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## UU News 27 February 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](http://uucqc.org).)

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## Stewardship



### **Making Change**

*"The best laid plans of mice and men oft times goes askew"* - Robert Burns.

I have often said we need to adapt to changing circumstances. Our first chair of the stewardship team this year moved out

of state. Our second chair had a serious family medical emergency, and I supported their decision to step down. At that point I was afraid to ask someone else. ♦♦ Although we have people who had volunteered to help, we had no one to lead the pledge drive this year. So thinking of Marie Kondo, we are going to simplify the pledging process. There will be no fancy brochure or mailing this year. (If you need a pledge card mailed to you please contact the office.) There will be a simple request via email, Facebook, and during services.

Unitarian Universalism and this Congregation have changed dramatically over time, and we continue to change and adapt. Since I arrived in 2011, we have grown from 185 members to 235 members. Approximately 100 of the current 235 members have joined since 2011. Over 40% of those new members are parents of school age children. Through our special Sesquicentennial Fund started this year, which continues next year, we raised funds to provide additional hours for our Religious Education Staff.

We work hard to create an environment that is welcoming and gives congregants the opportunity to build community, find meaning, and live out our values in the world. We continue to add programs that support the Mission and Vision of the Congregation. However, it only happens with your participation and with your financial support.

On Sunday, March 3rd, we will be having a special Musical Intergenerational Service to kick off the annual pledge drive!! Please come enjoy the wonderful music, and please bring your pledge card to drop in the box. Filling out a pledge allows the board to effectively plan our budget for the next fiscal year. Our

members will be voting on our budget at our Annual Meeting in May

### **Building Fund**

In the fiscal year July, 2017-June, 2018, the Congregation had a surplus of \$8,000. The Board presciently chose to put that money into a building reserve. Due to urgent roof repairs, we needed that money this year. The Building Team has determined that there is approximately \$20,000 of additional roof repairs including the replacement for a portion of the roof. Due to generous donations already committed, we have \$10,000 towards this project if we can raise matching commitments by May 1st for the remaining \$10,000. Soooooo.....

In order to achieve the matching \$10,000 goal, we are asking for a one time special pledge (which could be paid over the course of the year) to finish the repairs on our roof. If you can donate to the building fund, please provide a check or submit a separate pledge on the Green Card with the notation "Building Fund." **We ask that this is not in lieu of, but in addition to your regular annual pledge.**

***There are a number of ways to pledge, please choose a method that is convenient for you:***

For the annual pledge for the fiscal year July 2019- June 2020 fill out the Blue Pledge Card found in the lobby of the Congregation and drop it in the box in the lobby, along with your Green Building Fund Pledge Card.

You can submit your annual budget pledges [HERE](#)

You can submit your Building Reserve Fund pledges [HERE](#)

You can email your pledge commitments to [office@uucqc.org](mailto:office@uucqc.org)

Thank you for your Annual Pledge and donation to the Building Fund.

With a grateful and simplified heart

Rev. Jay Wolin

## Overflow Parking



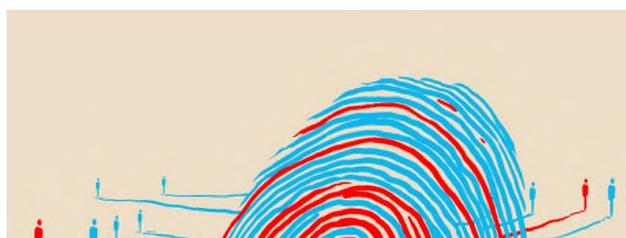


 We have permission to park in the blue areas on Sunday mornings. Those able and willing, please park in the Great Southern Bank or Per Mar parking lots to make room for guests and extra visitors! There is a paved walkway between the parking lots.

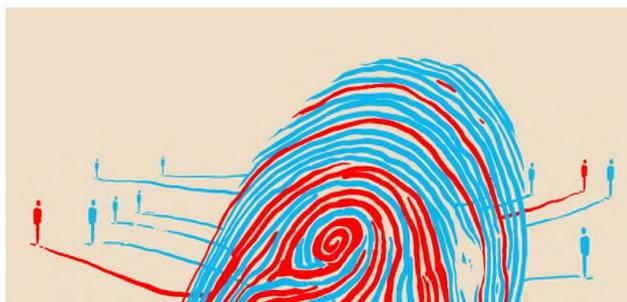
Given the time of year, please always be cautious when walking through the lot and the walkway between overflow parking and general parking. We have a lot of snow build-up that is melting during the day and re-freezing at night. Any fresh snowfall is covering slick ice. Please, please, please be careful!

We at UUCQC are trying our very best to battle Mother Nature. As Midwesterners know, that's not always a battle that can be won.

This Sunday @ 10 a.m.



**March 3**  
**As I Am**  
***Reverend Jay Wolin &***



### **Aubrey Ryan**

Service Leaders Director of Religious Ed, Aubrey Ryan & Reverend Jay, worked with Music Director, Saul Nache to create a musical masterpiece!

This is an annual favorite service :)

Bring the whole family for this annual celebration of music in service! We'll have special performances by the UU Ukes, Chalice Chimes, & the UU Singers, a youth Drum Circle, sing-a-longs, and so much more! Come sing with us!

## Next Sunday @ 10 a.m.



### **February 27 Trust**

*Rev. Jay Wolin*

**It took me a long time in my life to trust the universe, and when I did, my life started improving. What does it mean to trust the universe? What does it mean to trust another human being? What does it mean to trust yourself?**

Does everything really happen for a purpose?

## Forum



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

**March 3rd: Support Services for Families and Children Dealing with Cancer -Camp Kasem & Gilda's Club**

Learn about local support services for cancer patients and their families. Join the students from Augustana College who are coordinating the Camp Kasem program to learn more about this nationwide service for children, and hear from Doug McCollum, an outreach worker from Gilda's Club about the many support services offered. Research has shown that medical treatment is enhanced with emotional, social and educational support for the patient, as well as family members.

***March 10th: Climate Justice and UU's from Bobby Wengronowitz, Augustana College Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology, Anthropology and Social Welfare***

Climate change can be difficult to think about, let alone address. But it's actually a straightforward problem with known solutions that will improve our lives. This talk begins with an understanding of climate change as violence. We explore how inequality is both a producer and an outcome of climate violence. We will address ways to reduce climate violence, especially the role for faith communities, including what some UU congregations have already done.

## Caring Notes

### Cards Wanted!

Sue Witte is in the hospital at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, and would be cheered by cards and newsy notes and pictures.

Sue Witte  
2 JPE  
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
200 Hawkins Dr  
Iowa City, IA 52242



Hello UUCQC friends!

In "2010: Odyssey Two", Arthur C. Clarke writes that "All human plans [are] subject to ruthless revision by Nature, or Fate, or whatever one preferred to call the powers behind the Universe." One of the things I have always loved about Mr. Clarke's work was that, well, he was right. These last few months are no exception.

I certainly did not plan to have open-heart surgery instead of going to January classes at Meadville. I did not plan to have a tear-filled conversations with my own mortality in such a personal manner. I did not expect to learn so much about grace and gratitude, of trust and truth, of accepting and asking for help. I did not expect to learn so much about the interconnectedness of us all or of the necessity of community.

But I did, and I owe a lot of that to you. Thank you.

I am returning to the office as of today, 19 February. I am taking it slow, listening to my body and my heart, learning when to say "Tomorrow, maybe, but not right now." This is a good thing, and a lesson I think we all could take to heart. We cannot give what we have if we have nothing left to give.

I am looking forward to being back among this beloved community. May it be well with each of you today and in the days to come.

In faith,

Andrea C. Hawkins-Kamper  
Ministerial Intern

## Tax Information Requests



### Tax Time!

Do you need a donation statement from 2018 for your income taxes? Email Amanda [office@uucqc.org](mailto:office@uucqc.org) to request a statement today!

## Racial Justice Team & Adult RE

## Race: The Power of an Illusion

Youth RE Play Group!



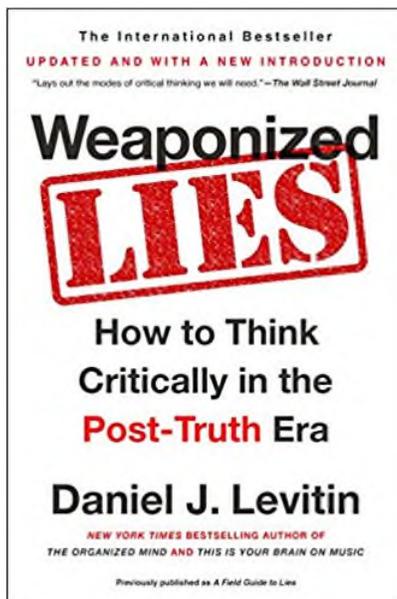
**PLAYDATE**

**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](mailto:adultre@uucqc.org) or 563.320.9656 if you have questions or would be interested in leading an activity.

## Happy Human Book Club



**Sunday, March 3 @ 11:15 a.m.  
(Sorry for all the Rescheduling!)**

The Happy Human Book Club seeks to understand the many faces of humanism as represented in print and video. Drop-ins are welcome; there is no requirement to read the book.

On Sunday, February 17th at 11:15 a.m., we will watch a video on the book "Weaponized Lies: How to Think Critically in the Post-Truth Era" by Daniel Levitin.

For the meeting, RSVPs are not required, but appreciated. Karen Fowler's contact information is in the directory, or contact the office at [office@uucqc.org](mailto:office@uucqc.org). Anyone who is on FaceBook

is welcome to join the private FaceBook group "Happy Human Book Club of the Quad Cities." To join, (1) send a Friend request to Karen Fowler, then (2) message Karen that you want to join.

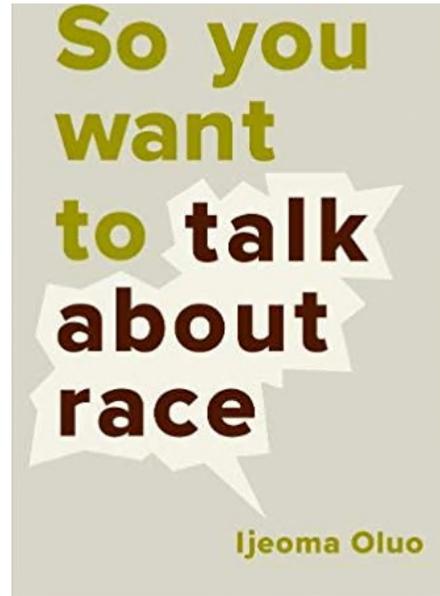
### Happy Human Book Club Hosts All-Church Read on March 10

The Happy Human Book Club will host an All-



Church Read, moderated by Rev. Jay Wolin. "So You Want to Talk About Race" is a New York Times bestseller by Ijeoma Oluo. The author explores the complex reality of today's racial landscape--from white privilege and police brutality to systemic discrimination and the Black Lives Matter movement--offering straightforward clarity that readers need to contribute to the dismantling of the racial divide. The book will be discussed at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, March 10.

The book is available in paperback and Kindle, and in some library systems. You may order the book yourself, or contact Amanda Conger in the office to see if one of the ordered books is available for loan.



## Game Nights



welcome :)

Every Other Friday Night @ 6 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:

March 8 & 22

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

## Immigration Project

Community Action!

**ONGOING NEED FOR DONATIONS**



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



**Let's fill our  
THIRTEENTH 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!



**CORE Sanctuary Training  
March 2 10-3**

- Please bring your own lunch
- snacks & coffee provided



- please contact Heather B. at [sanctuary@uucqc.org](mailto:sanctuary@uucqc.org) to sign up

If you're interested in helping Sanctuary, then sign up. Advance sign-up is needed to provide enough copies for everyone. We

want everyone to be trained before we get a guest!

## W.o.W.

### March 7 @ 11:30 Granite City

WOW lunch time again. Hopefully there will be no snow!

Thursday March 7th, 11:30 at Granite City  
5270 Utica Ridge Road, Davenport for  
good food and conversation. All are welcome.



Jackie. [jdherikson@aol.com](mailto:jdherikson@aol.com)

## Leadership Development



**Leadership at the UUCQC:  
Finding Your Leadership Style  
with the Leadership Compass  
Saturday March 9 @ from 10-12  
followed by lunch**

**Are you a North, South, East, or West?  
What's the difference between a South and  
a West? How can Norths and Easts  
communicate better?**

The Leadership Compass provides participants a tool for understanding how they approach work and how it can differ from others'. Participants take away a deeper understanding and appreciation for each other's work styles and approaches, the need for a variety of work styles to make our organization function, a deeper sense of team and teamwork, and language to help work together better as a team and a congregation.

You are being invited because you are either already in a leadership position or show potential to be a leader in the congregation and we want 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, "Finding your leadership style with the Leadership Compass" is scheduled for Saturday, March 9 from 10:00 AM to noon, followed by lunch. We hope you will agree to take part and one of us will be speaking to you personally in the near future.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO RSVP EITHER WAY](#)

## Looking Forward

### The Annual UUCQC Coffee House & Silent Auction April 12 & 13

Please consider supporting our biggest annual fundraiser by donating gift certificates, merchandise, services, or unique experiences!



IDEAS: themed auction baskets (i.e. for four-legged friends or a chocolate basket), vacation rentals, "job for a day," "lunch with you," a pie a month, music lessons, etc!

ALSO, looking for a simple contribution, please bring in a bottle or two of your favorite wine or beer for our wine pull! Start grabbing a bottle when you go the the grocery store and stash them until Coffee House!

## Office Hours

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