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If you are a first time guest today we're happy you joined us. If you would like to receive our newsletter or emails to inform you of upcoming events please fill out the white information sheet on the visitor's table (one with dark green cloth) in the gathering space

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### **OCTOBER 2014 Sunday Services 10:00 & 11:15 a.m.**

10/12/14      Wrestling with God      Rev. Jay Wolin

In the Hebrew Scriptures the story of Jacob wrestling with God has always held a profound meaning for me. It speaks to me of the human struggle for understanding and the lengths we are willing to go to obtain truth, justice and reconciliation. What are the things that we continually wrestle with? What are we willing to continue to struggle for and what are we willing to let go?

10/19/14      Ouch! Evolving Hurts      Lucia Dryanski and Connie Ghinazzi

As we evolve as individuals and as a religious community, why is this change stuff so hard? Join Lucia and Connie in exploring why we might perceive change as uncomfortable, even painful and how we can move forward from these feelings.

10/26/14      Challenging Injustice. Advancing Human Rights      Rev. Jay Wolin

The Mission of UUSC is to advance human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies. UUSC's Vision is to see a world free from oppression and injustice, where all can realize their full human rights. Please join us today as we learn about UUSC and how Unitarian Universalism live out their values in the larger world.

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### **SUNDAY FORUM 10 A.M.**

Oct. 12: Matthew Covington, Fair Economy Organizer with Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (CCI) Action Fund. Matthew will speak about CCI Action Fund's work to advance economic justice issues in the state and policies the organization is pushing to put people before corporate profits. Issues highlighted will be their work on payday lending reform, working to raise the minimum wage and others, as well as what everyday people can do to take action for a more just and democratic Iowa and country.

Oct. 19: Barbara Schlachter: 100 Grannies Uniting for a Livable Future

Oct. 26: Colin Gordon: University of Iowa Professor of History and Director of Undergraduate Studies: Professor Gordon emerged as a national authority on the demographic shifts in Ferguson, Mo., and the larger St. Louis area, that some say underlie the boiling tensions between mostly black residents and predominantly white authorities.

Professor Gordon said the St. Louis area has systematically segregated itself racially and economically for decades through exclusionary zoning practices. He will discuss how these practices add context to the unrest this week.

The city has gone through enormous lengths to privately or publicly segregate itself, Gordon says.

Gordon began researching the demographic shifts in the St. Louis area about a decade ago, and it has proved to be a valuable resource in understanding the roots of the violence today. Professor Gordon's 2009 book, *Mapping Decline: St. Louis and the Fate of the American City*, and related websites with interactive maps help visualize the racial migration patterns and segregation in St. Louis.



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## **CARING NOTES**

VOLUNTEERS FOR TRANSPORTATION NEEDED.....By now most of you have met Terrence Van Ettinger & Joseli Walters & her little black service dog, Kingsley, whom she trained herself. If you haven't met them yet, do consider greeting them when they arrive via the blue & white van this Sunday....Maria & Patrick are new to providing commercial transportation in our area. Their company is called CARE-A-VANS. Both are extremely pleasant people. Someone from our church will be at Terrence & Jo's residence when they are picked up Sunday a.m. for the first time at 10:30. They will always want to attend the 2nd service. Ann Hailey, who provided transportation the entire month of August, posed an appropriate question. Which would you prefer, having someone from church take you to 'n fro church, or use the commercial service? Of course, they chose our own people picking them up as it's much more personal. However, it was decided to try CARE-A-VANS for a month & then evaluate. It's felt by those who have provided transportation to try both ways, but hope that we want to be a caring & supportive community & will have MORE VOLUNTEERS come forth. Those who live in west Davenport don't choose to take on the entire transportation for Terrence & Jo...Understandable..There have been ideas tossed around to create a transportation Task Force which would be responsible for not only Terrence & Jo, but for anyone needing transportation to 'n fro church...To put \$\$\$ in the budget next year for transportation...etc. Many thanks to: Ann Hailey, John Dunsheath, Barb Langley, Lana Long & George & Barb Robinson who have stepped up to provide transportation to date...These persons are willing to do their share, but can't be expected to do it all the time. We definitely need MORE VOLUNTEERS & maybe if you live afar, you might be willing to take a slot or two on various months? These persons would surely provide caring, support, personal interest & TRANSPORTATION for this young couple. Both are enjoying the Drum Circle a lot & you've heard Terrence sing in the choir & the solo, "Jesus Christ, Super Star." Questions, concerns & to VOLUNTEER, contact Sue Witte for the Caring Team, 332-4063.

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## **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Ages 4 and up. Second & Fourth Sundays 9:30-10 a.m. E-mail Lorna Johnson at [dancingkeys10@gmail.com](mailto:dancingkeys10@gmail.com) with any question.

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## **Book Club**

In our previous book, the author urged secular Americans to stand up and protect our principle of separation of church and state which is being chipped away by the religious right.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m in the Lounge. We will read the "The Labyrinth: God, Darwin, and the Meaning of Life" by Philip Appleman.

For the book club, RSVPs not required, but appreciated. Karen Fowler's contact information is in the directory, or contact Stephanie at [qcuu@mchsi.com](mailto:qcuu@mchsi.com). Anyone who is on FaceBook is welcome to join the secret FaceBook group "Happy Human Book Club of the Quad Cities." To join, send a Friend request to Karen Fowler.

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Circle Supper - Fall theme- Oct. 18

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Please join us for a Fall themed Circle Supper on Oct. 18th at the Ed Hazen and Terry Dierksen's home in Bettendorf, IA. We start with appetizers at 6 P.M. with a pot luck dinner to follow. If you are interested in attending, please contact me at [joeln1951@aol.com](mailto:joeln1951@aol.com) or at 563-593-1036. Jo Ellen Langerman.

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## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**It's not too late to join the Reproductive class** facilitated by sexuality educator Libbet Brooke, Augustana political science professor Margarete Farrar and educator Elaine Kresse. We will review week 1 for those who missed the first week. We hope to see in next Tuesday night in the UUCQC lounge.

Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30 The series designed to aid participants in a study of **Reproductive Justice** will articulate contrasting frameworks of health, rights, and justice in the area of reproduction. **Sacred Sexuality** will explore the positive and negative consequences of sexuality in our lives and theologies. Will reflect on **Inherent Worth and Dignity** of all and help participants understand reproductive oppression.

**Reproductive Justice** Begins October 7 at 6:30.

Unitarian Universalists (UUs) are called to answer the chilling political debate on reproductive rights with calls for reproductive 'justice' and respect for the fullness of every person's reproductive and sexual life. The election of the 2012-2016 Congregational Study/Action Issue, "Reproductive Justice: Expanding our Social Justice Calling," is a milestone opportunity for Unitarian Universalists to live into this call. **This curriculum was written to help UUs take on this call to action.** To preview the suggested course of study go to [UUA.org](http://UUA.org) and type in reproductive justice study guide.

- 10/7/14 **Session 1:** Introduction: What is Reproductive Justice?
- 10/7/14 **Session 2:** Sacred Sexuality
- 10/14/14 **Session 3:** Inherent Worth and Dignity
- 10/21/14 **Session 4:** Reverence for Life
- 10/28/14 **Session 5:** Right of Conscience
- 10/28/14 **Session 6:** Conclusion: Moving Forward
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Rooting us in our religious history and theological callings, this six-week curriculum outlines the distinctions between reproductive "health," "rights," and "justice"; opens awareness of reproductive oppressions; offers opportunities to learn about ourselves and each other as sexual and reproductive beings; and equips us to move forward, out into the world, with integrity and vision.

The curriculum was written to be used by a multigenerational group young adults, older adults, and youth to participate and share. **We hope to see all ages and genders there.**



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Leaders Elaine Kresse, Libbet Brooke, and Margarete Farrar will appreciate your sign up for the class. Please call or email Elaine Kresse to register for the class. [elainekresse@yahoo.com](mailto:elainekresse@yahoo.com) or cell phone 563-320-3325

Reproductive Justice Week 3: 6:30 Tuesday Oct. 21

We will begin with a follow up from last week on Sacred Sexuality and continue with Inherent Worth and Dignity wondering how that all fits with a UU Reverence for Life

“The Summer Day”

Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean-

the one who has flung herself out of the grass,

the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down- who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes. Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face. Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down

into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,

how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields, which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?

Tell me, what is it you plan to do

with your one wild and precious life?

- Mary Oliver

- Engage with various religious perspectives on life, pregnancy, and each perspective's claim to modern religious persecution
- Confront historic and current attempts to use abortion as population control (Eugenics and ablist)
- Reflect on sources of Unitarian Universalist and personal theologies of reverence for life

Libbet Brooke, Margarete Farrar, and Elaine Kresse

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The weather is turning cold and that means shipping is now free on Equal Exchange Fair Trade chocolate bars. To celebrate, I have placed a large order--including your old favorites and two new flavors: raspberry and coconut .

There is a good chance the bars will be delivered by this Sunday. Please stop by to ooh and ahh over the wonderful array of coffees, teas, cocoas, and chocolate bars.

We sell these as a service to the community, not as a fundraiser--that means low, low prices!

Sales occur Sundays, 11 - 11:30 a.m.



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Trivia: what movie is this from? First person to come up to us at during Fair Trade sales\* will get a free coconut chocolate bar!

*"I hate coconut. Not the taste, but the consistency."*

Note: We also have olive oil for sale.

Thanks--

Julie Ross

## **UUCQC WEEKLY AGENDA**



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<b>Thu Oct 16</b>	9:00am – 10:00am	⊕ <b>YOGA - UUCQC</b> ☑
	10:00am – 1:30pm	⊕ <b>Archives - Unitarian Church, 3707 Eastern Ave, Davenport, IA, United States</b> ☑
	4:30pm – 6:00pm	⊕ <b>Stewardship Meeting - UUCQC</b> ☑
	5:30pm – 6:30pm	⊕ <b>YOGA - UUCQC</b> ☑
<b>Fri Oct 17</b>	11:00am – 12:00pm	⊕ <b>YOGA - UUCQC</b> ☑
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	⊕ <b>YOGA - UUCQC</b> ☑
	6:00pm – 7:30pm	⊕ <b>Earth Tradition Team - UUCQC</b>
<b>Sat Oct 18</b>	9:30am – 11:30am	⊕ <b>YOGA - UUCQC</b> ☑ ☑
	6:00pm – 8:00pm	⊕ <b>Circle Supper</b> ☑
<b>Sun Oct 19</b>	10:00am – 11:00am	⊕ <b>1st Service with Words For All Ages - UUCQC</b> ☑
	10:00am – 11:00am	⊕ <b>Forum - UUCQC</b> ☑
	10:15am – 11:15am	⊕ <b>Children's Religious Education Program - UUCQC</b> ☑
	11:00am – 12:00pm	⊕ <b>Coffee - UUCQC</b> ☑
	11:15am – 12:00pm	⊕ <b>Second Service (45 minute service) - UUCQC</b> ☑
	12:00pm – 1:00pm	⊕ <b>Coffee - UUCQC</b> ☑
<b>Mon Oct 20</b>	9:00am – 10:00am	⊕ <b>Yoga with Kathleen - UUCQC</b> ☑
	11:00am – 12:00pm	⊕ <b>YOGA - UUCQC</b> ☑
	5:30pm – 6:30pm	⊕ <b>YOGA - uucqc</b> ☑
	6:15pm – 6:30pm	⊕ <b>Meeting Set-up - UUCQC</b> ☑ ☑
	6:30pm – 8:00pm	⊕ <b>Spiritual Practices &amp; Programs Team - UUCQC</b> ☑
	7:00pm – 8:00pm	⊕ <b>Zen Meditation - UUCQC</b> ☑
	8:00pm – 8:15pm	⊕ <b>Meeting Clean-up - UUCQC</b> ☑
<b>Tue Oct 21</b>	11:00am – 12:00pm	⊕ <b>YOGA - UUCQC</b> ☑ ☑
	5:00pm – 6:00pm	⊕ <b>Internet Team - UUCQC</b> ☑
	5:00pm – 6:45pm	⊕ <b>Leadership Development Committee - Unitarian Church, 3707 Eastern Ave, Davenport, IA 52807, United States</b>
	5:30pm – 6:30pm	⊕ <b>MINDFULNESS MEDITATION - UUCQC</b> ☑
	5:30pm – 6:45pm	⊕ <b>Leadership Development Committee - Unitarian Church, 3707 Eastern Ave, Davenport, IA 52807, United States</b>
	6:30pm – 8:00pm	⊕ <b>Reproductive Justice - UUCqc</b> ☑ ☑
	6:30pm – 9:00pm	⊕ <b>Board Meeting - UUCQC</b> ☑ ☑
	6:45pm – 8:15pm	⊕ <b>Spiritual Conversation - UUCQC</b> ☑ ☑
<b>Wed Oct 22</b>	9:00am – 10:00am	⊕ <b>YOGA - UUCQC</b> ☑
	5:45pm – 6:45pm	⊕ <b>Choir Practice - UUCQC</b> ☑ ☑
	7:00pm – 8:00pm	⊕ <b>Chime Choir - UUCQC</b> ☑

**OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**We have had recent changes here at The Unitarian Congregation.**



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**Sherri Pauli has started her position as Congregation Administrator. Her office hours are Wednesday 1-5, Thursday and Friday 7-3.**

**Rosaland Smith assumed the Admin. Assistant/Office position. Her office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9-12 ; Wednesday 1-4.**

**We are excited that our staff is continuing to grow, and look forward to meeting each and every one of you.**

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**SAVE THE DATE: QCUU TRIVIA NIGHT - Saturday, November 8th**

- Time: Doors open at 5:30, game begins 6:30
- Location: QCUU, 3707 Eastern Avenue, downstairs
- For sale: Chili, Popcorn, drinks, desserts
- Trivia topics: wide-range of subjects so everyone can participate
- Cost: \$10 person (pay at the door)
- Call to reserve a table of eight: 563-359-0816 or
- Walk-ins welcomed (but space not guaranteed)
- Childcare available for members only if requested 3 days before
- Event benefits the UU Congregation of the QC
  
- Come and join in the fun!

**Willing to Help?** We need people to make/donate chili and desserts. If you can help, call the church.

**Questions or Reservations?** Contact the church office 563-359-0816



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DOORS OPEN 5:30

GAME BEGINS 6:30



**ASTOUND YOUR FRIENDS  
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TEAMS OF 8, \$10 PER PERSON

FOR SALE: CHILI, POPCORN & DRINKS

**RIP SNORTIN' FUN**

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