

SILENT ANNOUNCEMENTS Sunday 1/29/2012

If you are a first time guest today we're happy you joined us. Please fill out the white information sheet on the visitor's table (one with dark green cloth) in the gathering space. This way we can send you the UUCQC newsletter to inform you of coming events and also note your areas of special interest to make connections in the future.

SERVICE 11 a.m.

01/29/12 "Don't Wish Away Winter."

Join Dee Oberle and Cathy Weideman as they explore the meaning and messages of solitude and snow

02/05/12 What Dreams May Come

As we start our one on one stewardship campaign for the next fiscal year, what we are really talking about is what your dreams are for this congregation. I will share some of my dreams , and explore why I think the word "steward " has relevance to our effort in this community.

02/12/12 It's an Agape Kind of Love

It is close to Valentine's Day. The topic of Love is in the air. The word Love means different things to different people. What does Love mean from a religious perspective? What does it mean to Love your Enemies, and why is it so difficult to do?

02/19/12 Identity Crisis?

There has been much written in the UU World and online about what is our UU Identity. Should it change? Can it change? And if the answer is yes how can it change and what should it change into? I will explore just what is a Unitarian Universalist Identity? How does our identity as Unitarian Universalists shape our actions and our identities in the world?

02/26/12 "Do You Hear Me Now: Communication in the 21st Century"

Twenty-first century communication has become simplistic and quick, but the big question is: What is social media's impact on the quality of communication? The evolution of communication also raises questions about the nature of interpersonal interactions, effects on society as a whole, and how it changes the spiritual aspects of our lives.

FORUM 10 a.m.

Jan 29: Alta Price: The Heart of the Health Care Law

Come join us as we discuss the Affordable Care Act. Lots of questions have been raised about the new healthcare law as well as its implementation. Presenters from the Healthcare Reform Forum of Progressive Action for the Common Good will be on hand to lead the discussion of why this law was needed and what is in the law. The presenters will be Alta Price and Karen Metcalf.

Feb. 5: Clayton Daughenbaugh: Clayton Daughenbaugh is Midwest regional coordinator for Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA), a group dedicated to preserving the Redrock Wilderness areas and canyonlands in Utah. Several members have seen his presentation and say it is wonderful.

Feb. 12: Moselle Singh: The Redwood Movement: Mo Singh grew up in our church as daughter of Tony and Joyce Singh and is now a student at Augustana. The Redwood Movement is a movement of students who want to "pop" the Augie bubble in order to connect with the community. Mos will tell about this group and suggest ways we can support it.

Feb.19: David Wolgin: Dr. Wolgin is a licensed clinical psychologist with specialties in trauma-related conditions and mindfulness-based stress reduction techniques. In his presentation he will explain the

concept of mindfulness as a unique way of paying attention to our everyday experiences and will provide a simple framework and basic guidelines for brief mindfulness practices that can be used in everyday life.

Feb. 26: Cindy Kuhn: Habitat for Humanity ReStore: Cindy will discuss the mission of Quad Cities Habitat for Humanity ReStore and ways we can be involved.

Hospitality List

Jan 29: Coffee: Vivian & Henry Becker; Greeter: Christine Dahl; Usher: Connie Barrett

Feb. 5: Coffee: *High Coffee* (Mona McCray & team); Greeter: Janice Bybee; Usher: Sandra Evers

Feb. 12: Coffee: Nancy Huse & George and Barb Robinson; Greeter: Melody Griffin; Usher: Susan Theiling & Martha Harris

Feb. 19: Coffee: Molly Teigland & Jon Halladay; Greeter: Rik & Nina Slone and family; Usher: Elsie Anderson & Dee Oberle

Feb. 26: Coffee: Jill Schutts & Gary and LaDonna Anderson; Greeter: Jeff Mason; Usher: Bill Robbins

Adult Religious Education offers good reasons to come out of hibernation. 🧊

1. Mon. Jan. 30 7:00 p.m. Board Room Marg **and Vince Thomas, and their colleague Emma Carillo Peters**, will share their research on today's Cuba.
2. Wed. Feb. 1 7:00 p.m. Board Room Rev. **Jay Wolin** will offer a five-week series on ***Race: the Power of Illusion***. He is willing to offer the class at 10:00 A.M., too. Let Stephanie know if you want the 10:00 section--call or email the office.
3. Fri. Feb. 3 6:30 p.m. Lounge **Christine Powers** will show three short environmental films and follow up with discussion. 🍷

For childcare, send a request to Stephanie 48 hours in advance.

Stone Soup Sunday, THIS Sunday!

Stone Soup is an old folk story in which hungry strangers persuade local people of a town to give them food. It is told as a lesson in cooperation, especially amid scarcity. The moral of the story is to show that, by working together and graciously contributing, a greater good can be achieved by all. The youth will be collecting contributions to make our very own Stone Soup next Sunday so please bring your favorite soup ingredient(s)! After collecting the ingredients our youth chefs will prepare and serve it after church service.

NEWS FROM THE COM

Please mark your calendars--

February 5, 2012, after Services, at 12:15 p.m. in the lounge, come for Coffee With the COM. Ask questions and find out what's new!

March 18, 2012, at 5:00 P.M. in the Worship Space: The Installation Ceremony to officially install Re. Jay Wolin as our Settled Minister! Plan on participating in this important milestone in our Congregation's life! More information, and an email/written Invitation will be coming.

The Annual Budget Drive

HUGE THANKS to all those who volunteered to participate in visiting stewards orientation this weekend. You are helping to build the bonds that tie us together as a congregation and strengthen our ability to have impact on each other and on the world around us.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE? Over 40 members have volunteered to be visiting stewards! That's one member in every five. Huge thanks to all who said "yes" when called.

TODAY WE WELCOME MARK EWERT, UJA STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANT. Mark has been invaluable to helping our Annual Budget Drive Team prepare for this year's campaign.

LAUNCH SUNDAY for our Annual Budget Drive is next Sunday, **February 5th**. Come to hear how we can transform beloved community inside and outside our walls with generosity. Hear the choir sing special music and enjoy a celebratory morning including specialties of some of our great pastry chefs at **HIGH COFFEE**.

NOT YET A MEMBER BUT INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH A VISITING STEWARD? Contact us (info below) to schedule a visit!

QUESTIONS: Contact Mona McCray (rgmccray@gmail.com), Barb Robinson (barb.robinsonuu@mediacombb.net), or Amber Laughead (aleigh2004@hotmail.com)

Pizza and Games Night—

February 10 (2nd Friday), 5:30 p.m. 'til 8:30 or so

Bring in your new games and we'll try them out. Old favorite games also welcome. Chicken Foot, anyone? Friendly opponents! Lively conversation! Great pizza, including vegetarian. Bring a dish to share, if you like. Let the games begin! George Robinson, 563-381-3561

New Member Class Approaching!

The Welcome Team would like to invite anyone who is interested in membership to attend the next New Member Class. If you have been attending the church for a while, and would like to consider becoming a member, the class is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the church. If you aren't sure yet, that's okay - all are welcome! There is no obligation or expectation to join at the conclusion of the class.

The class will cover various topics, including UU theology, our individual stories, the meaning of membership, and more. Led by Rev. Wolin and members of the Welcome Team, it will be an informal discussion about what it means to be a member of UUCQC.

The class will take place on Saturday, February 11th from 9:00am to 1:00pm, with a light snack provided around 11:00am.

If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please contact Tyson Danner (TysonDanner@gmail.com).

ART WALL GALLERY

Lucia Auman has graced the Art Wall with her photo display of "Faces" - Let Your Eyes Meet Theirs." Take a look, you may see someone you know, or would like to know. At his time, the Art Wall is reserved through March. Please contact me if you would like to be added to the list for an opportunity to display your creative work (309-788-8167 or stengel.jm@mchsi.com). Judy Kasper

Spotlight on January's Non-Profit Recipient

Quad Citians Affirming Diversity (QCAD) is an all-volunteer non-profit organization with the mission of bringing gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and straight people together to learn from each other and to create an affirming community through support, education and advocacy.

The organization is an outgrowth of this Congregation's Social Concerns Committee. The initial impetus was a presentation in 1990 by Joyce Wiley regarding the discrimination and tragic outcomes being experienced by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) youth. Following this presentation there was immediate response from members ready to address the issue.

An invitation to meet and learn about gay youth was sent to religious leaders and directors of social service agencies and approximately 30 people came. From this group, a board was formed and they began sponsoring monthly programs open to the public in our lounge in 1991. At that time, open discussion of LGBT issues was rare. Parents of gay youth came from as far as ninety miles away to have a place where they could learn and be supported, and LGBT people throughout the community came to be affirmed and to find a place to share experiences.

In spite of the wide-spread homophobia at this time, our Congregation continued to support and to welcome all these activities. When QCAD sponsored the first LGBT prom outside any major metropolitan area in 1994, our congregation provided the setting.

Eventually QCAD acquired sufficient funding to move into rented space in Rock Island with space for large groups and for offices. QCAD became the largest LGBT youth center between Chicago and Denver, with 40 to 50 teens coming twice a week to the Center where they could socialize in a drug and alcohol-free environment under the guidance of trained mentors. It was the leader in persuading several local public governing bodies to add sexual orientation to their anti-discrimination policies, it spearheaded the QC

Collaborative for a Bully Free Community, and youth from the drop-in program helped initiate the changes in their schools which have led to reduced harassment and the formation of gay/straight alliances.

QCAD programming is evolving as society becomes more informed and therefore more supportive of the LGBT population. However, there is much left to do. Many of our high schools still don't consistently support Gay/Straight Alliances, the middle schools are still generally very unwelcoming and even unsafe places for LGBT youth. The curriculum in virtually all schools omits LGBT people. Our Gay and Gray group members do not have assurance that they will find welcoming and inclusive care in community institutions as they age. Members of QCAD's Religious Concerns Committee from other faith communities are astounded at what this Congregation does in terms of being welcoming compared to what their own congregations can do, but they are committed to moving forward. Your contributions will help us to continue our activities and to make further progress on these issues.

Join us to celebrate
Dress for Success Quad Cities
at a **Ribbon Cutting Reception
and Grand Opening Event**

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Thursday, February 2, 2012  
4 to 6 p.m. - Refreshments  
5 p.m. - Ribbon cutting

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Union Arcade Building
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Davenport, Iowa

RSVP by Jan. 30th to:

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