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Many beliefs. One faith.

## UU News 1 October, 2017

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](http://uucqc.org).)

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## This Sunday

### Sunday, October 1

10 a.m.

Service

**The Righteous Mind**

*Reverend Jay Wolin*

In these divisive times, it sometimes seems so difficult to see things from another person's perspective if we disagree with them. I will explore how humans make decisions and discern if and how we could have these difficult conversations to bridge that chasm that separates us.



Forum

9 a.m. in the Lounge

**Fair Trade Beyond Coffee**

*Becke Dawson*

Becke Dawson manages SIS International in Davenport, long considered a first stop gift shop by many with unique artistry in its wares by crafters worldwide. Fair trade standards are



designed to address the imbalance of power in trading relationships, unstable markets and the injustices of conventional trade.

## Next Sunday

**Sunday, October 8**

**10 a.m.**

**Service**

**Civil Rights**

**Reverend Jay Wolin**



Unitarian Universalism and this Congregation have a long history answering the call for Civil Rights including our work for the abolition of slavery, LGBTQIA advocacy, Environmental Justice, Black Lives Matters and more. Grounded in our Principles, I will share why this is such an important aspect of our religious values.



**Forum**

**9 a.m. in the Lounge**

**Kathleen Washington's Black Lives Matter Art Exhibit**

**Bob Babcock**

UUCQC member Bob Babcock was deeply touched by the artwork of her exhibit in Rock Island a year ago. There will be a slide show of many of the artist's pieces that have already been sold, with a mutual discussion, and a view of any remaining pieces along with some perspectives and history of the artist herself.

## Caring Notes

## From Rich Clewell, Community Meal:

Thanks to everyone for pitching in Thursday, September 21. We served about 60 folks who were greatly appreciative. I don't think I've ever heard more compliments on the quality of the lasagna...great job cooking, Linda and Barb!

Thanks to Anne for shopping! What a deal on that turkey!  
Thanks to John for ferrying the lasagna downtown!  
Thanks to our servers, Amber, Kate, Dana, Becky, Rich, and Jeannie- You're the best!

Our next meal will be on November 16th and Amber Spiva has agreed to coordinate...thanks Amber! To volunteer, call or email Amanda in the office :)



## Volunteer Opportunities Abound

As we kick-off the celebration of our congregation's 150th Anniversary today, it's a good time to reflect on how the service and dedication demonstrated by the members who came before us, has grown into our beautiful church and vibrant, enriching community. To continue this proud tradition of service and church participation, we are seeking volunteers to continue the work of existing teams, and to develop several new teams to help address emerging needs of the congregation.

- 1) **Stewardship Team** - volunteers create and carry out the annual pledge drive.
- 2) **Forum or Adult Enrichment Team** - responsible for selecting and scheduling presenters.
- 3) **Audit Team** - over a 1-2 day period this fall, this team will assist the church be conducting a basic audit of our finances. For this team, we are hoping to find members who have experience with an audit process.
- 4) **Fundraising Committee** - this is a new project. Its members will oversee the development of 2-3 fundraising events per year. They will be responsible for recruiting teams to actually plan and execute each event.

**5) HELP US SET UP TABLES & CHAIRS FOR THE CROSSING RIVER BAND SHOW!!! Saturday, October 7! Contact Saul at [music@uucqc.org](mailto:music@uucqc.org) to volunteer**

Volunteering is an excellent way to meet other church members and make a non-financial contribution to our congregation. You can do it! Take the plunge!

## Annual Nut Sale



### UU Friends of the Centro Maya Project Nut Sale 2017

Orders are now being accepted for the annual Nut Sale!

- **Orders must be placed by October 1st!**
- Download the order for [HERE](#) or pick one up at the UUCQC!
- Mail orders to Ann Hailey [2218 N. Howell Street, Davenport, IA, 52804]
- Please pay at the time of ordering if possible!
- Make checks payable to Centro Maya Project with NUTS in the memo line
- Orders will be ready for pick-up on Friday, November 10 at the UUCQC from 6-6:30 p.m.
- PLEASE make copies of the order form and share with friends and family!

This annual fundraiser aids in supporting expanding food assistance to families living in impoverished mountain villages in Guatemala. Centro Maya Project has expanded the food assistance program to 3 mountain villages near San Juan. One village doesn't have water. They collect rain water in 2 liter soda bottles hanging from trees. Malnutrition is extreme. The children are so small and everyone is hungry. Our program makes a difference!

## Drum Circle



**Drum Circle**  
**Sunday, October 1 @ 5:30 p.m.**

We gather to drum in our UU Drum Circle with others from the surrounding community.  
The circle offers equality ~ there is no head or tail.  
It includes people of all ages.  
The main objective is to share rhythm and get in tune with each other and ourselves.  
A new voice, a collective voice, emerges from the group as we drum together.

## ACLU Let People Vote Event



**ACLU Livestream &  
Organizing Meeting**  
**Sunday, October 1**  
**@ 6 p.m.**

There are forces in this country engaging in an assault on voting rights. We're going to respond by going on offense at the state and local levels to expand access to the ballot and make our democracy more

representative. Join us at a launch event on Sunday, October 1 as we kickoff a big new push to **Let People Vote**.

There will be a livestream training with the ACLU followed by an organizing meeting so we can join in the fight to make our democracy more representative and expand access to the ballot in Iowa.

PLEASE follow the link in the comments to register! This will help us to be prepared for the turnout!

Walk-ins Welcome, But REGISTRATION is Highly Recommended :)

[RSVP HERE](#)

## WOW

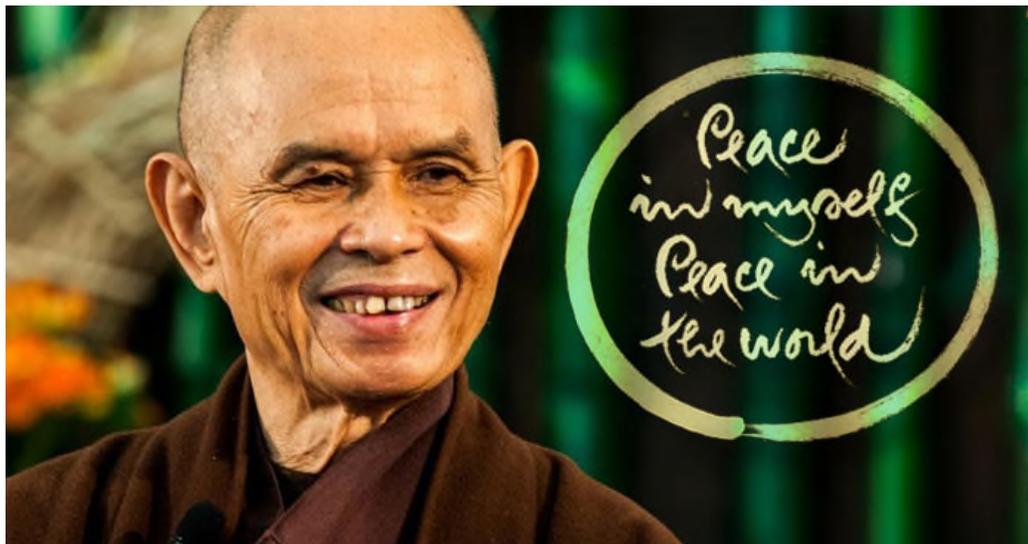
**Women Out On Wednesdays**  
**THURSDAY, Oct. 5 @ 11:30**

Join us for lunch and fun at TGIFriday's at 1425 River Drive, Moline. All are welcomed for lunch and conversation!



[See the Menu!](#)

## Mindfulness Video Series Returns



## Thich Nhat Hanh Video Series Saturday, October 7 @ 9 a.m.

The first Saturday monthly, October - February

Our first dvd in the series is "A Breakthrough Into the Nature of Reality." This year we want to welcome all, including families with children. In the first 20 minutes of each DVD, Hahn speaks to the children (powerful words for adults and educators, too). Then the children will be dismissed to participate in other mindfulness activities, including yoga with Becky and stories and crafts with Joyce so the adults can remain to view the rest of the DVD.

These are very simple yet deep talks given by Thich Nhat Hanh

*"Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh is a global spiritual leader, poet and peace activist, revered throughout the world for his powerful teachings and bestselling writings on mindfulness and peace. His key teaching is that, through mindfulness, we can learn to live happily in the present moment -- the only way to truly develop peace, both in one's self and in the world."- Plum Village*

Childcare will be provided :)

## Fundraiser Concert



## Crossing Generations with the Crossing River Band

## Saturday, October 7 @ 7 p.m.

Our own Doug McCollum's rock-n-roll act is coming to the UUCQC! One night only, come dance and listen to the cross-generational sound of the Crossing River Band! This quintet of long-time local musicians formed nearly a year ago in its current incarnation. Crossing River Band mostly plays songs from the 70s and 80s, with a peppering of 60s and 90s.

Admission: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child with a MAX Price of \$20 per family!  
All proceeds go to the UUCQC!

For a sneak peek, check them out this Saturday, the 16th, at 7 p.m. at the Loggerhouse in Hampton.

More details to come!

## Facing Death with Life



### Facing Death with Life Thursdays in the lounge @ 6:30

Please join Rev. Jay Wolin and Alice Martin as we journey together with this UUA Tapestry of Faith program. Each class is self-contained, so if you can only make some of the classes that is okay.

"This program facilitates a process of personal reflection, learning, and spiritual growth focused on the topic of death and dying. It brings death, dying, and grief into the light of our daily lives and out of the dark, macabre recesses to which we often relegate it. The program is not a grief support group, nor is it an intellectual study of death. It includes sociological information and reflection, theological reflection, personal and shared narrative, creative expression, journaling, and practical learning and preparation. It helps participants move from viewing death as an abstract concept to developing a personal recognition of its meaning in their life, with the goal that all who participate in the program find a closer and more comfortable relationship with their own inevitable death. This program invites participants to experience death and dying as a healthy part of life, including the preparation, the moment of death, the grieving, and the living on."

### PLEASE CHECK CORRECTED DATES!!!

09/28/17 Beliefs and Practices - What Happens When We Die?

10/05/17 Bereavement

**10/12/17 NO CLASS**

10/19/17 Children and Death

10/26/17 Suicide and the Right To Die

11/02/17 Preparation for Death  
 11/09/17 Sharing New Insights

## Spiritual Practices and Programs



### Tuesday Night Conversations Tuesdays 6:45-8 p.m.

One of the gifts we have at our Unitarian congregation is the diversity of thoughts and beliefs. It is this foundation that Spiritual Practice and Programs, Tuesday Night Conversations is based on. To create a setting in which the opportunity to learn and experience others views can only have an effect that expands and deepens our own way of being. Come and join us as we speak and are heard, listen and receive the gifts of our community.

#### **1st Tuesday of each month: begins October 3**

##### *Videos that Inform Us*

A video will be shown and use as the basis for conversation. These videos will be informative, challenging, and might be controversial, but we will learn and expand our way of thinking together.

#### **2nd Tuesday of each month: begins October 10**

##### *Soul Matters*

Soul Matters uses questions as tools for individual exploration. Participants are asked to read a series of questions and find one that "hooks," speaks to, and challenges them personally. Participants will share how this question leads them to deeper personal learning. This technique avoids abstraction and helps participants apply questions to daily living.

#### **3rd Tuesday of each month: October 17**

##### *Stories to Share*

On this night of every month we will unearth the hidden treasure found in stories. We will be listening to personal stories told by individuals from Podcasts, that stretch us, challenge us, and maybe even change us. In listening to others stories, we hear our own, to possibly remember and be reminded we are all connected through our stories.

**September 19-** A story told that brings us to reflect on meaning found in the simplest

things. For the storyteller, it brought him through a dark and difficult time. There is in all of us a story about a simple thing that changed our perspective, our awareness, our way of being. In sharing our stories, we remember.

#### **4th Tuesday of each month: October 24**

##### *Evensong*

Evensong is a program that offers participants to explore individual life journeys. Each meeting includes, check in, readings, and the discussion topics listed below. All will be encouraged to share their thoughts and feelings, their experience, doubts and current beliefs on the topic and hear others as well, as a way to deepen our understanding of ourselves and others.

The topics discussed will be:

**Tuesday October 24-** *The Divine* Individuals will explore their thoughts and feelings of the Divine .

**Tuesday November 28-** *Ministry* Individuals will explore their thoughts and feelings about what they are called to do and be in this world.

## Worship Associate Training Program

### Worship Associate Program

Have you ever wondered what is involved in creating a Worship Service? Would you like to think more deeply about how and why we worship? Would you like to collaborate with other creative people in developing worship? If you answered yes to any of the previous questions, I ask you to consider participating in the Worship Associate Program. Through discussion and participation, worship associates will explore the meaning of worship, and what is involved in a creating a meaningful worship service.



The commitment for this program is to meet as a group once a month for 8 months with the Minister, at a time that is mutually agreeable with the participants. Although you will have the opportunity to participate in a service, there is no requirement to, in order to participate in the program.

**If you are interested in participating please notify me by September 30th** via email to [minister@uucqc.org](mailto:minister@uucqc.org), text to my cell phone (563-284-2223), message me on Facebook, or regular mail to my attention at the Congregation.

Please consider participating. It can be a fun, learning experience. We are hoping to have participation from a diverse cross section of the Congregation.  
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly with a grateful heart,

Rev. Jay Wolin

## Family-Friendly Game Night



**Family- Friendly Game Night- All Welcome!**

**October 6 @ 6 p.m.**

Did you know you don't need to bring the whole family to game night? The name Family Game Night was selected to ensure that parents knew that this would be a child-friendly environment. So bring a game and come join in!

## Listening Campaign: Phase II

### Speak Up!

The Listening Campaign is commencing again. Our team is a little smaller this time around and the number of people we wish to reach has grown. But everyone who has participated so far has found it to be pleasant and worthwhile so I hope you will agree to meet when a team member calls you for this. We are not asking for money for anything.



If you would like to join our team or might consider doing so please contact me ASAP so we can discuss this. We definitely could use more Team members if we wish to reach everybody in a timely fashion.

Just a quick reminder: This program was requested by the Board of Trustees. We are doing

this to bring our Congregation closer together as our Beloved Community. The more of us who know each other more deeply the better for all of us. It also gives us all a chance to participate in shaping the future of our Congregation by sharing our interests and concerns.

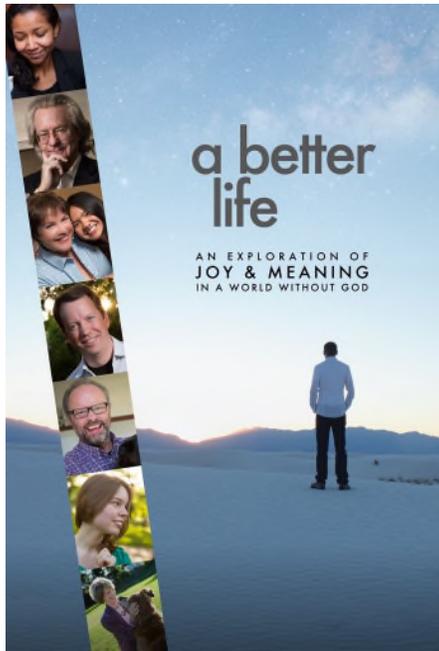
So far we have not identified any significant trends except that people seem to be happy to go back to one service. However, I am sure at the end of Phase II and probably a Phase III (looks like we might need one), we will have a handle on the thoughts and desires of our Congregation which will inform planning for the future. We will share what we find with everyone in the Congregation.

Please feel free to email or call Marcy Doyle with questions or concerns.

**Email**

309-912-6266

## Happy Human Book Club



### Happy Human Book Club October 12 @ 7 p.m.

The Happy Human Book Club discusses printed materials and videos from the non-theist worldview.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 12th at 7 p.m. We will watch the movie *A Better Life: 100 Atheists Speak Out on Joy and Meaning in a World Without God*.

If this is the only life we have, how does that affect how we live our lives, how we treat each other, and cope with death. As a follow-up to one of Kickstarter's most successful publishing projects, photographer and filmmaker Chris Johnson introduces us to some of the many voices from his book. In this fascinating documentary - learn the stories behind the book in interviews with some of

our greatest thinkers. Join Chris as he explores issues of joy & meaning and travels around the globe meeting people from all walks of life and backgrounds who challenge the false stereotypes of atheists as immoral and evil. From Daniel Dennett and A.C. Grayling, to Julia Sweeney and Robert Llewellyn -learn the various ways many atheists have left religion to a better life filled with love, compassion, hope, and wonder!

**[A Better Life Trailer](#)**

**Planning ahead for November, we will discuss the book "A Reason Driven Life" by**

**Robert Price. The book is available in Kindle.**

Pastor Rick Warren's *The Purpose-Driven Life* has been both a commercially successful best seller and a widely influential book in the Christian community. As a rejoinder to the fundamentalist assumptions of Warren's book, Robert Price, a biblical scholar, a member of the Jesus Seminar, and a former liberal Baptist pastor, offers this witty, thoughtful, and detailed critique. Following the concise forty-chapter structure of Warren's book, Price's point-counterpoint approach emphasizes the importance of reason in understanding life's realities as opposed to Warren's devotional perspective.

Price, who was once a born-again Christian in his youth, is in a unique position to offer an appreciation of the wisdom that Warren shares while at the same time challenging many of his main points. In particular, Price takes issue with Warren's use of numerous scriptural quotations, demonstrating how many of them have little to do with the points Warren is trying to make. An important section of the book shows that the popular evangelical notion of "a personal relationship with Jesus Christ" is utterly without any scriptural basis.

Besides criticism, Price also provides many persuasive arguments for the use of reason as a tool for developing moral maturity and an intelligent, realistic perspective on life's highs and lows. Ultimately, the reason-driven life offers a healthier, alternative approach to wisdom and motivation, says Price, than the simplistic answers and feel-good emotionalism at the heart of Warren's prescription for life.

[Buy it Here](#)

## An Evening with Ober

**An Evening With Ober**  
**Saturday, October 14**  
**UU Lounge @ 6:30 pm**

***Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary and Religious Services teams.***

Join us as we explore the life of Ernest Oberholtzer, Davenport native and a member of our UU congregation. Beth Waterhouse, Executive Director of the Oberholtzer Foundation, will take us on a journey through his early days in Davenport, his monumental



environmental work in the Boundary Waters and the legacy which lives on today from his Mallard Island home.



The Ernest Oberholtzer Foundation maintains Ober's legacy and North Woods island home as a source of inspiration, renewal and connection to Indigenous Peoples, kindred spirits, and the natural world.

[Ober.org](http://Ober.org)

## Save the Dates!!!



### UU 101

**October 28 from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Are you new to the Congregation or have you been attending for a while and want to know more about Unitarian Universalism? Have you been coming to the Congregation for years, but have not yet become a member of the Congregation? Please join Rev. Jay Wolin and the Welcome Team to learn more about the history of Unitarian

Universalism and this Congregation. We will also talk about how things "work" around here, and the meaning of Membership in the Congregation. We also want to here from you how your experience has been, and what your hopes and dreams are for the Congregation. It is also a great way to get to know others who are newer to the Congregation.

*If you cannot make it this day, but would like more information, please contact Rev. Jay Wolin to set up an appointment to meet with him. We look forward to getting to know each other.*

**Bagels and coffee for breakfast and Hy-Vee sandwiches for lunch. Childcare provide if requested in advance.**

**Getting to Know You**

**Third Annual Witches' Ball  
October 28 @**



**5:30 p.m.**

Food, Dancing,  
Games, Costumes,  
Ceremony, Food,  
and General  
Merriment abound at  
this fast-growing  
local Witches' Ball!  
Admission \$10 per  
person or \$15 for a couple or \$20 family of 3+. Kids 5 and under are free.



The Earth based team will be providing main dishes, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Stay tuned for more announcements!

**Soundtrack**

## Office Hours

### **UUCQC Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - noon (or by appointment)  
Amanda ([office@uucqc.org](mailto:office@uucqc.org))  
563-359-0816

### **Rev. Jay Office Hours:**

Monday Off, Tuesday 2-5, Wednesday 10-2 @ [Fresh Deli](#), Thursday 2-5,  
Friday Writing Day  
Call 563-359-0816 or email [minister@uucqc.org](mailto:minister@uucqc.org).

**Silent Announcement submission deadline:**  
Every Wednesday at 10 a.m.  
Email [office@uucqc.org](mailto:office@uucqc.org)

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