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UU News July 17 2019

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 @ 10 a.m.

July 21
Ecumenicism in Star Trek &
Star Wars
Rev. Jay Wolin



This service will also include Special Music by a special guest, one of the actors in the Mississippi Bend Players' musical, DAMES AT SEA. Her name is [Mind Pornsakulpaisal](#), and she hails from Thailand! Please come out to see her perform a number from DAMES AT SEA, which will be playing July 26-28 and August 2-4!



Next Sunday @ 10 a.m.

July 28

"Storytelling Through the Arts"

Connie Ghinazzi & Lucia Dryanski

As we continue with our theme of storytelling, Lucia Dryanski and Connie Ghinazzi explore this process as done by a musician, John McCutcheon, and a quilter, Faith Ringgold. In Ringgold's case, we see how storytelling through art becomes a strong expression of her identity and belief; McCutcheon shows us how telling our own stories, and sharing those of others, can inspire us towards greater understanding of one another.



Adult Forum



July 21st @ 9AM

Ashley Meyers - Spirituality and Theology

A Note from the Pastor



From the Heart of the Minister

I will be on study leave for 2 weeks from Monday July 22nd through Sunday August 4th. I will return to the office on Tuesday August 6th (Monday is my day off)

I want to thank everyone for the opportunity you allow me to take time for self care and study. I also want to thank our members who lead Sunday Services while I am gone. This time allows me to be more present when I am with you throughout the year. It is during this time that I do long range planning for worship and programs that I am going to lead in the upcoming year. I also try to catch up on reading all the books I have purchased this

year and cannot hope to finish.

I am currently reading "*Sapiens A Brief History of Humankind*" by Yuval Noah Harari and "*American Gods*" by Neil Gaiman.

Next on the top of the reading pile is "*White Fragility*" by Robin Diangelo, "*The Warmth of Other Suns*", by Isabel Wilkerson and "*As Far As The Heart Can See: Stories to Illuminate the Soul*" by Mark Nepo.

Since I was young, I have always loved reading. It has allowed me not only to gain more information about the world, but it always sparks my imagination in unexpected ways. Reading allowed me to see and imagine a world beyond the environment I lived in.

In the book *Sapiens*, the author writes:

"We study history not to know the future but to widen our horizons, to understand that our present situation is neither natural nor inevitable, and that we consequently have many more possibilities before us than we imagine." The statement that nothing is inevitable reminds me that together we are co-creators of our fate. Through our actions and interactions, we choose the future we create. I invite all of us to be in authentic relationship with each other, to work to develop our empathy for each other and to listen to each other with the goal of understanding each other.

The Board will be having a retreat in July to do just that, to help us imagine the possibilities

for our Congregation and what we need to do to make those imaginings real. Let us all be more curious to gain more knowledge and to widen the horizon of what could be for the Congregation. I invite you take the time this summer to look beyond just yourself, and to contemplate what your hopes for the Congregation are and how you can be a part of making real our mission and vision.

The mission of our Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities is to create a vibrant, welcoming, diverse church family which embraces individual searches for meaning and devotes itself to community good.

Our vision is to be recognized in our community as a beacon on the hill - a vibrant, welcoming, thriving church that:

- Reaches out to members and community with a clear, concise, and inspiring message about Unitarian Universalism and its Principles
- Attracts and embraces people of diverse groups, ages and family types
- Feeds the mind and spirit regardless of individual pathway
- Supports social justice and social action initiatives in our congregation and the greater community
- Encourages responsibility for the earth and its creatures

We have been working towards this. We can continue to work towards this. I believe in us. But it is up to all of us to make it happen. We can take a break to recharge our batteries and contemplate, but we cannot stop if we want to build the world we dream about.

With a grateful heart,
Rev. Jay Wolin

RE Summer Sundays

Be Your Own SUUPERHERO! **July 21 *The Power of the Elements***

What would you do if you could control air, water, fire and earth? How could you use your powers to benefit all living things?



Thank UU's



This is a place for congregants to thank others for things they have noticed or experienced in the congregation.

Thank U! And thank U, too. Thank UU! This NEW section of the newsletter is a place for you to thank someone or a group of someones for something they have done in service of our congregation or to you personally. Be on the lookout! It isn't hard to find UU's doing wonderful things here everyday. When you spot them, take note and email your "Thank UU's" you to Nichole in the office at office@uucqc.org.

- Thanks to the **congregation** for continuing to provide financial support for our bi-monthly service to folks who are struggling to put food on the table for themselves and often their families as well. It is an all too inconvenient truth that many of our fellow citizens find themselves in either acute or chronic states of food insecurity. The organizing effort of Churches United to bring faith groups together around the needs of our brothers and sisters may not cure the impacts of poverty but it does take us one step closer to realizing Gandhi's challenge to be the change we want to see in the world.

Special thanks to the folks who stepped out to get the meals to the table: **Anne Marie Thode** did the shopping, **Cathy Weideman** and **John Gardner** baked the lasagna, **John Bowman** spirited the food to the site and returned and washed the pans, he also added his expertise to the service line along with **Alice Traylor**, **Lucia Auman**, and **Fred Weymouth**. Special thanks this month to **Kathy Bowman** for coming to the rescue with her church key after ours got inadvertently locked in the church.

~ Rich Clewell

- Thank UU to **DANA ROSENBERG** for being the Song Leader for service on July 14! If you are interested in helping us lead hymns during service, then please contact Saul Nache at music@uucqc.org
- Thank UU everyone who attended the congregation-wide weeding day! Our after picture is beautiful! **Colleen S., Laurel S., and Gavin L.** are in photo; **Alice T., Fred W., Cathy & John W., and Linda G.** also pulled weeds and harvested the last of the early crops. We made a nice delivery to Cafe on Vine and gave our other crops plenty of room to grow! Thank you! -Heather B.
- Thank you to **Lori McCollum** for week after week of interesting Forum programming. What a huge job to tackle! ~From Matthew Toland
- Thank you to **John DeGreve & Brian Tufftee** for organizing the service on June 30th. I'm glad to have you in my neighborhood. ~From Matthew Toland

OFFICE News

OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, July 26, 2019

Thanks! See ya Monday July 29!!



Choir News

Birthday Card Shower



Birthday
CARD SHOWER
for
Barbara Robinson

Birthday: July 20th
Address: 4483 Villa France Drive
Brighton MI 48006

 Long time former member

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 Please brighten Barb's
 birthday with a greeting if
 possible.

Any questions, please contact
 Barbara Thompson @ 309-912-2563

The Covenant



Covenant of Right Relations

Did you know that the Congregation has a Covenant of Right Relations?
It is behind the White Board by the entryway to the Congregation.
(Perhaps it needs to be moved from there, to a more accessible viewing place)

Covenant of Right Relations

Ever mindful of our congregation's mission and goals, we resolve to inspire in ourselves and others a spiritual development that recognizes and respects diversity and the interdependent web of existence of which we are all a part.

We agree that participation in this community carries with it benefits, expectations, privileges and responsibilities. We understand that participating in these benefits, expectations, and privileges requires thoughtful commitments and gifts from each of us.

Participation implies presence -

To the best of our abilities we will avail ourselves of the opportunities for worship and work, fellowship and fun, and study and service offered by the programs of this community.

Gifts imply giving responsibly -

To the best of our ability we will foster the programs and outreach of this congregation and support this congregation's minister and leadership through gifts of our time, talent and financial support.

Benefits imply respect -

We agree to respect each other's search for the sacred and affirm each other's striving for wholeness with integrity. We will seek to develop our finer selves while nurturing and caring for one another through life's joys and sorrows, realizing the importance of each individual to the entire community.

Expectation implies responsibility -

We agree that each of us should expect the right to participate and express our own best thoughts, and an affirmation that our thoughts and perceptions hold merit. We will accept the personal responsibility to behave toward each other with patience, respect, goodwill and honesty even when our thoughts and perceptions differ.

Recognizing and acknowledging the existence of human error as a part of the cycle of human growth, we will respect the dignity and worth of each other and will be accountable for our own words and actions. Even if the process is lengthy and difficult, we will work honestly through our disagreements with others. We will respect the democratic process which governs us.

Art Wall Photos

REMINDER!

All are invited to drop off or email a photo of yourself/your family to display on the UU Family Wall. All appropriate photos are appreciated! Formal, informal, wedding, vacation, holiday, awkward! We welcome however you wish to be known by the congregation!

In order to become more familiar with our UU Family, please include names and (if desired) UU participation.

CORRECTION! PLEASE NOTE:

Email contact previously advertised in the newsletter has been corrected! Photos can be emailed to welcome@uucqc.org or tracytuftee@yahoo.com or drop them off at the Art Wall.





Grounds Team



From the Grounds Team

THREE S's - plus one: Safety, Sharing the workload, Simplifying

The Grounds Team is re-organizing our approach to maintaining our grounds, currently emphasizing Safety, Sharing the Work, Simplifying, and - a new "S" - Savoring.

SAFETY:

The flowering crab near the Social Hall door is a favorite climbing tree for not-too-heavy children. We recently marked branches with

paint to show climbing limits for both children's safety and the care of this aging tree. Please check this out with your children so that they understand not to climb on or past the painted marks. Refer to the two photos.

What's happening with the parking lot? That is the topic at Forum on Sunday, July 28.

The Tree group is working on plans for removing dead or dying trees later this year and into 2020. We will need many people to help drag tree trimmings, load them into pickups and trailers, take them to a drop-off site, and unload them. If you have a pickup or utility trailer to share, please let Ann Hailey know.

SHARING the WORKLOAD:

We need Coordinator(s), Snow removal. This is a desk job! There is no shoveling - only following up with the vendor. Two people can share this position.

Please see Ann Hailey for more information about this and other positions.

Thank you, Bryan Sibthorp, Alice Martin, and Molly Teigland for your Grounds Team work Saturday morning, July 13. Many others joined the Environmental Justice Project (a.k.a. Green Sanctuary Team) and transformed the Giving Garden. Thank you all!

SIMPLIFYING:

No news here.

A fourth "S" - SAVOR:

Have you explored our grounds recently?

- We invite you to wander over to Nature's Cove (Kimberly side of the drive) and sit on the "sofa" and "chairs" made from boulders donated for this purpose by Erika Anderson-Young.
- Or, take your Sunday morning coffee out the lounge sliding doors to our new picnic tables, sit on the stone benches built into the low wall outside the social hall entrance, or visit the prairie next to Eastern Avenue.

Savor - a wonderful word brought to us by Alice Martin in a recent service. Savor your time in our cherished grounds!

Ann Hailey, Acting Chair, Grounds Team

Office Hours

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