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## UU News July 24 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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**This Sunday @ 10 a.m.**

**July 28**

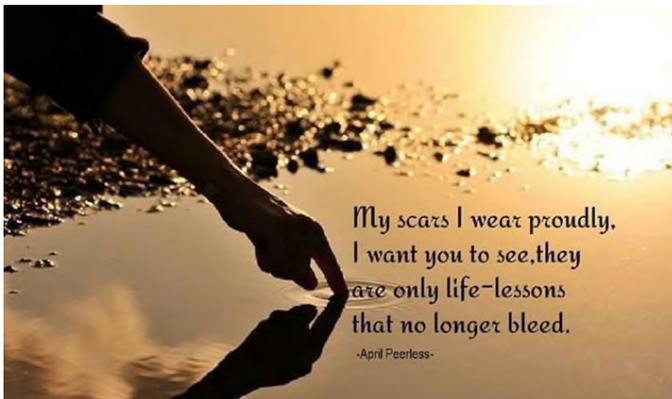
**"Storytelling Through the Arts"**

**Connie Ghinazzi & Lucia Dryanski**

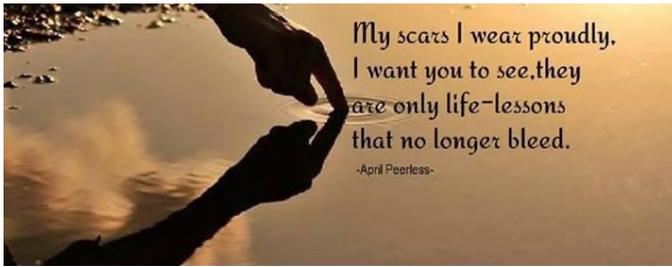
As we continue with our theme of storytelling, Lucia Dryanski and Connie Ghinazzi explore this process as done by a musician, John McCutcheon, and a quilter, Faith Ringgold. In Ringgold's case, we see how storytelling through art becomes a strong expression of her identity and belief; McCutcheon shows us how telling our own stories, and sharing those of others, can inspire us towards greater understanding of one another.



**Next Sunday @ 10 a.m.**



**August 4**  
**Our Spritual**  
**Stories; Our**  
**Spiritual Lives**  
**Alice Martin & Kathy**  
**Bowman**



Alice Martin and Kathy Bowman are inviting the congregation to listen to their spiritual formation stories. Through those stories, the listener may

be inspired to reflect on their own stories, finding in them the meaning that informs who they are and how they are in the world. Using an interview format, Alice and Kehty will share their journeys, inviting all listeners to ponder their own lives and find their own meaning in those spiritual stories.

## Adult Forum



July 28st @ 9AM

*Ann Hailey - Maintenance and Management of our Grounds & Parking*

## Earth Based Team

## Looking for a few UPCYCLE items

# A Note from the Pastor



### From the Heart of the Minister

I will be on study leave for 2 weeks from Monday July 22nd through Sunday August 4th. I will return to the office on Tuesday August 6th (Monday is my day off)

I want to thank everyone for the opportunity you allow me to take time for self care and study. I also want to thank our members who lead Sunday Services while I am gone. This time allows me to be more present when I am with you throughout the year. It is during this time that I do long range planning for worship

and programs that I am going to lead in the upcoming year. I also try to catch up on reading all the books I have purchased this year and cannot hope to finish.

I am currently reading "*Sapiens A Brief History of Humankind*" by Yuval Noah Harari and "*American Gods*" by Neil Gaiman.

Next on the top of the reading pile is "*White Fragility*" by Robin Diangelo, "*The Warmth of*

*Other Suns*", by Isabel Wilkerson and "*As Far As The Heart Can See: Stories to Illuminate the Soul*" by Mark Nepo.

Since I was young, I have always loved reading. It has allowed me not only to gain more information about the world, but it always sparks my imagination in unexpected ways. Reading allowed me to see and imagine a world beyond the environment I lived in.

In the book *Sapiens*, the author writes:

"We study history not to know the future but to widen our horizons, to understand that our present situation is neither natural nor inevitable, and that we consequently have many more possibilities before us than we imagine." The statement that nothing is inevitable reminds me that together we are co-creators of our fate. Through our actions and interactions, we choose the future we create. I invite all of us to be in authentic relationship with each other, to work to develop our empathy for each other and to listen to each other with the goal of understanding each other.

The Board will be having a retreat in July to do just that, to help us imagine the possibilities for our Congregation and what we need to do to make those imaginings real. Let us all be more curious to gain more knowledge and to widen the horizon of what could be for the Congregation. I invite you take the time this summer to look beyond just yourself, and to contemplate what your hopes for the Congregation are and how you can be a part of making real our mission and vision.

*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.

*Our vision is to be recognized in our community as a beacon on the hill - a vibrant, welcoming, thriving church that:*

- Reaches out to members and community with a clear, concise, and inspiring message about Unitarian Universalism and its Principles
- Attracts and embraces people of diverse groups, ages and family types
- Feeds the mind and spirit regardless of individual pathway
- Supports social justice and social action initiatives in our congregation and the greater community
- Encourages responsibility for the earth and its creatures

We have been working towards this. We can continue to work towards this. I believe in us. But it is up to all of us to make it happen. We can take a break to recharge our batteries and contemplate, but we cannot stop if we want to build the world we dream about.

With a grateful heart,  
Rev. Jay Wolin

## RE Summer Sundays



What a powerful performance! ~ from Matthew Toland

- Thank UU to the UUCQC Board of Trustees for their time and dedication at the board retreat. ~ from Matthew Toland

## OFFICE News

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
*Friday, July 26, 2019*

Thanks! See ya Monday July 29!!



## The Covenant

<sup>1</sup> cov • e • nant

: a formal and serious agreement  
or promise

## ***Covenant of Right Relations***

Did you know that the Congregation has a Covenant of Right Relations?  
It is behind the White Board by the entryway to the Congregation.  
(Perhaps it needs to be moved from there, to a more accessible viewing place)

### ***Covenant of Right Relations***

Ever mindful of our congregation's mission and goals, we resolve to inspire in ourselves and others a spiritual development that recognizes and respects diversity and the interdependent web of existence of which we are all a part.

We agree that participation in this community carries with it benefits, expectations, privileges and responsibilities. We understand that participating in these benefits, expectations, and privileges requires thoughtful commitments and gifts from each of us.

#### **Participation implies presence -**

To the best of our abilities we will avail ourselves of the opportunities for worship and work, fellowship and fun, and study and service offered by the programs of this community.

#### **Gifts imply giving responsibly -**

To the best of our ability we will foster the programs and outreach of this congregation and support this congregation's minister and leadership through gifts of our time, talent and financial support.

#### **Benefits imply respect -**

We agree to respect each other's search for the sacred and affirm each other's striving for wholeness with integrity. We will seek to develop our finer selves while nurturing and caring for one another through life's joys and sorrows, realizing the importance of each individual to the entire community.

#### **Expectation implies responsibility -**

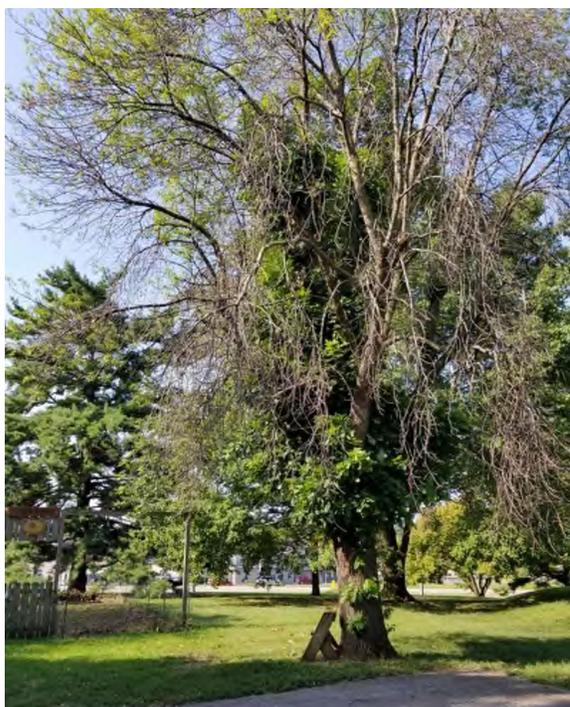
We agree that each of us should expect the right to participate and express our own best thoughts, and an affirmation that our thoughts and perceptions hold merit. We will accept the personal responsibility to behave toward each other with patience, respect, goodwill and honesty even when our thoughts and perceptions differ.

Recognizing and acknowledging the existence of human error as a part of the cycle of human growth, we will respect the dignity and worth of each other and will be accountable for our own words and actions. Even if the process is lengthy and difficult, we will work honestly through our disagreements with others. We will respect the democratic process which governs us.

## **Art Wall Photos**

**REMINDER!**

## Grounds Team



### From the Grounds Team

#### ***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:**

*This week the Tree group will cut down several trees that are a safety risk, including two shown in these photos. We need your help in dragging tree trimmings, loading them into pickups and trailers, taking them to a drop-off site, and unloading them. If you have a pickup or utility trailer to share, please let Ann Hailey know. We don't know exactly how this will play out, but we can start this Sunday at 11:30. Bring a change of clothes and drag a few branches! We'll then schedule some evening and Saturday work times.*

*Help us save thousands of dollars for other congregational needs!*

The flowering crab near the Social Hall door is a favorite climbing tree for not-too-heavy children. We recently marked branches with paint to show climbing limits for both children's safety and the care of this aging tree. Please check this out with your children so that they understand not to climb on or past the painted marks. Refer to the two photos.

What's happening with the parking lot? That is the topic at Forum this Sunday, July 28.

#### **SHARING the WORKLOAD:**

We need Coordinator(s), Snow removal. This is a desk job! There is no shoveling - only following up with the vendor. Two people can share this position.  
Please see Ann Hailey for more information about this and other positions.

**SIMPLIFYING:**

No news here.

**A fourth "S" - SAVOR:**

Have you explored our grounds recently?

- We invite you to wander over to Nature's Cove (Kimberly side of the drive) and sit on the "sofa" and "chairs" made from boulders donated for this purpose by Erika Anderson-Young.
- Or, take your Sunday morning coffee out the lounge sliding doors to our new picnic tables, sit on the stone benches built into the low wall outside the social hall entrance, or visit the prairie next to Eastern Avenue.

*Savor - a wonderful word brought to us by Alice Martin in a recent service. Savor your time in our cherished grounds!*

Ann Hailey, Acting Chair, Grounds Team

## Office Hours

**UUCQC Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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**UU News submission deadline:**

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. No exceptions.

Email [office@uucqc.org](mailto:office@uucqc.org)

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