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Weekly Silent Announcements for March 12

Your weekly Silent Announcements 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.)

This weekend

Rev. Jay out sick

Just a heads-up for this Sunday's services and next week's office hours, Rev. Jay is out due to flu and pneumonia, probably through March 16. Our Religious Services Team members will fill in for services on Sunday, March 12. Get well soon, Rev. Jay!

Sunday, March 12

Forum

10 a.m.

Services

10 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

What Does It Mean to Be a Community of Risk?

What risks are we willing to take to implement our Vision and Mission as a Congregation? Are we willing to risk being vulnerable to get to know each other and ourselves more deeply? Are we willing to risk our comfort or freedom in the name of justice? What are the risks of being committed to our Unitarian Universalism?

Week of March 12



Tuesday Night Conversation March 14 @ 6:45 p.m.

Videos That Inform Us (2nd Tuesday)

(Postponed from Feb. 14)

We will watch a presentation by Radhanath Swami and follow that up with a heartfelt conversation.

Radhanath Swami has been a Bhakti Yoga practitioner for more than 40 years, and is one of today's most beloved and respected spiritual teachers. He is a guide, community builder,

activist, and acclaimed author.

Rooted in his study of ancient India's mystic devotional, Radhanath's message is simple: by cultivating a genuine practice of service, we can become instruments of compassion and agents of sustainable change in the world.

Saturday, March 18

9:30 a.m.

Social Hall



Reproductive Justice Team Organizational Meeting

The Reproductive Justice Team will have an organizational meeting on March 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall at UUCQC.

Please read the following UU statement and come for a light breakfast and a great discussion of what our focus will be. We need your ideas, and would appreciate an RSVP. Please contact Elaine Kresse if you plan to attend. We hope you decide to join us. elainekresse2@gmail.com or 563-320-3325



Two Things Every UU Should Know About Reproductive Justice

1. "Reproductive justice" has a broad agenda, and is different than "reproductive rights".

The understanding of reproductive justice has evolved over time, and there is no universally accepted definition. However, all definitions recognize that the need for access to resources goes far beyond abortion alone. These four principles are accepted by many as representative:

- People have a right to have children.
- People have a right *not* to have children.
- People have a right to raise their children in safe and healthy environments.
- People have a right to health and self-determination regarding their bodies and sexuality, free from oppression and shame.

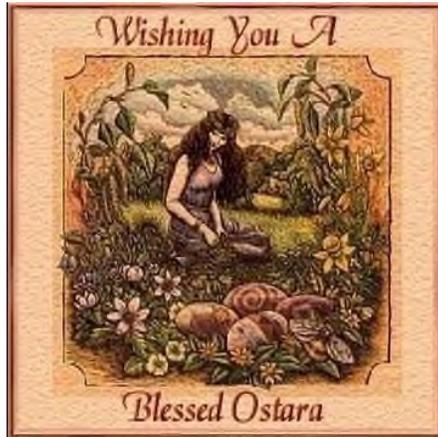
Notably, reproductive justice is not simply a different phrase that is interchangeable with reproductive health or reproductive rights, and nor is it intended to replace these concepts. Instead, reproductive justice is a framework created by women of color that combines the fields of reproductive rights, social justice, and human rights. It is grounded in the particular experiences, values, priorities, and leadership of women of color.

2. Reproductive justice has a different approach.

It's not enough to focus on reaching a set of end goals through any means possible. Instead, our approach must reflect the world we are trying to create. This includes:

- Constantly talking about the impact our personal identities (including race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, wealth, etc.) have on our viewpoints and actions. In order to successfully change the culture, we must be open to growth and change ourselves.
- Centering the marginalized. Changing structures of power means that leadership must come from the groups most affected by the denial of access to rights and resources, including women and people of color, people struggling to make ends meet, and young people.

- **Intersectionality.** The work must be intersectional, which means engaging multiple identities and building coalitions rather than trying to keep people and issues confined in separate boxes. Changing structures of power requires that we view identities as linked and formulate solutions that are based on collaboration and solidarity.



Saturday, March 18
5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

Ostara Ceremony & Potluck

Ostara the Germanic Goddess heralds the beginning of spring. She is the Maiden Goddess, full of potential, representing the opportunity of growth and rebirth after the stagnation of winter.

At Ostara, a time of new beginnings and rebirth, let yourself let go of those feelings

that there is a "right" way to honor the seasons and deity and allow yourself to find the simple ways to celebrate each day.

Really take notice of the changes happening around you in nature. Take note of the fact that darkness is falling later each day. Pay attention to the birds that land in your yard - are the robins out yet? Say a little prayer of thanks for warmer days, the beginning of the growing season and start looking forward to all those wonderful spring and summer foods that are coming!

Please join us on Saturday, March 18, for ceremony and discussion. Community Potluck will be held immediately following. We encourage all who plan to attend our potluck to bring your own place settings. This is one small way we can honor Mother Earth by cutting down on waste.

To arrange for child care at UUCQC, email Sarah Moulton at redirectoruu@gmail.com by March 15.

Questions: Email Ed Mueller ejmueller3@gmail.com or Gale Springer springer.gale@yahoo.com

The purpose of UUCQC's Earth-based Traditions Team is to provide spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Week of March 19

Sunday, March 19

Forum

10 a.m.

Services

10 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary

Religious Services Team

Sanctuary - a place offering protection and safety. A source of help, relief, or comfort. A space set aside for private use. Please join John DeGreve and Dave Coe, of our Religious Service Team, on a journey of discovery of the many Sanctuaries in and around our lives.

Coffee House & Silent Auction



The poster features a dark blue background with a light blue rounded rectangular border. At the top left is a light blue icon of a coffee cup. The title 'COFFEE HOUSE and Silent Auction' is centered in a serif font, with 'COFFEE HOUSE' in white and 'and Silent Auction' in light blue. Below the title, the date 'Saturday, March 25' is in white, followed by 'Doors open 4:30 p.m.' and 'Music starts 5:00 p.m.' in light blue. A white-bordered box contains the text 'Tickets available at door for taco bar and drinks (including wine & beer)'. To the right, a list of performers and their start times is shown in light blue. At the bottom, the admission price is in white, and the words 'MUSIC • FOOD • DRINKS' are in light blue.



COFFEE HOUSE and Silent Auction

Saturday, March 25
Doors open 4:30 p.m.
Music starts 5:00 p.m.

Tickets available at door
for taco bar and drinks
(including wine & beer)

5:00 p.m. Mark Ridolfi
5:45 p.m. Dave & Rex
6:30 p.m. Chris Dunn
7:15 p.m. Larry Miller &
Steve Burke
8:00 p.m. Rose 'n' Thorns
8:45 p.m. Fanny & Doug
9:30 p.m. Dr. Heat

Admission: \$10/adult; \$5/child 12 & under

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Coffee House volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed to make Coffee House & Silent Auction a success! A few ways

you can help:

- Donate a card table for us to borrow
- Donate a dessert
- Give us a hand the night of the event with: tending bar, monitoring the Silent Auction, ticket-taking in the food area, supervising a movie room for the kids, or supervising a karaoke room for the kids.

You don't have to go it alone! All positions are broken up into 2 1/2 hour shifts. Grab a few friends and spend the evening having fun and helping out!

Contact Amanda at 563-359-0816 or office@uucqc.org

Coffee House & Silent Auction coming on March 25

Donations of Silent Auction items, theme baskets, services, or monetary donations needed!

UUCQC's Coffee House and Silent Auction fundraiser event will take place one night only, Saturday, March 25.

We need your donations of estate-quality items, which could include single larger items, theme baskets, services (babysitting, cleaning, car wash, etc.), gift certificates, even a bottle of wine (For a "wine pull." Here's how it works: Participants donate \$20 the night of the event, they pull a number, and take home a donated bottle of wine with that number worth up to ??).

If you don't want to pick up and assemble items, feel free to make a monetary donation (note "Silent Auction" on cash or check), and we'll pick up items for you!

Silent Auction donation forms will be available in the foyer. Contact Amanda office@uucqc.org or Jane administrator@uucqc.org with ideas and questions.



Sign up for a photo session

New UUCQC Directory: Sign up for a photo session!

Please sign up for your appointments to be included in the 150th Anniversary UUCQC Directory!



- **Our portrait dates are Thursday, April 6- Sunday, April 9.** Sign up by visiting our website today!
- **Every family receives a FREE 8x10 AND a copy of the directory.** You have an option to buy a portrait package, but are not required to.
- **You are welcome to bring pets & personal items** (such as hockey sticks or bongo drums)! Invite your friends and family. Generation portraits are welcome.
- Only members and friends of the UUCQC will receive a copy of the directory.
- YOU control the information included in the directory.
- You will be granted access to an online version of the directory as well. Access that phone number you're looking for even if you can't find your directory.
- **Volunteer to help!** We will need volunteers to make invitation calls to other members. We will also need volunteers to sign-in families at the portrait sessions.
- **Bring in a canned good donation** on the day of your session and receive \$5 off a portrait package, AND help us fill the shopping cart for Second Baptist Food Bank!

Available dates are:

Thursday, April 6 (2 - 8 p.m.)

Friday, April 7 (2 - 8 p.m.)

Saturday, April 8 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Sunday, April 9 (12 - 4 p.m.)

Sign up for an appointment online [here](#), call the office at 563-359-0816 or sign up after Sunday services.

Kitchen Housekeeping



Pick up your container!

Howdy from the Welcome Team! A number of kitchen items, possibly from recent potlucks, have been left in our kitchen. Unfortunately, we do not have storage space for these extra items. All of the items are on a round table in the Social Hall. Please take a moment on Sunday to peruse the table to check for your missing items. **Any unclaimed items will be**

donated to the Rummage Sale. Thank you all!

Complete your pledge online

Online pledging now available

UUCQC has served the Quad City area and beyond for nearly 150 years. We need your support to continue:

- Facilitating the responsible search for truth and meaning
- Standing up for social justice
- Creating a safe space for free thinkers
- Providing a means to explore a variety of religious traditions
- Embracing one another's individual spiritual paths

To save paper and postage costs, we're moving pledging online.

Go to <http://www.uucqc.org/pledge> to enter your pledge for 2017-18. Pledge cards will also be available for pick up at the congregation. Thanks for your support!

Office Hours

UUCQC Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday*, 9 a.m. - noon (or by appointment)

Amanda (office@uucqc.org), Jane (administrator@uucqc.org).

(*Please note that the office is closed on Fridays.)

Rev. Jay's Office Hours:

Tuesday 2 - 5 p.m.

Wednesday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday 2 - 5 p.m.

(Mondays are Jay's day off. Friday are Jay's study days.)

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

Silent Announcement submission deadline:

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Email administrator@uucqc.org

*New monthly newsletter deadline:

The 20th of every month (Next deadline: March 20)

Email administrator@uucqc.org

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