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**Weekly Silent Announcements from UUCQC
for October 11, 2015**

There's not time on Sundays to let everyone know all the activities, events and updates happening at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities every week. Your weekly Silent Announcements will let you know at a glance what is going on!

Sunday, October 11 Service

Don't Know Much About (LGBT) History

Religious Services Team

10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.: October is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual &

Transgender (LGBT) History month. Join members of the LGBTQIA project (of our Social Justice Team) as we consider just why it's important to be aware of our history and those of other groups, then explore the LGBT history of the U.S, our denomination and our local congregation.

Sunday, October 18 Service

Let Go or Be Dragged

Rev. Jay Wolin

10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.: Too often we hold on to regret and anger for longer than it benefits us. Other times we are so focused on the achievement of a goal that we lose sight of why and how we are doing what we do. Whether we are holding onto something from the past or a particular vision of the future, I will explore why we struggle to just let go and live in the present moment.

Adult Forum at 10 a.m.

October 11

On Care for our Common Home

Father Bud Grant

This will be the kick off for a three week education series on



the Pope's Encyclical Letter by the same name.



October 18

Davenport Civil Rights Commission

Latrice Lacey

Latrice Lacey is Executive Director of the Civil Rights Commission. She will talk about what the commission does and what it is currently doing to combat disproportionalities.

Short-term seasonal class

Study and discussion of Encyclical Letter

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities is holding a series of study sessions about *On Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si')*, an Encyclical Letter written by Pope Francis.

On Tuesdays, **October 13**, 20 and 27, from 6:45 to 8 p.m., the community is invited to study and discuss the Encyclical Letter text. Study sessions leaders will utilize media, study questions and facilitated discussions to explore the content of one of the most important religious documents of our times. The text, brief and concise, can be

[accessed online](#), purchased online or borrowed from one of the facilitators. Participants need not attend all sessions and need not have read the assigned section prior to attending.

On Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si') is the appeal from Pope Francis addressed to "every person living on this planet" for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet.

Discussions will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 3707 Eastern Avenue, Davenport, Iowa.

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Spiritual Practices and Programs

Sacred Texts

Monday, October 12 from 6:30-8 p.m., we are meeting in the sanctuary for our next gathering of exploring a sacred text from the Buddhist tradition. From each sacred text we are seeking to expand our own awareness of life and our role in it by allowing the text to speak to us and work in us. As requested, we are posting the Buddhist scripture we will explore for those who would like to read it beforehand, but certainly not necessary for those who would like to wait and be surprised. On Monday, the text we will be using is found in The

Dhammapada, chapter 1, titled Twin Verses. This classic collection of the Buddha's words can be easily found on the internet by typing in Dhammapada on your search engine. Come join us and we learn from the teachings of Buddha, as well as from each other.

Oct. 12

Buddhism - Dhammapada

Nov. 9

Hindu Text

Nov. 2

Hinsuiam - Bhagavad Gita

Dec. 7

Christian Text

Dec. 14

Christian Text

Exploring Membership

On **Monday, October 12** we will be holding a Membership Discussion at 6 p.m. This will last a little over an hour and is open to anyone interested in UU theology and/or membership. Please consider stopping by! RSVPs not necessary, but appreciated. Free childcare is available. Email membership@uucqc.org for more information.

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Brown Bag Lunch

Do you like to discuss anything and everything? Are you free from 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month? If so please feel free to join the "Brown Bag Lunch Bunch" in Room A, the board room, at the church. We will be eating lunch together **Tuesday, October 13.**

Our rules include: no monopolizing the discussion, no "family talk" unless it directly pertains to the topic of discussion and no political dissertations. Otherwise we discuss anything anyone wishes to bring up. Everyone is welcome! Just show up!

Adoption Workshop

LOSS AND ABANDONMENT

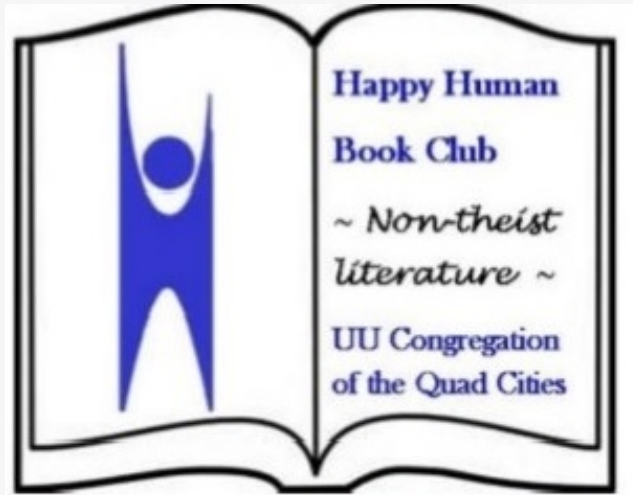
The UUCQC adoption group Love Creates a Family is holding a workshop on loss and abandonment on Saturday, October 17. Post-adoption support specialist Nancy Maday from Iowa Kids is leading the workshop. We will discuss loss and abandonment issues that many adoptees deal with.

This is a free event and childcare is available.

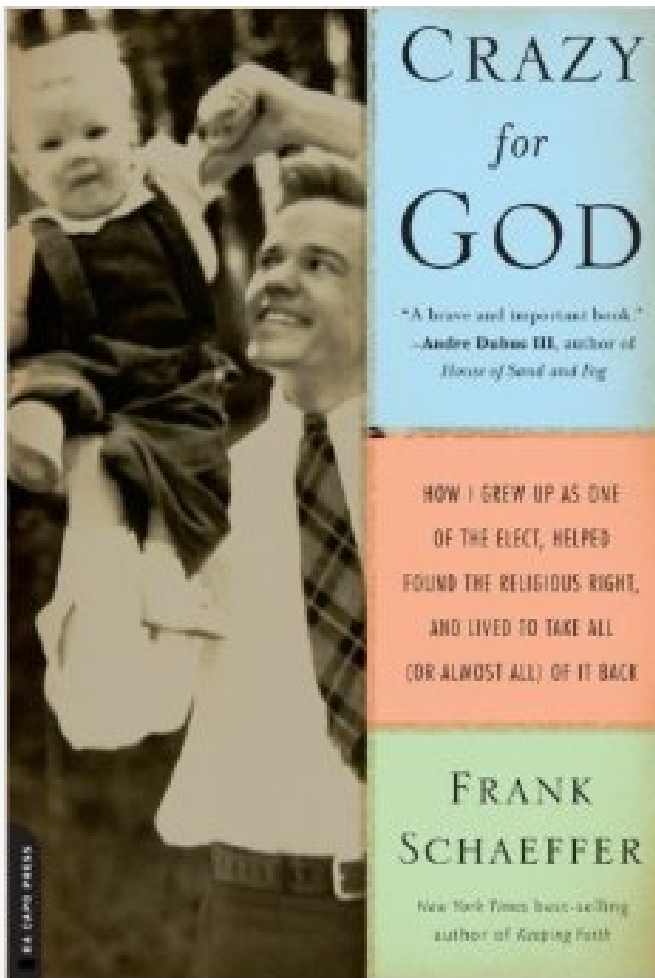
Please contact Becky Nakashima Brooke at beckynakabrooke@gmail.com or at 563-359-0816 if you are

interested. **RSVP by Wednesday, October 14.**

Happy Human Book Club



The Happy Human Book Club enjoys discussion of non-theist materials. We will meet on **Wednesday, October 14** at 7 p.m. in the Lounge to discuss "Crazy for God: How I Grew Up as One of the Elect, Helped Found the Religious Right, and Lived to Take All (or Almost All)



Book information from Amazon

of It Back" by Frank Schaeffer.

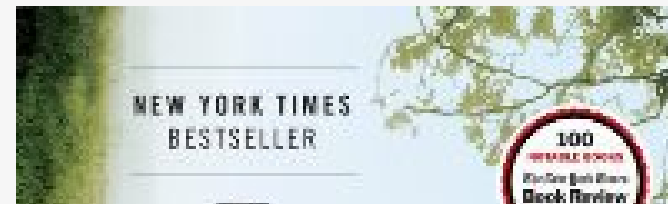
For the meeting, RSVPs are not required, but appreciated. Karen Fowler's contact information is in the directory, or contact the office at office@uucqc.org.

Anyone who is on Facebook is welcome to join the private Facebook group "Happy Human Book Club of the Quad Cities." To join, send a Friend request to Karen Fowler.

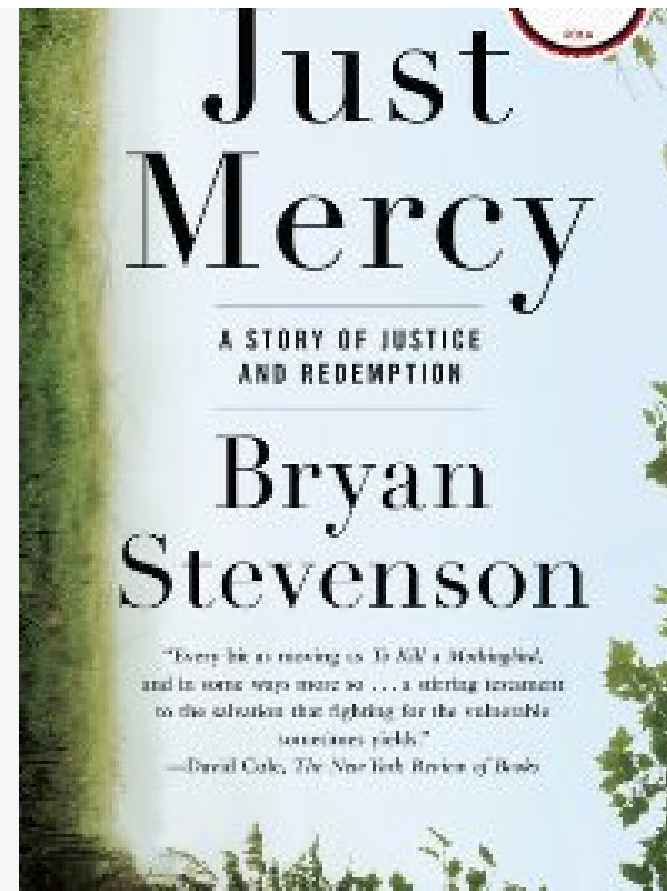
Community Event

UUA COMMON READ

The Unitarian Universalist Associations Common Read for 2015-16 is [Just Mercy: A Story](#)



[of Justice and Redemption](#) by Bryan Stevenson (2014, Spiegel & Grau, an imprint of Random House). Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, has dedicated his legal career to defending those who are trapped by an often capricious, political, and willfully unjust criminal justice system. It speaks to justice, mercy, and compassion, themes of concern to us as Unitarian Universalists and as human beings.



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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Author Bryan Stevenson will be speaking at St. Ambrose University in Davenport on Tuesday, October 20 at 7 p.m. This event is free and open to



Bryan Stevenson

the public.

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Looking ahead

- Exploring World Religions will discuss Buddhism, Part II on Monday, October 19, 6:30-8 p.m.
- Song Circle will sing together on Thursday, October 22 at 7 p.m.
- The Lesbian Book Club will discuss "Sister Outsider: Essays and Speeches" by Audre Lorde on Saturday, October 24. Email Bea Ruebbelke at upsofloating09@yahoo.com for more information.

Connection Circles

"Soul Matters" - Special year long group

We are starting a new "drop-in" Connection Circle that will give 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 the following **Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m.**

- Oct. 22 "What does it mean to be a people of **Letting Go**?"
- Nov. 5 "What does it mean to be a people of **Ancestry**?"
- Dec. 10 "What does it mean to be a people of **Expectation**?"
- Feb. 4 "What does it mean to be a people of **Resistance**?"
- March 24 "What does it mean to be a people of **Liberation**?"
- April 14 "What does it mean to be a people of **Creation**?"
- May 12 "What does it mean to be a people of **Blessing**?"
- June 16 "What does it mean to be a people of **Simplicity**?"

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Share the Plate



October's Share the Plate recipient is Quad Citians Affirming Diversity.

Share the Plate is chosen our social justice team to benefit a charity related to its mission to receive half of the congregations offering for that month.

[Read more about QCAD from Joycy Wiley here.](#)

Visit QCADoutforgood.org

From Rev. Wolin

OFFICE HOURS

As an experiment I will be trying something new with my office hours. On Mondays from 1-4 p.m. I will be down at Fresh Deli at 421 W River Drive, Davenport. I will be at a table inside or out depending on the weather. If you feel like talking, please stop down and visit with me.

Hours

Monday	9 a.m.-noon
Monday (Fresh Deli)	1-4 p.m.
Tuesday	Study day
Wednesday	3-6 p.m.
Thursday	2-5 p.m.
Friday	Day off

I am available at other times by



I am available at other times by appointment. In all cases (except for Fresh Deli), I encourage you to call to make an appointment as I may have a scheduled appointment with others or an emergency that takes me out of the office.

with a grateful heart
Rev. Jay Wolin

407-497-8113 (cell)
563-359-0816 (office)

We're hiring

Congregational Administrator

If you know someone who would make a good Congregational Administrator for us here at UUCQC, please pass on the pass on the job description and directions for applying. That information can be found at [UUCQC.org](https://www.uucqc.org) or by [clicking here](#).

Sincerely,

Beth Paul

UUCQC Communications Coordinator
