

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.*



“Becoming Community: Parity not Charity”

Sunday, December 8th, 2019

KATHLEEN ROBBINS & REV. FLORENCE CAPLOW

Matthew Gladden, Piano
Alex Malaimare, Violin

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

Gathering Chime & Tower Bells

Prelude Folk Dancing Video from Tirgu Mures, the place of the Edict of Torda

Board Welcome & Greeting Our Neighbors Jerry Frye

Opening Words Rev. Florence Caplow

Unison Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice for Unitarians everywhere
For the youngest to the oldest
For those of us here and those of us across the world
celebrating the flame of faith lit in each of us,
honoring the light each of us brings,
rejoicing in the community we create together.

Hymn #338 "I Seek the Spirit of a Child"

Child Dedication for Walden Foltz

Song We hold you in our love as you grow, as you grow,
May your heart be at peace as you grow.
To nurture the spark of your precious life,
We hold you in our love as you grow. – Kathleen Tracy

Community Matters

Offertory Mvt. 1: Joc cu bâță & Mvt. 2: Brâu Béla Bartók

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 "Becoming Community: Parity not Charity" Kathleen Robbins

Musical Interlude Mvt. 3: Pê-loc & Mvt. 4: Buciumeana Béla Bartók

Reflection "Deepening Community" Rev. Florence Caplow

***Hymn #110** "Come, Children of Tomorrow"

*Closing Words & Chalice Extinguishing

***Postlude** Mvt. 5: Poargă românească & Mvt. 6: Mărunțel Béla Bartók

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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/y4pqk8lt>.

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. Church events, including services, may be recorded, live-streamed, and/or photographed.

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 15

"PAGEANT: WE ARE THE LIGHT WE ARE LOOKING FOR"

EMILY MCKOWN & UUCUC CHILDREN & YOUTH

Upcoming Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 8

Adult Discussion Group / 9:00 a.m. / Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room
Mindfulness Meditation Group / 9:00 a.m. / YRUU Classroom
Immigration Justice Task Force / 9:00 a.m. / Children's Chapel
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,
Library (Lower Level), YRUU Classroom
Sunday Service / 10:15 a.m. / Sanctuary
Young Adult Group / 11:30 a.m. / Fellowship Hall
Generosity Team (Stewardship) / 11:45 a.m. / Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room
OWL / 4:30 p.m. / Children's Chapel, Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room,
Library (Lower Level)

Monday, December 9

Bridge Group / 1:00 p.m. / Children's Chapel
Civil Rights Pilgrimage Information Meeting / 6:30 p.m. / Classroom #1
Compassion and Choices Action Team Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 10

Dream Team Future Group / 5:00 p.m. / Fellowship Hall
Pastoral Care Associates Leadership Team / 5:00 p.m. / Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room
Racial Justice Project Education/Learning Meeting / 6:00 p.m. / Children's Chapel
Board of Trustees Study Session / 6:30 p.m. / Classroom #1

Wednesday, December 11

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 / 6:00 p.m. / Sanctuary

Thursday, December 12

Care Core / 2:30 p.m. / Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room
(Many Paths: An Agnostic AA Group) / 6:00 p.m. / Classroom #1

Friday, December 13

No events scheduled.

Saturday, December 14

Loss of Life Partner Covenant Group / 11:30 a.m. / Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room
(Many Paths: An Agnostic AA Group) / 4:30 p.m. / Classroom #1

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

Announcements

Today's Hospitality Team E Volunteers! Bellringer: Jared Lofrano; **Ushers:** Charlie Boast, Sandy and Joe Finnerty; **Welcomers:** Jenny Hunt, Kristi Mercer, Joanne Vician and Sarah McDougal; **Decorations:** Tanja Hodges; **Snacks:** Kathy Robinson, Sylvia McDermott, Gail Cohen and Caren Cohen-Health.

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.

The church is participating in the **Daily Bread Soup Kitchen holiday backpack project** in which filled backpacks will be given to the men and women who eat there. TODAY is the last day we are collecting backpacks here. See the Social Action table for more information.

Come learn more on Monday, December 9 about our multigenerational pilgrimage to Memphis and Alabama, next March 16th -19th. An information session will be held in Classroom #1 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. We have an itinerary and preliminary costs! All who are interested are welcome. Early bird registration will be opening soon. For more information, email Rev. Caplow at minister@uucuc.org.

The UUCUC office will be closed and staff will be generally unavailable between December 25 through January 1. Regular office hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. will resume on Thursday, January 2.

The former upstairs Library has been renamed the "Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room." The space is currently available for any UUCUC-related groups to meet in. Several months ago, the Library moved to a new space on the lower level of the building, next to the Children's Chapel. The library includes children, youth, adult and multi-generational books and provides space to read and meet in small groups.

Christmas Eve Service Schedule. On Tuesday, December 24, we will have a 5:00 p.m. traditional service with Lessons and Carols, and a 7:00 p.m. "less traditional" service. Many of our musical groups will be part of the evening. Please join us!

Calling All Christmas Eve Helpers! If you are attending either service (5:00 or 7:00 pm) on Christmas Eve (December 24), we can use your help. We need ushers (3), bellringer (1), welcomers (3) & snack clean-up helpers (2-4). ALL are invited to bring a plate of cookies or other holiday treats to our collective hospitality time after each service that evening. Note that the December Hospitality Team is not responsible for Christmas Eve support. If you can help, contact Peggy Patten at mspeggypatten@gmail.com.

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

Religious Education News

Bathroom Renovation

The bathrooms on the lower level of our building are going through a facelift! Once the facelift is complete, new and accessibly bathrooms will be ready for us to use. Thank you, accessibility committee for spearheading this project. We are sorry for the inconvenience during the 3-4 weeks of construction.

UUCUC's Winter Holiday Pageant 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.

A costume pageant! If you or your children feel inspired to dress up for this years pageant, please come on Sunday Morning Dec. 15th in a costume which brings the most joy and light to your spirit. All creatures welcome! We also have a collection of costumes in the R.E. closet, so if you'd like to pick one out before the service, come to the Children's Chapel at 9:30 a.m. and pick out your favorite!

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.

Lifespan Religious Education Opportunity Booklet Spring Semester

2020 will be available December 15th. Pick up one next Sunday and watch for the online version. There are learning opportunities for all ages!

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 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 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 Reached For FirstSteps Community House!

What an incredible response to our Faithfy campaign to help open the doors of the FirstSteps Re-entry House! A generous donor declared a \$600 match for Giving Tuesday, and as of Wednesday morning the goal of \$8000 was achieved. The MidAmerica Region of the UUA has committed to matching 10% of the amount that our Faithfy raises, so we can keep giving and sharing the link until the campaign ends on December 15th.

The FirstSteps house will welcome people leaving incarceration and help them successfully transition to the community. Priority will be given to those who would otherwise be homeless.

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported this campaign with sharing it to your networks and with your donations.