

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Urbana-Champaign**

*Build community. Seek inspiration. Promote justice.
Find peace.*



"Enso" by Kaz Tanahashi

“Awe: The Miracle of Each Moment”

Sunday, December 1st, 2019

REV. FLORENCE CAPLOW

Theresa Benson & Janet Barrett, Worship Associates

Matthew Gladden, Piano

Emily McKown, Amy Hassinger, Elizabeth Fields, Voice



We are a “Welcoming Congregation” for the LGBTQIA+ Community

ORDER OF SERVICE

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. - Einstein

Gathering Chime & Tower Bells

Prelude "Bright Morning Stars" The Wailin' Jennys

Board Welcome & Greeting Our Neighbors Brian McDermott

Land Acknowledgment

Unison Chalice Lighting

As we kindle this flame
We remember that awe is our birthright
Born in the stars
Illuminating our ordinary moments
Like a flash of primordial light.

Opening Words Rev. Florence Caplow

Song "Light"

Reading "On Awe, Creativity, and the Birth of Religion" Albert Einstein

Community Matters & Offertory "Impromptu in G-flat" Franz Schubert

Sharing Joys and Sorrows

May the longtime sun, shine upon you, all love surround you,
And the pure, pure light that's within you, guide your way home. - Sara Thomsen

Reflection "Awe" Theresa Benson

***Hymn #27** "I Am That Great and Fiery Force"

Reflection "The Miracle of Each Moment" Rev. Florence Caplow

Reading "Remember" Joy Harjo

***Hymn #9** "No Longer Forward Nor Behind"

*Closing Words & Chalice Extinguishing

***Postlude** "Across the Burren" Michele McLaughlin

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Land Acknowledgment

We recognize, honor, and acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankashaw, Wea, Miami, Mascoutin, Odawa, Sauk, Mesquaki, Kickapoo, Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Chickasaw Nations.

ARE YOU VISITING TODAY?

Welcome! Please stay after the service for coffee and snacks. Visit the Welcome Table in the lobby for name tags and to fill out a visitor's card to join our mailing list. Visit the Connections Hub Table for more information about this congregation and Unitarian Universalism, and to chat with welcoming members.

We're so pleased that you've visited us, and we hope you visit again soon.

Hospitable Parking. Please reserve spaces in the parking lot for guests and newcomers and for persons with limited mobility. You'll find a map of close-by parking areas at the Connections Hub table in Fellowship Hall.

Our intention is having a Fragrance-Free building. Please choose to be fragrance free out of respect for those who are affected by scents.

Rose Window Center: Star Multi-Religions. Created in 1965 by Robert Chase. Traditional religious symbols superimposed into a single splendid star including: Star of David, Sunfather, Cross, Circle of Universal Brotherhood, and suggestion of a naturally occurring star of the night sky.

Banner on Chancel: The menorah represents Judaism.

eNews and quarterly Uniter. If you would like to receive our weekly eNews and quarterly Uniter, please sign up at the Welcome table or visit <https://tinyurl.com/y4pqq8lt>.

Young Adult Table. Are you ages 18-35? Join us after service in Fellowship Hall for conversations important to young adults or young at heart.

For Your Information: Church events, including services, may be recorded and/or photographed. This is an AED equipped facility. The AED is located in the lobby, near the Green Street entry.

Visit Us on the Web. For further information about our church and recent news and upcoming events, please visit us at <https://uucuc.org/>.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

"OUR UNITARIAN RELATIONS OF TRANSYLVANIA"

REV. FLORENCE CAPLOW AND KATHLEEN ROBBINS

Upcoming Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 1

Adult Discussion Group / 9:00 a.m. / Library
Mindfulness Meditation Group / 9:00 a.m. / YRUU Classroom
Children's Choir / 9:15 a.m. / Classroom #1
Nursery / 10:00 a.m. / Classroom #4
Religious Education / 10:15 a.m. / Children's Chapel, Classrooms #1, #2, #3, OWL Classroom, YRUU Classroom
Sunday Service / 10:15 a.m. / Sanctuary
Young Adult Group / 11:30 a.m. / Fellowship Hall
OWL / 4:30 p.m. / Children's Chapel, Library, OWL Classroom

Monday, December 2

Bridge Group / 1:00 p.m. / Children's Chapel

Tuesday, December 3

Personnel Committee Meeting / 5:00 p.m. / Fireplace Room
Worship Committee Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Library

Wednesday, December 4

Last day for content for eNews & Order of Service by noon, the latest.
UU Playgroup / 9:00 a.m. / Classroom #4
(Smart Recovery) / 6:00 p.m. / Classroom #1
CrUUners Rehearsal / 6:00 p.m. / Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal / 6:00 p.m. / Sanctuary

Thursday, December 5

(Many Paths: An Agnostic AA Group) / 6:00 p.m. / Classroom #1
Committee Council Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 6

No events scheduled.

Saturday, December 7

(Many Paths: An Agnostic AA Group) / 4:30 p.m. / Classroom #1
Universal Worship Service / 7:00 p.m. / Fellowship Hall

For the most up-to-date calendar information, please visit uucuc.org/uucuc-calendar.

Announcements

Today's Hospitality Team D Volunteers! Bellringer: Kathy Robinson;
Ushers: Brian, Sylvia and Tom McDermott; **Welcomers:** Charlie Boast, Cindy and Michael Loui; **Decorations:** Kathy Robinson; **Snacks:** Kathy Robinson, Sylvia McDermott, Cindy Loui and Marsha Clinard.

Our Shared Offering for December are our Partner Churches. The mission and objectives of the Partner Church Committee are to develop long term, mutually supportive relationships with our fellow UUs in Transylvania, Romania, and in the Khasi Hills in North East India.

Our church has enjoyed giving to the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen backpack project since it began several years ago. The soup kitchen celebrates the holidays by giving filled backpacks to the men and women who are guests there. We will collect backpacks at the church TODAY and on December 8. The giveaway at the soup kitchen will be on December 13. For more information about what kind of items to include in the backpack, go here:

<https://uucuc.org/a-tradition-of-generosity/>

The Committee Council meeting will take place on Thursday December 5 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Brian McDermott at mcdsteel76@gmail.com if you have any questions about the next meeting.

Sufi Celebration – Universal Worship Service on December 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Experience the beauty and power of the Universal Celebration of Inayat Khan, who brought Sufism to the West in 1910. Sufi cherag (minister or, literally, light bearer) Bahar Watkins will lead an interactive service with chants and readings on the theme of Light honoring the essential truth expressed in eight major world traditions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Zoroastrianism, Divine Feminine, Indigenous Peoples, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Together, we will pay homage to all people and paths leading to the unfoldment of the light and power latent in the human being.

Multigenerational Legacy Pilgrimage Trip to Civil Rights History Sites, with Rev. Florence Caplow and Living Legacy Pilgrimages. We now have the full itinerary for March 16th to 20th, 2020, for Memphis and Alabama, open to members and friends of UUCUC, young people 12 and over, and members of the larger community. Look for more information on our website and at the Social Action table in Fellowship Hall, and sign up if you are interested in more information, at the SAC table or at this link: <https://uucuc.breezechms.com/form/897799>. Registration for the trip will open soon and we hope to have an informational meeting in early December!

For the most up-to-date news and announcements information, please visit uucuc.org.

Religious Education News

UUCUC's Winter Holiday Pageant December 15th

Don't miss out on this year's pageant during our Sunday morning service on December 15th. This theatrical, all-ages service will feature children from the congregation as well as our children's choir. The pageant, inspired by a children's book called, "Gathering Sparks," tells the story of the Jewish notion, *Tikun Olam*, whereby people heal the world through gathering light each time they perform good deeds.

It's not too late if you or your child want to participate! Contact Emily McKown at youthcoordinator@uucuc.org.

Coming soon! Learning opportunities for adults.

Have you an idea for a class you have always wanted to teach an adult religious education class? If so, use the following form to tell us about your idea (you can find an easy online link to this form online or in this week's eNews). We need all submissions by Sunday, December 1st so that we can organize room usage and promotion. Access the form here:

<https://uucuc.breezechms.com/form/d4a7f2>

If you wish to explore your idea, you are welcome to call Michele Grove, Interim Director of Religious Education at 217-384-8862 or email her at re-director@uucuc.org. She is happy to talk through your ideas and help them come to life.

Our Whole Lives for Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Our Whole Lives is a Unitarian Universalist program designed to guide children, youth and adults through an understanding of their identity and sexuality in a safe environment. Acceptance and community support are at the heart of this learning program. UUCUC has sponsored the Our Whole Lives (OWL) program for 7-9th graders for more than 20 years. In 2020, we will expand to offer the 8-week Kindergarten and 1st grade class. The class will be offered on Sunday afternoons from 4:00pm -5:15 beginning February 9th. A mandatory caregiver and child orientation is scheduled for February 2nd 3:00-5:30 pm. Watch for more information.

This class is limited to 12 students so if you are interested, please email Michele Grove at re-director@uucuc.org so that we are sure to keep you on the interest list. We will email registration forms as soon as they are available.

The New Church Directories Have Arrived!

Good news, friends! The new church directories have arrived.

Those who had photos taken for the directory and voting members of the church may pick up their copy of the directory in Fellowship Hall at the following times:

- During Social Hour following services TODAY and December 8 and 15

“Friends” of the church (for whom we have current contact details in our database) will be able to pick up a copy of the directory during Social Hour following services on Sunday, TODAY, and December 8 and 15.

Members of Care Core will distribute copies of the directory to those who are homebound.

With heightened awareness of the importance of security of the personal information of our members and friends, we are monitoring distribution of the directories. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

UUCUC's Faithfy Goal For FirstSteps Community House

Spread the word! We need your help to make our Faithfy goal for FirstSteps Community House by mid-December! Your friends from other faith communities might be willing to share our Faithfy campaign with their social justice committees, please share widely. For more information, see here: <https://tinyurl.com/ucyofdn>

Another way to help is by donating furniture or household goods. You can read about their specific needs here - <https://tinyurl.com/wmgz6bd> - and contact Jennifer Livingston, tjehlhome@gmail.com, if you'd like to donate.

We're more than halfway there — please help us reach our goal! Renovations are happening and FirstSteps is ready to open the door to its first resident in December.