

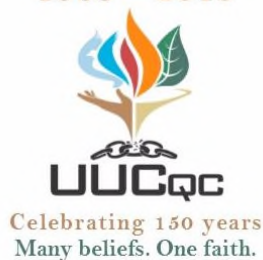
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## UU News 20 December, 2017

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

**This Sunday**  
**Next Sunday**  
**Special December Services**  
**Thank you!!!**  
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## Wednesday, December 20



### Winter Solstice Service December 20, 6:30 p.m.

The Music Team is proud to announce that both Chimes and Singers have beautiful pieces prepared for the Winter Solstice Service. Chimes will be playing "In the Bleak Midwinter" and the UU Singers will perform "Winter Lullaby."

## This Sunday

**December 24**

**10 a.m.**

**Service**

**Question Box**

***Reverend Jay Wolin***

Join Reverend Jay for this informal questions & answers event! When you enter the sanctuary, you will be given a pen & note card. Write down questions for Jay to draw from during the service. This is always a fun and insightful experience!



**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!**

**Amanda's Favorite Christmas Song!**

**Jay's Selection!**

## Next Sunday

**December 31**

**10 a.m.**  
**Service**  
**In Memorium**  
***Reverend Jay Wolin & RST***



This annual service gives us time to reflect on the people we have lost through the year.

## Forum

**Forum Planning Meeting**



This Thursday, December 21, the forum committee will meet to select and organize the schedule for the first quarter of 2018.



The meeting will be held at Ridgecrest in the private dining room at 6 p.m. @ [4130 Northwest Blvd. Davenport.](#)

Anyone with an interest in planning and attending forums Sunday mornings is welcome to attend and put your 2 cents in.

Jackie Erikson. [jdherikson@aol.com](mailto:jdherikson@aol.com).

### Can't make the meeting???

The forum committee needs your input, please respond before January 1, if possible.

Please submit the answers to these questions by email or phone or in person to Jackie jErikson, [jdherikson@aol.com](mailto:jdherikson@aol.com), Elaine Kresse, [elainekresse2@gmail.com](mailto:elainekresse2@gmail.com) or Lori McCollum [lori\\_mccollum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lori_mccollum@sbcglobal.net).

1. I would like to have a forum on \_\_\_\_\_ topic.
2. I would like \_\_\_\_\_ to present on \_\_\_\_\_ topic. Here is that person's contact information.
3. I would like o present a forum on \_\_\_\_\_

## Sanctuary Task Force

### Update & Thoughts on Connie

Maria Concepcion 'Connie' Hernandez Calderon's detention by ICE is a travesty of justice :( I can honestly state this from my nearly 40 years experience working in what is referred to as the criminal justice system. Five different churches/faith community leaders spoke at a Dec. 14th rally in support of a more equitable system on her behalf.

It is my understanding that public information concerning if ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) contacted the Scott County Sheriff's Department or visa versa to place what

is known as a detainer on "Connie" will be soon be available.

I do not have all the details of the circumstances of her arrest. I do know that theft in the 5th degree in Iowa is a simple misdemeanor. Individuals suspected on this matter are charged, usually not apprehended (legally taken into custody), and often released on their own recognizance. They certainly have a right to post "bond" if criminally charged with this crime. (Coincidentally, if posted with the Clerk of Court, the money can be returned or applied to associated costs, if any, upon disposition of criminal proceedings. No need for a bond company to profit.)

I believe most of Davenport's city leaders have publicly declared & signed a written testament affirming their commitment to Davenport being a "welcoming city." Mrs. Calderon's detention does not meet this standard.

The Scott County Sheriff's Department is somewhat in a Catch 22. Two extreme positions exist on what policy our Sheriff should enforce. One side, I have been told is that the ACLU's (American Civil Liberties Union) would pursue action, possibly civil suit, if ICE is informed of arrests of undocumented persons for some offenses. The opposite is that federal funds would be denied if Sheriff Tim Lane does not contact ICE upon the apprehension of undocumented individuals. (Some jurisdictions have challenged the federal government's legal right to withhold delivery of funds to those who declare what is referred to as a "sanctuary" locale designation.)

In any case, my point is that we all need to be educated and make our opinions known to all public officials; city, county, state & federal. Nationalism as this administration and especially Trump have advocated can result in more division rather than unity in our community. As you may be aware, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities has a committee learning and discussing the need for immigration reform and working towards this critical social justice issue for all, especially "Dreamers." This group hopes to present some concepts to our members for your discernment in 2018.

I invite you to attend one of our meetings to learn about our progress and goals. Most importantly, continue to become a part of the movement to welcome all persons, regardless of their national origin or status, to our community. Engage and inspire local leaders and representatives to make your voice heard.

Common practice by local law enforcement on a simple non-violent offense is to write a citation with a date for that person to appear in court and not to be taken into custody. For whatever reason(s), Maria was treated differently.

Mike Lazio  
UUCQC Sanctuary Task Force

## Music at UUCQC



**A Musical December**



We here at UUCQC are very lucky to have such amazing musical offerings by extremely talented members! Our Winter Solstice service will include some beautiful music by our Chalice Chimes, UU Singers, Doug McCollum and Lucia Dryanski, and our pianist, Justin Lebo.

Our Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m. on December 24, will feature multiple songs sung by your music director, Saul Nache! Come on out to hear some great Christmas songs!!

## Holiday Gift-Giving Made Simple!



### Equal Exchange

In anticipation of holiday gift giving and usage, we have just made a massive order from Equal Exchange.

These make great additions to your special meals, wonderful hostess/host gifts, great gifts for teachers or coworkers, great stocking stuffers....

Nothing says "Goodwill to all" quite like fairly traded items!

We sell these as a service project, not as a fundraiser--so prices are much lower than you'll find elsewhere.

Come see us during coffee hour after service on Sunday.

| Jim and Julie Ross |

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## Thank You's!

### Thank you!

To everyone who donated to making our Stocking Stuffers drive a success! Special thanks to Mac McDonald for coordinating this year's drive! It's a lot more work than it looks like :)

### Thank you!

To everyone who came out for UUCQC Trivia Night! We raised money, had fun, and learned a lot of trivial knowledge! Thank you!

### Thank you!

**November's Share the Plate collection raised \$553.75 for the Quad City Food Forest! The Food Forest, Green Sanctuary Project's selected recipient, is a locally owned and operated community garden in Davenport. The Food Forest is run by volunteers from the community.**

**The QC Food Forest Mission: To design, grow, and maintain an edible landscape that will produce healthy food for the community, foster education, and support the environment.**

**The QC Food Forest Project Goals:**

- #1 Promote quality of life in the Quad Cities**
- #2 Provide opportunities for the community to grow together**
- #3 Provide free food for the community**
- #4 Teach about native wild food and plants**
- #5 Provide a habitat for wildlife**

[Learn More HERE](#)

???ChristmasMysteryLink???

## Office Hours

**Office Closed**





**Monday, December 25**

**Office Closed Monday,  
January 1**

**Amanda Vacation Tuesday,  
January 2 through Sunday,  
January 6**

I will be staying warm at home with my cats and my spider :)

I suppose my husband, daughters, and dog will be there as well.

Haha! Happy Holidays, everyone!

???SuperFunSecondMysteryLink???

## Archives Team

### Meetings Cancelled

The Archives Team will not be meeting on Wednesday, December 20 OR Wednesday, December 27. Meetings will resume Wednesday, January 3 at 6 p.m.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mctoland@gmail.com).



## Brown Bag Lunch Bunch



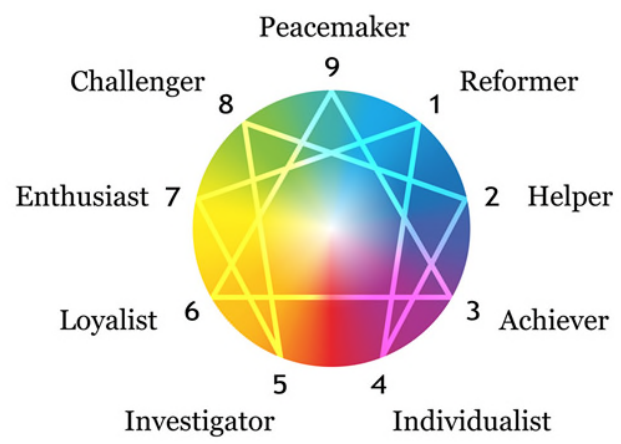
**NO Meeting**  
**December 26**

The Brown Bag Lunch Bunch will not be meeting December 26th. Meetings will resume Tuesday,



January 9 at 11:30 a.m.

# Save the Date



## 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

# Sesquicentennial Fund

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## Sesquicentennial Fundraising Drive Starts Now!

This is an exciting time to be a part of this Congregation! We are celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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](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.**  
Email [office@uucqc.org](mailto:office@uucqc.org)

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