

Subject: Lots of NEW and exciting info!!

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UU NEWS

August 21, 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 AM

August 25

"What's in Your Spiritual Backpack?"

Rev. Jay Wolin & Aubrey Ryan, DRE

This inter-generational service will recognize the joy of going back to school and gaining wisdom. This will be highlighted by a blessing of the Children's backpacks. The idea of a backpack that we fill with things necessary to gain wisdom is a great



metaphor for our spiritual lives. What do you fill yourself up with to gain spirituality and wisdom? What do you need to take out of your backpack that is weighing you down and preventing you from reaching your potential?

NEXT SUNDAY @ 10 AM

September 1

"My Weird Thing - Living My UU Values in Unexpected Places"

Caciona Bernstrom



ADULT FORUM

August 25

9 AM

Matthew Toland - "Current Issues in UU Leadership"

NEWS FROM THE PASTOR

REV. WOLIN WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE ON FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE (due to the health of a family member) FROM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 THROUGH TUESDAY AUGUST 27TH. IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT REV. WOLIN ON HIS CELL PHONE @ 563.284.2223





From the Heart of the Minister

Thematic Congregation

For the past few years we have been using "Soul Matters" curriculum for Worship resources and Connection Circle sessions. For worship, I would preach one sermon a month based on the monthly theme and our religious services team and soul services program have used it for their services at times. This year we will be experimenting with month long themes throughout the Congregation year. In addition to Worship and Connection Circles, we will be incorporating Soul Matters materials into our Children and Youth religious education program as well. We will also have materials for parents (or anyone) to take home to talk to their children throughout the week regarding the monthly themes. In reality we spend much more time at home than at the Congregation (well most of you J). This will be a way to keep the ideas we are discussing at the Congregation present in our thoughts throughout the month. It is our hope that this will provide an opportunity for us to go deeper into each topic. Let us share wisdom from our own experiences and widen our lens of understanding by hearing others experiences. In addition the first week of each month (starting in October) will be an intergenerational service to kick off the theme.

The themes for the upcoming year will be
"What Does It Mean to be a People of __?":

September: Expectation

October: Belonging

November: Attention

December: Awe

January: Integrity

February: Resilience

March: Wisdom

April: Liberation

May: Thresholds

June: Play

I look forward to journeying with you as we explore the above topics and how they can enrich our lives and how we can enrich each others lives.

With a grateful heart
Rev. Jay

PASTORAL CARE ASSOCIATES INFO

Please note: Edye Pearson has moved from Palmer Hills and is now residing at Accordius Health at St. Mary (Room R9) - 800 E. Rusholme Street, Davenport, IA 52803.

Cards and visits are always appreciated.

Thank you!





ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE NEWS



Thursday, August 22 @ 6:30 PM
Paris to Pittsburgh Showing

This is a National Geographic documentary on climate change that actually leaves you feeling hopeful. Remember Trump's remarks when he withdrew from the Paris Climate Accord, and that they are pursuing strong renewable energy goals. After the hour long movie, there will be a panel discussion with community leaders who view Climate Change from various points of view: Ray Wolf from the National Weather Service, Eric Sorenson, Meteorologist from WQAD, Olivia Dorothy from American Rivers, Mike Wilcox from the Sierra Club and Mark Schwiebert, former mayor of Rock Island.

Learn about state, regional and local impacts of climate change and ways in which our cities are working toward sustainability. We will be in the Social Hall - with refreshments!

Help the Giving Garden stay productive!

This is a busy time of year for our usual Giving Garden volunteers, and we need HELP from the congregation!

Please choose a task from this list, or spend a little time in the Giving Garden doing as much as you can:

- Harvest cucumbers, peppers, chard & take to Cafe on Vine
- Thin turnips, beets, carrots & take to Cafe on Vine
- Transplant kale from over-crowded clumps into rows
- Assemble pea trellis
- Plant seeds: radishes

Please contact Heather at (563) 949-6656 (text or leave a message) OR h.brinks@yahoo.com to let us know which area of focus you've chosen or to ask questions about the tasks. Training may also be available.





Spend a Sunday afternoon enjoying our lovely river!

Sunday, August 25 @ 4PM

Faith Leaders Climate Rally

Sponsored by Quad City Interfaith and the Environmental Forum of PACG at Schwiebert Park, Rock Island. Come hear local religious and community leaders from various faiths discuss how their traditions care about stewardship of the planet and its creatures. There will be music!

NEW!! Mission & Vision Task Force



Your Mission - If You Choose to Accept It ...

*Put your Order of Service away!

Can you recite the UUCQC Mission Statement? How about our vision? Me neither. It's time to revisit these guiding words to make sure they are telling us, and the world, who we are and what we do. The Board has created a new task force to look at best practices and to review (and potentially rewrite) our mission and vision statements. I am hoping to complete the bulk of this task by the end of the calendar year!

If you are interested, please contact Matthew Toland at mctoland@gmail.com

NEW!! Finance Committee

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Due to staffing changes at UUCQC, it was determined by the Board of Trustees that a Finance Committee needs to be formed to oversee the congregations' budget process, prepare budget reports and perform other budget related tasks.

Anyone who is interested, please contact Mike Wilcox, Treasurer at



michael.wilcox77@yahoo.com



Thank You ... No, Thank UU!



This is a place for congregants to thank others for things they have noticed or experienced in the congregation.

ThankU! And thankU, too! Thank UU! This is the place to acknowledge someone or a group of someones for something they have done in service of our congregation or to you personally. Be on the lookout! It isn't hard to find UU's doing wonderful things here everyday. When you spot them, take a note and email your "Thank UU's" to Nichole in the office at office@uucqc.org.

- Thank UU **Cathy Weideman** for taking a load of Giving Garden goodies to Cafe on Vine! ~ Heather Brinkschroeder
- Thank UU to the **Chalice Chimes** for the *Mary Poppins* music during the service on Sunday (18th). This was challenging music and we have never played aentire service before! Thank you for your dedication and friendship! ~ Matthew Poppins ... er... Toland
- Thank UU to our **Board of Trustees** for working night and day to get us through a difficult period. I promise it's not always like this and we'll get through it! ~ Matthew Toland
- Thank UU to the **UU Singers** for coming back to choir rehearsal after a much needed break, full of energy and eagerness to begin again. ~ Saul Nache
- Thank UU, **Darrell Thode**, for removing a safety hazard of two metal spikes on the grounds. ~ Ann Hailey
- Thank UU, **Rebecca Soderstrom, Zeke Wynsma, and Darrell Thode** for carting away the last two loads of tree trimmings for the season. ~ Ann Hailey
- Thank UU, **Erica Pickerell**, for taking on the responsibility of coordinating snow removal this winter. ~ Ann Hailey
- Thank UU, **Alice Martin**, for volunteering to head up an anti-erosion project. ~ Ann Hailey
- Thank UU, **Jeff Farwell**, for scraping the paint outside around the windows in preparation for painting. ~ a little birdie who saw you!!!
- A BIG Thank UU to **everyone** who donated food for Joan Benziger's Celebration of Life Reception and to the following kind souls who helped to set up, decorate, serve and clean up: **Melanie Landa, Mike Moulton, Jon Halladay, Molly Tiegland, Alice Traylor, Alice Martin, Lucia Dryanski, Diane Kinser, Susan Perry** and a **SPECIAL** thanks to **Jan DeGreve** for the creative and lovely decorating! ~ Thia Sadlek and Joanne Maciejko of the *Celebration of Life Team*

WELCOME TEAM NEWS

MEETINGS

Every **THIRD Sunday** of the month before service at 9AM. If you are interested in joining, let us know or drop by a meeting!



SEPTEMBER 7th @ 9 AM Getting to Know UU Class

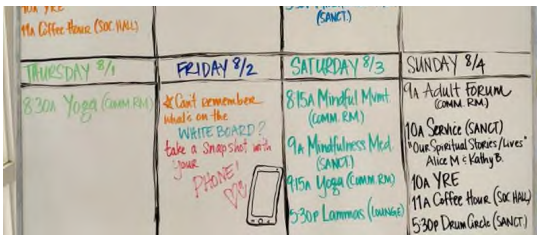
Interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism, our Congregation and the meaning of Membership? Are you already a Member and just want to explore your faith in a small group setting? "Getting to Know UU" is a 2 - 3 hour class led by Rev. Jay and a member of the Welcome Team. During the class we'll explore some of the history of Unitarian Universalism, our own UUCQC Congregation and discuss what it means to be a member. Refreshments will be provided, and childcare will be available if requested. If interested or any questions - please contact **Brian Tuftee** (btuftee@gmail.com) the **Welcome Team** (welcome@uucqc.org) or **Rev. Jay Wolin** (minister@uucqc.org).

CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT GOES ON WEEK TO WEEK?

*REMEMBER: Office Closed Fri 7/26		* JULY 28 - AUGUST 4 *	
SUNDAY 7/28 11a Adult Forum (Comm PM) Plan Meeting - Conclude 10a Service (SANCT) "Everything There We Are" Carol G. Lucas D. 10a YEE 11a Office Hours (SOC 1144)	MONDAY 7/29 7p Zen Meditation (COMM EM)	TUESDAY 7/30 10a Yoga (COMM EM) 5:30p Mindfulness Med (SANCT)	WEDNESDAY 7/31 7p Chrism Chose Pract (COMM EM)
THURSDAY 8/1 9:30a Yoga (Comm PM)	FRIDAY 8/2 8:30a Remember	SATURDAY 8/3 8:15a Mindful Munt	SUNDAY 8/4 11a Adult Forum (Comm PM)

Take a snapshot with your phone on Sundays! Never fear - all of the info you don't get in the Newsletter can be found on the Whiteboard at the front entrance, or online at www.uucqc.org

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES OR UPDATES FOR THE



CALENDAR/WHITEBOARD - notify the **office**.
(Please **DO NOT** modify the board in any way.) Thanks!!

Visit our website

GROUNDS TEAM



Pictured: Rebecca Soderstrom, Zeke Wysma and Darrell Thode - who completed clean-up of the tree felling project.



Metal spikes gone

THREE S's – plus one: Safety, Sharing the workload, Simplifying, and Savoring

The Grounds Team is re-organizing our approach to maintaining our grounds, currently emphasizing Safety, Sharing the Work, Simplifying, and – a new “S” – Savoring.

SAFETY – Removing tripping hazards

What is the sound of someone tripping over a 6-inch metal spike? Or driving over it and puncturing a tire? We will never find out, thanks to **Darrell Thode** who eliminated two metal spikes that had secured a bench. He dug up one (pictured); the other needed to be beaten down with a sledge hammer because it was so intertwined with maple tree roots. Thank you, Darrell!!

Thank you, **Tracy Tuftee**, for eliminating a tripping hazard at the top of the exterior brick staircase. The hoses now go under the sidewalk!

SAFETY – Our parking lot – Our last big project for this season

Part one – Seal the driveway and lot:

Thanks to generous congregants, we have the \$4,000 needed to sealcoat the driveway and parking lot – **Monday and Tuesday, September 16 and 17.**

Part two – Stripe the Lot \$10:

What we need now is the money to stripe the parking lot so that we have a visible crosswalk and parking spaces again. The **Stripe the Lot \$10** campaign, starting Sunday, August 25, is your opportunity to stripe a parking space for your vehicle. The Grounds Team hopes that 90 people will contribute an average of \$10 in order to raise the \$900. Watch for special envelopes or Grounds Team members happy to collect your donation.





Part three – Address erosion along the driveway

Thank you, **Alice Martin**, who will lead a project to improve areas along the driveway. Alice needs volunteers to:

- rake out stones, chunks of asphalt, and other debris
- spread and dig in new topsoil
- add compost
- sow grass seeds
- water for a few weeks to get the grass established

Please see Alice or Ann Hailey for the work schedule and to volunteer.

SAFETY - Trees:

Friday, August 16, the Tree Group, led by **Rebecca Soderstrom**, carted off the last load of tree branches from the July 27 felling of the giant ash tree by the garage. A huge “thank you” to the many congregants who helped with this project: you saved the congregation \$1,400 and made the grounds safer for us all.

SHARING the WORKLOAD:

The new organization of the Grounds Team means that we have over thirty discrete, well-described caretaker or coordinator positions.

Thank you, **Erica Pickrell**, our new **Coordinator, Snow removal**. We will all be grateful this winter for your work.

Crystal and Gary Tschantz have cared for the Eastern Avenue sign garden for a long time, and they are retiring from this job. So, we need **Caretakers, Eastern Avenue sign garden** for 2020. This is ideal for two or three people working together. Start now and learn the ins and outs with Crystal and Gary. And thank you both for the wonderful job you have done with this garden!

A fourth “S” – SAVOR:

Have you explored our grounds recently? Savor – a wonderful word brought to us by Alice Martin in a recent service. Savor your time in our cherished grounds!

Special note about Monday and Tuesday, September 16 and 17

The driveway and parking lot will not be accessible these two days. We have alternative parking at Great Southern Bank and PerMar lot to the east of our parking lot.

Enter the bank parking lot from Kimberly Road and Spring Street at the light. There is a short pathway toward our parking lot. When you reach the asphalt, turn right and walk along the berm around the parking lot. Unfortunately, this is an unstable surface of thick mulch in some stretches, so please be advised that this may be difficult or impossible walking for some people.

If you have questions, please contact me personally rather than the office. Thank you,

Ann Hailey, Acting Chair, Grounds Team

ART WALL PHOTOS





REMINDER!

All are invited to drop off or email a photo of yourself/family to display on the UU Family Wall. All appropriate photos are appreciated! Formal, informal wedding, vacation, holiday ... awkward! We welcome however you wish to be known by the congregation!

In order to become mre familiar with our UU Family, please include names and (if desired) UU participation.

Photos can be emailed to welcome@uucqc.org or tracytuftee@yahoo.com - or drop them off at the Art Wall.

OFFICE INFO



UUCQC OFFICE HOURS:

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Nichole (office@uucqc.org)
563-359-0816'

REV. JAY WOLIN OFFICE HOURS:

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UU News submission deadline:

Every Wednesday at 10 AM. No exceptions.
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