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UU News 12 December 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.)

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This Sunday



December 16
Service 10 a.m.
Holiday Intergenerational Service
*Reverend Jay Wolin, Director of Religious Education
Aubrey Ryan, & the UU Youth*

Join us in community for a Child Dedication, dancing, a skit, and a

sing-along with the UU Ukeleles. This is a service for all ages.

Solstice

December 21 @ 6 p.m.
Winter Solstice
Lucia Dryanski & the Earth Based Traditions Team

UUCQC's annual Winter Solstice Service has become a Quad Cities holiday favorite! Join as we celebrate the longest night of the year!

Fair Trade hot cocoa will be served after the service :)



Next Sunday



December 23 @ 10 a.m.
Christian Voices in UU



Reverend Jay Wolin

Unitarian Universalism comes out of the Christian tradition. How has Christianity manifested itself within Unitarian Universalism and evolved over time? What future does Christianity have within Unitarian Universalism.

Forum



Sundays @ 9 a.m.
Community Room
Childcare Available!

December Forums:

December 16: Sylvia Roba: A Journey through the Himalayan Kingdoms of Tibet and Bhutan: A comparison and contrast of Buddhist culture, way of living and the political landscape

December 23: NONE

December 30: NONE

Mt. Jomolhari straddles the border between Tibet & Bhutan

UU Ukes

From the Music Team

Please join us for a **FIRST TIME** sing-a-long performance of the UU Ukes during the Children's Program on Sunday, December 16. All levels are



welcomed to join. The rehearsal and performance schedule are below! **BYOU** (bring your own ukulele) and a music stand, if you have one.

Rehearsal - Sunday, December 16 at 9:00 AM
Performance - Sunday, December 16 at 10:00 AM



Advent Vespers



December 19 @ 6 p.m.

Join us for a special Advent vespers service in our sanctuary. Our ministerial intern, Andrea Hawkins-Kamper, will lead us in a service celebrating our Christian heritage by observing the rite of Holy Communion. Come one, come all. Childcare will be provided.

Sanctuary Donations



The UUCQC Sanctuary Task Force is preparing to provide immigration sanctuary right now, but we need your help. We need time, talent, and treasure. Before guests arrive in Sanctuary, we need money for improvements to the building, tools and supplies, and essential services. Anything you give will be matched by a generous donor grant up to \$2,500. Now is the perfect time to double your impact with

whatever your budget allows, from \$1 on up!

All donations must be labeled "Sanctuary" to go to the Sanctuary Project and be matched.

Write your **check** to "UUCQC" and *on the memo line put "Sanctuary."* Turn your check in to the office by mail or in the collection basket on Sunday.

Cash donations can be submitted *in an envelope labeled "Sanctuary"* and placed in the Sunday collection basket.

If you prefer **PayPal**, pay through the Donate button on any page of uucqc.org and *put the word "Sanctuary" in the comment field.*

Contact Heather B. at sanctuary@uucqc.org if you are interested in volunteering your time or talent. We have a place for all levels of commitment and an immediate need for more committed, organized people.

Youth RE Play Group!



PLAYDATE

DATES: 11/2, 11/23, 12/14, 1/4, 1/25,
2/15, 3/8, 3/29, 4/19, 5/10, 5/31

TIME: 9A-12P

This activity is appropriate for kids of all age groups.
Contact Ashley at adultre@uucqc.org or 563.320.9656 if you have questions or would be interested in leading an activity.

Mittens & Stockings!





Stocking Stuffers & The Mitten Tree

As many of you remember, we participate in two different warmth-giving collections during the holidays here at UUCQC. We will be collecting warm hats, mittens, and scarves to be taken to Garfield School, and we will also be collecting toys for the children living at the Humility of Mary shelters. Some suggested donations include play-dough, gift cards, lip gloss, and anything squishy. We are in need of volunteers to organize the toys after collection, and we are in need of donations. We can all do our part to keep the children of our community warm in body and spirit! The mitten tree can be found in the hallway outside of the sanctuary, and a box for toy donations will be found in the social hall. Thank you in advance for your generous spirits. If you have any questions, please contact Aubrey at re@uucqc.

Soul Service



December 12 @ 6 p.m.

Mystery is a funny thing. We think it is something to figure out, but often times the more we pursue the answer to life's mysteries, the more distant they become. Maybe instead, mystery is something to be listened to that speaks when we are ready to hear. Maybe poet David Breeden, is correct when he writes: "I dug and dug deeper into the earth, looking for blue heaven, choking always on piles of dust rising. Then once at midnight, I slipped and fell into the sky."

Come join us on December 12 as we immerse ourselves in the wonder of mystery, that at its heart is not the unknown, but clarity and connection. Let us together fall

into mystery, so it may fall into us.

Leadership Development

**Leadership at the
UUCQC: Where do
you belong?
December 15
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
followed by lunch**



To paraphrase William Shakespeare, some are born to leadership, some achieve leadership, and some have it thrust upon them. Church nominating committees are famous for thrusting leadership upon unsuspecting souls and sending them unprepared into battle. The Leadership Development Committee has accepted the task of identifying and preparing the future leaders of our congregation and we are inviting you to take part in a workshop designed to help prepare you to take your part as a leader or to share your leadership experiences with others.

This workshop is designed to help you discover your leadership style, abilities, and motivation so that you can insure the continued existence and growth of an institution we have grown to love and value.

Our workshop, "Leadership at UUCQC: Where do you belong?", is scheduled for Saturday, December 15 from 10:00 AM to noon, followed by lunch. We hope you will agree to take part.

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP

Immigration Project

Community Action!

**ONGOING NEED FOR
DONATIONS
(Please secure lids**



with masking tape if possible to prevent leakage)



Let's fill our TENTH LOAD!!!

Currently, First Pres Food Pantry is caring for the families affected by ICE raids in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. UUCQC is a collection point for donations.

We are in need of the following items for the food pantry at First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Thanks for any assistance that you can provide.

Food

- vegetable oil
- masa
- dried beans
- plain pasta and rice
- canned fruit & veggies
- canned meats
- sugar and salt
- bottled water

Personal hygiene products

- laundry detergent and dish soap
- shampoo, tooth paste, and bar soap
- tooth brushes, deodorants
- paper towels and toilet paper
- baby wipes

Winter clothing

- hats, gloves, and mittens (all sizes)
- scarves
- coats for boys ages 1-18
- coats for girls ages 2-19

Call the office 5633590816 before dropping by, please!

Game Nights



Every Other Friday Night @ 6 p.m.



Upcoming Dates:

Dec 14, 28

Join us for a family-friendly game night every other Friday in the social hall. Bring games or play one of ours! Snacks to share are always welcome :)

Adult RE

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION @ UUCQC WINTER CLASS SCHEDULE

- 12/6: Unplug the Holiday Machine - Holiday Traditions**
- 12/13: Unplug the Holiday Machine - Holiday Values**
- 12/20: Unplug The Holiday Machine - Holiday Fantasies & Realities**
- 12/27: Soul Matters: Mystery**
- 1/2: Eschatology: How do we account for Evil?**
- 1/9: Justice & the Beloved Community: What is the Role of the Church?**
- 1/16: Individualism & Community: What is the Role of the Church?**
- 1/23: Suffering & Meaning: Why do bad things Happen?**
- 1/30: Soul Matters: Possibility**
- 2/6: Death & Immortality: How do we celebrate life?**

Classes will meet in the Board Room from 6:30-8p. Beginning January 1st, Adult RE classes will be held Wednesday evenings from 6-8p in the Board Room.



Shop to Support UUCQC!

Shopping You Can Feel Great About!

'Tis the season of shopping. Shop with purpose. Choose fair. Support our beloved congregation and artisans around the world at the same time!

The UUCQC will receive 20% of all SERRV sales from the website:

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You must use this specialized link for our congregation to benefit.

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Serrv International is a nonprofit dedicated to fighting global poverty through fair and ethical trade.

Poverty remains a terrible reality for many of our world's citizens. While it exists everywhere, it's most severe in developing countries, where more than 700 million people-half of them children-live on less than \$1.90 a day.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Liz Kantner @ elizabethlangley@hotmail.com or 563-940-6555.



Support Equal Exchange



Nifty Gifties!

We have an ample supply of fair trade coffee, tea, chocolate bars, cocoa mix, olive oil. These are perfect to serve at the holidays and make lovely gifts.

See us during coffee hour.

Julie and Jim Ross

Office Hours

UUCQC Office Hours:

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

Amanda (office@uucqc.org)

563-359-0816

Rev. Jay Office Hours:

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

UU News submission deadline:

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. No exceptions.

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