

Subject: UU News 15, May, 2019 - Annual Meeting this Sunday
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UU News May 15th 2019

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 @ 10 a.m.



May 19
Youth Led
Bridging
Service

Please join us
as the Youth of

the Congregation share their wisdom and learning from this past year.

Next Sunday @ 10 a.m.

May 26th
Peace, Not Pieces
Ministerial Intern Andrea
Hawkins-Kamper

"The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution that has to start with each one of us." These words, attributed to Dorothy Day, speak to Unitarian Universalism's dilemma on this Memorial Day, a day dedicated to the memory of those who have died in military service. How can we be grow beyond being anti-war and into being pro-peace?



Forum



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

**May 19th: Food Rescue Partnership
Quad Cities: Pete Vogel**

The Food Rescue Partnership us a Quad Cities coalition that promotes rescuing food for its best possible use. In this country we throw away 40% of the food we produce where it rots in landfills and produces harmful greenhouse gases, while 1 out of 8 people, and 1 in 5 children are food insecure. The FRP works to achieve our mission to rescue waster food by providing education and awareness to the community, partnering with local professional food establishments, and restaurants and agencies related to hunger relief and waste reduction, and advocating for the EPA Food Rescue Challenge, which informs the FRP Vision for a Quad Cities Community dedicated to eliminating food waste.

May 26th: In My Own Backyard - Black Hawk Park- Bob Blew

Bob Blew, a Rock Island resident will present a virtual springtime walk through Black hawk State Historic Site that will include photos of wildflowers, park history, and stories he has gathered during his frequent walks through this local treasure.

Rummage Sale 2019



Hanging On By Fingertips

**Folks, we are hanging on by tender fingertips that are beginning to slip. HELP!! We don't want to fall!
Can you lend a hand up, for an**

hour, for a half day? Sunday after services we will have a sign up sheet to help with the sale.... which is to join in the fun. (It is fun!!)

We haven't gotten a Moving Company license so getting large items to us is HEAVILY encouraged. Or if we are able to do pick up, can

you get it out the door? Now, who can help with pick up?

**Can you lend MUSCLES to lift, move, tote for an hour, two or three?
What about a vehicle that can transport? Truck, Van or SUV?**

How about this Saturday? Call 309-764-6362

The Rummage Sale has been offered:

***a bookcase from one house**

***five or six furniture pieces from another**

***a tall bookcase, hutch and dining room table.**

Now we need MUSCLES AND MORE MOVING MACHINES (vehicles)

More Donations?

Sunday, June 2nd is Primary Donation Day

**If you NEED to bring them earlier, the first classroom by the
downstairs entrance is available.**

PLEASE CALL

Lucia (309-794-9231)

Julie (563-508-2209)

We are especially looking for:

Household goods - nick nacks, lamps, decorating items, trays, baskets

Kitchen items - utensils, bowls, cups, glasses

Good shoes and purses

Jewelry - best when spiffed up and not broken

Household linens- CLEAN, INTACT towels, sheets, rugs

Craft items

WHEN: JUNE 2 - 5, 2019 FOR OUR RUMMAGE SALE

******IMPORTANT******

**Our RUMMAGE SALE PROFIT is a LINE ITEM in our
Congregational budget.**

EVERY ITEM YOU DONATE IS VALUABLE because:

***it makes us money to fill that line item**

***YOU get a TAX CREDIT for it!!**

ASK YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO CONSIDER DONATING

Annual Meeting

The Annual Vote is May 19

Please attend our Annual Meeting after service this Sunday.



Proposed Agenda for 2019 Annual Meeting 19 May, 2018

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. Voting for elected positions (uncontested elections):
 - For Board of Trustees:
 - Clerk*
Jenny Stumpff
 - Trustees (Three available positions):*
Ashley Myers Diana Schneider
Matthew Toland
 - For Leadership Development Committee (uncontested elections):
 - Lori McCollum
Brian Tuftee
4. Approval of Annual Operating Budget
5. Discussion of Survey Results
6. Adjournment

Reduced Office Staff Hours

Dear Congregants,

Two weeks ago we distributed a draft budget to members in preparation for the Annual Meeting on May 19th. Since then and during our town hall meetings we had a number of questions about reduction in office personnel staffing.

For those who are newer to the Congregation, we wanted to provide some history to why this is occurring. Until 2013 the office position was budgeted for 15 hours a week. In 2013, the congregation increased the hours to approximately 22 hours a week as we added bookkeeping responsibilities to the position. In 2013 the Board created a strategic planning task force for growth, which created a three year strategic plan for 2014-2017. You can read the strategic plan here: <http://www.uucqc.org/governance.html>

One of the conclusions of the strategic plan was to reorganize and increase administrative staffing for the Congregation. This included a recommendation to hire a New Member Coordinator, Communications Coordinator, a Bookkeeper and a Congregational Administrator, in addition to our office assistant.

There was a special fundraising drive called the "Futures Fund" to pay for these new positions and extra hours.

Although the programming, functioning and communications of the Congregation increased and improved significantly during this time, the hoped for acceleration of membership growth did not occur. Due to this and the difficulty of maintaining part time staff over the three year period the Board decided to eliminate the new member coordinator position and consolidate the other positions into one full time office position.

The funding for the full time office position from Future Fund monies ended in June 2018.

As we entered our Sesquicentennial year of 2017-2018 the Board, recognizing the benefits of, and lessons learned from the Future Fund investment, shifted their strategy to adding more hours for the Children's Religious Education Staff. We again raised additional funds for a Sesquicentennial Fund starting in the 2017-2018 year. The use of funds from this campaign was specifically for the following projects

1. Increasing the hours for Director of Religious Education position to full time for a minimum of two years. (Previously we funded 24 hours a week through the regular budget)
2. Extending the office position at full time hours for an extra year.
3. Major structural repair of our Grand Steinway Piano
4. Replace our sign on Eastern Ave with a Digital Sign
5. Marketing to inform the Community about the Congregation and its programs.

The Funding for full time hours of the Office position from the Sesquicentennial Fund ends in June 2019. Our current office administrator Amanda Conger was aware of the limited nature of

the funding for full time hours when she accepted the position.

It was of course our hope that we would grow in size and generosity enough to allow us to continue the position at full time, but that did not come to pass. With the office position hours being reduced, there will of course be some responsibilities that will fall back to Rev. Wolin and to Congregants. If there are individuals who have IT, communications or accounting skills please contact Rev. Wolin to see how you can help fill the void due to these reduced hours.

We hope this clears up any confusion about the reason for the reduction of office staff hours. If you have any questions or would like additional information please do not hesitate to contact any of the Board Members including Rev. Wolin directly.

Sincerely,

Your Board of Trustees

Caring Note



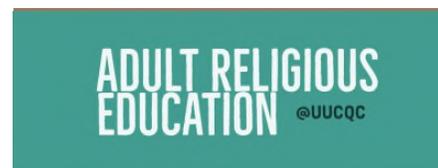
Happy Birthday

Many, many, birthday wishes to our own Katy McClusky who has turned 99. Katy and her cohorts throughout many many years, kept this Congregation in good care. Katy has been involved in so many aspects of the Congregation we cannot list them all. Most recently she was chair of the Archives Team.

Adult RE

Wednesdays at 6:30

UU's and Ethics is an 8 week series what will take place on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm. We will apply our beliefs, values and convictions to ethical situations by using a "Moral Compass" to address various ethical dilemmas. These classes can be attended individually but it is recommended that one attends as many as possible in order to get the most out of the series.



May 15: Relationships: In a Different Voice
May 22: Values: Is the Golden Rule Enough?
May 29: Character: The Moral Virtuoso

Soul Matters: Connection Circle occurs the last Thursday of the Month from 6:30-8. These sessions may be attended individually but it is recommended that you come monthly in order to foster and meaningful relationship with other attendees.

May 30: Curiosity

If you are interested coming and would like to review the materials before class, or would like to request childcare, please contact Ashley at adultre@uucqc.org.

Mother's Day



Mother's Day Brunch

Thank you to John DeGreeve for organizing our Brunch and Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this a wonderful celebration!!

Youth Religious Ed



From your DRE

Dear Congregant, Parent, Friend-

It's good to see green again and to smell the dirt and rain. We made it through a tough, long winter. Some of us might feel sadder, here, on the other side; and some of us might be happier. Mostly, I hope that we are all feeling

stronger than we were way back in December. It seems to me that our little village of an RE community is getting stronger by the week, if stronger means more tightly-knit, more

rhythmic, and more relaxed. We seem to have hit upon a sweet spot in our structure with a regular Sunday looking something like this:

-The nursery is full of lots of babies and toddlers and (amazing, wonderful) childcare providers.

-Children's Chapel One (Preschool/Kindergarten) next door is taught each Sunday by Jill Schutts and Jon Halliday, providing much needed consistency for that particular age group. The RE team and I are so grateful to Jill and Jon for creating rhythm and comfort.

- Ages 6-11 attend Children's worship in the lounge from 10-10:30, and then are sung out to either classes or a collective activity connected to our worship topic.

- The YoUUth are facilitated in conversation by Theresa O'Keefe, our fantastic YoUUth Coordinator. They are exploring topics of systemic oppression as related to our seven principles.

It's been great to watch the kids get into a groove over the weeks, and I very much enjoy deepening my own understanding of our beautiful Unitarian Universalist religion right alongside them. Our community is one of learning and joy, and I'm glad we're all in it together.

Yours in community,
Aubrey Ryan
Director of Religious Education

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.

Grounds Team

May 16 @ 6:30 p.m. Grounds Planning Session

The Grounds Team is developing a four-part plan for managing our beautiful, living corner of Earth -- and you are invited to be part of this effort. On Thursday, May 16,

6:30-8:00 p.m. we will look at four areas -- Tree

Management, Prairie Management, Turf/Garden/Weed Management, and Hardscape Management. At this session, we will start to:

- (1) capture the experience and knowledge needed to manage our property
- (2) figure out how we can work together to maintain our grounds and utilize them in support of our Mission and Vision

We welcome everyone to this working session. You do not need to commit to being part of the Grounds Team in order to participate and contribute. But if you attend, please bring a pencil and a pen!

Let me know at annhailey@mchsi.com if you plan to attend. For childcare, please RSVP directly to Aubrey Ryan at RE@uucqc.org

Volunteer(s) Needed!

We have two shelving units and a stack of wooded folding tables sitting on the pavement near the garage that need to go to the dump. They have been contaminated with raccoon waste. Please **DO NOT** take them home to use **OR** donate them! They need to go to the dump. If anyone can help with this, please email Ann @ annhailey@mchsi.com



Photos Requested for Art Wall



Welcome Team

The Welcome Team is requesting photos of our UU family (members, friends, non-



members) to post on the Art Wall soon. Seeking any formal or informal pictures that you would like posted to represent yourself/ your family.

Names and (if desired) congregation participation will be listed with the pictures so that we can start putting names with all our beautiful faces.

You can drop off pictures at the art wall across from the steps by the elevator. Be sure to fill out an information slip and clip it to the picture.

Or you can email photos to: welcome@uucqc.org They will be printed in standard 4x6 size.

Please include the names of those included on the picture and if desired list the UU teams/groups in which they participate.

Game Nights



Every Other Friday Night @ 6 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:

May 17, 31

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 :)

Community News



F O R W A R D

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CONGREGATION TEMPLE EMANUEL
invites you to join our celebration
as we spring forward into the
next season of our history:



*Installation Service for
Rabbi Linda Bertenthal*

May 17, 2019 @ 6:30 pm
refreshments served following service

1115 Mississippi Ave.
Davenport, IA 52803

Please RSVP by May 3
563-326-4419
office@gctemple.org

The Rabbi Linda Celebration Fund

in honor of the Appointment of Rabbi Linda Bertenthal as Rabbi at Temple Emanuel
Already loved and respected by our entire Jewish community, Rabbi Linda is leading the way forward through transformational change and towards a vibrant and spiritual 21st Century in the Quad Cities. We invite all who wish to celebrate Rabbi Linda's leadership to make a contribution to the **Rabbi Linda Celebration Fund** to help defray the expenses of the installation and to spring Rabbi Linda's Discretionary Fund forward!

Immigration Project

Community Action!

ONGOING NEED FOR DONATIONS

(Please secure lids with masking tape if possible to prevent leakage)





Let's fill our FIFTEENTH 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, feminine hygiene products

Call the office 5633590816 before dropping by, please!

General Assembly

Going to GA???

UUCQC is looking for delegates! If you'd like to serve as a delegate at GA in Spokane, Washington this year, please email Amanda or Reverend Jay.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY



GA 2019

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.

Email office@uucqc.org

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