

**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 intergenerational services at holidays and other times during the year.

### **Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign**

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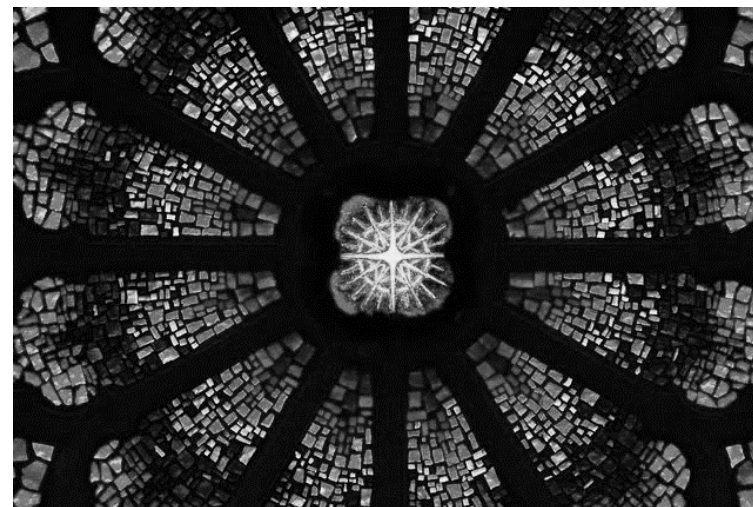
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## **Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign**



## *The Poetry of Winter*

Sunday, December 30, 2018

10:15 am

Worship Committee

Sam Gingher, Piano

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 30, 2018

Gathering Chime / Tower Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Jenny Hunt

Greeting Our Neighbors / Centering Chime

Prelude “Nocturne”

Carl Czerny

Opening Words

Unison Chalice Lighting

In the bleak and cold winter,  
We gather ourselves in  
To light the fire to warm our spirits,  
To kindle the flame of love and hope.

*(Cynthia Landrum)*

\*Opening Hymn #1055 “How Sweet the Darkness”

Time for All Ages “The Year Turns”

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.*

Meditation on the Poetry of Winter

James Engelhardt

Sharing of Poems I

Offertory “Improvisation”

Sam Gingher

Sharing of Poems II

Hymn #250 “purer than purest”

Solo: Verses 1, 2, 3

Congregation sings verse 4 only

\*Sharing of Poems III

\*Closing Hymn #350 “The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time”

Extinguishing the Chalice / Closing Chime

Postlude “Dizzy Fingers”

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*\*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

“ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE”

REV. FLORENCE CAPLOW

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Use this space to write down your thoughts,  
create your poetry, write your resolutions.

**Announcements**

**Thank you to Hospitality Team F!**

**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.

**If you are a City of Champaign resident, please stop by the Social Action table** to sign a petition asking city council members to repeal the city code which allows landlords to discriminate on the basis of conviction record. Even someone whose sentence is probation can be denied fair housing rights for 5 years under Champaign's law. This practice increases risk of recidivism, separates families, and disproportionately affects African-American people because they are twice as likely to be renters.

**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.

**Save the Date – Saturday, February 2, 2019 UUCUC Racial Justice Project** will host the *Critical Cultural Competency Workshop* presented by trainers from Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training. You won't want to miss this workshop, presented here at UUCUC. Make a note on your calendars and watch for more details soon!

## UUCUC Upcoming Weekly Calendar

### **Sunday, December 30**

Adult Discussion Group / 9:00 am / Library  
Mindful Meditation Group / 9:00 am / YRUU Classroom  
Worship Service / 10:15 am / Sanctuary  
Young Adult Group / 11:30 am / Table in Fellowship Hall  
Welcome Room / 11:30 am / Library

### **Monday, December 31**

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

### **Tuesday, January 1, 2019**

*Church Office is Closed – Happy New Year!*

### **Wednesday, January 2**

*Last day for content for eNews & Order of Service at noon.*  
(Rental: Smart Recovery) / 6:00 pm / Classroom #1

### **Thursday, January 3**

(Rental: Many Paths: an Agnostic AA) / 6:00 pm / Classroom #1

### **Saturday, January 5**

(Rental: Many Paths: an Agnostic AA) / 4:30 pm / Classroom #1

Our church calendar is available 24/7 and is the most up-to-date.

Visit: <https://uucuc.org/uucuc-calendar>

## Religious Education News

### **Upcoming Religious Education Opportunities**

December 30<sup>th</sup>: No Religious education today. **Nursery available for ages 0-5.**

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

### **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 12, 2019 9:30-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.

### **Resolving Conflict, Finding Agreement - Part 1 Sunday, January 20, 2019 Noon-4:00 PM, UUCUC Children's Chapel Light Lunch and Child Care Provided**

*RSVP to Michele Grove [re-director@uucuc.org](mailto:re-director@uucuc.org) no later than January 16, 2019 so we have enough food and may ensure that child care is properly staffed.*

At a time when differences seem more pronounced, simple disagreements can turn into difficult conflicts. Join Gail Schiesser and Virginia Brubaker to learn how to deal both more effectively and more comfortably with conflict. In this fun and hands-on experience.

This class will help anyone who finds themselves in situations where those around you are in conflict with each other from time to time. If you would like to be more helpful in those situations, this class is for you.

Virginia and Gail have taught communications skills for many years through the NLP Institute of Chicago. As partners in Common Sense Mediation, they resolved complex conflicts through mediation for couples and groups. Please feel free to call them if you have questions about this class. Virginia's number is (217) 419-3106.