

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.*



**Winter Solstice:
The Dance of the Dark and the Light**

**Sunday, December 22, 2019
10:15 a.m.**

Rev. Florence Caplow

Deanna Hence, Worship Associate
Austin Cody, Acting Choir Director
Matthew Gladden, Piano; Paige Graham, Solo Voice



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

ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday, December 22, 2019

Gathering Chime & Tower Bell

Prelude "Light of a Clear Blue Morning" Dolly Parton
arr. by C. H. Johnson, sung by the UUCUC Choir

Board Welcome & Greeting Our Neighbors Jenny Hunt

Opening Words/Honoring of the Four Directions/Chalice Lighting

***Hymn #1063** "Winter Solstice Chant"

Story "Fox Steals the Dark"

***Hymn #55/Children to Classes** "Dark of Winter"

Community Matters & Offertory "Winter Solstice" Michele McLaughlin

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.

Reading "A Blessing for Traveling in the Dark" Jan Richardson

Hymn #1059 "May Your Life Be as a Song"

Reading "Blessed Are You Who Bear the Light" Jan Richardson

Reflection "The Dance of the Dark and the Light" Rev. Florence Caplow

A Litany for the Winter Solstice

***Hymn #221** "Light One Candle"

Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing

Postlude "May the Light of Love" by David Roth
sung by the CrUUners

**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.

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 CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

5:00 P.M. OR 7:00 P.M.

REV. FLORENCE CAPLOW

Upcoming Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 22

Adult Discussion Group / 9:00 a.m. / Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room
Mindfulness Meditation Group / 9:00 a.m. / YRUU Classroom
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
Women CrUUners' Rehearsal / 11:45 a.m. / Sanctuary
Generosity Team Meeting / 11:45 a.m. / Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room
UU Voices Book Group / 12:00 p.m. / Classroom #1
OWL / 4:30 p.m. / Children's Chapel, Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room,
Library (Lower Level)

Monday, December 23

Bridge Group / 1:00 p.m. / Mary Joncich's House

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service / 5:00 p.m. / Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Service / 7:00 p.m. / Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25

UUCUC Office Closed
(Smart Recovery) / 6:00 p.m. / Classroom #1

Thursday, December 26

UUCUC Office Closed
(Many Paths: An Agnostic AA Group) / 6:00 p.m. / Classroom #1

Friday, December 27

UUCUC Office Closed
No events scheduled.

Saturday, December 28

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! Welcomers: Kristi Mercer, Jenny Hunt and Mona Shannon; **Ushers:** Hannah Christensen, Karla Peterson and Katie Madigan; **Decorations:** Tanja Hodges; **Bellringer:** Kathy Robinson; **Snacks:** Gail Cohen, Caren Cohen-Heath, Karla Peterson, and Virginia Brubaker.

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 between December 25 through January 1.

During this time, staff will be intermittently checking email and phone messages. Regular office hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. will resume on Thursday, January 2.

Rev. Caplow will be on study leave from December 27th to January 14th.

During that time, if you have a pastoral concern, please email pastoralcare@uucuc.org and one of the co-chairs of our Care Core will respond. For administrative questions, please email Brian Franklin at admin@uucuc.org.

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. Childcare is available for both services. Please join us!

Christmas Eve's 5:00 Service Still Short Volunteers. Thanks to all those who volunteered to help out on Christmas Eve. If you are attending the 5:00 service we still need 1 welcomer, 1-2 ushers & someone to assist Gail Cohen with snack clean up (clearing the snack table of empty plates & running the dishwasher so we have ample cups/plates for the 7:00 service hospitality). This is a good opportunity for families to sign up together. Remember, ALL are invited to bring a plate of cookies or other holiday treats to our collective hospitality time after each service that evening. Remember to bring your plates home at the end of the 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.

Soul Matters and Innovation Intersect! We are pleased to announce the formation of a new Soul Matters group. Scheduled for its first meeting January 26, 2020, the meeting structure is purposely being designed to meet in a format that meets individual needs and ensures access to rich connections and self-exploration experiences. Members of this group can choose to meet in-person or connect virtually. (And don't worry – we'll teach you how!) To register or for more information, please contact Sherry Bohlen (membership@uucuc.org) or Becky Densmore (densmore03@gmail.com).

Religious Education News

Today's religious education offering:

There are no regular religious education classes today. There is a joint crafting program for ages 3 to 10 in room #1. All children are welcome to join leader Stephanie Cobb for some creative time together. Next week, December 29th, there are no religious education classes.

Nursery care is available both Sundays for ages 0-5.

Lifespan Religious Education Opportunity Booklet Spring Semester 2020

Available today! You can pick up your lavender program booklet in the fellowship hall on the religious education table near the RE office. In addition to children and youth programs, several adult religious education programs are listed. This booklet and registration information and forms can be found on the church webpage: <https://uucuc.org/learning/adults/>

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.

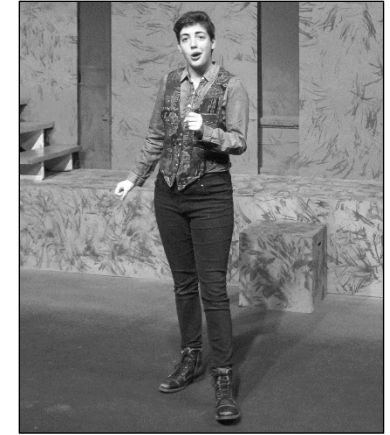
Bathroom Renovation

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.

For more information on these or other lifespan religious education programs, contact Michele Grove at re-director@uucuc.org or call her at the church office, 217-384-8862.

Remembering Ray Watson

It's with great sadness that we share the news that UUCUC friend and choir member, Ray Watson, died in a tragic accident in the Chicago area on December 13. Ray was part of our choir for the few months he was with us earlier in the year, and also sang at the spring coffee house. Ray's talents, beautiful voice, and irrepressible spirit left an indelible impression upon those who crossed his path and he will be sorely missed.



Memorial donations may be given to Ray's sister Liberty's College Fund in care of Liberty Watson, and messages to the family can be left on the memorial webpage for Ray: <https://tinyurl.com/r2llksv>

Pathway to Membership Class Coming in January

Mark your calendar for our next
PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP CLASS
Sunday, January 19 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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.

The class will be facilitated by Sherry Bohlen, Director of Congregational Engagement, and Rev Florence Caplow, UUCUC Minister.

Contact Sherry Bohlen, Director of Congregational Engagement, at membership@uucuc.org with questions or to request childcare. Sign up for the class at the Hub Table in Fellowship Hall.