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UU News 12 September 2018

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.)

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This Sunday

September 16
Service 10 a.m.
E Pluribus Unum
Reverend Jay Wolin

The title of today's service is the motto of the United States: "out of many, one." In this Congregation we practice religious plurality. You could say Unitarian Universalism is the quintessential American religion. In our many theological differences where do we find our unity? How do we define our Unitarian Universalist Identity?



Next Sunday



September 23
Service 10 a.m.
Buddhist Voices in Unitarian Universalism
Reverend Jay Wolin

In our annual theme of exploring our religious plurality, today I will look at the



many ways in which Buddhism has influenced my own religious journey, this Congregation and Unitarian Universalism.

Forum Returns!!!



Sundays in September @ 9 a.m.
Community Room
Childcare Available!

September's forums will have a running theme, though you need not fret if you miss a Sunday: these talks work as stand-alones as well!

"PARENTS as RESIDENT THEOLOGIANS"

by Roberta and Christopher Nelson

Sept. 16th

"God Language"

How do we talk about God with each other and with our children? What are our children's developing concepts of God? How do we explore these concepts as individuals?

Sept. 23rd

"Tough Questions"

As UUs, we aren't always provided with easy answers for our children. "What happens when I die", "who is God?", "is there a hell?" This session offers us a space to share our own experiences with other UU parents in order to explore together.

Sept. 30th

"Reflections of Parent Theologians"

We reflect on what we have discovered and explored throughout September.

Milestone Moments - NEW!

A New Feature in Service! MILESTONE MOMENTS

What are Milestone Moments?

Breakthrough moments? Landmark moments? Momentous moments?

Reading the following, might **Milestone** come to mind?

Married for 50 years? 60 years? Getting Married? Adopting a child?

Retiring? At last, receiving that transplant?

Your book is being published?

Finally granted 501c3 status? Hanging your first art show?

Moving away to your retirement home or to be closer to the grandchildren?

Completing an under graduate, graduate, post-graduate, certification program while parenting, working a job, and caring for others?

Getting that plum role in an opera after 9 years of schooling and hundreds of thousands of hours of practice?

These have been actual occasions in congregant's lives yet often we may be unaware of them. Sharing, as well as hearing the news of these personal achievements, can bring joy for both. These significant, personal events go beyond **Joys and Sorrows**. What is the difference?

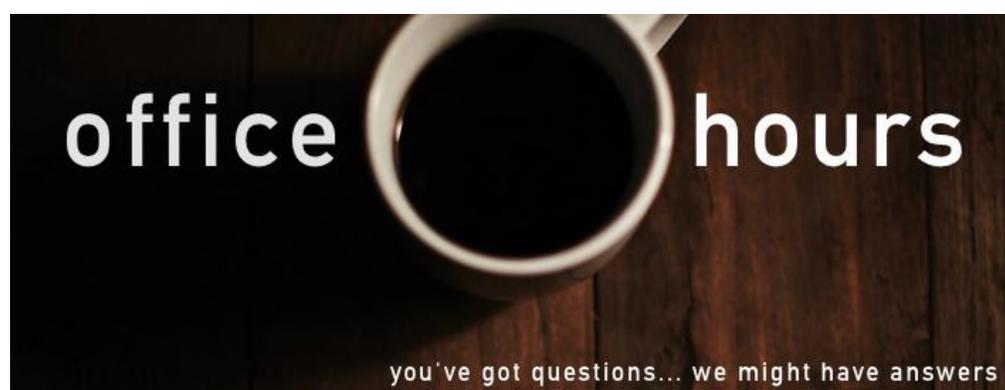
A **Joy** is getting a job. A **MILESTONE** is working for years with that specific goal in mind and finally achieving it. Having a new grandchild is a **Joy** as is moving for a new job, or buying a new house. Yes, there can be mitigating circumstances that make it more than a **Joy**. With **Milestones**, you have, literally or metaphorically, grunted, sweated, had patience, or at least persevered. You did it! You feel the excitement, the joy. Tell us so we can share in your happiness.

Joys and Sorrows will remain. We encourage you to write them in the book so they can be announced by a member of the Pastoral Associates Team.

If you have a **Milestone Moment**, please contact Rev. Jay Wolin, Andrea Hawkins-Kamper, Lucia Auman, or Fred Weymouth with your

request by no later than Tuesday evening before the Sunday Service you wish to share. The deadline must be honored. This allows us to get the information to Amanda by 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday for printing in the Order of Service. After you share your Milestone Moment at the beginning of service, we will invite you to light the chalice to highlight this accomplishment as you bring our community together for the morning. With experience and as we work together, more defined guidelines for **MILESTONE MOMENTS** will emerge.

Office Hours



Amanda's Office Hours

Amanda's office hours are from 9-12 Monday-Friday. Amanda is also available by appointment some afternoons. PLEASE schedule afternoon time in lieu of 'dropping by.'

Please limit your business contact with Amanda to her office@uucqc.org email, through the UUCQC Facebook page, OR call the office (leave a message and I promise you will get a call back just as soon as possible). Her personal Facebook page & her personal phone are not business communication tools she is utilizing at this time. Maintaining a work/life balance is vital to her :)

Email Amanda

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Getting to Know UU



Getting to Know UU
Sept. 15 @ 9 a.m.
Childcare Available

Join Reverend Jay for a deeper dive into Unitarian Universalism in this small group setting. We'll discuss UU theology, UU history, and UUCQC history! Bagels and coffee provided :)

Spiritual Practices & Programs

Soul Service Returns
2nd Wednesday Monthly
6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Next Soul Service: *TONIGHT*
Wednesday-September 12

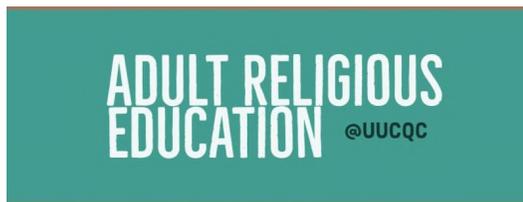
Soul Services takes us on a journey to reconnect with the transcending mystery which move us all to a renewal of the spirit. Our monthly themes focus on a spiritual value that our UU faith has historically honored and calls all of us to embody in our lives.



The theme for the Soul Service on Wednesday, September 12th is "Vision."

All spiritual leaders throughout history have brought forth a vision that impacted humanity in profound ways. Whether Jesus in his sermon on the mount, Buddha in his 4 noble truths, Gandhi in his non-violent protest, and the list goes on and on. We too have within us the wellspring of these divinely inspired deposits of vision, that when unleashed changes us and the world beyond. Come join us as we celebrate the gift of vision, honor it within us, and integrate its force into our lives. That is the vision of September's Soul Service. May it be so.

Adult RE



Articulating Your UU Faith

Session 1: Articulating Your UU Faith

Class Schedule: 9/6; 9/13; 9/20, 9/27; 10/4

Time: 6:30-8p @ UUCQC Board Room

Articulating Your UU Faith is designed to help all UUs speak more effectively about our liberal religion and their particular perspectives on it. This 5 week program focuses on practicing how and what to say in various setting in which you may be called upon to declare yourself religiously or illuminate some angle on this liberal religious movement that has touched and changed so many lives for the better. Yet many of us struggle to describe our religion to others. This course provides hopeful inspiration and resources, plus the opportunity for meaningful connection to fellow UUs.

Session 2: Building Your Own Theology - Part 1: Introduction

Class Schedule:

10/18; 11/1; 11/15; 11/29; 12/13

Break for Holiday

1/10; 1/24; 2/7; 2/21; 3/7

Time: 6:30-8p @ UUCQC Board Room

Based on the assumption that everyone is their own theologian, this 10 week program invites participants to develop their personal credos: the fundamental religious beliefs, values and convictions that inform and direct the living of their lives. We will discuss five developmental tasks in which we will attempt to come to terms with human nature, ultimate reality, history, ethics, and religious meaning and how it relates to our seven UU Principles.

Session 3: Building Your Own Theology - Part 2: Exploring

Class Schedule:

3/21; 4/4; 4/18; 5/2; 5/16; 5/30;

6/13; 6/27; 7/11; 7/25

Break for August

Time: 6:30-8p @ UUCQC Board Room

Beginning with an introduction to the six Sources of our UU faith, this 10 week course builds on the credo-development progress by focusing on various theological question to help participants grown in their ability to understand and clearly articulate their own belief systems. We will examine key issues in religious inquiry, including truth and authority, theological diversity, spirituality, sin and salvation, justice, suffering, death, immortality, and the concept of the beloved community.

Autumnal Day of Mindfulness



Awaken the Heart: Cultivating Innate Goodness **Saturday, Sept. 29 from 9-4**

With Kaira Jewel Lingo, Dharma Teacher and 14 year monastic,
ordained by Thich Nhat Hahn

Sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities, Prairie River
Sangha, & the Davenport School of Yoga

~Please Register/Pay in Advance to Ensure
Your Space

**Early Bird Registrants will receive a
discount!**

Register on or before September 22: \$30
After September 22: \$40 (Pay at door)

ONLY)

~Childcare is available: \$15 per child, please pack a lunch and snack for your child(ren) **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO RECEIVE CHILDCARE**

~A free-will offering (dana) for Kaira will be collected at the event. This is not included in admission.

~Lunch/Dessert (included) will be Vegetarian with Gluten Free & Vegan options

~A limited number of scholarships are available. Contact Amanda in the UUCQC office to apply.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Pastoral Care Associates



Informational Meeting for future Pastoral Care Associates

Tuesday, September 25 7:15-8:15 p.m.

The Pastoral Care Associates team is now entering its fifth year of being a caring and supportive presence to the members and friends

of this congregation who are going through difficult life transitions. We believe it is now time to expand our numbers to ensure that we may continue to carry on with our Mission Statement: "Assisting the Minister in extending care to the congregation, through one-to-one caring and helping activities by trained lay members of the congregation to those who are in special need."

For this reason, we are offering an informational meeting open to members or friends

of UU who may feel called to assist us in this ministry. It will be Tuesday, September 25th at 7:15. At the informational meeting you will learn of the role of a Pastoral Associate, several of the Pastoral Care Associates will be present to talk about their experiences, as well as Rev. Jay and myself to answer any questions you might have. Your presence at the informational meeting is the first step in your own discernment as to whether the gifts you have to give fit with reaching out in an intentional way to journey with and care for fellow members in need.

There are specific requirements for members who join the Pastoral Care Associates Team. Knowing these may help you to discern if being a Pastoral Care Associate is right for you at this time.

*participate in 6 hours of training

*a two-year commitment

*attend Pastoral Associate synergy meetings once a month

If you are unable to attend but would like to hear more, please call or email the church office and we will set up a time to meet with you individually.

I end with the words the Pastoral Care Associates repeat in our once a month meeting as we light the chalice. The words reflect the call of one's heart that matches the call of the world. "With the kindling of this Flame, I reaffirm my commitment to accept my gifts with grace and gratitude, and to use them to bless the world In the Spirit of Love." If that speaks to you, come join us.

Alice Martin, coordinator of Pastoral Care Associates

Immigration Project

Community Action!

**ONGOING NEED
FOR DONATIONS**

**Let's fill our
FOURTH LOAD!!!**

Currently, First Pres Food Pantry is caring for the families affected by ICE raids in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. UUCQC is a collection point for donations.

We are in need of the following items for the food pantry at First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Thanks for any assistance that you can provide.
cooking oils



bottled water
drinks
shampoo and conditioner
laundry soap
dish soap
paper towels
toilet paper
Enfamil NeuroPro Infant (0-12 months)

Call the office 5633590816 before dropping by, please!

UUs Making News!

Tea & Crumpets!

UUCQC member Carol Strohhahn (Carole Hawking) was featured in the Quad City Times this week! Carole is a member of the Earth Based Traditions Team & the Welcome Team here at UUCQC. She led a tea leaf reading class here last January and hopes to lead another one in the future. Her love of socializing and tea blended naturally into hosting a formal afternoon tea at a new local business. Congratulations, Carole!



[Read the Article HERE](#)

If you are a member who would like to be featured (or nominate a member to be featured), please submit your story to Amanda office@uucqc.org.

Safety on the Grounds

From the Ground Team:

Because of concerns for people's safety, the sloped area



of the entrance garden is off limits. Everyone is certainly welcome in the flat area at the base outside the Social Hall door (officially called the gathering space), which has three built-in benches, but the sloped area is out of bounds. The rock walls are unstable. A much better place for climbing is the dragon garden.



Waitstill's Tree

Because of concerns for the flowering crabapple near the lower door, climbing in that tree needs to be restricted by child's weight and to the large, spreading branches. This tree is purposefully maintained so that children can gather "inside" and climb. But the green branches are brittle and break easily. So, younger children, up to age 7 or 8, are invited to sit on the lower branches, but, please, no climbing on the thinner green branches.



Note: when Rev. Waitstill Sharp died, his brother planted that tree. So it is a special place for children to gather!

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UU News submission deadline:

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. No exceptions.

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