

**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.*



**We Are The Light We Are Looking For**

**Sunday, December 15, 2019**

**UUCUC Pageant**

**Led by Emily McKown, Youth Coordinator**

**With Michele Townsend Grove, R.E. Director  
Matthew Gladden, Piano**



We are a "Welcoming Congregation" for the LGBTQIA+ Community

ORDER OF SERVICE  
Sunday, December 15, 2019

Gathering Chime/Tower Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Jenna Zeidler

Greeting Our Neighbors/Centering Chime

Prelude “How Beautiful”

Twila Paris

Chalice Lighting “Let There Be Light”

Andrew Pakula  
read by Jack Braun

Opening Words and Land Acknowledgement

Emily McKown

\*Hymn #402 “From You I Receive”

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.*

Community Matters and Offertory “Linus and Lucy” Vince Guaraldi

We Are The Light We Are Looking For: A Holiday Pageant

inspired by the book “Gathering Sparks” by Howard Schwartz

Closing Words

Emily McKown

Children's Choir “Ain't You A Lightbeam”

Susan J. Crow

Postlude\* “This Little Light of Mine”

Harry Dixon Loes/  
Zilphia Horton

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

*Pageants are special time for memory making, and we will be recording video to distribute to families; this video will not be available for mass distribution. We ask that you refrain from taking your own video; just sit back and enjoy your worship experience! Watch for more information on this in the next couple of weeks.*

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. 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 22

“SOLSTICE: CELEBRATION OF THE DANCE OF THE  
LIGHT AND THE DARK”

REV. FLORENCE CAPLOW

## Upcoming Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, December 15

Adult Discussion Group / 9:00 a.m. / Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room  
Mindfulness Meditation Group / 9:00 a.m. / YRUU Classroom  
Racial Justice Project Meeting / 9:00 a.m. / Fireplace Room  
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  
Book and Magazine Exchange / 11:30 a.m. / Fellowship Hall  
High Street House Meeting / 11:30 a.m. / Children's Chapel  
Generosity Team (Stewardship) / 11:45 a.m. / Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room  
Women CrUUners Rehearsal / 11:45 a.m. / Sanctuary  
OWL / 4:30 p.m. / Children's Chapel, FH Small Meeting Room, Library (Lower Level)

### Monday, December 16

Bridge Group / 1:00 p.m. / Children's Chapel  
Caregivers' Chalice Circle Group Holiday Potluck / 5:00 p.m. / Julie Zilles House  
Caregivers' Chalice Circle Group / 7:00 p.m. / Julie Zilles House  
Finance Task Force Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Fireplace Room

### Tuesday, December 17

Pastoral Care Associates Leadership Meeting / 5:00 p.m. / FH Small Meeting Room  
Board of Trustees Business Meeting / 6:30 p.m. / Classroom #1  
UU Feminist Book Group / 7:00 p.m. / Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room  
Social Action Committee Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, December 18

*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  
RE and Navigator Meeting / 6:00 p.m. / Children's Chapel, Classroom #2  
UU the Vote Organizing Team Meeting / 6:30 p.m. / Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, December 19

Membership Committee Meeting / 5:30 p.m. / Fellowship Hall  
(Many Paths: An Agnostic AA Group) / 6:00 p.m. / Classroom #1  
Reflective Writing Circle / 7:00 p.m. / Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room

### Friday, December 20

No events scheduled.

### Saturday, December 21

(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](http://uucuc.org/uucuc-calendar).*

## Announcements

**Today's Hospitality Team E Volunteers! Bellringer:** Joanne Vician; **Ushers:** Kathy Robinson, Karla Peterson and Jenny Hunt; **Welcomers:** Jean Peters, Hannah Christensen, Cindy and Michael Loui; **Decorations:** Holiday Pageant; **Snacks:** Jean Peters, Tanja Hodges, Cindy Loui and Gail Cohen.

**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 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.

**Our Monthly Book and Magazine Exchange Is TODAY!** Stop by the table at the far east end of Fellowship Hall today to pick up a book or magazine that interests you. Books and magazines are for children and adults. You can take home books or magazines without donating any and vice versa.

**High Street House meeting TODAY in Children's Chapel at 11:30 a.m. to update the congregation on recent developments.** The Board wishes to let interested members and friends know of the status of High Street House and anticipated plans going forward.

**The Caregiver's Chalice Circle will be held "off campus" Dec 16th.** We will have our annual potluck with meeting with our CCC alumni at Julie Zilles's home. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Jan 20th at 7:00 p.m. in our regular spot, the Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room. Further questions on Caregiver's meetings, contact Tim Temple at [templetim@hotmail.com](mailto:templetim@hotmail.com).

Due to the holiday schedule this month, the **UUCUC Board of Trustees next business meeting will be on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m.** in Classroom #1. All members and friends are encouraged to attend!

**Join the UU the Vote Organizing Team meeting on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall** to help chart the course for UUCUC's involvement in the groundbreaking 2020 UU the Vote project! For more information, contact Sherry Bohlen, Director of Congregational Engagement at [membership@uucuc.org](mailto:membership@uucuc.org).

**Save The Date! Solstice Caroling will be Saturday December 21 at 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.** Further details about specific location coming next week. Thanks to Melissa Minarik for organizing this fun evening of music and merriment!

**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!

*For the most up-to-date news and announcements information, please visit [uucuc.org](http://uucuc.org).*

## Religious Education News

### UUCUC's Winter Holiday Pageant

Thank you to youth coordinator, Emily McKown; the children's choir; and all the pageant participants! This pageant is inspired by a children's book, "Gathering Sparks," and the story of the Jewish notion, *Tikun Olam*, whereby people heal the world through gathering light each time they perform good deeds.

### Winter Holiday Pageant Collaborators

Jack Braun, Tesla Burack, Thomas Burack, Jerry Frye, Matthew Gladden, Michele Townsend Grove, Citlali Madrigal, Emily McKown, Nora Breeze-Troyer, Grace Christensen, Kate Barton, Dana Antonelli, and Erich Aidkes. *Many thanks to participants and all creatures of light*

Lifespan Religious Education Opportunity Booklet Spring Semester 2020 is available today! Members of the adult religious education team is handing them out as you leave the sanctuary. See what amazing learning experiences are available between January and May, 2020.

### Our Whole Lives for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7-9<sup>th</sup> graders for more than 20 years. In 2020, we will expand to offer the 8-week Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. The class will be offered on Sunday afternoons from 4:00pm -5:15 beginning February 9<sup>th</sup>. A mandatory caregiver and child orientation is scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### 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.

## Still Calling All Christmas Eve Helpers!

If you are attending either service (5:00 or 7:00 pm) on Christmas Eve, we can use your help. Following is an updated list of what we need at each service. We need ushers (#3 for 5:00 service only), bellringer (#1 for each service), welcomers (#1-2 for each service) & snack clean-up helpers (#2-4 for each service). This is good opportunity for families to sign up together. 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](mailto:mspeggypatten@gmail.com).

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### Pathway to Membership Series In January

Mark your calendar for our next PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP THREE-PART CLASS SERIES!

- Tuesday, January 14 6:30-8:00 pm
- Thursday, January 16 6:30-8:00 pm
- Sunday, January 19 2:00-3:30 pm

Meet others interested in UUCUC membership. Learn about UU and UUCUC history, governance, activities, opportunities and social action mission. Learn about benefits & responsibilities of membership. At the end of the class, you'll have an opportunity to "sign the book" and become a member of our church community and a vested partner. Childcare available with prior arrangement.

Contact Sherry Bohlen, Director of Congregational Engagement, at [membership@uucuc.org](mailto:membership@uucuc.org) with questions or simply fill out the form here to register and click submit: <https://tinyurl.com/r6ldlr3>

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### Anne Reeser Stepping Down as Volunteer Coordinator for Rides

A huge thank you to Anne Reeser who has been our volunteer coordinator for rides to church on Sunday morning for the last year & a half. Her kind assistance, & that of all our volunteer drivers (yay!), has enabled a number of folks in our church family to attend worship services these past months. Anne is stepping down from this valuable coordinator role in order to pursue other volunteer opportunities in the church. In the meantime we are seeking a replacement ride coordinator. If you can help with this, please email: [cindyloui83@gmail.com](mailto:cindyloui83@gmail.com).