

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.*



Letting Go into the New Year

Sunday, December 29, 2019

10:15 a.m.

James Engelhardt

Erich Adickes, Worship Associate
Janet Barrett, Jerry Carden, and Sandy Hannum, Readers
Barbara Hudgings, Piano



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

Upcoming Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 29

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

Sunday Service / 10:15 a.m. / Sanctuary

Young Adult Group / 11:30 a.m. / Fellowship Hall

OWL / 4:30 p.m. / Children's Chapel, Fellowship Hall Small Meeting Room, Library (Lower Level)

Monday, December 30

UUCUC Office Closed

Bridge Group / 1:00 p.m. / Children's Chapel

Tuesday, December 31

UUCUC Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1

UUCUC Office Closed

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

Thursday, January 2

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

Friday, January 3

No events scheduled.

Saturday, January 4

(Many Paths: An Agnostic AA Group) / 4:30 p.m. / Classroom #1

Announcements

Today's Hospitality Team E Volunteers! Welcomers: Mona Shannon and Katriena Knights; **Ushers:** Kathy Robinson, Michael and Cindy Loui; **Decorations:** Not assigned; **Bellringer:** Not assigned; **Snacks:** Gail Cohen, Sandy Finnerty, Jenny Hunt, Michael and Cindy Loui.

Hospitality Team E's Last Sunday. This is our last Sunday service in December. Thanks to Team E co-leaders, Kathy Robinson and Katie Madigan, as well as Team E participants who assisted with bell ringing, ushering, welcoming, providing decorations and snacks during December. Next Sunday we welcome Hospitality Team F! Stop by the Hub to sign up for a Team or to find out which Team you are already on.

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.

UU the Vote Official Launch on Sunday, January 12 at 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in UUCUC Fellowship Hall. Join the effort and answer the call from UUA President, Susan Frederick-Gray for a gathering of UU congregations to stand against the current threat to our democracy. UU the Vote will support congregations and UU organizations through 2020 in mobilizing voters, countering voter suppression, and engaging in spiritually grounded, values-based issue conversations with voters in their communities. To join the UUCUC "UU the Vote" organizing team or for more information, contact Director of Congregational Engagement, Sherry Bohlen at membership@uucuc.org.

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

RE Schedule This Week

No religious education today. There is nursery available 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.

Computer / Google Lab Starting January 5!

Many Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign (UUCUC) groups and committees to organize its material and store documents using Google Drive and other computer applications. Computers and Google are often challenging to understand. This Sunday lab, offered the first and third Sunday following service, is designed for anyone working with a UUCUC committee or group who would like to know more about navigating the programs we use to organize our communication and materials.

If you would like a tutorial or have a specific problem, we invite you to drop by. It is helpful to bring your own laptop or tablet, so we can help you with your specific needs!

For more information, email Michele Grove at re-director@uucuc.org or call 217-284-8862. No advance registration needed, just drop by!

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.