

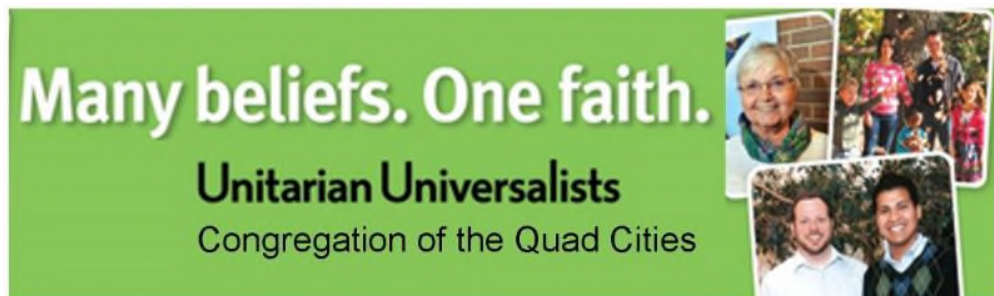
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Your weekly **Silent Announcements** let you see at a glance everything coming up at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities.



Weekly Silent Announcements for December 13

Sunday Services

Dec. 13 at 10 a.m.

A Christmas Carol

Don't miss this favorite holiday classic starring the children and the youth in Religious Education! "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."



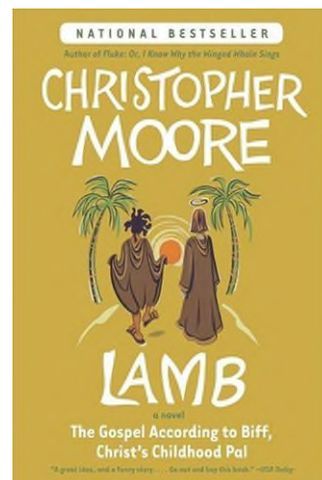
[Intergeneration Service](#)

Dec. 13 at 11:15 a.m.

The Gospel According to Biff

In the book "Lamb," Biff is Jesus's childhood best friend. Biff is brought back from the dead to offer a new gospel "so the whole truth can be told." Please join us as I take a little more whimsical look at the story of Jesus.

[Rev. Jay Wolin](#)





Dec. 20 at 10 & 11:15 a.m. Sacred Text: The Gospel of Thomas

In the Christian Gospel of John, the Apostle Thomas is depicted as not having as much faith as other apostles, and it is where the phrase "Doubting Thomas" derives from. With the discovery of the Gospel of Thomas, we can see how the Gospel depiction of Thomas by John shows a rift in early Christian Theology. Please join me as I explore the Gospel of Thomas and how it can have meaning to us in our lives.

Rev. Jay Wolin



Sunday Adult Forums at 10 a.m.

Dec. 13: Mike Wilcox: The realities of climate change

Mike will present on the current realities of climate change with information provided by the Climate Reality Project whose Chairman is former Vice President Al Gore.

No more forums in December.

Still coming up this week

Connection Circle

Thursday, Dec. 10 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The new "drop-in" Connection Circle gives everyone an opportunity to explore in more depth, Rev. Jay's Sermon Series Entitled "Soul Matters." The topics will focus us on a spiritual value that our UU faith has historically honored and emphasized. Please join us on Thursday, Dec. 10 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to discuss "What does it mean to be a people of Expectation?"



Restorative Justice workshop

Saturday, December 12
from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Lunch will be available.

We will discuss how Restorative Justice is a radical departure from our present way of doing justice, our retributive way. Come prepared to reflect and speak to your own sense of justice and injustice and how that informs your vision of the justice system you want for your children, grandchildren, neighbors, friends, and all of your brothers and sisters, no matter their color or station in life. We will discuss how Restorative Justice is a radical departure from our present way of doing justice - a retributive way - to a restorative system that repairs harm and hurt done to victim, community, and the offender.

Fred Van Liew

Fred Van Liew is an attorney, mediator, and justice consultant. He was a career prosecutor with the Polk County Attorney's Office in Des Moines and currently serves as the Restorative Practices Coordinator for the Portland Center for Restorative Justice in Portland, Maine, and as a consultant with A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS) in Des Moines. He is the author of the recently published book *The Justice Diary - An Inquiry into Justice in America*.

Contact the UUCQC office at 563-359-0816 or email office@uucqc.org if you plan to attend.



Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, Dec. 12 at 4 p.m.

The entire Congregation is invited to get the Sanctuary ready for the holidays. Adults and youth are needed to unpack the decorations and adorn our building.

Have a craft you'd like to teach?

You are invited to lead a group and pass on your holiday traditions.

Eat and be merry

The UUCQC Youth Group will be preparing a pasta dinner for everyone involved. Stay to socialize and meet Santa Claus!

Let us know you're coming

Please contact Youth Religious Education director Sarah Moulton by email, re@uucqc.org, to arrange to lead a craft.

Call the UUCQC office at 563-359-0816 or email office@uucqc.org to RSVP to other activities.

This week at UUCQC

Green Sanctuary Project

Handmade, cloth, ribboned bags available during coffee hours **this Sunday!**

Anne Marie Thode has handcrafted reusable gift bags for Christmas and other occasions with attached ribbons that she will have available at a Green Sanctuary table during the coffee hours on **Sunday, Dec. 13**. If you would like to make a donation for the one(s) you choose, Anne would like it to go toward Green Sanctuary projects. Sustainable and joyful living are goals of the Green Sanctuary project, and these gift bags are a good example!

Sacred Texts

Monday, Dec. 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The sources of wisdom that inform our Unitarian Universalist living tradition include "Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life." Please join us on Monday, Dec. 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to discuss Christian Text.

Spiritual Conversation

Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 6:45 p.m.

The Spiritual Conversation group will be meeting this week.

Share the Plate



In December, the Immigration Project wishes our Congregation to support with a one-time contribution to a homeless family that has been on our radar for the past year or more. Previously, we have not had anything practical to offer within our means. The money raised in December will go to Lutheran Family Services dedicated to be used to secure the Green Cards (previously lost in the bureaucratic system but located by the persistent hard work of a social worker there) for the mother and her children which are waiting to be picked up.



Volunteer opportunities

There are immediate opportunities to volunteer to contribute to Congregational life here at UUCQC.

- First, Sound Team needs members. This involves staffing the sound booth and audio and video record the service on Sunday morning. For the most part, this is an easy job which anyone can learn! The loft in the sanctuary could be your little corner of the UU world. Contact the office at office@uucqc.org or call 563-359-0816 to set up a time for training and to get on the schedule.
- Second, the Caring Circle is in need of co-chairs. Among other duties, the co-chairs will make call outs to Caring Circle members to assist new parents, help members with pets or plants during hospital stays, and help with memorial receptions at our building. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Jay Wolin at minister@uucqc.org or call the the office at 563-359-0816.

Minister's Office Hours

The ebb and flow of Congregational Life and my Ministry in the larger community are constantly changing. As I adapt to that change I need to periodically look at my schedule and change it to fit both the needs of the Congregation and my other personal commitments. Therefore, I am going to experiment with this new schedule for the next couple of months:

Monday – Day off

Tuesday – Office hours 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Wednesday – Community office hours at Fresh Deli, Davenport 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Wednesday – Office hours 3–6 p.m.

Thursday – Office hours 2–5 p.m.

Friday – Study and writing day

I understand many people have different schedules, so I am also available to meet at other times not listed on this schedule either in the office or at a local coffee shop. Either way, I always encourage individuals to call and make an appointment (other than community hours) so that you can be ensured I do not have another commitment during the time you want to stop by. I look forward to talking with everyone.

- Rev. Jay Wolin

Membership directory

If you need a new membership directory, please contact Amanda in the UUCQC office. She'll provide one for you. Call the office at 563-359-0816 or email office@uucqc.org.

Looking ahead

- Winter Solstice Service on Monday, Dec. 21 at 5:30 p.m.
- Exploring World Religions on Monday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
- Brown Bag Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 11:30 a.m.
- Traditional Christmas Eve Service on Thursday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.
- UUCQC offices will be closed on Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25.
- Lesbian Book Club meets on Saturday, Dec. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

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