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UU News 5 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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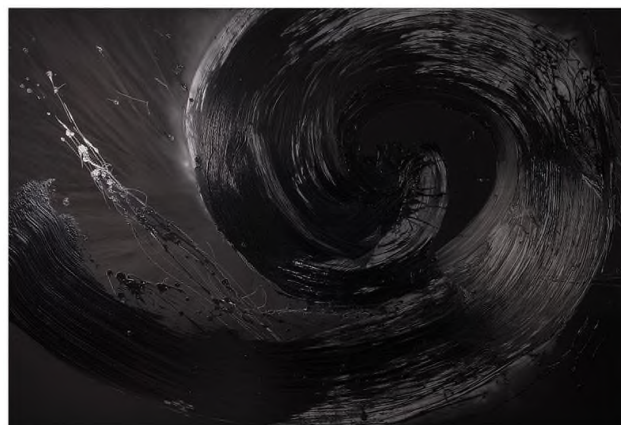
This Sunday

**December 9 Service 10
a.m.**

Mystery

Reverend Jay Wolin

What Rev. Wolin will speak about this Sunday is a Mystery. Seriously though, I will be speaking about the things that happen in the world that seem unexplainable. How do we process the unknown and unknowable?



Spiral by Mary Simon-Casati

Next Sunday



December 16
Service 10 a.m.
Holiday Intergenerational
Service

*Reverend Jay Wolin, Director of
Religious Education Aubrey Ryan, &
the UUCQC Youth*

Join us in community for a Child Dedication, dancing, a skit, and a sing-along with the UU Ukeleles. This is a service for all ages.

Forum



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

December Forums:

December 9: *Mom's Against Gun Violence:*
Find out what is being done at a national and

local level

December 16: Travelogue of the Roba's recent trips to Asia

December 23: NONE

December 30: NONE

From the Heart of the Minister

Season of Giving

Dear Congregants

This time of year, every day I receive mail, emails, Facebook ads, and radio requests asking me to make additional contributions to various organizations. In addition to Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday we now have what is called Giving Tuesday.

Many people make donations at the end of the year for tax purposes to gain a tax advantage. I think part of giving this time of year is also due to our being more focused on what we are grateful for in our lives. So I ask you to think about what you are grateful for in regard to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities.



The mission of our Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities is to

create a vibrant, welcoming, diverse church family which
embraces individual searches for meaning and
devotes itself to community good.

We have been doing this for over 150 years. This Congregation has been created through the generosity of numerous people who have supported this Congregation generation after generation so it would be here for us today. It is our responsibility to make sure that that we continue that tradition of generosity so we will be here for Quad Citians for generations to come.

At the end of this letter are just some of the ways we have implemented our mission in the first few months of this program year.

As you consider your year-end giving, I invite you to consider giving to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities.

- If you have already pledged, we thank you and we ask you to make an additional one time donation this time of year.
- If you are newer to our community, we ask you to donate to further our mission and to consider joining and pledging.
- If you are not directly involved in our Congregation but you want to support a liberal religious voice, religious exploration programs for all ages and progressive justice work in this community we ask you to consider donating to our Congregation.

There are many ways to donate.

- You can write a check payable to UUCQC.
- You can donate via PayPal on our website uucqc.org
- Talk to your tax advisors, but I have been told there are tax advantages to donating via your IRA or giving appreciated stock to the Congregation (we have an account with a broker to receive your stock).
- You can walk in and give Cash.
- If you would like to donate specifically to support Sanctuary, Our Intern, Children's RE, or the Ministers Discretionary Fund, please indicate so with your payment

We cannot create this wonderful open, loving, caring, and justice seeking community without your support. This includes your physical presence, but it also includes your financial support. So at this time of year of giving, we ask you consider giving to this Congregation, so we can continue to thrive as a Congregation for the Quad Cities.

Thank you for considering this request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call to make an appointment with me

With a grateful heart,

Rev. Jay Wolin

Some of the ways we have implemented our mission during the first few months of this program year:

Create a vibrant, welcoming diverse church family

- Expanded the hours of Director of Religious Education
- Hired a Youth Group Coordinator
- Hired an Occupational Therapist to work with children across the neuro-diversity spectrum
- Hired our first Ministerial Intern
- Created a new project within Pastoral Care to work with Celebrations of Life
- Repairing the Roof from leaking (we are more welcoming when we don't have water dripping down on us!!)
- New Sign on Eastern Avenue
- Thanksgiving Lunch
- Expansion of our Pastoral Care Team
- In every small and large way we care for each other in the Congregation.

Embraces Individual Searches for Meaning:

- Day of Mindfulness with former monk from Plum Village Tradition
- Program with UU Humanist of the Year Mandisa Thomas
- New Adult RE Program - "Articulating your UU Faith"
- Ongoing weekly Adult RE Programming.
- Ongoing weekly Forum before Service
- Happy Human Book Club
- Adding an Additional session for Meditation.
- Ongoing Spiritual Practices (Drum Circle, Yoga, Soul Service)
- Witches Ball and monthly Worship Services created by our Earth Based Team.
- Diverse Worship and Music Experience on Sunday Mornings.

Devotes itself to Community Good

- Preparing for Sanctuary and creating the Sanctuary Coalition of the Quad Cities
- Working with Quad Cities Interfaith on Breaking the School to Prison

Pipeline

- Working with Quad Cities Interfaith, One Human Family and Progressive Action for the Common Good on Immigration Reform Issues
- Harvesting our Giving Garden
- Working with Boots on the Ground to empower and support people of color.
- Bringing awareness to the Community about LGBTQ issues and advocating for LGBTQIA individuals in the larger community.

These are just some of the highlights of what has happened at our Congregation the last few months. We have more programs planned for the upcoming year. If there are programs you would like to see created please talk with a team leader or myself. We invite you to be generous with your presence, your abilities and as well with your money. We have created so much within this Congregation and we have the potential to create even more. Let us not limit ourselves.

UU Ukes

From the Music Team

Please join us for a FIRST TIME sing-a-long performance of the UU Ukes during the Children's Program on Sunday, December 16. All levels are welcomed to join. The rehearsal and performance schedule are below! BYOU (bring your own ukulele) and a music stand, if you have one.

**Rehearsal - Sunday, December 2 at 1:00 PM
Rehearsal - Sunday, December 9 at 6:00 PM
Rehearsal - Sunday, December 16 at 9:00 AM
Performance - Sunday, December 16 at 10:00 AM**



Jam Session! With Doug McCollum



December 5 @ 6:30 p.m.

Join UU Rock Star Doug McCollum for an evening



learning to play "Longer" by Dan Fogelberg! All ages and levels are welcome!

[Hear the Song](#)

Did You Buy NUTS???



Friday, December 7 @ 6 p.m.

Please plan to drop in between 6-6:30 p.m. to collect your nut orders. Orders must be paid in full at the time of collection.

Sanctuary Donations



The UUCQC Sanctuary Task Force is preparing to provide immigration sanctuary right now, but we need your help. We need time, talent, and treasure. Before guests arrive in Sanctuary, we need money for improvements to the building, tools and supplies, and essential services. Anything you give will be matched by a generous donor grant up to \$2,500. Now is the perfect time to double your impact with

whatever your budget allows, from \$1 on up!

All donations must be labeled "Sanctuary" to go to the Sanctuary Project and be matched.

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.*

Contact Heather B. at sanctuary@uucqc.org if you are interested in volunteering your time or talent. We have a place for all levels of commitment and an immediate need for more committed, organized people.

Help with Volunteers for the Sanctuary Project

Do you want to support policies of love and acceptance in the Quad Cities? Good news! The Sanctuary Project has opportunities to support the UUCQC Immigration Justice mission.

For instance, we need an organized person with good communication skills to coordinate schedules of volunteer hosts. (This position is creatively named the Host Coordinator.) Hosts will ensure the guest's safety and the quality of their stay.

We'd like to have someone who can commit to a year of volunteering, though we understand that sometimes life is unpredictable.

The time you'll spend coordinating will vary. It will take more time to recruit hosts and establish the schedule, but maintaining the host schedule should take a few hours each week once we have a guest and everyone is settled in.

We provide training and guidance! We haven't done this before, but we're listening to congregations that have. If you encounter problems, there will be people to help work through them.

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.

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.

W.o.W.

Free Drink for Newcomers!

WOW, lunch and conversation. Join the group Thursday Dec.6 at 11:30. At the Bix Bistro, inside the Hotel Blackhawk - just off the lobby. (200 E 3rd St, Davenport). That free





drink awaits a newcomer!

Jackie Erikson
jdherikson@aol.com

[See the MENU HERE](#)

Green Sanctuary



December 7 @ 6:30

On December 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 3707 Eastern Ave in Davenport, come join us for a book reading of *Marcher, Walker, Pilgrim* - Ed's Fallon's memoir from the 2014 Great March for Climate Action. Ed will talk about the book, read selections, take questions and play a tune or two on the piano. Hardcover and paperback books will be available for purchase and for Ed to sign. All proceeds go to Climate March, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

On the 3,100-mile, 8-month walk from LA to DC in 2014, dozens of marchers became a mobile village - weathering harsh conditions, sharing joys and sorrows, and intensifying their commitment to the cause as they sounded the alarm about the climate crisis.

Through humor and candid introspection, Ed shares his experience on the March and how it brought into focus his lifelong search for love and meaning - even as intense, interpersonal dramas threatened to tear the March community apart.

This event is sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Team of Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities, Sisters Sage and the Sierra Club-Eagle View Group.

TerraCycle Fundraiser Update



Eliminating the Idea of Waste®





What is Terracycle?

Recycle waste for UUCQC donations
Terracycle was founded to find ways to recycle common household items that cannot be recycled through the typical "curb-side" programs.

Terracycle teams up with companies who sponsor new processes that recycle (e.g. melting the plastic to make items like funky multi-colored birdhouses) or upcycle (e.g. cleaning those toothpaste tubes and weaving them into fun handbags) common household waste.

Companies sponsor specific items to be collected and reward participating non-profits with cash donations. In 2017, we generated \$30 for UUCQC through Terracycle.

Items eligible to be recycled through the program change as sponsors come and go, so check back for new flyers.

Green Sanctuary Project

November 21, 2018

Olivia Dorothy
odorothy@gmail.com



List of accepted items

November 21, 2018

Bathroom

- Deodorant containers and caps (except the spray kind)
- Toothpaste tubes and caps, Floss containers, Toothbrushes, Mouthwash bottles, and caps
- Soap packaging
- Hair care packaging. Examples: shampoo bottles and caps, conditioner bottles and caps, hair ael tubes and caps, hair sprav bottles and triaers (no pressurized canisters).

- Soap packaging
- Hair care packaging. Examples: shampoo bottles and caps, conditioner bottles and caps, hair gel tubes and caps, hair spray bottles and triggers (no pressurized canisters), and hair paste plastic jars and caps
- Skin care packaging. Examples: lip balm tubes, face soap dispensers and tubes, face lotion bottles, tubes and plastic jars, body wash containers, soap tubes and dispensers, body lotion dispensers and bottles, shaving foam tubes (no cans), and hand lotion bottles and tubes
- Cosmetics packaging. Examples: lipstick cases, lip gloss tubes, mascara tubes, eye shadow cases, bronzer cases, foundation packaging and bottles, powder cases, eyeliner cases, eyeliner pencils, eye shadow tubes, concealer tubes, concealer sticks, and lip liner pencil

Kitchen

- Clif Bar® product wrappers
- All foil-lined energy bar wrappers
- All puree food pouches – NEW!

Medicine Cabinet

- Flonase® packaging and spray cartridges

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Soul Service



December 12 @ 6 p.m.

Mystery is a funny thing. We think it is something to figure out, but often times the more we pursue the answer to life's mysteries, the more distant they become. Maybe instead, mystery is something to be listened to that speaks when we are ready to hear. Maybe poet David Breeden, is correct when he writes: "I dug and dug deeper into the earth, looking for blue heaven, choking always on piles of dust rising. Then once at midnight, I slipped and fell into the sky."

Come join us on December 12 as we immerse ourselves in the wonder of mystery, that at its heart is not the unknown, but clarity and connection. Let us together fall

into mystery, so it may fall into us.

Leadership Development

**Leadership at the
UUCQC: Where do
you belong?
December 15
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
followed by lunch**



To paraphrase William Shakespeare, some are born to leadership, some achieve leadership, and some have it thrust upon them. Church nominating committees are famous for thrusting leadership upon unsuspecting souls and sending them unprepared into battle. The Leadership Development Committee has accepted the task of identifying and preparing the future leaders of our congregation and we are inviting you to take part in a workshop designed to help prepare you to take your part as a leader or to share your leadership experiences with others.

This workshop is designed 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, "Leadership at UUCQC: Where do you belong?", is scheduled for Saturday, December 15 from 10:00 AM to noon, followed by lunch. We hope you will agree to take part.

[Click HERE to RSVP](#)

Happy Human Book Club



The Happy Human Book Club discusses printed materials and videos from the non-theist worldview. Drop-ins are welcome; there is no requirement to read the book.

On Sunday, December 9 at 11:15 a.m., we will watch a video for about 30 to 40 minutes.



On Sunday, January 13 at 11:15 a.m., we will discuss *The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe: How to Know what's really real in a world increasingly full of fake* by Dr. Steven Novella. Available formats include hardback, paperback, audio, and Kindle. The book is available in the Illinois library system. It was published in 2018, has 512 pages, and is rated 4.8 out of 5. Richard Wiseman calls it "the perfect primer for anyone who wants to separate fact from fiction."

More on January's Selection [HERE](#)

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. 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.

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 14, 28

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





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

**1/2: Eschatology: How do we account
for Evil?**

**1/9: Justice & the Beloved Community:
What is the Role of the Church?**

**1/16: Individualism & Community:
What is the Role of the Church?**

**1/23: Suffering & Meaning: Why do
bad things Happen?**

1/30: Soul Matters: Possibility

**2/6: Death & Immortality: How do
we celebrate life?**

**Classes will meet in the Board Room from 6:30-8p. Beginning
January 1st, Adult RE classes will be held Wednesday evenings
from 6-8p in the Board Room.
Childcare is available and we hope that you are able to attend!
Please contact Ashley Myers at adultre@uucqc.org if you have
any questions.**

Shop to Support UUCQC!

Shopping You Can Feel Great About!

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Choose fair. Support our beloved congregation and
artisans around the world at the same time!

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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

UUCQC Office Hours:

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

Amanda (office@uucqc.org)

563-359-0816

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Call 563-359-0816 or email minister@uucqc.org.

UU News submission deadline:

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. No exceptions.

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