there are some specifics: The cup must be bone china (antique cups are good), wide at the brim and narrow at the base, saucer optional (but probably a good idea).

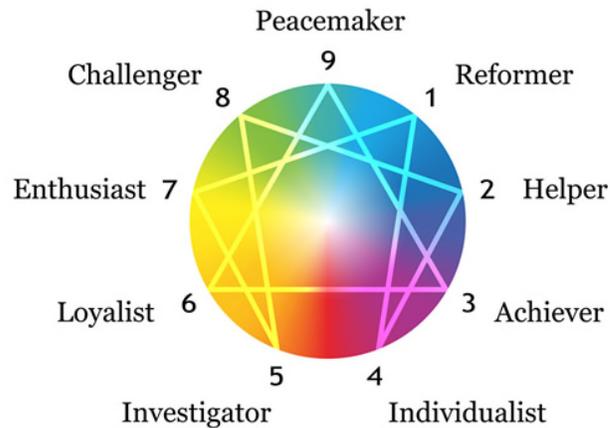
Due to the overwhelming response to this class, we will be limiting participation to 25 people. Registration will open January 2nd and is available by calling 563.359.0816 or emailing office@uucqc.org ONLY.

Childcare is available with 48 hour notice by emailing Aubrey at re@uucqc.org.

EBT Calendar of Events 2018
January 13 - Tea Leaf Reading class
February 3 - Imbolc
March 24 - Ostara/Vernal Equinox
April 28 - Beltane
May 26 - Pagan Paluza
June 23 - Lilith/Summer Solstice
July 28 - Lammass
August 25 - Children & Nature Picnic
September 22 - Mabon/Autumn Equinox

October 27 - Witches' Ball
December 21 - Yule/Winter Solstice

Enneagram Workshop



Enneagram Workshop Saturday, January 20 @ 9 a.m.

The enneagram is a personality system that describes nine patterns of thinking, feeling, and acting. You will have an experiential introduction to these nine personalities and the lens through which each sees the world. Through exploration of the characteristics of each type and in this process we may discover our own type and possibly others'. May this discovery help move us toward greater understand and acceptance of all.

Time- 9 a.m. -4 p.m.:00-4:00

Where- Lounge

Cost- \$10.00. Breakfast snack and lunch will be provided. Please call church office to RSVP so there will be adequate food provided.

Presented by Alice Martin and Meg Bolich, Certified Enneagram Instructors

Defying the Nazis: The Sharp's War

January 25 @ 6:30 p.m.



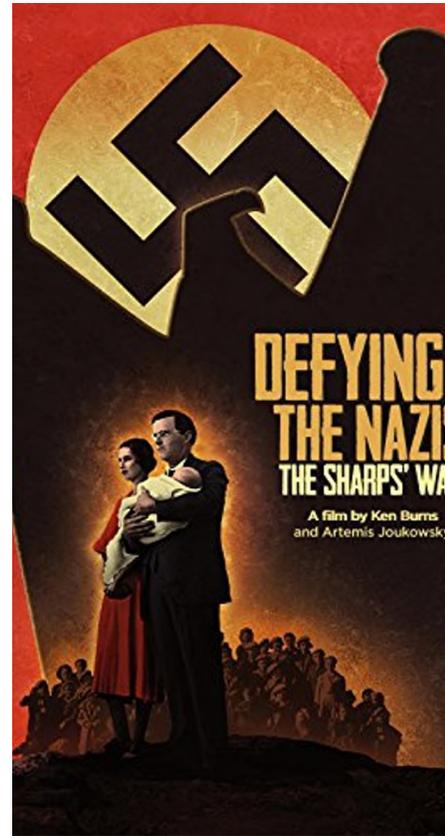
Viewing & Discussion

Before becoming our Unitarian minister from 1954-63, 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 Massachusetts, they bravely saved scores of Jewish children, scientists, journalists, doctors, and powerful anti-Nazi activists.

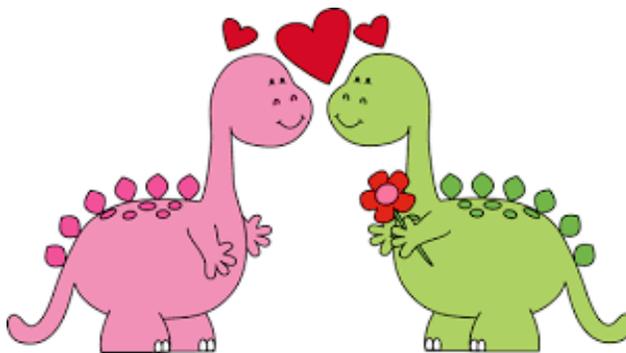
In 2006 the Sharps were named Righteous Among the Nations by the State of Israel. This honor is given to non-Jews who risked their lives during the Holocaust to save Jews from extermination by the Nazis. Waitstill and Martha are 2 among only 5 people from the United States to receive this honor.

Powerfully telling the story of the people who are alive today because of the Sharps' compassion and courage is their grandson, Artemis Joukowsky, and Ken Burns, in this PBS film starring Tom Hanks as Waitstill and Marina Goldman as Martha.

[Learn More HERE](#)



Save the Dates!



Feb 9: Youth Valentine's Dance @ 5 p.m.

Feb 14: Soul Service @ 6 p.m.

Feb 17: Labyrinth (Time TBD)

February is going to be busy!!!

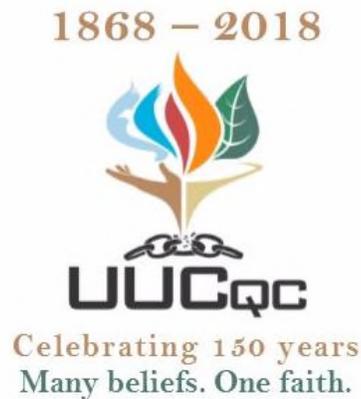
Feb 2: Groundhog's Day!

Feb 3: Final Mindfulness Video Series Installment @ 9 a.m.
Imbolc Celebration @ 5:30 p.m.

Feb 4: Intergenerational Poetry Service & Potluck @ 10 a.m.

Feb 24: Getting to Know UU @ 9 a.m.

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

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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