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UUCQC July Newsletter

Welcome to UUCQC's new newsletter format!

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Welcome to UUCQC's July newsletter! We hope you like the format and find it easy to use. Use the links below to navigate throughout the newsletter. Click any of the ["Back to top"](#) links at the bottom of each section to return to the main menu. Enjoy!

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UUCQC newsletter "experiment" for the summer

In order to be more efficient, we're trying an experiment this summer with the UUCQC newsletter. Here are the background for this decision and the details:

- Often a lot of copying and pasting occurs when putting together Silent Announcements (in Constant Contact) and the newsletter (in Microsoft Publisher), which takes up a lot of staff time to put together.
- Because of the size of graphics, we often have to split the newsletter into two documents and two emails to share it with you, which isn't efficient.
- We often don't get many submissions for newsletter, so we're trying to change things up to be in a better format for being received and read.
- We're planning to offer the information in the newsletter through Constant Contact format, where you already receive Silent Announcements.
- A longer "Silent Announcements" will be published once a month containing the information that would usually run in the newsletter. We'd still like to provide an "at-a-glance" view of the upcoming month.
- This longer version of Silent Announcements will still be printed and mailed once a month to those who already receive the newsletter in paper form.
- We're giving this experiment a try and will see how it goes. We welcome your feedback and ideas on how to best reach you with communications about UUCQC. Feel free to call or email me anytime.

Thanks!
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administrator@uucqc.org

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July highlights



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(Note: This is a partial calendar of upcoming events. Please see calendar at uucqc.org)

Recurring events:

Sundays

9 a.m. Adult Enrichment

10 a.m. Service

11 a.m. Coffee hour

11:15 a.m. Kids' yoga

11:30 a.m. Faith Forward

Yoga in the Community Room (\$8)

Mondays, 11 a.m.

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays, 9 a.m.

Thursdays, 9 a.m.

Fridays, 11 a.m.

T'ai Chi in the Community Room

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Zen Meditation in the Community Room

Mondays, 7 p.m.

Mindfulness Meditation

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. (*Except July 4*)

Choir practice

Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.

Chimes Choir practice

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

July 2

*No Adult Enrichment or Faith Forward classes

10 a.m. Service - UUs and the Blues with special guest Coleman Harris

UU Drum Circle, 5:30 p.m.

July 4 - Independence Day*

*Office closed

*No Mindfulness Meditation

July 5 - WOW lunch, 11:30 a.m., Treehouse Pub, Bettendorf

July 22 - Lesbian Book Club, 6:30 p.m.

July 29 - Lammas Celebration with Earth-Based Traditions, 5:30 p.m. ceremony with potluck to follow

Sunday Adult Enrichment

July 2 - None

July 9 - **Tapping In(tuit)**, Thia Sadlek, Religious Services Team

July 16 - **Spirit of the Earth**, Ed Mueller, Earth-Based Traditions

July 23 - **Mindfulness and the Brain?** Ian Harrington, Humanist Team

July 30 - **Equality March for Unity and Pride**, Lucia Dryanski, LGBTQIA Team

Sunday Services

July 2 - **UUs and the Blues**, Kathy Bowman, with guest artist Coleman Harris

July 9 - **The Lorax**, Mike Wilcox

July 16 - **Yertle the Turtle**, John DeGreve

July 23 - **Oh, The Places You'll Go**, Rev. Jay Wolin

July 30 - **The Cat In The Hat**, Rev. Jay Wolin

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From the Heart of the Minister

Summertime Reflections

The Theme next year for our 150th Anniversary Year, is "Remember, Reflect and Re-Dedicate." It is something I hope all of us can do over the course of the next year.

Remember what it was that drew you to the Congregation. Remember the friends you have made and maybe even lost. Remember the programming that we offered and how it impacted you.



Reflect on how you have changed as a person due to your experience at the Congregation and due to relationships you found and built at the Congregation. Reflect on how far we have come and where we are and what still needs to be accomplished to fulfill our mission and vision.

Then I ask you to think about how you can rededicate yourself to Congregational Life. What new relationships can you build to welcome those who are just now walking in the door? What new ideas are you excited to explore? What actions can you take as part of the Congregation to make the world more just? What gifts can you offer to help the

Congregation continue to make an impact on people's lives and in the community? We are only vibrant if our Congregants are vibrant. Please consider how you can volunteer to help us live into our potential as a Congregation and as human beings.

Over the summer I will be taking some time off for vacation and study leave. For my vacation I will have three short trips. I will be visiting my father-in-law in Ohio to help him make the difficult decision as to whether to move from independent living to assisted living. I will get to spend a few days with my granddaughter Scarlett who lives in West Virginia. Lastly, I will spend a few days in upper Wisconsin at a family reunion. During study leave, I will be reading, researching, writing and planning for next year's services and programs.

I plan to spend a good amount of time in our Archives office downstairs. I will also be making a special trip up to Meadville Lombard Seminary in Chicago. I have found out Meadville has two boxes related to our Congregation in their Archives.

Over the summer, as I do each year, I will also remember reflect, and rededicate. I will remember why I felt called to Ministry and to this Congregation. I will reflect on how you have impacted me, how I have changed and grown as a Minister since I arrived, and how and in what areas I still need to change and grow. I will rededicate myself to doing what I can to help us to live into our potential as a Congregation and as human beings.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year with joy.

with a grateful heart,
Rev. Jay Wolin

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Adult Enrichment schedule



UUCQC Adult Enrichment

Summer Dialogues: S'more Learning

- June 18 – Aging – John Dunsheath – Connections Circle Team
- June 25 – Ask the Minister – Rev. Jay Wolin – Ministry Leadership Team
- July 2 – NO SESSION FOR 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND
- July 9 – Tapping In(tuit) – Thia Sadlek – Religions Services Team
- July 16 – Spirit of the Earth – Ed Mueller – Earth-Based Traditions
- July 23 – Mindfulness and the Brain? – Ian Harrington – Humanist Team
- July 30 – Equality March for Unity & Pride – Lucia Dryanski – LGBTQIA Team
- August 6 – Green Sanctuary Review – Kathryn Allen – Green Sanctuary Team
- August 13 – Guatemala House Building Trip – Marcy Doyle – Immigration Team
- August 20 – Spiritual Direction – Kathy Bowman – Adult Religions Education

Please join us Sundays in summer for a variety of special programs presented by



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Summer Services schedule

Summer Services @ 10 a.m.



*It was summer in UUville,
The sun had come back,
And all the UU faithful
Were ready to relax.*

*They were eager for sunshine.
and to dive in the pool.
For softball and picnics,
And gardening tools.*

*But come Sunday morning
What fun would await?
What summer series
Did RST hope to relate?*

*Why, A whole summer of church
To the rhythm of Seuss!
With green eggs, some Sneetches
and whos on the loose.*

*A Cat in a Hat
whose up to no good,
and a Lorax who tries
to protect all the woods.*

*Stories with meaning
and purpose, of course.
Wise lessons for all we UUs
from this uncommon source.*

*It will kick off in June
And runs seven weeks
Through July into August
When the temperature peaks.*

*So join us this summer
For whimsy and rhyme
and all the Seuss classics
at our 10 o'clock time.*

*Light fun with deep meaning
Is our summertime goal.
It's a season of Seuss
That will uplift the soul.*

-- Allen Bertsche

July 2 - UUs and the Blues, *Kathy Bowman, with guest artist Coleman Harris*
Coleman Harris, a local jazz pianist, will share both his musical talents and spiritual journey with the UUCQC congregation while we celebrate our own UUs and the Blues. Music, conversation, poetry, and congregational singing will all be part of the service.

July 9 - The Lorax, *Mike Wilcox*
What was the Lorax? And why was it there on the far end of town where the Grickle Grass grows? What happened to the Brown Bar-ba-Loots, Humming Fish and the beautiful Truffula Trees the place once sowed? Come to the service by Mike Wilcox of the Religious Services Team to learn the message of the Lorax. Then you will know.

July 16 - Yertle the Turtle, *John DeGreve*
Please join John DeGreve as he reviews these Dr. Seuss stories that lead us to the discussion and discovery of community building blocks and personal empowerment. Turtles will again reign this Sunday. "All the turtles are free as turtles and, maybe, all creatures should be." Along with birds of too many feathers! Oh, the places we'll go... together - you'll see!

July 23 - Oh, The Places You'll Go, *Rev. Jay Wolin*
This is one of my all time favorite books. It is not only fun, but has deep theological questions within it. It is just a wonderful story. It speaks of adventure, choices, challenges, failure, and achievements that a person will experience in their lives. Come and explore with me. Who knows where it will lead?

July 30 - The Cat In The Hat, *Rev. Jay Wolin*
I loved reading this book to my children. The more I delve into the book, I am forced to wonder what message it is sending to children. Does it pose that children should not succumb to peer pressure? Does it ponder whether children are too afraid to take risks

in today's world? Or can it just be fun whimsical story? I will pose and I will ponder, who will know how far I wander. :)

Aug. 6 - Green Eggs and Ham, Allen Bertsche

There is much to be learned from the themes found in children's books. They exist often to teach the young the values we hope they will adopt. This week Allen Bertsche of the Religious Services Team looks at one of Dr. Seuss's most famous books, *Green Eggs & Ham*, for lessons we can learn from both of the story's main characters, the resistant "I" and the persistent Sam I Am. What does this story say about our resistance to change? To new ideas or the unknown? And what value is there in being both open to the novel and persistent voices urging others to consider ideas which might initially confuse or disturb them? It's Green Eggs and Ham, but not for real, just some food for thought, not a weird potluck meal.

Aug. 13 - Horton Hatches an Egg/ Butter Battle, Lucia Dryanski

Aug. 20 - Sneeches, Connie Ghinazzi

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Caring notes



Connie Meyer

UUCQC staff is saddened to report that longtime member Connie Meyer, 80, passed away Monday, June 12.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a later date. Find more information and Connie's obituary [here](#).

Connie was a source of kindness and giving in our community and will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy to her family and

friends.

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Sue Witte

Sue Witte is ill and is in the hospital. She would appreciate cards.

Please mail to:

Linda Sue Witte

c/o University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics
2JPW
200 Hawkins Drive, Iowa City, IA 52242

We wish Sue well. Thanks for caring!

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Thank you to Crystal & Gary Tschantz!

Many many thanks to Crystal and Gary Tschantz for the beautiful plantings under the sign and around the building.

What a welcoming view coming up the drive!

Thanks for beautifying UUCQC's grounds.

- Jackie Erickson

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Office memos

Schedule Summer Spotlights!

Does your team or program need a Spotlight on a Sunday morning?

Please contact Amanda at office@uucqc.org to schedule ALL summer Spotlights (July-August). Thanks!

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Join Yahoo Sharing for info on non-UUCQC events

Did you know that UUCQC Members and Friends can be a part of the UU Sharing Group? The UU Sharing Group is a Yahoo! group that enables participants to send an email to the entire group mailing list.

The purpose of this group is to keep one another informed about non-UUCQC community projects and/or events that may be of interest to the group. The Sharing Group can also be used to enlist help moving, locate needed objects (a wig for a costume, a bed for a toddler, rhubarb, etc.), get rid of things (sell a car, give away a sofa, etc.), send personal updates (I'm feeling much better, thank you for the cards and support, etc.), and many other things.

If you would like to be a part of the UU Sharing Group, please email it@uucqc.org. Cliff will verify with Amanda that you are, in fact, a member or friend prior to adding you to the list.

This list is NOT controlled by the office and is NOT for sharing official UU business. Official business (meeting times, UUCQC events, etc.) should all go through the proper communications channels in the office.

Happy Sharing!!!

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This weekend

Sunday, July 2

Please note:

NO Adult Enrichment Summer Dialogue @ 9 a.m.

NO Faith Forward class @ 11:30 a.m.



Coleman Harris

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Service

10 a.m.

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Sunday, July 2
5:30 - 7 p.m.

UU Drum Circle Sanctuary

Drumming! Drumming! Drumming!
Listen to the Beat! Come join us for our
July UU Drum Circle as we discover our
rhythm together.



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Endowment requests

Endowment Fund: Grant requests due July 1

The UUCQC has had an Endowment Fund since 1991. The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to further the mission of the congregation by providing a source of income for special projects and programs that otherwise would not be able to be funded. Our congregation's Endowment Fund is now part of the UUA Common Endowment Fund which is invested in an ethical manner consistent with UU values.

The Endowment Committee is taking requests from Teams and Staff for Grants for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Please fill out the Endowment Grant Application form by July 1 which can be obtained from the UUCQC office or downloaded from <http://www.uucqc.org/financial.html>

Completed forms may be placed in the Endowment mailbox or e-mailed to Will Brooke at willcbrooke@gmail.com

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Week of July 3



Tuesday, July 4 Independence Day

Happy 4th of July! UUCQC Office Closed

Have a happy and safe Independence Day! The UUCQC office will be closed that day. We'll catch you on Wednesday, July 5.

Tuesday, July 4

Mindfulness Meditation cancelled due to holiday

See you on July 11 at 5:30 p.m.!

Wednesday, July 5 11:30 a.m.

WOW (lunch + conversation) Treehouse Pub & Eatery 2532 Kimberly Rd., Bettendorf

WOW, since July 4 is on the first Tuesday WOW will gather **Wednesday, July 5**, at 11:30 a.m., at the Treehouse Pub and Eatery, 2532 Kimberly Rd., Bettendorf, located between Grinder's and Red Lobster, across from Duck Creek Golf Course. Outside, maybe. All are welcome, it is a casual time for food and conversation.



Photo courtesy Quad City Times

Jackie Erikson jdherikson@aol.com

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Next weekend

Sunday, July 9 9 a.m.

Adult Enrichment Summer Dialogues: S'more Learning Tapping In(tuit)

Thia Sadlek, Religious Services Team

Service

10 a.m.

The Lorax

Mike Wilcox, Religious Services Team

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11:15 a.m.

Kids' yoga

11:30 a.m.

Faith Forward

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Governance update

Report from Governance Town Hall Meeting April 9, 2017

On April 9, 2017, the Bylaws and Governance Team met with members of the Congregation to answer questions about proposed Board Policies regarding Oversight. We discovered during the meeting that a good general overview of Governance would be of value. This update will include both an overview of what Governance means at UUCQC and then a more specific review of the Oversight Policy.

In 2010, our Congregation decided, through amendment and restatement of our Bylaws, to establish a form of Governance that moves the Board's involvement away from the day-to-day management of the Congregation to a commitment to care for the long-term mission and wellbeing of the Congregation. The Board evaluates and articulates the Congregation's mission and vision, sets goals and makes strategic decisions, writes policies, monitors and provides oversight of the ministry and programs of the Congregation. The Bylaws establishes the Minister as the lead administrator. The Minister provides religious leadership and guidance, and is responsible for administrative leadership and supervision of Staff and Ministry of the Congregation in its many forms. The Board and Minister work collaboratively, and together with the Congregation, create and live our Mission and Vision.

Previous Board policies have defined how the Board and Minister work together and have included such things financial management, care for staff, care for people and Board conflict of interest.

Administry is a term we adopted to represent the combined Congregational activities of Administration and Ministry. These terms and roles are defined in the adopted Board Policy IV.A Collaborative Relationship between Board and Administry and are as follows:

ADMINISTRY: the day-to-day administrative and ministerial operations of the Congregation.

ADMINISTRY LEADER: the Senior Minister, who is responsible for Administry and the leader of the Administry Leadership Team.

ADMINISTRY TEAM: volunteers who are members of Teams and all paid staff.

Currently Rev. Jay Wolin is our Administry Leader (lead administrator). There is no assistant administrator. Jane Peterson is the Congregational Administrator and Communications Coordinator. Amanda Conger is New Member Coordinator and Office Assistant. This staff information in on the website under About: Staff.

The new Oversight Policy ensures that the Board monitors and evaluates Administrative activities such as finance and budget, personnel, and teams. For instance, the Board does not approve the hiring or firing of personnel or of adding staff, but is informed that these things take place (monitors). During the Board's review of the Committee on Ministry's annual evaluation the Minister, the effectiveness of administrative decisions is noted (evaluates). Additionally, the Board annually performs an evaluation of the Vision of Ministry and evaluates how the Board itself meets the Congregation's Mission. The Committee on Ministry policy has been rewritten and includes the responsibility of performing an annual evaluation of the Minister and providing assistance with conflict resolution. These policy drafts were published before the Town Hall and will be on the website when approved.

Rev. Wolin is very available to answer questions about requests for information.

We hope that this has been a helpful review and thank all of you who attended our meeting.

Bylaws and Governance Committee

Richard Clewell, Matthew Toland, Cathy Weideman, Jack Wiley, Rev. Jay Wolin

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Music Team





Music Reflection: Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band

The 50th year anniversary of the release of "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" has been a true "blast from the past" for this baby boomer. I was a mere 17 years old when it was released on June 1, 1967, but I did realize

what a break-through album it was. It changed rock and roll music forever, and it still is considered to be the best album of all time (Rolling Stone magazine). The album cover was the most expensive to date and signified "burying" the old Beatles. It was also the first album ever to publish song lyrics.

The Beatles' last live performance was in August 1966. They certainly were tired of the demands of travel and playing only their old hits. The decision was made to focus on musical experimentation and the science of sounds in the studio, including modulations to key changes, discordant orchestral arrangements, calliopes, echo chamber vocals, and complex multiple tracking. John and Paul's songs were inspired by childhood memories and real events. The lyrics for "Being for the Benefit of Mr. Kite" were largely taken from an 1843 circus poster. George bridged Indian and Western music with "Within You Without You". Ringo departed from simply keeping the beat, to developing a drumming style of accenting and syncopating (listen to "A Day in the Life").

I am having a great time listening and re-listening to the remastered CD of this landmark album. I recommend viewing the PBS special "Sgt. Pepper's Revolution" for an in-depth analysis and background of the album. The Beatles continued to "push the envelope" in musical innovation in the white album and in their last album, my favorite, "Abbey Road".

-- Doug McCollum, Music Team

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Office hours

UUCQC Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday*, 9 a.m. - noon (or by appointment)
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(*Please note that the office is closed on Fridays.)

Rev. Jay is available by appointment

Rev. Jay is available by appointment. Call 563-359-0816 or email minister@uucqc.org.

Silent Announcement submission deadline:
Every Wednesday at 10 a.m.
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