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## UU News 4 May 2018

Your weekly UU News lets you see at a glance upcoming events at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities.

(Note: This is only a partial list of upcoming events at UUCQC. A full calendar can be found at [uucqc.org](http://uucqc.org).)

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## This Sunday

### May 6 Service

**10 a.m.**

#### **Creativity**

*Rev. Jay Wolin*

We tend to think about creativity only in regard to the creation of fine art, film, music, poetry, etc. I ask you to consider how we are creating our lives and our community. Are we creating something, or are we just passing time? Who knows, maybe I will create a whole new idea for the service by the time this Sunday

arrives. Let us live our lives open to the forces of creativity and create a beautiful and full life and community together.



### **Forum**

**9 a.m. in the Community Room**

#### **Social Justice Panel**

Join the leaders & representatives from our Social Justice Projects for this open Q&A/discussion forum. Sign-up sheets and information will be available.

## Next Sunday

**May 13**

**Service 10 a.m.**

**Mothers of the Generations**

*Reverend Erika Hewitt*

In this unique Mother's Day service, we call upon ancient and new stories that show us how mothers have found power in powerlessness, and how they invite us to be agents of transformation in our own time and place.

**Mothers' Day Brunch following the Service!!!**



**Forum @ 9 a.m.**

**Social Media and Teens**

*Dr. Lori McCollum*

Lori McCollum will present a summary of recent research on the effects of social media on adolescents. Research shows that there are substantial changes in various behavior patterns in teen-agers raised in the iGeneration as opposed to Millennials and GenXers. Come

learn more about how social media may be affecting your children or grandchildren, along with suggestions to provide some balance to their social lives.

## Mother's Day Brunch





**Sunday, May 13 @ 11 a.m.**  
**Mother's Day Brunch is BACK!**

After a several years hiatus, the Mother's Day Brunch is back!

The brunch will be prepared and served by a group of volunteers from the congregation in honor of Mother's Day.

Please contact John DeGreve with any questions or if you would like to help with

the brunch.

[Contact John](#)

## Stewardship

### **Annual Pledge Drive** **Time to Turn in Pledge Cards!**

Here at UUCQC we have a long and storied history, rich with individuals and groups that have been voices for liberal religion, human rights, and social change. Past members of our community have risked their lives to bring about the changes they knew were worth fighting for.

*Our congregation stands on a threshold. Behind us remains the proud history that makes us who we are. Before us: endless possibilities to carry on that tradition.*

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities offers a variety of options to explore social justice work and religious freedom. We journey these paths as one, becoming something bigger than any of us can be alone. We gather here, together, on the precipice of greatness. How we choose to handle the world at hand will define us. Your pledges will support the next chapter of this 150 year old institution. Please be as generous as you can.

***Will you side with love?***



Your pledges directly support our Social Justice Teams, our Source Teams, and Youth Religious Education.

**Fill Out Your Pledge Online** (WE DO NOT COLLECT BANKING INFORMATION ONLINE, ONLY NAME, CONTACT INFO AND AMOUNT OF ANNUAL PLEDGE)

OR Fill Out the Pledge Card we Mailed You (Or email/call Amanda for a new card)

OR Pick Up a pledge card in the foyer (They are GREEN this year- double check the dates on the cards!)

OR **Email Amanda** your pledge amount!

***Please turn in your pledge cards as soon as possible! Cards can be deposited into the repurposed hat box in the foyer :)***

***The Board has already begun work on the budget: we need your pledges (just pledges, not payments- although those, too, are welcome) as soon as possible.***

## Sanctuary Resolution

**From the Sanctuary Task Force**  
***Please join the Sanctuary Task Force for a Town Hall Meeting THIS SUNDAY, May 6 at 11:15 in the Lounge. We will also discuss the budget at this time.***



sanctuary

Why becoming a Sanctuary Church is important to me

Written by Alice Traylor, member of the Sanctuary Task Force  
(Presented April 22, 2018)

All four of my grandparents were immigrants to this country. My Mom's parents were brought here by their parents when they were children - sounds familiar! They came from Sweden during the late 1800's. Farmland was scarce in the homeland and prospects were bleak. They emigrated to Northern Wisconsin. My Dad's parents came from Sweden and England as adults and settled in Chicago. Both my parents loved and were proud of their heritage but were also grateful to be in the United States because of the opportunities available to them and their children.

I have two personal experiences to share besides my heritage which makes me sympathetic to those who come here for a better life. When I was in graduate school at University of Iowa, I worked for a grant program which created educational materials in languages besides English. I worked with translators for Spanish, Lao, Vietnamese, Thai, and Cambodian. This was the early 80's and some co-workers were high ranking refugees from these countries. One man from Columbia, South America was here on a student visa and feared returning to his homeland because he was gay. He said if he returned he would be killed.

My second experience was early in my employment with the East Moline Schools. Our English as a Second language teacher had married an undocumented man and as time passed they had two children. One night, ICE banged on their door and took her husband. He was deported. He had no criminal record! This took place in the late 90's. It took over two years to get him back. Our principal, myself and others wrote supportive statements and our congressman also helped.

My heritage and my experiences tell me that people and their freedoms are important. Three of our principles highlight my beliefs. I believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every person. I believe in the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all and I believe in justice, equity, and compassion in human relations. I recognize the human struggle for a better life and if that struggle brings you here and you are peaceful, you should have the same rights that I have.

## Sanctuary Task Force Frequently Asked Questions

### Resolution on Sanctuary

Consistent with the Unitarian Universalist principles affirming the inherent worth and dignity of every person with justice, equity, and compassion in human relations, and the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; we declare ourselves as a Sanctuary Congregation in alignment with the Iowa Sanctuary Movement.

We will open our doors and our hearts to receive a guest or guests seeking Sanctuary because of their immigration status and provide hospitality during their stay with assistance from other congregations.

We will continue to advocate for fair and compassionate national immigration policies that will create long-term opportunities and welcoming communities.

**Concerns? Questions?  
Comments?**  
**Take the survey!**

**10 Question Survey**







## Caring Notes

### Ken Kling

Ken Kling, a long time and very active member of this church, died last Thursday at his home in Ames Iowa. We send our sympathy to his children John, Cathy, and Jim.



### Carol Papke

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our extraordinary mother, Carol June Papke on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the age of 90. Carol had a stroke on January 10<sup>th</sup> and was surrounded by the five of us until her passing two weeks later.

## RUUmage Sale Returns!!!



**The annual ritual of the rUUmage sale continues. Mark your calendars! Save your stuff!**

Set up will be Sunday, June 3, after church. Don't try to sneak after service-we need many (and all sizes) hands. Items can be dropped off that day and through June 4-7 at 12 NOON. Sale will be held June 8 and 9. Clean-up will be June 10.

To make this a success, we need lots of donations. And LOTS of volunteers.

Ed and I are in need of at least one more co-organizer. Both of us have limited availability and this will work best if we have one more responsible and enthusiastic and fun person on our team.

Donations sought: housewares, furniture, collectibles, books, children's clothing and toys, craft items, holiday stuff, WORKING appliances and electronics (please, no large-tube TVs), jewelry, gardening, art, hobbies, knickknacks, tools, sports equipment, bicycles, music and movies, pet supplies, office stuff, musical instruments (although pianos are a toughie to sell), memorabilia, oddities....

While we accept men's and women's accessories (ties, belts, wallets, purses, scarves, jewelry, shoes), we do not want clothing (it never has sold well, and it is time-consuming to sort, display, price).

In addition to big-tube tv's, we do not accept mattresses; moldy, cat-pee-scented treasures; and stuff that really should just be thrown away.

If a car seat, crib, stroller, etc. has been recalled, please don't donate it.

**We are in need of a volunteer with a van/truck who might be willing to pick up larger donations from people's homes.**

A schedule will be coming soon. For now, if you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact Julie at 563-508-2209 or [bejjross@msn.com](mailto:bejjross@msn.com)

Thanks,

Julie Ross  
Ed Hazen  
Lucia Auman

Julie Meyerson Ross

## LGBTQIA Project

### It's PRIDE Time!

Quad-Cities Unity Pride week is taking place June 1-9, with events every day.

Your LGBTQIA social justice team has opted to be a sponsor for the event, and to participate with a booth at the Street Fest (Friday June 1, 4pm-8pm and Sat. June 2, noon-8pm ) and an entry in the parade!!!! on Saturday June 9 at noon.

We are inviting you to join us!!!!!!

You can help by volunteering to work a shift at the street fest, and/or by participating in the parade with us.





Remember, being a truly "Welcoming Congregation" means not that we just stand with an open door, but that we go out the door to meet others and welcome them where they are.

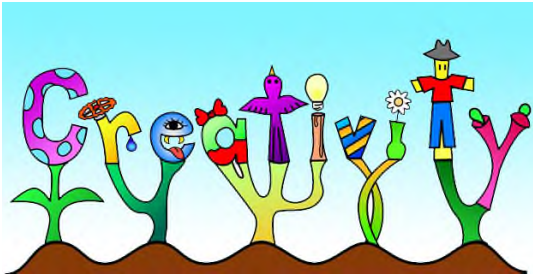
For more information on participating with us, contact Lucia @ [Mudcreekprairie@netins.net](mailto:Mudcreekprairie@netins.net) OR text her at 563-210-7177.

For more information on all the great activities taking place during Quad Cities Unity Pride Week (including movies, meals and more) visit: <https://qcunitypride.org/schedule>

.....and in conjunction with this, our team will be purchasing yellow "Standing On the Side of Love" T-shirts (currently on sale for \$14, due to the conversion to the new "Side With Love" slogan) to wear in the parade and at our booth. If you'd like to order one (available in sizes small - 5x) contact Lucia @ [Mudcreekprairie@netins.net](mailto:Mudcreekprairie@netins.net) before Monday May 7, and we'll add you to the order!

[Text Link](#)

## Soul Service



**Wednesday, May 9 @ 6 p.m.**

Soul Service is a smaller, more interactive service that explores the deeper questions in each of us. Soul service is guided by Reverend Jay Wolin and members of the Soul Service Team.

Childcare provided. Snacks and coffee

following service.

## UUUkes

**From the Music Team**  
**May 20 @ 6 p.m.**

Do UU play the UUkluele? Have UU every wanted to play in a UUkelele group? Then UU won't want to miss the first meeting of the UUUkus at UUCQC. Join us on Sunday, May 20 at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary to meet our leader, Erin Mahr, talk about rehearsals and performances, try out some songs, and have FUN!



BYOU (Bring your own ukulele) and a music stand, if you have one. All levels are are welcomed! For questions contact Matthew Toland, [mctoland@gmail.com](mailto:mctoland@gmail.com). See UU there!



## Summer Fun with Youth Religious Ed!



### Summer Sundays: Our Creature Family Sundays @ 10 a.m.

Hop, run, fly, and crawl to the UUCQC on Sundays at 10am! Children ages 5+ are happily invited to join us while we explore the interconnected web of life by learning about our earth home and our creature

family. No registration or membership required, but don't wear your "Sunday best," as there will be lots of outdoor play and learning.

### First Fridays Fridays from 5-7 p.m.

Join us for summertime family fun on the first Friday of the month from 5-7pm at the UUCQC.

June 1: Tye dying  
July 6: Bean bag tournament  
August 3: Campfire and sing-a-long

Come for the activity, or just to hang out! Feel free to bring a snack to share & lawn chairs or blankets for chillin' on the lawn! Everyone is welcome.

**Contact Aubrey** for more details :)

## Save the Dates!



Spring!!!

May

May 9: Soul Service "Creativity" @ 6

May 12: Story, Song, & Spirit:  
Creating Worship for All Ages  
With Rev. Erika Hewitt 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

May 20: Youth Bridging Service @ 10  
a.m.  
Annual Meeting @ 11 a.m.

## UUA General Assembly 2018

June 20-24,  
Kansas City  
*All Are Called*

This year the annual UUA General Assembly is in the Midwest - in Kansas City. In 2019 it will be on the west coast in Spokane WA, and in 2020 on the east coast in Providence RI. That makes this year a very good one to attend! Attending GA is a terrific experience with

opportunities to learn about the issues we are facing, meet our national and global leaders, form new UU friendships, hear great speakers, take part in public witness, participate in discussions and in general have all sorts of learning and growing experiences. There will be around 175 program offerings, so there's something for everyone. I've been to about six GAs over the years, and have always found it to be an enriching experience. More information on GA and Kansas City is at: [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga)



Costs involve registration, travel, lodging, food - the usual. ***Our UUCQC Endowment team voted to cover the registration fee of \$395 for up to 5 members from UUCQC. You could be one of them! Registration and housing info is on the website: [www.uua.org/ga/travel](http://www.uua.org/ga/travel) If you are interested, please contact Endowment Chair Will Brooke.***

Here's a little more information from the website: General Assembly is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through the democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates. Most General Assembly events will be held in the Kansas City Convention Center.

The theme, All Are Called, is grounded in a deep belief that we are all prophets, Unitarian Universalists ask, "How can we faithfully meet the demands of our time?" The call to witness and act for justice in our society and in the world is clear. So, too, is the call to examine our structures and practices, dismantling and transforming those which fail to recognize the full humanity of all people and to honor the interdependent web of life. Join us in Kansas City as we dive deeply into questions of mission for our Unitarian Universalist Association, for our congregations and communities, and for each of us as individuals.

So, think about attending GA this year. It is an opportunity for personal growth, as well as for bringing what you learn and experience back to enhance our congregational life.

Kathryn Allen for the Endowment Committee

Chair: Will Brooke

Members: Linda Goff, Lisa Mito, Damon Gray, Kathryn Allen

**SIDE NOTE!!! A member has approached the office inquiring about ridesharing! If you're down to carpool with the coolest new person in town, please contact [Amanda](#).**

**Would you like to be a delegate for UUCQC at this year's GA??? Contact Amanda!**

## Office Hours

### **UUCQC Office Hours:**

**Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - noon (afternoons by appointment)**

Amanda ([office@uucqc.org](mailto:office@uucqc.org))

563-359-0816

### **Rev. Jay Office Hours:**

**Monday Off, Tuesday 2-5, Wednesday 2-5, Thursday 2-5,**

**Friday Writing Day**

**Call 563-359-0816 or email [minister@uucqc.org](mailto:minister@uucqc.org).**

**UU News submission deadline:**

**Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. No exceptions.**

Email [office@uucqc.org](mailto:office@uucqc.org)

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