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Weekly Silent Announcements for April 23

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.)

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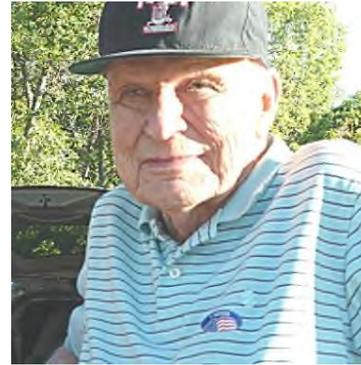
UUCQC member **Loren Houtman**, 88, of Manistee, Mich., passed away April 11. There will be no memorial service. Memorial donations may be made to UUCQC, among other organizations listed in the



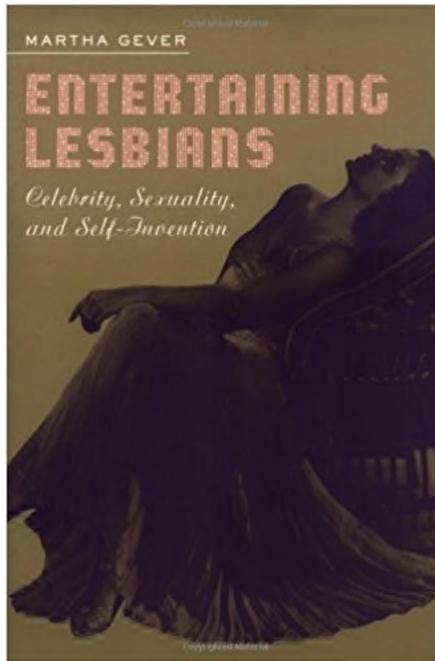
obituary link below.

Please keep Loren's wife, Lynette, and their family in your thoughts.

[Loren's obituary](#)



This weekend



Saturday, April 22
6:30 p.m.
Lounge

Lesbian Book Club

**"Entertaining Lesbians:
Celebrity, Sexuality, and
Self-Invention" by Martha
Gever**

Before the rise of celebrities like Ellen DeGeneres and k.d. lang, lesbians were rarely in the limelight and the few that were often did not fare well. Times have changed and today's famous lesbians are popular icons.

"Entertaining Lesbians" charts the rise of lesbians in the public eye, proposing that

celebrity has never been a simple matter of opening closet doors, portraying "positive images," or becoming "role models." Gever traces the history of lesbians in popular culture during the twentieth century, from Radclyffe Hall and Greta Garbo to Martina Navratilova and Rosie O'Donnell, to explore the paradoxes inherent in lesbian celebrity.

Sunday, April 23

Forum
10 a.m.



Down By The Creek Companion Animal Sanctuary

Debbie Wallace

Debbie Wallace offers the world gentle lessons about compassion, endurance, survival, and faith. "We rescue animals to rescue people," she says. Wallace launched Down By The Creek Companion Animal Sanctuary in 2007 and began offering animal therapy and education programs. Her presentations have reached more than 12,000 children and adults with stories about adapting, bouncing back and thriving. She does not rescue wild animals, only domesticated pets; she socializes and trains them to be used to help others. Come and learn from her experience. [Down By The Creek](#)



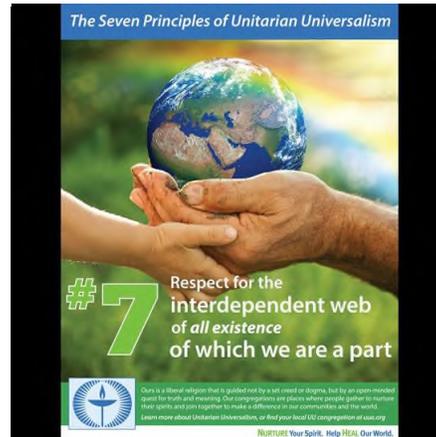
Sunday, April 23

Services

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

Rev. Jay Wolin

As we explore the 7th UU Principle, "Respect for the Interdependent Web of Existence of which we are all a part," I will explore the concept of interdependence and what we mean by the web of existence.



Sunday, April 23 Celebration of Life: Sam Kresse 1- 4 p.m.

Sam Kresse, member of UUCQC, and husband of Elaine Kresse, also a UUCQC member, passed away on Friday, April 7.

A Celebration of Life for Sam will be held Sunday, April 23 at UUCQC. (Note: We are still in need of volunteers to bring veggie trays, help serve pizza, and clean up during Sam's services. Please contact Amanda office@uucqc.org to volunteer.) Here is the schedule:

- 1-2 p.m. Visitation
- 2-3 p.m. Celebration of Life Service
- 3-4 p.m. Harris Pizza & Strawberry Pop Reception

Please keep Elaine and family in your thoughts and prayers.

We're listening ...

Listening Campaign begins April 23

We have had a slight delay in order to expand the listening team. We also now plan a Phase II for the Fall in order to reach everyone who cannot be included in this first phase.



Every good
conversation
starts with
good listening.

PURPOSE OF THIS CAMPAIGN:

The primary purpose of this Listening Campaign is to build an even more Beloved Community than we have now through getting to know each other better. We feel that we have very surface relationships characterized by transactional conversations with most others in the Congregation. This campaign is designed to foster deeper relationships between more people. Listeners want to hear from you what your interests and passions are -- including those around Social Justice.

HOW WE ARE GOING TO DO THIS:

We have formed a team of trained listeners to conduct in-person one-to-one conversations to give people a chance to express themselves. These intentional conversations will be setup in advance at mutually convenient times and last usually about 45 minutes to an hour. We are looking to arrange and have these meetings during the next few months. Since there is no way our team can listen to everyone in that time we will conduct Phase II in the early Fall.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

We appreciate your willingness to participate in this Listening Campaign. Please arrange to meet with us when you are contacted. We are interested in hearing what you have to say but will share only information on your interests -- Church-related, Social Justice-related or otherwise. If you wish to volunteer to participate please let Marcy Doyle know and we will do our best to include you in this round.

(mjdq@hotmail.com, 309-912-6266)

LISTENING TEAM:

Allen Bertsche, Marcy Doyle, John Dunsheath, Ian Harrington, Lloyd Kilmer, Lana Long, Stacie Salisbury, Anne Marie Thode, Steve Vogel, Fred Weymouth

THERE WILL BE NO TALK OF STEWARDSHIP OR MONEY UNLESS YOU BRING IT UP. Also we will not be asking you to volunteer for anything.

The plan is to report our Phase I findings to the Congregation in late June or early July and when Phase II concludes as well.

-- UUCQC Board of Trustees

Next weekend



Saturday, April 29
5:30 p.m.

Beltane Celebration

Come celebrate Beltane with ritual and a potluck! Join the UUCQC Earth Based Traditions Team as we

celebrate the arrival of Summer!

Circle is cast at 5:45 p.m. sharp. Following the ritual, enjoy a potluck in our social hall. Bring a dish to pass and your own place setting to avoid hefty clean-up :) Childcare is available. Email Sarah Moulton at redirectoruu@gmail.com by **April 27**.

Saturday, April 29
12 - 3 p.m.
Modern Woodmen Park

People's Climate Movement: QC Rally **Supported by UUCQC's Green Sanctuary Team**

On Saturday, April 29, a People's Climate March will take place in Washington D.C. Thousands of people will turn out to support action on climate change. On the same day, UUCQC's Green Sanctuary Team is participating in a People's Climate Movement Rally in the Quad Cities from 12-3 p.m. at Modern Woodmen Park, Davenport. (Go to the entry gate on the west side.)

There will be table with environmental information, activities for the kids, and several brief speeches starting at 1 p.m. Please join in to show your support for caring about climate change and your care for our earth.

-- Kathryn Allen, Green Sanctuary Team



Sunday, April 30

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



It's May Day

Allen Bertsche & Connie Ghinazzi, Religious Services

Team

Maypoles and flower crowns are the symbols of May Day, but what do they represent, and what can they represent for us as UU's? Join Allen Bertsche and Connie Ghinazzi as they explore the symbolism and spirituality of May Day on the eve of the holiday. Be prepared to venture outside if the weather holds for it, or to open the doors and let the smells, sounds and cool breeze into the sanctuary as we celebrate the coming of summer and the ancient ceremonies that mark May Day.

Sunday, April 30
6-8 p.m.

Earth Day Concert
@UUCQC



Join us for UUCQC's annual Earth Day Concert, featuring UUCQC Choir & Chalice Chimes, Edwards Congregational UUC Choir and more!

\$10 per person free will donation. Refreshments to follow.

Week of May 1



Tuesday, May 2
11:30 a.m.
Driftwood Pub,
Davenport

WOW (lunch +
conversation)

WOW, May already! The May WOW luncheon will be Tuesday May 2, 11:30 a.m. at the [Driftwood Pub, 1201 E. River](#)

[Drive, Davenport](#) (the old Boathouse).

All are welcome, and if the weather cooperates, we will be sitting outside. Free drink of any kind available to newcomers!

Contact Connie Meyer 309-794-9677 or Jackie Erikson jdherikson@aol.com

Wednesday, May 3

6 p.m.

Lounge

Getting to Know UU

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Join Rev. Jay & New Member Coordinator
Amanda Conger for Getting to Know UU!

Come learn about the teams and programs the UUCQC has to offer, a bit of UU history, and our community's goals. We'll have coffee and snacks. You need only bring your curiosity. :)

RSVPs not necessary, but always welcome at membership@uucqc.org

UUA General Assembly



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

UUA General Assembly is coming! Interested in serving as a delegate?

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). It takes place June 21-25 in New Orleans, LA.

Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. In June, delegates will vote for our next UUA president and open Board and Committee Positions. Delegates may vote at General Assembly or absentee. You can find out more about the candidates at <https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/elections>

If you're interested in attending GA and serving as a delegate, please contact Jane at administrator@uucqc.org by May 1. Jane will make online arrangements for delegate credentials.

Find out more about UUA GA at <https://www.uua.org/ga>

Office hours

UUCQC Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday*, 9 a.m. - noon (or by appointment)
Amanda (office@uucqc.org), Jane (administrator@uucqc.org).
563-359-0816

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

Rev. Jay is available by appointment

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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: May 20)

Email administrator@uucqc.org

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