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UU News 19 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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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.

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 :)



This 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.

Christmas Eve Service

Traditional Christmas Eve Service
December 24 @ 6 p.m.
Reverend Jay Wolin

Please join us for our Celebration of this Traditional Holiday Service from our Christian Sources. The evening will include singing, music, readings, a homily, and some more singing. Let us rejoice!!



Next Sunday



December 30 @ 10 a.m.
Reflections on Ministry
Reverend Jay Wolin



As we come to the year end, I tend to become reflective. I will look back on my 8 years here in the Quad Cities and the changes that have taken place, both with myself and the Congregation. I will also look forward and see where our Ministry is leading us.

Forum



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

Forum Returns in January!

From Andrea, Our Ministerial Intern

Hello, UUCQC friends!

The coming close of the year has brought with it reflection on where this year has brought me, things I have done, and the work I have begun at UUCQC. You have welcomed me with open arms and open hearts, and I am grateful for it.

Since arriving here, I have begun to get to know you, what you do, and to see where I can help us in our mission. You have told me stories of your lives, shown me your commitment to our faith, and the complexity of our lived experiences. Thank you for trusting me with your heart.

The various teams I have sat with have shown me that holding the complexity of each of us is the right way to be in community. While we may disagree with each other theologically, still we come together in support of the greater work. This is evident in the outside community work I have been blessed to participate in, from the Quad Cities Interfaith group's work with breaking the school-to-prison pipeline and manifesting restorative justice, to the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, to the One Human Family's rallies in support of the transgender community, and to the various collegial events I have attended.

This is a hard season, a season many of us may find despair where others see beauty. Hold each other

close. Julien of Norwich wrote that all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well, and so it shall be. Reach out for coffee if you would like a conversation. You can reach me at intern@uucqc.org, or at extension 203 if you call the church.

May it be well with each of you this season, and may the coming year bring us beauty, light, and hope.

In faith,
Andrea Hawkins-Kamper
Ministerial Intern

Sanctuary



Meet & support a Sanctuary guest

Do you believe in policies of love and acceptance in the Quad Cities? The Sanctuary Project needs your help! Volunteer hosts will stay at the building and ensure guests are comfortable and safe. While 6-8 hour shifts are needed, shorter shifts are available to cover for fellow hosts. Sign up now to beat the rush (when we welcome a guest).

As a host, you'll meet the guest and perhaps spend time with them. You'll decide with the Host

Scheduler when to volunteer, and you'll volunteer (ideally) with one other host each shift. There may be down time, which you can use for reading, homework, or other activities you bring with you. Wi-Fi available.

We provide training and guidance! We haven't done this before, but we're listening to congregations that have. If you encounter problems, we'll work together to solve them.

(Note that the Host Coordinator will no longer have scheduling duties, unless needed to cover for the Host Scheduler.)

Contact Heather B. at h_brinks@yahoo.com to learn more about this or other volunteer positions with the Sanctuary Project. Contact sanctuary@uucqc.org to learn more about the Sanctuary Project.

We also need donations! All donations must be labeled "Sanctuary" to go to the Sanctuary Project. Thank you to everyone who helped us meet our generous matching donation!

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.*

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.

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 28, Jan 11, 25

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



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:

<https://www.serrv.org/?a=UU1>

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
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You have the power to positively change a life with every purchase. Our collection of 1,000 unique handcrafts represents the best in global artistry and traditional craftsmanship, with each piece carefully inspected to meet Serrv's quality standards.

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

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

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