

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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*“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself
in the service of others.” -- Gandhi*

Walking Each Other Home

Sunday, February 17, 2019, 10:15 am

Members of Care Core & Rev. Caplow

Jennifer Greene, Worship Associate

Matt Sheppard, Music Director; Matthew Gladden, Piano;

Kathleen Winters-Castle, Flute

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, February 17, 2019

Gathering Chime & Tower Bell

Prelude "No One Is Alone" Stephen Sondheim

Welcome & Announcements Johnny Robinson

Greeting Our Neighbors & Centering Chime

Opening Words Rev. Florence Caplow

Reading "I Am Only One" Edward Everett Hale, read by Phil Abruzzi

Unison Chalice Lighting Sally Babbitt

We light our chalice as a symbol of gratitude
as we celebrate the abundance of our lives together.

In this sanctuary we harvest bushels of strength for one another,
and offer our crop with the hands of compassion and generosity.

In the authentic and gentle manner of our connections,
we cultivate a simple sweetness to brighten our spirits.

May we be grateful for the ways we nourish and uplift each other,
for it is the sharing of this hallowed time together that sustains us.
--Katie Gelfand

***Hymn #354** "We Laugh, We Cry"

Story "Mr. Nick's Knitting" by Margaret Wild, read by Cindy Loui

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)

Stewardship Testimonial Gail Schiesser & Virginia Brubaker

Reflection on Caring Deedy Marble

Offertory "Vocalise" Sergei Rachmaninoff

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.

Reflection on Caring "Walking Each Other Home" Sandy Hannum

Anthem "Alleluia" Randall Thompson

Caring Congregation Commitment

***Hymn #346** "Come Sing a Song with Me"

Reading "A Lifelong Sharing" by Mother Teresa, read by Phil Abruzzi

Closing Words & Chalice Extinguishing

Postlude "Bridge Over Troubled Water" Paul Simon

**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 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. 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.

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

"CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR"

MICHELE GROVE AND REEF

Religious Education Updates:

This congregation hosts a vibrant Sunday morning religious education program for children and youth through 18 years old. Here is an update of what families can expect:

- **Children and youth will begin in the worship service each Sunday** with the following exceptions.
- **Nursery care and the PreK class will not begin in worship each Sunday.** The child care providers and PreK leaders will be ready to greet children starting at 10:00 each week.
- **The Coming of Age class for 7th and 8th graders will also begin in their class each week at 10:15 since this transitional year needs a longer class time to focus on this amazing journey.**



New Religious education registrations are welcome.

<https://uucuc.breezechms.com/form/0aadff>

Opportunities to serve:

The religious education program runs thanks to countless volunteer hours. There are many opportunities to volunteer. Please reach out to Michele Grove, Interim Director of Religious Education if you wish to learn about any of the following opportunities:

- Be a member of a newly formed religious education committee.
- Be a part of a team that designs and organizes each week's worship coloring packet.
- Be a part of a team that organizes and serves meals as a part of religious education activities.
- Be a part of a team that makes snacks and bakes goodies for RE leaders each Sunday.
- If you wish to learn more about volunteering as a part of a classroom leadership team, talk to Michele about available opportunities.

Volunteering with religious education is service to UUCUC and a way to connect with others. Building relationships is at the heart of all we do!

Caring Congregation Commitment

Minister: In the spirit of shared ministry, will you accept this call to the ministry of care, providing comfort and presence to others in this congregation as you are able? If you can accept this call, please reply, "Yes, we do"

Congregation: Yes, we do.

Care Core: We, as your Care Core Committee, need your help and support in caring for our growing community. Will you join us in this commitment to service? If so, please reply, "Yes, we will."

Congregation: Yes, we will.

Care Core: And will you consider reaching out for help in times of need, knowing that this strengthens the ties that bind us together, giving dignity, meaning, worth and joy to all our days?

Congregation: Yes, we will.

Minister: And so our covenant continues, and is strengthened by these exchanges of care, concern, and compassion.



Announcements

Today's Hospitality Team A Volunteers! Ushers: Lan & Pam Richart; **Welcomers:** Jennifer Greene, John Milano and Jenna Zeidler; **Snacks:** Natalie Bacerra-Stasiewicz, Jennifer Greene, Kiri Fagen-Ulmschneider & Mary Joncich

Our Shared Offering for February is Austin's Place (AP). AP is the only winter emergency shelter for women in Champaign County, from 8pm to 7am, for women who would otherwise be out on the streets. This initiative operates solely on volunteer effort.

Stories Wanted: "A Moment When We Were at Our Best". Please tell us your story of a time when our UUCUC congregation was at its best. Post your memory on UUCUC members and friends group Facebook page, write it in this form <https://bit.ly/2tb3mVT>, or look for cards and a collection basket on tables in Fellowship Hall. Our minister will write a reflection based on our responses for March 3rd service.

Our Call to Stewardship for our 2019/2020 church year started last Sunday. Please pick up your personal pledge packet in Fellowship Hall TODAY. If you have never pledged before, but feel inspired and generous, please come and talk to us. We have extras!

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.

Sing! (or listen) TODAY! Join members of We Wanna Woke Community Justice Choir from 12:00-12:30 in the Sanctuary today!

Environmental Film screening—Unacceptable Levels. Co-sponsored by the Social Action Committee and the Green UUs Friday, Feb. 22nd 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Free pizza! Take a pledge to eliminate pesticide use in your yard or garden and get a free sign to post in your yard.

LGBTQ 101 Terms and Pronouns Workshop, Sunday, February 24th at 2 pm. Taught by persons from the UP Center (Uniting Pride). Come learn why pronouns are important and how to create welcoming spaces for LGBTQ people in any organization or congregation. Childcare available on request (please email: jrock08@gmail.com).

Possible UUCUC Women's Retreat. If you are interested in being a part of a women's retreat later this spring, email your interest, and any questions/concerns to Priscilla Kron at priscilla.kron@gmail.com, or call 217-649-6632.

UU Voices Book Group will meet at noon on Sunday the 24th. This group is facilitated in Rev. Caplow. We are still exploring *Christian Voices in Unitarian Universalism*, available as an e-book or paperback on Amazon.

UUCUC Upcoming Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 17

Adult Discussion Group / 9:00 am / Library
Mindfulness Meditation Group / 9:00 am / YRUU Classroom
Worship Service / 10:15 am / Sanctuary
Young Adult Group / 11:30 am / Table in Fellowship Hall
Book & Magazine Exchange / after service / Table in Fellowship Hall
We Wanna Woke Choir / Noon / Sanctuary
Soul Matters Group #6 / 1:00 pm / Library

Monday, February 18

Church Office is Closed for Holiday

Bridge Group / 1:00 pm / Children's Chapel
Caregivers' Chalice Circle / 7:00 pm / Library

Tuesday, February 19

UU Feminist Book Group / 7:00 pm / Library
Social Action Committee Meeting / 7:00 pm / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 20

Last day for content for eNews & Order of Service by noon, the latest.
(Rental: ECIRMAC Board Meeting) / 4:00 pm / Children's Chapel
(Smart Recovery) / 6:00 pm / Classroom #1
CrUUners Rehearsal / 6:00 pm / Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal / 7:00 pm / Sanctuary

Thursday, February 21

Wake Joy Class with Rev. Caplow / 4:30 pm / Channing Murray on Campus
Membership Committee Meeting / 5:30 pm / Fellowship Hall
(Many Paths: An Agnostic AA Group) / 6:00 pm / Rm #1
Reflective Writing Circle / 7:00 pm / Library

Saturday, February 23

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

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