

**Subject:** UU News 12/27: Happy New Year!  
**From:** Dennis Darland <thethinker@dennisdarland.com>  
**Date:** 12/27/2017 2:56 PM  
**To:** bonesbonesbones@dennisdarland.com



## UU News 27 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**  
**Thank you!!!**  
**Family-Friendly Game Night**  
**Caring Notes**  
**Mindfulness Video Series**  
**UU Drum Circle**  
**Tea Leaf Reading Workshop**  
**Enneagram Workshop**

[Forum Input Needed](#)  
[Music @ UUCQC](#)  
[Sanctuary Team](#)  
[Archives](#)  
[Sesquicentennial Fund](#)

## This Sunday

**December 31**

**10 a.m.**  
**Service**  
**Memories**  
*Reverend Jay Wolin*

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



## Next Sunday

**January 7**

**10 a.m.**  
**Service**  
**Come Dream a Dream**  
**With Me**  
*Reverend Jay Wolin*

In times of struggle, what is it in your life that gives you hope for a better future? As your life progresses, how does what you hope for change? What can you do to transform your hopes into reality? Come and dream a dream with me about our future!





## Forum Returns January 7 @ 9 a.m. in the Lounge In Memoriam

Congregants are encouraged to be prepared to talk briefly, **5 minutes or less**, about a famous person who we lost this past year who you would like to memorialize. Just a few you may consider would include: Muhammad Ali, Arnold Palmer, John Glenn,

Chuck Berry, Edith Windsor, Tom Petty, Fats Domino, and many more.

# Forum

## Help Shape Forum!

We will have weekly meetings at Ridgecrest Village 4130 Northwest Blvd, Davenport in the Atrium (in back of independent dining room) every Thursday at 5:45 until we have the forum scheduled and functioning.



The forum committee needs your input, please respond before January 7.

Please submit the answers to these questions by email or phone or in person to Jackie Erikson, [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 to present a forum on \_\_\_\_\_

# Caring Notes

Longtime UUCQC member Edey Pearson is at Trinity Hospital in Bettendorf, room 342. She was taken ill with intestinal problems. She would enjoy visitors as she slowly recovers.

Please keep Edge and her family in your best thoughts!

# 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 are so lucky to have such an abundance of talent here at UUCQC!! Music from the UU Singers, our Chalice Chimes, our Jr Singers, our pianist, Justin Lebo, and our countless soloists makes this congregation a lively place to be!! Please know that everyone who made a musical contribution to our

services is extremely appreciated, and makes our services very special!!!

If you would like to be a part of one of our ensembles, or if you would like to offer your musical talents for our services, then please notify our Music Director, Saul Nache, @ [music@uucqc.org](mailto:music@uucqc.org).

On a personal note, it has been an absolute pleasure serving as your Music Director since June!!! I love getting to see the music lift the spirits of our congregants!!! Here's to more wonderful music in the New Year!!!

Saul Nache, Music Director

## Thank You's!

### 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](#)

## Office Hours



**Office Closed Monday,  
January 1**

**Amanda Vacation Tuesday,  
December 26 - Monday,  
January 2**

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! Enjoy the link! This was a traditional Irish parting song BEFORE Auld Lang Syne was written :) It's a favorite of mine.

[???NewYearsMysteryLink???](#)

## 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.



## Family-Friendly Game Night



**Friday, December 29 @ 6 p.m.**

Take a break from Holiday chaos! 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!

[Best.Game.Ever](#)

## W.o.W.

**Thursday, January 4 @ 11:30**

**Trattoria Tiramisu**

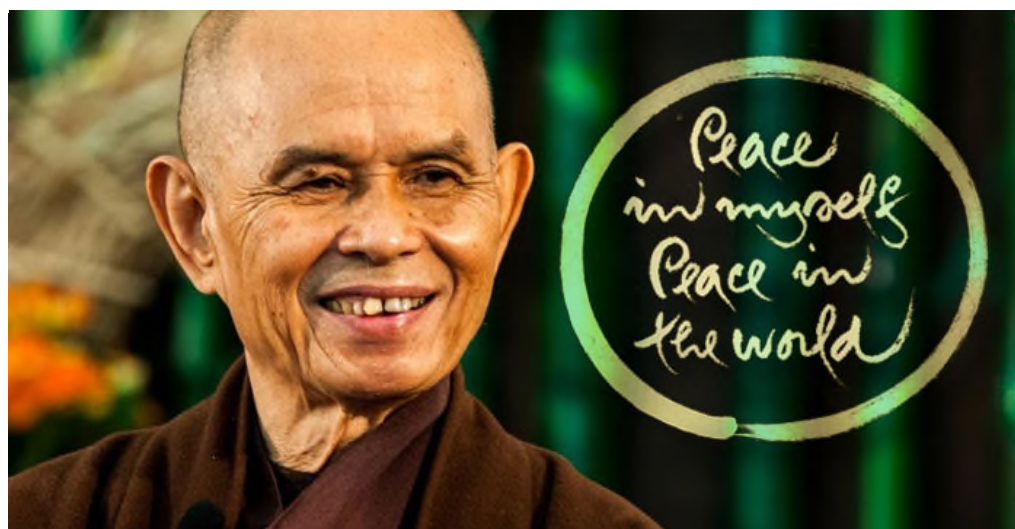
*1804 State Street, Bettendorf*

Come join us for lunch & conversation! All are welcome :)

[Menu HERE](#)



## Mindfulness Video Series





## Thich Nhat Hanh Video Series Saturday, January 6 @ 9 a.m.

The first Saturday monthly through February.

January's edition of the Body and Mind Are One series is "The 4 Nutriments"

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.

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.

## UU Drum Circle



### Sunday, January 7 @ 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](mailto:office@uucqc.org) ONLY.

Childcare is available with 48 hour notice by emailing Aubrey at [re@uucqc.org](mailto: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 - Lammas  
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

# Sesquicentennial Fund



## 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)

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities

[uucqc.org](http://uucqc.org) | [563-359-0816](tel:563-359-0816) | [office@uucqc.org](mailto:office@uucqc.org)

STAY CONNECTED:



Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities,  
3707 Eastern Avenue, Davenport, IA 52807

[SafeUnsubscribe™](#) [thethinker@dennisdarland.com](mailto:thethinker@dennisdarland.com)

[Forward this email](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by [office@uucqc.org](mailto:office@uucqc.org) in collaboration with



Try it free today