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## UU NEWS

## APRIL 29

Your weekly UU News lets you see at a glance upcoming events at the UUCQC.

\*Please note: This is only a partial list of upcoming events. A full calendar can be found at [www.uucqc.org](http://www.uucqc.org)

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## ZOOMING RIGHT ALONG

### THIS SUNDAY @ 10 AM

**May 3**

"The New Normal is Not Normal"  
*Rev. Jay Wolin and Dianne Hammerand,  
Worship Associate*

As much as we sometimes get comfortable with our way of being, life forces us to change. Sometimes we change by choice, and sometimes, as we are experiencing recently with physical distancing, change is forced upon us. What can we do to adapt to these changes? How do our religious

### NEXT SUNDAY @ 10 AM

**May 10**

"Creating Beloved Community"  
*Rev. Jay Wolin*

The new mission of the congregation that we will be voting on at our Annual Meeting is "Creating Beloved Community. Dr. Martin Luther King popularized the notion of the "Beloved Community. King envisioned the Beloved Community as a society based on justice, equal opportunity, and love of one's fellow human beings. I will explore what that means and for us a Congregation.

values guide us on this difficult part of the journey? What other changes do you want to intentionally make in your life?

Please connect through Zoom via computer, app or phone

Topic: Online Worship - Why Job?  
Time: Mar 29, 2020 09:30 AM Central

Please connect through Zoom via computer, app or phone

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/112081914>  
Meeting ID: 112 081 914

**Phone In:1 312 626 6799** US (Chicago)

We will open the zoom room at 9:30 AM and give brief instructions on how to operate within zoom. If you need help accessing zoom, please contact Rev. Jay Wolin. This week we encourage you to stay after service and we will have a virtual coffee hour. There is a way to break out into small groups on zoom. We hope to continue to add online programming for small group discussion, adult religious education and just virtual connecting. Stay tuned for more information.



Topic: Online Worship  
Time: April 5, 2020 09:30 AM Central

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## A project of the Faith Leaders Caucus of Quad Cities Interfaith



**They are HERE!!**

**“Plant 1000 Trees QCs!” FREE ARE HERE**  
**We have some Red Oak, and White Swamp Oak tree saplings available on a first come, first served basis. We will have them in a box outside our community room door for you to pick up (where we have yoga classes - towards the back of the driveway)**

Earth Week is here! With the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day being Wed., April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Faith Leaders Caucus of Quad Cities Interfaith,

along with Living Lands and Waters, the Environmental Forum of PACG and others challenge you to help us plant 1000 trees in the QCA now!

The public is reminded to wear masks and use safe physical distancing when picking up their saplings. Even if you can only take one tree – please come and get one to plant at your home!

“Planting trees is one of the most helpful, enduring things we can do to mitigate and heal our climate crisis. Particularly in this time of the COVID19 pandemic, **planting trees is an act of profound hope for the future.** “What we are doing to the forests of the world is but a mirror reflection of what we are doing to ourselves and to one another,” – Chris Maser, Forest Primeval: The Natural History of an Ancient Forest.

Because of the closings due to the Corona Virus, we have had to reduce the number of distribution sites. These saplings have a short life on their own, so **it is vital that the public come and rescue these precious resources.** Planting trees also helps reduce erosion and runoff, improves our water and air quality and provides food and shelter for local wildlife and migratory birds.



It's not too late! If you haven't made your pledge yet, you can do so by visiting the website. Your support is greatly appreciated!



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**Annual Pledge**

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# NEWS FROM THE SANCTUARY GROUP



## A NEW DIRECTION

A couple of years ago our congregation took a courageous step forward and committed itself to being a Sanctuary Congregation which came with some potential legal liability and we looked very hard at our principles before making this commitment. The Sanctuary Team devoted itself into acquiring everything necessary to hosting a guest in Sanctuary; space, clothes, food, medical help, and a team of volunteers ready to provide hours of attendance at the church to aid a person who was in Sanctuary. Although we have had numerous inquiries there has, as yet, not been anyone who made the hard decision to accept sanctuary at our congregation.

Rather than have all this work go to waste, the Sanctuary Team has decided to look for another use for its resources which would be in harmony with its purpose. We are investigating a program sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) called Congregational Accompaniment Project for Asylum Seekers (CAPAS) . This is a program made necessary by the response of our government to the thousands of Central American migrants who came to our border to seek asylum. Instead of being welcomed with respect and compassion to exercise their rights under both US and International law to seek asylum, these migrants have been tear gassed, separated from their children, detained in sub standard conditions, or forced into camps without enough food and water. The CAPAS program is an attempt to pair up individuals and families with UU Congregations willing to sponsor them as their case goes through the asylum process. We are examining our resources to see if this is feasible for us.

We in the UUCQC have been presented with an opportunity to sponsor a mother, Mariela and her two children; Jorge, a five year old boy who needs to start kindergarten, and Dayana, a seven month old girl. They are from Mexico and have been in our country for a month staying in another state with a communal society known for giving asylum seekers a safe, but temporary, place to stay. Mariela and Jorge are learning English and Dayana is learning all the things children of her age learn. It looks like both English and Spanish will be her first languages. They are seeking asylum in The United States with a view to becoming citizens.

Their most important need is a place to stay and people to welcome them into a community. We realize that the Corona Virus makes this more complicated because we are asking someone to take strangers into their home without any kind of virus testing but this family has been in relative isolation with this communal group for a month without any symptoms. The financial burden in terms of food, clothes, etc will be provided from current available funds and future fundraising and is not an obligation of the host.

If you think you have space available for a mother and two young children please contact either:

John Dunsheath, [j.dunsheath@aol.com](mailto:j.dunsheath@aol.com) 563-343-1746

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Rev. Jay Wolin, [jaywolin@gmail.com](mailto:jaywolin@gmail.com), 563-284-2223.

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## The Giving Garden is still active!



Fresh produce is needed now more than ever at Cafe on Vine and similar community centers. We have guidelines from the Board of Trustees to garden safely, including coordinating so that only one family is working at the garden at a time.

If you would like to join us in caring for and giving from this piece of the UUCQC grounds, please contact Heather B. at [h\\_brinks@yahoo.com](mailto:h_brinks@yahoo.com).

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# MUSIC PROJECT ...

"Liberate yourself from the chains of quarantine..."



Join our Byte by Byte music project!

It's short and simple:

- 1) Learn a 20 second sound byte
- 2) Audio record yourself (or your group) singing/playing the tune [instruments welcomed!]

3) Share recording with John Whitson, our Music Director, who will then arrange all recordings into a new song that gets shared

Byte by byte, we connect through creating music. Find everything you need in the linked folder. Need something else? Message John or email him at [music@uucqc.org](mailto:music@uucqc.org).

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1s3bH1is8Y5mkaBpkvU5XYFZnp5BLhdWF>

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Zoom Video Conferencing Training is available for your current classroom/gathering needs. Please click on the link to watch a tutorial

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-How-Do-I-Join-A-Meeting->

Or contact Rev. Jay for further details.

Thank you.

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As you know ... the UUCQC grounds have been closed due to the recent world events. The office staff has been diligently working to keep things running smoothly with modified office hours. Nichole is in the office one or two days a week and works from home most days. If you need any assistance, please use the office email and allow some time for us to fulfill your request. We are doing our best to stay connected and SAFE throughout this time! Miss you all and look forward to when we can all gather together again!

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## UUCQC OFFICE HOURS

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