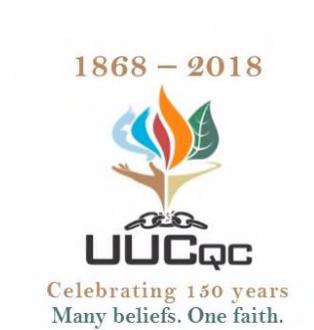


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## UU News 18 April 2018

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

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## This Sunday

**April 22 Service**  
**10 a.m.**  
**Love Letter to the Earth**  
*Rev. Jay Wolin*

The title of this sermon comes from a book by the Buddhist Monk, Thich Nhat Hanh. He believes in order to save the planet, we need to see ourselves as part of nature not separate from it. How can mindfulness and spirituality protect nature and limit climate change? What would you write in a love letter to the Earth?



**Forum**  
**9 a.m. in the Community Room**  
**The Goddess**  
*Sarah Martin*

Sarah Martin will present a perspective of The Goddess, and how it can apply to your life.



## Earth Day Concert

*CELEBRATING THE EARTH WITH MUSIC*  
*6TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY CONCERT*



6 P.M.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF THE QUAD CITIES  
3707 EASTERN AVENUE, DAVENPORT

LOCAL MUSICIANS INCLUDING (BUT NOT LIMITED TO)  
CHALICE CHIMES / UU SINGERS / UU JUNIOR SINGERS  
SAUL NACHE  
JUSTIN LEBO  
JENNIFER KROGMEIER  
DOUG MCCOLLUM, CHRISTY TODTZ, & MIRYAM STONE





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LAWRENCE ALLEN

ADULTS \$10 / CHILDREN \$5 / FAMILY OF 4+ \$30

## Next Sunday

**April 15**  
**Service 10 a.m.**  
**Perseverance**  
**Reverend Jay Wolin**



In 1976 the western movie *The Outlaw Josie Wales* with Clint Eastwood depicted a Native American who said, "I endeavor to persevere." For whatever reason this one line had a deep impact on me. I will share why and how perseverance has been a part of my personality my whole life for better and for worse. In all our social justice work, and especially as we consider becoming a Sanctuary Congregation, let us realize that the long journey to justice will require perseverance.



**Forum**  
**9 a.m.**  
**Girl Rising**  
*Liz Kantner*

Movies are not just for entertainment anymore. They inspire, inform, and motivate us to be the change we wish to see. They alert us to issues we weren't aware of, call us to action, and offer perspectives from outside our bubbles.

Join Liz Kantner for this community viewing & discussion of *Girl Rising*.

From Academy Award-nominated director Richard E. Robbins, award-winning Documentary Group, Vulcan Productions and Intel Corporation comes *Girl Rising* - an innovative feature film about the power of education to change a girl -- and the world.

[Watch the Trailer Here](#)

# Family-Friendly Game Night

**April 20 @ 6 p.m.**

A fun family night of playing all kinds of games and sharing of merriment. We also have people that just show for socialization and they bring their knitting or crocheting!

Snacks are welcome (and encouraged) and there will be Little Ceasar's Pizza too! This Friday, we will also be providing cans of soda :)



## Stewardship

### Annual Pledge Drive Time to Turn in Pledge Cards!

Here at UUCQC we have a long and storied history, rich with individuals and groups that have been voices for liberal religion, human rights, and social change. Past members of our community have risked their lives to bring about the changes they knew were worth fighting for.

*Our congregation stands on a threshold. Behind us remains the proud history that makes us who we are. Before us: endless possibilities to carry on that tradition.*

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities offers a variety of options to explore social justice work and religious freedom. We journey these paths as one, becoming something bigger than any of us can be alone. We gather here, together, on the precipice of greatness. How we choose to handle the world at hand will define us. Your pledges will support the next chapter of this 150 year old institution. Please be as generous as you can.

#### ***Will you side with love?***

Your pledges directly support our Social Justice Teams, our Source Teams, and Youth Religious Education.

**Fill Out Your Pledge Online (WE DO NOT COLLECT BANKING INFORMATION ONLINE, ONLY NAME, CONTACT INFO AND AMOUNT OF ANNUAL PLEDGE)**



OR Fill Out the Pledge Card we Mailed You (Or email/call Amanda for a new card)

OR Pick Up a pledge card in the foyer (They are GREEN this year- double check the dates on the cards!)

OR [Email Amanda](#) your pledge amount!

***Please turn in your pledge cards as soon as possible! Cards can be deposited into the repurposed hat box in the foyer :)***

***The Board has already begun work on the budget: we need your pledges (just pledges, not payments- although those, too, are welcome) as soon as possible.***

## Sanctuary Resolution

### From the Sanctuary Task Force

One concern that keeps coming up in our survey is about the finances of this Sanctuary Project. People are, quite justly, wondering who will pay for this activity and whether money was going to be appropriated from our congregation's normal budget. The answer to this second question is a resounding NO!

We on the Sanctuary Task Force do not intend to ask our Board of Trustees to fund any part of what we do and are confident that we can raise enough funds to cover expenses through donations of Time, Talent, and Treasure from other sources.

After services on Sunday, a very generous member of our congregation committed to a \$2,500 matching donation to our cause. This means that this anonymous benefactor is willing to match donations on a one to one basis up to \$2,500. Later, three other congregational members committed to donations of \$500, \$100, and \$100 respectively so we are well on our way to raising the \$2,500 to qualify for the match.

*If/when our resolution passes at the Annual Meeting (20 May) and we go through the procedure with the Fundraising Team, we will ask you to be generous and help us raise the rest of the \$2,500 as soon as possible. Thank you very much for your support.*



### Resolution on Sanctuary

Consistent with the Unitarian Universalist principles affirming the inherent worth and dignity of every person with justice, equity, and compassion in human relations, and the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; we declare ourselves as a Sanctuary Congregation in alignment with the Iowa Sanctuary Movement.

We will open our doors and our hearts to receive a guest or guests seeking Sanctuary because of their immigration status and provide hospitality during their stay with assistance from other congregations.

We will continue to advocate for fair and compassionate national immigration policies that will create long-term opportunities and welcoming communities.

**Concerns? Questions?  
Comments?  
Take the survey!**

**10 Question Survey**

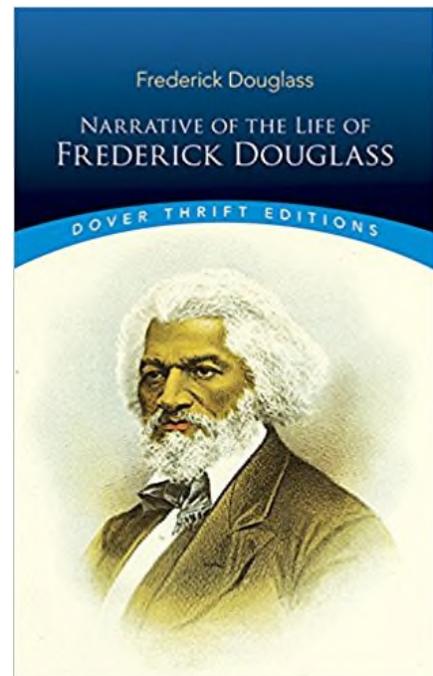


## Happy Human Book Club All-Church Read

### ***Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass***

*Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* by Frederick Douglass is the 1845 memoir of a former slave turned abolitionist. Considered as one of the most famous slave narratives ever written, this very short book recounts Douglass's life from early childhood as a slave to his eventual escape to the North. The book is available in paperback and Kindle, local library systems, and we have copies available in the office.

The Happy Human Book Club is hosting an All-Church Read to invite discussion from our diverse community. The book will be discussed at coffee hour following the service on Sunday, May 6. You may order the book yourself, or you may **contact Amanda Conger** in the office to obtain one of our copies.



## Workshop



## STORY, SONG & SPIRIT: CREATING WORSHIP FOR ALL AGES

Workshop w/ Erika Hewitt

May 12 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**\$30 includes Lunch and Snacks \* Scholarships  
and Daycare Available**

The Religious Services Team and Reverend Jay are rededicating ourselves to the creation and delivery of engaging and transformative worship. We especially want to improve our ability to speak to the hearts, minds, and spirits of multiple ages in various stages of religious exploration.

Everyone who has ever been involved with worship\* and everyone who has ever considered participating in worship\*\* is invited to come learn, play, and co-create with us!

Other MidAmerica Region ministers and worship teams will also attend.

Among other things in this workshop, we will find ourselves:

- \* re/framing multigenerational worship as faith-building and relationship-strengthening
- \* exploring the touchstones of story-based multigenerational worship
- \* reviewing the "special sauce" and the quicksand of intergenerational worship design

Leading and inspiring us will be acclaimed UU Author, Trainer, and Minister of Worship Arts, Rev. Erika A. Hewitt. [Learn More About Rev. Hewitt](#)

TO REGISTER and/or get MORE DETAILS [CLICK HERE](#).

\*All Social Justice Teams, All Spiritual Practices & Programs Teams, Earth-based Traditions Team, UU Humanists Team, Adult & Youth RE Teams, Music Team, Past Religious Services Team Members, and All Past Midwest Leadership School Attendees

\*\*You; yes, you!

## Sound Team

### Volunteers Needed!

Sound is one of those things that when it is good you barely notice. When it is bad it can be like a dull (or worse) toothache. Here at UUCQC, we are lucky that our sanctuary has wonderful natural acoustics. Voices are easier to hear with the assistance of amplification with a microphone.





We are always interested in adding new people to our team. We would like to provide assistance for the occasional event that would like to play recorded music. We are available to teach Congregational members the rudimentary tasks necessary to turn on the microphones for use during their events. *IF I, someone who can barely manage a TV remote, CAN DO THIS, YOU CAN TOO!!!*

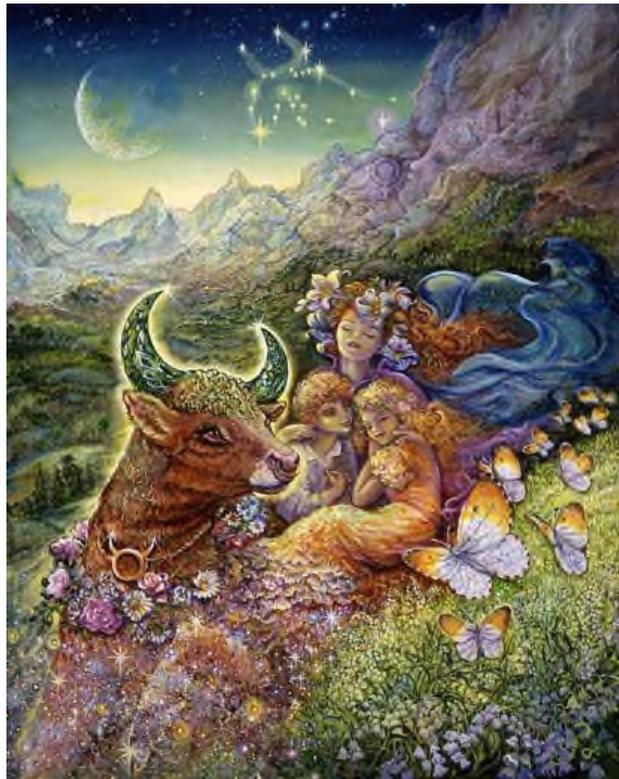
Please contact me at [catherine.weideman@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.weideman@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping with our sound technology or if you have suggestions or concerns.

Thank you very much.

Cathy Weideman

other members: Bill Robbins, Mike Moulton, Dan Byer, Bob Thompson, Jerry Walla, Erik Adamek

## Earth Based Traditions



**April 28 @ 5:30 p.m.**

Come celebrate Beltane with the UUCQC Earth Based Traditions Team!

Circle cast at 5:45 sharp, potluck following ritual.

Beltane is a Fire Festival. The word 'Beltane' originates from the Celtic God 'Bel', meaning 'the bright one' and the Gaelic word 'teine' meaning fire. Together they make 'Bright Fire', or 'Goodly Fire' and traditionally bonfires were lit to honour the Sun and encourage the support of Bel and the Sun's light to nurture the emerging future harvest and protect the community. Bel had to be won over through human effort. Traditionally all fires in the community were put out and a special fire was kindled for Beltane. "This was the Tein-eigen, the

need fire. People jumped the fire to purify, cleanse and to bring fertility. Couples jumped the fire together to pledge themselves to each other. Cattle and other animals were driven through the smoke as a protection from disease and to bring fertility. At the end of the evening, the villagers would take some of the Teineigen to start their fires anew."

From *Sacred Celebrations* by Glennie Kindred

## W.o.W.

**May 3 @ 11:30 a.m.**  
**Bix Bistro**

If the good lord's willin' and the creek don't rise,  
WoW will meet Thursday, May 3rd at 11:30 at  
the Bix Bistro in the Blackhawk Hotel

200 E 3rd Street, Davenport (located on the  
first floor).

All are welcome for lunch and conversation.

[Menu!](#)



## 150th Anniversary

### Musical Inserts

Special thanks to everyone who contributed to our latest batch of  
150th Anniversary inserts. They are all on our website now.

[Catch Up on Inserts HERE](#)

### "Origin Story" Prints Available

As part of our 150th Anniversary celebration, poet Aubrey Ryan  
read her commissioned poem "Origin Story" at our April 8th  
service. We have beautiful prints of this poem for you! Please  
feel free to take one from the table at the foot of the brick staircase in the Social Hall.

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Celebrating 150 Years

## Save the Dates!



Spring is going to happen, right?

Right???

April

April 22: Earth Day Concert @ 6 p.m.

April 28: Beltane @ 5:30

May

May 9: Soul Service "Creativity" @ 6

May 12: Story, Song, & Spirit: Creating Worship for All Ages  
With Rev. Erika Hewitt 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

May 20: Youth Bridging Service @ 10 a.m.  
Annual Meeting @ 11 a.m.

## UUA General Assembly 2018

**June 20-24, Kansas City**  
*All Are Called*

This year the annual UUA General Assembly is in the Midwest - in Kansas City. In 2019 it will be on the west coast in Spokane WA, and in 2020 on the east coast in Providence RI. That makes this year a very good one to attend! Attending GA is a terrific experience with opportunities to learn about the

issues we are facing, meet our national and global leaders, form new UU friendships, hear great speakers, take part in public witness, participate in discussions and in general have all sorts of learning and growing experiences. There will be around 175 program offerings, so there's something for everyone. I've been to about six GAs over the years, and have always found it to be an enriching experience. More information on GA and Kansas City is at: [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga)



# UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Costs involve registration, travel, lodging, food - the usual. ***Our UUCQC Endowment team voted to cover the registration fee of \$395 for up to 5 members from UUCQC. You could be one of them! Registration and housing info is on the website: [www.uua.org/ga/travel](http://www.uua.org/ga/travel) If you are interested, please contact Endowment Chair [Will Brooke](#).***

Here's a little more information from the website: General Assembly is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through the democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates. Most General Assembly events will be held in the Kansas City Convention Center.

The theme, All Are Called, is grounded in a deep belief that we are all prophets, Unitarian Universalists ask, "How can we faithfully meet the demands of our time?" The call to witness and act for justice in our society and in the world is clear. So, too, is the call to examine our structures and practices, dismantling and transforming those which fail to recognize the full humanity of all people and to honor the interdependent web of life. Join us in Kansas City as we dive deeply into questions of mission for our Unitarian Universalist Association, for our congregations and communities, and for each of us as individuals.

So, think about attending GA this year. It is an opportunity for personal growth, as well as for bringing what you learn and experience back to enhance our congregational life.

Kathryn Allen for the Endowment Committee

Chair: Will Brooke

Members: Linda Goff, Lisa Miotto, Damon Gray, Kathryn Allen

**SIDE NOTE!!! A member has approached the office inquiring about ridesharing! If you're down to carpool with the coolest new person in town, please contact [Amanda](#).**

## Office Hours

### **UUCQC Office Hours:**

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

Amanda ([office@uucqc.org](mailto: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](mailto:minister@uucqc.org).**

**UU News submission deadline:**

**Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. No exceptions.**

Email [office@uucqc.org](mailto:office@uucqc.org)

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