

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.

Our Worship

During the church year, we meet to worship at 10:15 am. Religious education classes for children and youth, as well as childcare for infants and toddlers, are available during this service. In June, July, and August, we gather together to worship on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. Childcare and one multi-graded elementary class are available in the summer. Summer services are lay-led, and we also have multigenerational services at holidays and other times during the year.

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Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign



“The Gifts of the Journey!”

Sunday, December 16, 2018

10:15 am

UUCUC Pageant

**Led by Michele Townsend Grove
Interim Director of Religious Education**

The Mission of UUCUC

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

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



ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday, December 16, 2018

Gathering Chime/Tower Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Locke

Greeting Our Neighbors/Centering Chime

Prelude "I Wonder As I Wander"

John Jacob Niles

Unison Chalice Lighting

We kindle a flame we trust will lead us forward as we travel
in unknown lands,
where the questions, "Shall I ever get there?" resounds:
A clear pure note in every silence. (Barnaby Feder)

Invocation/Opening Words

by Debra Haffner

***Hymn #255** "There's a Star in the East"

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.*

Offertory "People Look East"

arr. Lloyd Larson

Reflection The Magic in New Life

Anthem "Lullaby"

Agnes V. Paulsen

Gifts for the Journey: A Holiday Pageant

by Kathy Schmitz

Congregation (unison):

Yes! Thank you, adventurous travelers! You bring so much to our community. We learn so much from you every time we gather. We wish that you may also enjoy love, clean earth, wonderful adventures, peace and justice and curiosity. We also hope that you will experience Joy!

The Camel Speaks

by Lynn Unger

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

Benediction

Postlude "Still, Still, Still"

arr. Kenon Renfrow

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

ARE YOU VISITING TODAY?

Welcome! Please stay after the service for coffee and snacks.

Visit the Welcome Table in the lobby and fill out a visitor's card. Visit the Connections Hub Table for information and stop by our Welcome Room (the Library in Fellowship Hall) to pick up literature and other information about our church community, and to meet some of our current members. Newbies or not, **everyone** is invited to stop in the Welcome Room for comfy chairs and quiet conversation. We're so pleased that you've visited us, and we hope you come again very 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 building is Fragrance Free. Please choose to be fragrance free out of respect for those who are affected by scents. Help us keep the air we share healthy and fragrance free.

Sharing Joys and Sorrows. As a caring congregation, sharing written joys and sorrows on Sundays is a part of how we connect. There are cards available in the pew in front of you and in the foyer.

Rose Window Center: The Star. Designed by Robert Chase in 1965. The represents traditional religious symbols superimposed into a single splendid star. The wall hanging is the menorah, representing 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://goo.gl/xgv6Kk>.

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.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY

"THE LIGHT INSIDE THE DARK"

REV. FLORENCE CAPLOW

Religious Education News

Winter Holiday Pageant

Abundant thanks to all who created today's worship service. Parents, Religious Education Leaders, Staff, children and youth came together to give today's message. Each effort adds to the magic of this holiday season.

Upcoming Religious Education Opportunities

December 23rd – No Regular Religious education classes. Worship for children and youth in the Children's Chapel. **Nursery available for ages 0-5.**

December 30th – No Religious education. **Nursery available for ages 0-5.**

January 6th All ages worship service: Possibilities!! **Nursery available and Pre-K class will meet in room #4.**

Interim Religious Education:

Great things on the horizon and you are invited to participate!

If you have been wondering what interim religious education is about, check out the newly designed bulletin board outside of the religious education office in the Fellowship Hall. This board will give you up-to-date information on the happenings and how interim religious education is working with the strategic visioning team. If you have any questions, talk to any of the persons on the Interim Advisory Group or Michele Grove, Interim Director of Religious Education.

Creating a Unitarian Universalist Learning Roadmap:

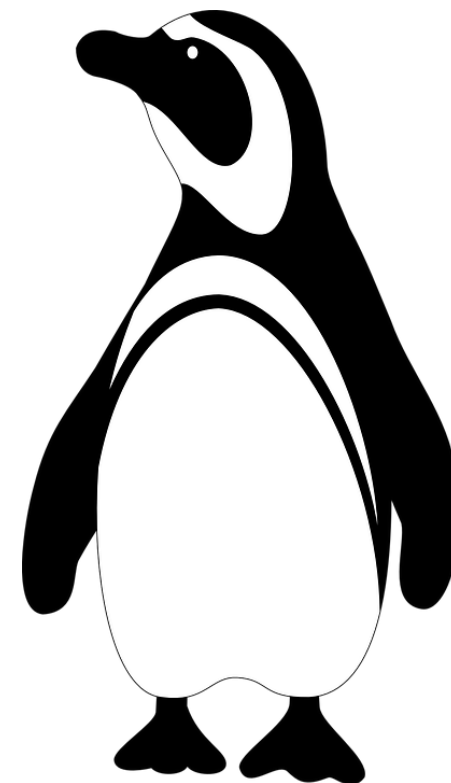
Religious education is at its best when it meets the learning needs and desires of the congregation. Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 29, 2019 9:30 am – Noon, when Carol Veit (Board liaison for religious education) and Michele Grove (Interim director of religious education) will host a workshop which looks at the question: what do we want our children and youth to learn at UUCUC? This will be a fun experience which draws on our wishes and memories. Everyone is encouraged to attend. RSVP to Michele no later than January 8, 2019. Child care is available upon request.

Pageants are special time for memory making and often we may wish to move around to take videos and photos. We encourage you to stay seated and take in the entire spirit of this worship experience. Erich Adickes will video the Pageant which will be available to everyone. This video is for families to view and not for mass distribution. Watch for more information on this in the next couple of weeks.
Thank you, Erich for providing this gift to our families.

Worship Service Participants:

Dana Antonelli
Jack Braun
Aida Burack
Tesla Burack
Rev. Florence Caplow
Jerry Carden
Wendy Englehardt
Mary, Max and Walden Foltz
Matthew Gladden
Jennifer Greene
Michele Townsend Grove
Maria Howerton-Sweid
Hazel Khan
Ali Locke
Lauren Locke
Randy Locke
Madeline Lofrano
Citlali Madrigal
Emily McKown
Ella Simons
Andy Townsend
Helena Townsend

...the Journeyers and their companions



Support the UU College of Social Justice **Guest at Your Table**
through this link: uusc.org/givetoguest

Announcements

Today's Hospitality Team F Volunteers! Welcomers: Russ Rybicki, Kim Kramer, Pat Nolan & Shamim Nanozi; **Ushers:** Gail Hueting & Kristy Higgs; **Decorations:** Nancy Dietrich; **Bellringer:** Wade & Asa Wall; **Snacks:** Claudia Gross, Pat Nolan, Katie Coyle & Deb Sperry

December Shared Offering is supporting 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 Monthly Book & 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 & magazines are for children & adults. You can take home books or magazines without donating any & vice versa.

UU Voices Reading Group is TODAY! Join Rev. Caplow at noon in classroom #1. The discussion will be continued to be about "Christian Voices". All are welcome (with or without the book).

ALL CONGREGATION WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION All are welcome! Friday, December 21 / 6:30 - 7:30 pm / Fellowship Hall. The ritual will begin promptly at 6:30 pm, please arrive early by 6:15 pm to reserve a seat. The celebration will be a family-friendly ritual. Questions? Contact Virginia Brubaker brubaker@nlpchicago.com or Gail Schiesser gschiesser@comcast.net.

Calling All Christmas Eve Helpers. If you will be attending either Christmas Eve service (5:00 pm & 7:00 pm) this year, we could use your help. **Everyone** is invited to bring a plate of cookies or bars for our collective hospitality which will occur BETWEEN the two services. NOTE: This is a change from past years. If you are attending the 7:00 pm service on December 24, please come 30-45 minutes early to enjoy hospitality with those coming out of the 5:00 pm service. Also note that the Hospitality Teams DO NOT provide snacks on Christmas Eve. Place your plate on the snack tables in Fellowship Hall & remember to bring it home at the end of the evening. **Three ushers & two welcomers** are needed for the 5:00 pm service. **Three welcomers** are needed for the 7:00 pm service. If you can help with any of these tasks, contact Peggy Patten at mpegypatten@gmail.com *Thank you!*

Pathway to Membership Class / Sunday, January 13, 2019 / Noon to 3 pm / Children's Chapel. Learn about UUCUC governance, activities, opportunities and social action mission. Learn about benefits & responsibilities of membership. Meet others interested in UUCUC 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 & lunch provided. Contact Sherry Bohlen (217) 384-8862. Sign-Up to Register in Fellowship Hall.

UUCUC Upcoming Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 16

Adult Discussion Group / 9:00 am / Library
Mindfulness Meditation Group / 9:00 am / Library
Worship Service / 10:15 am / Sanctuary
Visitor's Welcome Room / 11:30 am / Library
Young Adult Group / 11:30 am / Table in Fellowship Hall
Book & Magazine Exchange / During Fellowship Hour after Worship Service
UU Voices Book Group / Noon / Classroom #1

Monday, December 17

Bridge Group / 1:00 pm / Children's Chapel

Tuesday, December 18

(Rental: DSC Playgroup) / 8:30 am / Classroom #3
UU Feminist Book Group / 7:00 pm / Library
Budget Task Force / 7:00 pm / Library
Social Action Committee Meeting / 7:00 pm / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 19

Last day for content for OOS & eNews by noon to pubs@uucuc.org.
(Rental: ECIRMAC Board Meeting / 4:00 pm / Children's Chapel
(Smart Recovery) / 6:00 pm / Classroom #1
Patch Adams Film Screening / 6:00 pm / Fellowship Hall
CrUUners Rehearsal / 6:00 pm / Sanctuary
Adult Choir Rehearsal / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary

Thursday, December 20

Membership Committee Meeting / 5:30 pm / Fellowship Hall
(Many Paths: An Agnostic AA Group) / 6:00 pm / Rm #1
Board of Trustees / 7:00 pm / Children's Chapel
Reflective Writing Circle / 7:00 pm / Library

Friday, December 21

All Congregation Winter Solstice Celebration / 6:30 pm / Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 22

Loss of Life Partner Covenant Group / 11:30 am / Library
(Many Paths: an Agnostic AA Group) / 4:30 pm / Classroom #1

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