

UUCC Community News

APRIL 2024

Unitarian Universalist Community Church



Sunday Worship Service 10:00am

UCC COVID UPDATE: The UCC Board of Trustees has lifted Covid restrictions in the church. The congregation can determine their own level of risk and any need to continue to wear a mask in public settings. The only exception to this will be when we have in-church speakers who may request that congregants wear a mask during their service. We will notify you ahead of time if this occurs.

APRIL SUNDAY SERVICES

April 7 Anne Holcomb

Title: "A Raft in the Sea of Climate Change: Are the Kids Alright?"

How are you coping with climate change and how are the young people in your life coping? A message of hope with some practical tools.

April 14 The Rev Denise D Tracy

Title: "We Need Not Think Alike."

These words were spoken by Hungarian Unitarian Cleric, Francis David, 455 years ago. This service will explore the radical notion of religious freedom.

April 21 Tom Nielson

Title: "Peace is an Environment Issue."

- Pondering the question, "Why do we spend 2 million bucks a minute on war? And what we get in return."

April 28 Beverly Feldt

Title: "The Joy List"

We're all familiar with the to-do list, that pile of "shoulds" that looms over our hearts and minds. But do you have a Joy List? What might that look like?

First Sunday Potluck APRIL 7th after worship



At UUCC, the first Sunday of each month after worship service we share a potluck luncheon. Join us for this time of Fellowship!

Please bring a food item to share.

UU Connect Forum

Sunday, April 14, after the service starting around 11:30 a.m.. In-person in Room 3, with the option to join via Zoom using the same codes as those used for the April 14 Worship Service.

Subject: UU Connect - Long Strange Trip video series on UU history, this time showing Part V - Evolution. There will be a brief discussion of the video following its presentation.

UCC Men's Group

Sunday, April 7, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. After check ins we will view and discuss three short videos from the series on the noosphere. To join by contact Allan Lindrup at uusj@sbcglobal.net or 773-595-4921.

Listening Hearts



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April volunteers, Richard Lewis and Colin Kirchner are available as a source for listening, support and resources.



Please follow us on [Facebook](#) for UUCC event reminders.



The President's Column April 2024 by Laurene Lambertino-Urquizo



(Continuing our exploration into proposed changes to Article II...)

In my last article I mentioned that there may be a schism underway. You might be wondering what is a schism exactly? It is the "formal separation of a church into two churches or the secession of a group owing to doctrinal and other differences" according to Oxford Languages Dictionary, but overall, it indicates a great divide that cannot be transversed. Many believe that is exactly what is currently happening within our Unitarian Universalist religion. If there is to be a schism it will not be the first one to occur in history. There have been others. "The Great Schism" comes to mind when in 1054 CE the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church split into two factions. And, of course, they have both survived.

Unitarian Universalism is perhaps the last of the truly free religions. We have no Dogma, no Commandments, no Pope nor Prophet at the top telling us what to do or believe. On the contrary, we pride ourselves in being encouraged to follow our own heart, and to question and explore our own conscience. In fact, we teach our own children to explore and learn about all the world religions that they might find wisdom in the teachings that will help them on their own spiritual paths. We do not look to a central authority for direction. Our Seven Principles are all about freedom and justice in the many ways that they impact our individual lives. The proposed revisions are asking us to focus in on one particular injustice: dismantling white supremacy. And as important as freedom from racism is, we are first, and foremost, a religion centering on spiritual matters and not social justice.

The desire of the UUA to change the current Article II (the Seven Principles & Sources) is not the only issue here. It is the way that the UUA is going about this. They are denying the time-old UU tradition to fully investigate this proposed change, and then talk about it, and talk again about it, and then talk about it some more, until everyone has had their opportunity to fully discuss it and propose additions, adjustments, and clarifications. In 1961, UU congregations were polled to come up with a set of guiding moral precepts that we all believe in. It took twenty years to agree on these resulting 7 Principles, but they have served us very well for over a half century. Talking things through is perhaps what we as UUs do best. And we include everyone to have a voice in that process, not just those who agree with us. The main problem now is that this time the UUA did not permit this process to occur. They presented the changes they are proposing like they were a fait accompli. No questioning allowed. And when people like Rev. Todd Eklof and others began questioning this, they began to shut them out of the process. That is the part that many feel is unfair. The UUA presented themselves alone as the final authority on the matter rather than allowing the people that make up our religion to make this choice.

Making changes to our Seven Principles is a touchy undertaking at best. Our Principles and Bylaws are the closest thing that we have to a UU Theology. The UUA clearly knew that this would not be an easy thing to do. At the core of these major changes is the proposed 8th Principle: "We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions." This proposed 8th Principle is a very worthwhile ideal for us to adopt, and many UU congregations have already done so (over 125 congregations). But it seems to be especially emphasized by the UUA.

We do periodically review our practices and propose changes. It is written in our Bylaws to do so about every decade. The desire to root out racist practices within our church began in 1841, and was revisited in 1963, 1968, 1983, 1992, 1997, **continued** 2005, 2017, and 2020.

President's column continued

As an organized religion, the emphasis on accepting all people into our individual churches and congregations has always been a goal that we strove for, but as an institution we have fallen short of that mark. To gain a fresh perspective into this, read Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed's article, "The Black Hole in the White UU Psyche" in the Fall 2017 edition of UU World. And before this, Rev. Dr. Thandeka authored an important paper on "Why Anti-Racism Will Fail" which she delivered in 1999 at the GA, catching many by surprise for her message as she is a Black UU minister. So, this is not a new concept. UUs have been immersed in the issue of combating racism for a long time. We must also never forget that we lost two of our own during the Civil Rights Era with the murder of Rev. James Reeb and Viola Liuzzo in Selma, Alabama in 1965.

So why this disconnect? Some UUs argue that we have been on the right side of history in this struggle for many decades, and that we are not racists. Why the need to place such an emphasis solely on white supremacy? And why now? How is this related to the discarding of our Seven Principles and Sources? Would it not be better to accept the 8th Principle as it has been proposed previously to express our ongoing dedication to eliminating racism and retain the original seven? Or will we continue on this road which threatens to split our religion into two factions? Will we see a schism as the United Methodist church did in 2019 because some in their church refused to accept gay marriage and LGBTQ+ pastors? Stay tuned...



A Positivity Project

Are you feeling overwhelmed by negative news?

Feeling like it's hard to find a bright spot in the day?

Come join folks who are sharing positive experiences and ways to see our world in a more satisfying light. Enjoy a provided soft beverage and spend a short time in meditation as we send out our most loving and healing intentions to the planet and its inhabitants.

When: 1st & 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30-7:30 pm, door open at 6

Where: UUCC, 70 Sycamore Dr., Park Forest, IL

No need to reserve your space. All are welcome, come if you can.

For more information: Michele Johnson 708-748-0362

This is an independent offering, not affiliated with the church. They are our gracious host.



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023-2024

From the UUCC 70th Anniversary Committee

The *Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Park Forest, IL* looks forward to an exciting new church year beginning this fall. To focus our future efforts, a congregational survey in the spring of 2023 asked us to prioritize our wants and needs. When the questions, created by our 70th Anniversary Committee, were answered and tallied, these priorities emerged:

1. To continue learning from diverse speakers and celebrants.
2. To make social connections with open-minded people.
3. To connect to others by sharing our location and our principles (what we believe).
4. To continue support for human service organizations.
5. To support the human services efforts of other churches and additional non-profit agencies.
6. To engage in community activities that support our members and friends.
7. To share knowledge with each other and all others with similar interests.

After our congregation reviewed these results this summer, they recommended activities for the 2023-2024 church year. We received the suggestions below: **(NOTE: Purple items have already commenced.)**

FOR OUR CELEBRANTS

1. Sermons on each of our 7 principles
2. Sermons on homelessness and environmental issues
3. Sermons on personal spiritual experiences, faith journeys, experiences with God, adversities/ challenges faced during faith journeys
4. More Larry McClellan/ Henrietta Byrd
5. Include varieties of vocal performers in our Sunday services

FOR INTERNAL SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

5. **Music concerts featuring Chris Ussery & companion performers**
6. Small "home" dinners for fellowship development
7. Pet Day
8. BYO lunch and sit outside to converse after Sunday service
9. Congregational talent show
10. Progressive dinners
11. **Theater/ museum/ concert outings**
12. Dinners at church
13. Art night: 1) paint & sip, or 2) showcase of members' work
14. Monthly games night: 1) games like UNO, etc. 2) optional table for personal sharing

FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

15. Share our perspectives at various farmers' markets
16. Participate In PRIDE events
17. Monthly "Spiritual Sharing" Circle
18. Share our celebrants' sermons on YOU TUBE
19. Participate in Park Forest's Main Street Nights
20. Share flyers about UUCC
21. **Support secular home-school co-ops, as well as nature-based education programs**

FOR HUMAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION SUPPORT

22. **Continue food and monetary donations to PADS**
23. Engage with REVIVE
24. **Engage with HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**
25. **Support RESPOND NOW with donations, and a 4-person volunteer team**

FOR PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING

26. Share voice memos to an accessible electronic folder
27. Investigate/ use UUA workshop curriculums during interest group discussions
28. **Create "special interest" groups for activity sharing (crafting, gardening, etc.)**



Connections

by Barb Anderson



"Chief" Bob Jensen's Father-in-Law, Ted Wheeler created the stained glass that was recently hung in UUCC's sanctuary.

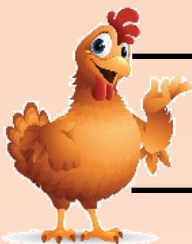


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Angela Denk invites all to a Beltane Celebration at UUCC on April 26th from 6 to 9PM.

I recently attended an interfaith dinner at the Catholic Theological Union in Hyde PK. It brought together Moslem, Catholic, Jewish, Presbyterian and Unitarian people to eat and talk together. Ron Miller used to be a part of Common Ground in Flossmoor, which held discussions and learning experiences for the same purpose.

Leanne Mull wrote a children's book "Chi and the Search for Joy" which is being illustrated.



Melli Faith gave a talk in the Crete Library on "Raising Chickens".

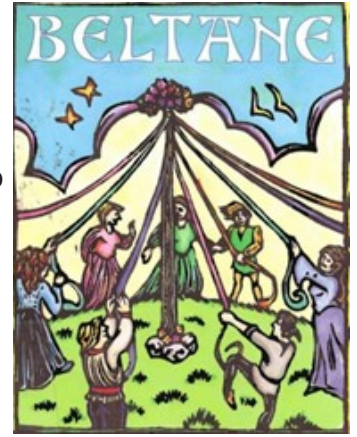



DAVE RUDOLF
& The 3 Wise guys
SATURDAY APRIL 13TH, 7:30PM
New album release Party!
Just \$15 admission
Who Knows who might sit in with Dave?
WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

Dave Rudolf will be at UUCC's "Edgar's Place" (our church transforms into a Music venue) in April.

Celebrate May Day or Beltane – May 1st

Beltane is a Pagan holiday, and one of the eight Sabbats. It falls about halfway between the spring equinox and the coming summer solstice. The holiday celebrates spring at its peak, and the coming summer. Beltane also sometimes goes by the name May Day. Beltane is focused on hope for the fertility of people, crops, and animals. Here are some ways to celebrate Beltane:



1) Dance Around the Maypole - The Maypole, a symbol of fertility, consists of a tall pole, garlanded with flowers and ribbons. Dancers circle the pole in two groups, each dancing in opposite directions, to weave the ribbons around the pole. Join the CUUPs group at UUCC on Friday April 26th, 6-9pm for a family friendly dance around the Maypole and potluck dinner.

2) Create and Give a May basket – May baskets should be simple, filled with cakes, cookies or candy, as well as spring flowers and small trinkets. They are frequently left anonymously at the front door of a friend, neighbor or loved one. Share the wealth of spring with love.

3) Tend a Bonfire – Beltane is a Celtic word, meaning “the fires of Bel.” Bel, likely referred to the Celtic sun god, Belenus. Spring has sprung! It is time to break out the barbeque! Bring out the grill and have a meal cooked outdoors. If you have a firepit, light up the evening with fire and bask in the glow.



Religious and Character Education Update

In the RE classroom, we will be working through the World of Wonder Curriculum, supplied by UUA tapestry of faith. "This program delves deep into our Unitarian Universalist seventh Principle. It instills respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part and appreciation of its beauty, excitement, and mystery. It is founded on the premise that direct experience in nature is essential to children's physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual development. Time spent experiencing and exploring our natural world begins a practice that can bring lifelong openness to the wonder nature can spark."

JOIN US on the third Sunday of each month
3/17- Session 3- Thanks be to Trees
4/21- Session 4- Balance in our Ecosystem
5/19- Session 5- Habitats

Children should come ready to connect with nature, weather permitting. Play clothes, outdoor gear and shoes should be worn.



GREEN SANCTUARY

BY JEFF GREEN – APRIL 2024



I really don't know my flowers very well. I have overheard people talking about their early flowers coming up. Crocuses. Now that is fun to see as our white landscape has disappeared and the green is taking over. Along with the green landscape comes pollen in the air. I have acquired allergies lately when I used to never have them. Going through the pet store, my nose was itching and trying to run without a Kleenex. Thankfully I got into the car to take care of that shortly after. On the news that night, came a clip on "Warming Climate, More Pollen, Worse Allergies". Just turning 70 this month, I may have around 20 more years of living with my allergies getting worse. Clinton Green's Birthday (my son), Mar. 27th was yesterday and will live the full climate change for about the next 63 years. The news clip on TV last night referenced this site.

<https://www.climatecentral.org/climate-matters/warming-climate-more-pollen-worse-allergies>

Key Concepts:

Our warming climate results in more freeze-days each year—giving plants more time to grow and release allergy-inducing pollen.

The freeze-free growing season lengthened by in 83% (164) of 197 U.S. cities analyzed since 1970.

These 164 cities saw their freeze-free season lengthen by 19 days on average.

Climate change contributes to earlier, longer, worse allergy seasons for millions in the U.S. that suffer from seasonal allergies to pollen—including 19% of children.

Climate Central's fact sheet, [***Climate Change & Children's Health: Seasonal Allergies***](#), details how the climate trends that are worsening allergy season affect children's health and well-being.

Protecting children's health

Respond to symptoms, not the season. Children with allergies may experience symptoms earlier or later than usual as growing seasons expand and shift.

Minimize exposure. Check local air quality reports and allergen forecasts before heading outside. When pollen concentrations are high, consider limiting time outdoors for children with allergies or asthma.

Make the indoors safer and more comfortable. Close windows and doors to minimize aeroallergens inside. Use high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters in living spaces and bedrooms to clean the air.

Commit to rapid, sustained cuts to carbon pollution from burning fossil fuels. Because higher levels of carbon pollution will bring more and sooner benefits to allergy sufferers of all ages.

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Green Sanctuary continued

My woofing and sneezing has picked up recently telling me there is something out there that is my allergen. As the world changes around us from our own use of energy, we have to adapt. The more we use fossil fuels, the more we have to adapt to our environment. The sooner society adapts to using renewable energy, the less adaptation is needed, the less money we spend on adaptation.

There is much more information on the site that I referenced for this Green Sanctuary article. I hope you will go look at it to see what else is in store for this interesting area.

Thank you for letting Green Sanctuary into this time for you. Jeff Green.

ATTENTION!

Are you concerned about the environment? Join our group!

The **Multi UU Church Environmental Book Club** has existed for about two years, meeting monthly via Zoom. Members of Beverly Unitarian Church, the UU Community Church in Park Forest, and First Unitarian Church of Chicago have been participating, This book club now meets on the **third Monday evening of each month, starting at 7 p.m.,** with sessions lasting 75 to 90 minutes.

If you would like to participate please contact Allan Lindrup at uusj@sbcglobal.net or you can leave a voice message at 773-595-4921, providing your name, your congregation, and clearly providing your email.



International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women (ICUW)

The International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women is a nonprofit organization in special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), focusing on global women's rights and empowerment.

ICUW advances equity for women and girls worldwide through leadership development, empowerment and awareness programs, advocacy, and resources.

At her recent Women's History Month service, Rev. Denise Tracy encouraged us to support ICUW financially. You may make a donation directly to them at <https://www.intlwomensconvo.org/>, or you may write a check to UCC with ICUW in the memo line. Your check made out to UCC for ICUW counts as a tax deductible contribution. A group check from UCC will be mailed near the end of April. Thank you for your generosity!



Financial Update - Pledge Month



April is the month of our Annual Pledge drive. Each year we ask that you make a financial commitment to support this congregation. This year, our slogan this year is "Tending the Flame, Growing the Vision." Part of being a member of this community is ensuring that it continues not only to survive, but also to thrive. Help us grow the vision.

Early in the month I will send you a personalized email with information on the state of your current pledge and requesting that you make a new pledge for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. I hope that you can be generous. If you have never made a pledge to UUCG before, you can stop by the Pledge Table in the Gathering Room during Coffee Hour, or speak directly to me. The results of the pledge drive will be used to build an Operating Budget for next year. You will have the opportunity to approve the budget at our Annual Meeting on May 19th, following the Sunday Service.

Thank you for your contributions!
Nancy Irons, UUCG Treasurer

Volunteer Recognitions

Thanks continue to go out to Irene van der Hoek and all of the Rental Team crew, who continue their efforts to cleanup and organize around the building. If you know of anyone who would be interested in renting the small office next to the kitchen, please put them in touch with the UUCG Office. Thanks go out to Jodi Libretti and Candy Allen Smith for picking up litter along Sycamore Drive. Jodi also gets special praise for changing the sign on Western Avenue each week. Well done all!

Volunteer Opportunities!

There are many interesting tasks that need attention. Would you like to help?

Are you willing to commit to a Sunday or two each month? We need Ushers and Greeters, Zoom hosts and Sexton setup assistance. Please get involved! Contact Marilyn Ragland (mexmasrag@aol.com) for details on the Sexton team; Joyce Sligar (jsligar02@gmail.com) for Ushers and Greeters; and Jodi Libretti (jlibretti@sbcglobal.net) for the Zoom hosts.

We also need volunteers who are willing to help with setup, cleanup and to be on-hand for rentals.

We need hospitable people to encourage and enable success of our rentals to help fund the church.

Do you prefer handi-person work? Furnace filters for all three furnaces need to be changed seasonally. Books on the shelves in the Gathering Room need to be arranged and tidied regularly. A shelf in one of the kitchen cabinets needs to be repaired and rehung. A smoke detector needs to be hung outside the kitchen. There are lots of opportunities to help beautify and maintain our building! Please get involved. Adopt a spot or task that you will be responsible for.

Please contact with the office (708-481-5339 or churchadmin@uucgpc.org) for more information or to arrange access to the building and supplies.

What's Happening at UUCC?



Do you love stitching? Tuesday April 2nd at 10:30 AM

Join us on **FIRST TUESDAY of the month from 10:30am-noon** at UCC classroom 3. Do you like to knit, and want to run some thoughts across others? Do you like to crochet, but want something new and not sure where to look? Do you quilt but need somewhere quiet to really get into your craft? Whether you knit, crochet, cross stitch, needlepoint, quilt, or any other hand stitch craft that you enjoy, let's get together to craft, talk and mingle. For more information contact **Karen Beran 708-532-6024**

UCC Men's Group Sunday, April 7th 6:30 to 8 PM

UCC Men's Group now meets MONTHLY on the **FIRST SUNDAY evening from 6:30 to 8 pm** via Zoom. -----

If you identify as male and are not on group's list of regulars, you can join by contacting Allan Lindrup at uusj@sbcglobal.net or 773-595-4921.

UCC Connections Small Group Thursday, April 11th 1:00-2:30 pm

Join this small group so we can connect and share to get to know one another. The group meets on the **SECOND THURSDAY** each month in person at UCC with the option of joining via Zoom. Questions? Contact Irene van der Hoek at tulip51girl@gmail.com



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Rejoice!

Spring is springing and the flowers are coming into bloom! It's time to dance and drum and decorate the maypole as we celebrate together. This is an indoor and outdoor event (weather allowing). There will be a potluck meal and activities for all ages. Please join us for this family-friendly Beltane celebration.

For further information, contact Meli Faith or Angela Denk. You can also visit us on the

Multi-UU Church Environmental Book Club Monday, April 15th from 7 to about 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

Are you concerned about the environment? We meet via Zoom the 3rd Monday each month starting at 7 p.m. The group is starting a new book - Dark Side of the Ocean, by Albert Bares - and will be discussing the Introduction and first four chapters of that book at its April 15 meeting. Individuals who would like to join this book club should contact Allan Lindrup at uusj@sbcglobal.net or 773-595-4921.

CROP Hunger Walk for 2024-Sunday, May 5

Please help with this life-saving effort! Get your congregation or organization involved today!

CROP = Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty

When: Sunday, May 5, 2024, 1:15 PM

Where: United Christian Church, 4351 W. 180th St.; Country Club Hills

Time: Registration begins at 1:15

Purpose: To raise funds to feed the hungry locally and around the world

UUC Team Leader: Allan Lindrup

Online Donations: Go to www.crophungerwalk.org/homewoodil, then put **Allan Lindrup** in the Search box.



Checks (to be handed in at Registration on May 5) should be made out to CWS/CROP

This year we will once again have an "actual" Group Walk on a beautiful route. We'll begin and end at our new **host church—United Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 4351 W. 180th St. in Country Club Hills**—to raise funds so CWS and our local agencies can provide food for vulnerable persons here at home and around the world. There will be no Opening Ceremonies. The Church will be open for use of the bathrooms, as will the CCH Fire Station (on the long walk). Refreshments and water will be available at the church (beginning and end of the walk) and at the Fire Station rest stop.

REGISTRATION will begin at 1:15 We will receive the funds anyone has collected, and all walkers will receive a route map with written directions on the back. **It is important that all walkers register, even if they are not turning in any money at this time.**



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Buddhist Meditation

Saturdays at 9am -10:30am

Learn and enjoy the simple, straight-forward practice of meditation. Please join us for sitting and walking meditation in the Zen & Theravadin Buddhist traditions. This is an ongoing event led by Steve McCabe.

Location: Online

Cost: Free will offering

Contact: Steve McCabe steve.mccabe6914@gmail.com



A Moment in Balance weekly Yoga Classes by Karen Nielsen at UUC 70 Sycamore Dr. Park Forest

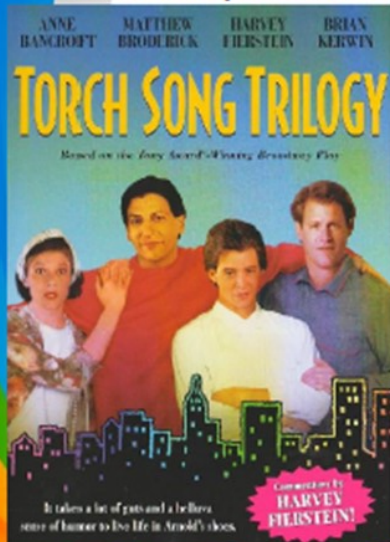
Monday & Thursday 9:30 – 11am

Wednesday evenings 7:00 – 8:30pm

This class is for everyone, beginner to experienced.
No reservations needed. Drop-in fee is \$10 per class.
Call Karen (708) 755-3577

RAINBOW CAFE

Rainbow Cafe will meet on Friday, April 19th, 2023.
Doors to the church open around 6:30 pm. The film starts around 7:00 pm. Soft drinks and snacks are served.



“Torch Song Trilogy”

Synopsis:

Both funny and poignant, Torch Song Trilogy chronicles a New Yorker's search for love, respect and tradition in a world that seems not especially made for him. Armed with a keenly developed sense of humor and piercing wit, Arnold tests commonly accepted terms of endearment and confirms that happiness is well worth carrying a torch for.

Rainbow Café is a social event that provides a welcoming and safe environment for single or partnered gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender adults, and their allies. Group is open to anyone regardless of their sexual orientation.

We meet every third Friday at 7PM to watch a LGBTQ film.

Join the discussion after the film.

Invite friends!

Optional - bring snacks to share.



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LGBTQ

Welcoming Congregation



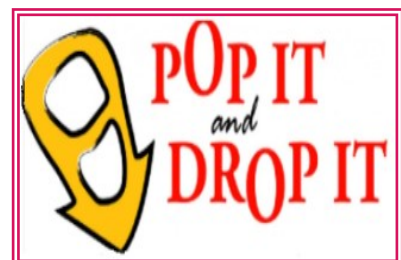
WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS
IMMIGRANT LGBTQ
OF COLOR WITH DISABILITIES
OF ALL AND ANY FAITHS

UUA.ORG/IMAGES

Help Support Ronald McDonald House Charities



The Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana Ronald McDonald House strives to keep families together when children are hospitalized. In this region, their facilities can accommodate 177 families each night, providing food and shelter at comfortable locations close to their hospitalized children. Reverend Denise Tracy supports this organization and asks that you do too. Please collect and bring in the aluminum pop top tabs from your drink cans. There is a pop tab collection jar in the UUC kitchen where they can be deposited.



"WHITE PRIVILEGE" & MULTIRACIAL UNITY



A Convocation of the UU Multiracial Unity Action Council
Saturday, Apr 13, 2024, Noon-1:30pm Central time
Led by Dr. Kenneth Christiansen & Rev. Richard Trudeau

(Starts at 1:00pm Eastern, 11:00am Mountain, 10:00am Pacific)
TO REGISTER send an email to UUMUAC@gmail.com;
Zoom codes will be sent the day before

Part 1. The Term "White Privilege" -- Its Good & Bad Effects

"White Privilege" is a highly emotional term. It highlights racism and racial disparity. It can be everything from a discussion starter, to an empathy block, to a guilt wedge, to a blindfold in relation to the effects of CLASS.

--Discussion--

Part 2. Changing the Conversation

White Privilege can also be seen as an inventory of resources available for genuine antiracism work that collaboratively addresses discriminatory laws and policies.

--Discussion--

The Unitarian Universalist Multiracial Unity Action Council

UUMUAC Monthly **Third Wednesday** Worship Service at **7:00 pm Central Time**

For Zoom information, please send name, email, and congregation (if any)

to richard3point@gmail.com

For past services, type "Third Wednesday UUMUAC services" in the YouTube search box.



Help Send Paloma Abroad this Summer!

Paloma Furst Chavira, our very own violin prodigy, will be collaborating with Rev. Denise Tracy to provide a fantastic musical Sunday service in May. Paloma is currently working to raise funds for a summer tour abroad, where she will take lessons and play concerts.

It has been proposed that members of UUCC help sponsor this tour. If you are willing to contribute, please make your check out to UUCC with Paloma in the memo line. This will count as a tax-deductible contribution to UUCC. Please have your contributions in by the end of April. Rev. Tracy plans to present Paloma with an award check from UUCC at the May service. If you have questions, Treasurer, Nancy Irons can provide additional information.



MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

In an effort to keep UUCC Members informed, meeting minutes are available on the bulletin board and can be emailed or mailed to any UUCC member who requests them.

Please contact the office 708-481-5339 or email churchadmin@uucpcf.org



DAVE RUDOLF

& The 3 Wise guys

New
album
release
Party!

SATURDAY APRIL 13TH, 7:30PM

Just \$15 admission

Who Knows who might sit in with Dave?

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS



Dave Rudolf is a long time performer and a multi award winning singer/songwriter who just released his 43rd Album "Run From The Devil". He's a Gold Record, Grammy nominated artist, 15 time nominee for Entertainer of the Year awards from NACA (The National Association for Campus Activities), and has 43 albums many of which have won various awards. He's shared the stage with The Beach Boys, The Everly Brothers, The Mamma and Pappas, Tim Mcgraw, Steve Goodman, John Hartford, The Smother Brothers, Michael Smith, Megon McDonough, The Gatlin Brothers, Sha Na Na, and weirdly back in the day, Cheech and Chong to name a few... "Sit Down, Take a Number" got a Top Ten regional album award from NPR radio, his 4th album in the last 6 years to do so.



**Unitarian Universalist Community Church
70 Sycamore, Park Forest, IL**

What I love about a Dave Rudolf show is that I know it's always going to be a great time. Whether he's performing his well-crafted witty originals or feel good favorites, Dave engages his audience and lets them drive his song selection. His musicianship is first rate. It's entertainment and then some.

Paul Zimmerman, Producer...Maple Street Chapel Folk Concerts



APRIL 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday									
 7 10am Worship Soup Kitchen Potluck 6:30pm Men's Group	1 9:30am Yoga 8 9:30am Yoga	2 10:00am Stitchery Group 7pm Flowering Dog- wood Martial Arts 9 7pm Flowering Dog- wood Martial Arts	3 7:00pm Yoga 10 7:00pm Yoga	4 9:30am Yoga 3pm PADS Team 7pm Flowering Dogwood Martial Arts 11 9:30am Yoga 1pm Connections Group 7pm Flowering Dogwood Martial Arts	5 12 19 26 6pm Beltane Celebration at UUCC	6 9am Online Buddhist Meditation 9am Flowering Dogwood Martial Arts 13 9am Online Buddhist Meditation 9am Flowering Dogwood Martial Arts 7:30pm Edgar's Place presents Dave Rudolf and Friends 20 9am Online Buddhist Meditation 9am Flowering Dogwood Martial Arts 27 9am Online Buddhist Meditation 9am Flowering Dogwood Martial Arts									
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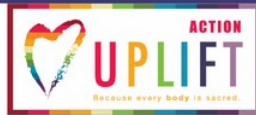
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- Oct 15: Risk Discernment for Congregations
- Nov 19: Faith Out Loud
- Jan 21: Community Safety & Security

SIDE WITH LOVE
monthly mixer

2nd Monday of every Month
5pm PT • 6pm MT • 7pm CT • 8pm ET

Faithful GROUNDING

monthly virtual gathering
4th Thursday of the month
4:30 PT • 5:30 MT • 6:30 CT • 7:30 ET

an hour of
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Faithful Gathering

Join our Side with Love Fun & Spiritual Nourishment Squad for an hour of spiritual sustenance and grounding with others organizing on the side of love.

Show up as you are, with whatever is in your heart, and have your camera on or off as you need. Come drink in the music, meditation, play, and prayer. We end with a Connection Cafe for those who wish to talk together.

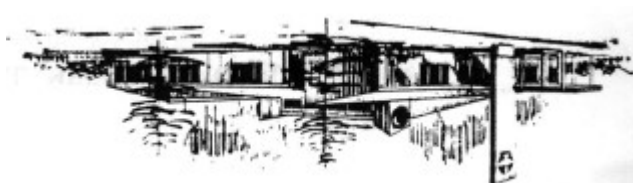
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