Sunday Worship Service
10:00am

September 3rd
Title: “Water”
By Beverly Feldt and Marilyn Ragland
A new and refreshing version of UUCC’s Annual Water Service.

September 10th
Title: “Yellow Line”
By Reverend Denise Tracy
What are the boundaries we need to follow in our lives? When we learn to drive we are told to stay near the yellow line. What are your yellow lines? What yellow lines do we Unitarian Universalists need to establish?

September 17
Title: “Pause, Breathe, Remember”
By Leanne Roth

September 24th
Title: “Heal the Land”
By Reverend Henrietta Byrd

Upcoming Special Events

See inside for more info on all events.

Our Annual UUCC Corn Roast is scheduled to be held on September 9th starting at 4:30pm.

“Building Community for Justice” workshop will be held on September 16th at 10am with Rev. Scott Aaseng.

Enjoy a Traditional Celtic Music Concert on Saturday, September 16th. Dick Hansold and Patsy O’Brien will be entertaining us with a variety of songs from Britain and Ireland.

A Memorial for “Chi” (Wyll and Leanne Mull’s beloved dog) will be held on September 17th at noon.

A CUUPS Fall Equinox Celebration is scheduled to held on September 23rd.

Henrietta Byrd will be holding a “Heal the Land” weekend on September 23rd and 24th.

September Forum (Following the Sunday Service except for the 1st Sunday of the month when we have our Potluck Community Sunday).

Sept 10th - UU Gabfest with Dan Feldt
A conversation about issues important to UUs, drawn from the UU World magazine. Contact Dan in advance for links to articles to be discussed.

Sept 17th - Remembering Chi Marie Quinn Mull with Leanne and Wyll Mull
Everyone is invited to join in the memorial service for faithful friend and companion, Chi Mari Quinn Mull. We will share stories, music and food, her favorite things. Please bring a dish to share.

Sept 24th - Cannabis and the Bible with Joy Grainge
Kaneh bosm, Hebrew for cannabis, is an herb used to make “holy anointing oil” in Judeo-Christian religions. It was a key ingredient Jesus may have used to heal the sick. What else does the bible tell us about cannabis?
I’m sure many of you remember the song “It Ain’t Easy Being Green”, sung by Kermit the Frog of the Muppets. As I described in a previous column, the system of Spiral Dynamics lays out the six value structures that people may evolve through in the course of a lifetime. I say “may evolve” because some people stop at a certain value structure and remain in a state of arrested development, especially if they surround themselves with others who are at that same level, or get their news exclusively from sites that reflect their worldview. What I wanted to talk about in this column are some of the challenges faced by people who are dealing with those at the GREEN level, because those are the kind of people whom you’ll run into a lot at a Unitarian congregation. But before I go into these challenges, let me review what the GREEN value meme is. Here are the descriptions of this level of values:

GREEN—following human needs, organized around distributive economics and justice (post-conventional, pluralistic)

Okay, let’s discuss the challenges! All of these qualities may seem positive at first, but they can be perceived as negative if taken to the extreme:

1. **GREENs are anti-authoritarian**
   GREENs are against authoritarianism, which is a manifestation of the RED value level. This is a good thing, because it makes them natural fighters against fascism. However, when you are the LEADER of a group of people of the GREEN value structure, it can be challenging because they will often resist your natural authority. I say “natural” authority meaning the authority that they themselves have granted you by choosing you to be their leader, as opposed to an authority that is enforced upon a group without their consent. As the President of this congregation, I try to reduce this resistance by making sure to let people know that I’m really a “servant leader”, and I am there to enable or enact what they themselves want to happen for the church.

2. **GREENs are compassionate**
   Again, compassion is a great thing, and GREENs often are reacting against the lack of compassion that can happen in a country and economy that is dominated an interpretation of capitalism that emphasizes competition over cooperation. However, if in a spirit of compassion, you give people in need TOO much over too long a period of time, you may prevent them from developing their own inner resources to deal with their circumstances. The pathological version of this, if carried to an extreme, is someone who is co-dependent. An antidote for this is having the other form of compassion, sometimes referred to as “tough love”, which encourages the person being helped to eventually be empowered to help themselves.

3. **GREENs are egalitarian**
   GREENs are reacting against a lot of oppressions which have been historically meted out by one group over another, and so they tend to be egalitarian. However, if you try to enforce this equality in too much of a draconian manner, you can get the process of “political correctness” carried to an extreme. The ORANGE level of values can value freedom over equality to the extent that you get a libertarian philosophy that values freedom over all, and ignores the issue of inequality. However, GREENs can value equality to the point that freedom is suppressed, and this can alienate many people in the other levels of values that might be potential allies.

Perhaps the biggest challenge of dealing with GREENs is that, like other systems of values in what are considered the “first-tier” of values, they believe the real problem is with people in those other value systems. I was shocked when I heard someone in a UU congregation (not this one, but the one I left in California) say that she was convinced that “Republicans are just evil--period”. We must remember that people with other value systems are, in the end analysis, people just like us who are at a certain stage of development. Some will outgrow the stage they are in, and some will not. But in any case, if we are to work with others to make change in our society, we will have to reach out of our comfort zone and deal with others who do not think like us. We must build bridges, not burn them!
**Building Community for Justice Workshop**

Sept. 16th at UUCC from 10 till 1:30 with a lunch

“Building Community for Justice” begins with listening thoughtfully and deeply to the ideas of others, whether we agree or disagree with those ideas. This will be the focus of the Sept. 16th workshop with Rev. Scott Aaseng. Listening conversations are a way to build stronger relational networks so that we can take more effective action together to live out our values. They can also be a way to build solidarity with marginalized peoples, as well as to build bridges with those who do not share our views. Once a core of participants gains experience with this practice, the goal is to bring it into the community at large-- as a tool for achieving social justice that could also enhance our relationships in our own UUCC.

Everyone is invited to this event. Please refer questions to Barb Morris or Nancy Frazier.

Barb:  bmorris.anderson@gmail.com
Nancy:  nancyfrazier@att.net or 708-798-7291
DO YOU LOVE MUSIC?
ENSEMBLES OPEN TO STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY
AT PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE!

The Prairie State College (PSC) Music Department invites students and community members to participate in PSC's music ensembles this fall. Beginning Sept. 9, the Latin Music Ensemble (Latin Jazz) will meet on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. in room 105 of the K Building (K-105), located at 202 S. Halsted St. in Chicago Heights. On Sept. 11, the Wind Ensemble will meet on Mondays from 6:30 to 9:40 p.m. in K-105. Performers interested in joining the Wind Ensemble must be playing at an intermediate or higher level. Jazz Choir will meet on Mondays from 6:30 to 9:40 p.m., beginning Sept. 11, in room 3275 of the main building. Veteran jazz musician Eugene Vinyard will direct the Jazz Ensemble on Tuesdays from 7 to 9:50 p.m., beginning Sept. 12, also in room 3275. The Concert Choir will meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 10 p.m., beginning Sept. 12, at Temple B’nai Yehuda Beth Sholom, located at 1424 183rd St, in Homewood. To join the choir, an audition is required. To set up an audition, call (708) 709-3742.

The fee to join each ensemble is the cost of one credit hour at the college and offers one college credit for performers who are interested. Performers ages 65 and older can take the credit courses at no charge. An audition for placement may be requested. For more information, contact Valerie Nicholson, Coordinator, Performing Arts/Professor, Music at vnicholson@prairiestate.edu or call (708) 709-3742.
We’re gearing up for an exciting new year in RCE

As usual, Melissa has a wonderful lesson plan worked up. The elementary kids will review the UU Principles. They’ll study Secular Humanism. We’re planning field trips to the Hindu temple during Diwali, a visit to a Sikh temple, and a ring around the May Pole. And everyone is invited to the Halloween Fun Fair!

The high school and junior high youth will be examining the teachings of Buddha, Socrates, and Confucius. Buddha gave us the eightfold path to guide us to live our lives wisely. Socrates said, “The unexamined life is not worth living.” Confucius stated that the good ruler should treat his subjects like loved children with firm guidance and respect. Mmm, sounds like good advice for today.

This course of study will be augmented by a curriculum from the UUA which helps youth explore themselves, their beliefs, their UU faith, and their relationships with others and the world.

Of course, UU Gabfest returns this fall on the third Sunday of every month. We use an article from the UU World to spark lively discussions. If you’re not on my mailing list and want to join in, let me know, and I’ll send you the article to be discussed.

Now some pictures from this summer.
Our new member, Dr. Gloria Latimore Peace is the Host and Producer of The H3O Television program which airs in the Chicago Metropolitan area on Chicago Access Network Television (CAN-TV) Channel 19.

The H3O Show is telecast every Friday from 8:30PM-9:30PM. It repeats on Sundays from 3:30PM-4:30PM. Our program offers interviews with outstanding leaders in the areas of History, Culture, Health, Nutrition and Spirituality.

**Friday, September 1st** @ 8:30PM and Sunday, September 10th @ 3:30PM, CAN-TV Channel 19: "Triumphing Over Trauma" Featuring: Hunter H. Adams III and Dr. Asantewaa Oppong Wadie

**Friday, September 8th** @ 8:30PM and Sunday, September 17th @ 3:30PM, CANTV Channel 19: "Reflections on Iconology" Featuring : Maggie Brown and Linda Cohran

**Friday, September 15th** @ 8:30PM and Sunday, September 24th @ 3:30PM CANTV Channel 19: Caught In the Crosshairs" Featuring: Ancestor KWESI RONALD HARRIS and Hunter H. Adams III

**Friday, September 22nd** @ 8:30PM and Sunday, September 29th @ 3:30PM, CANTV, Channel 19: "Southside Chicago Treasures" Featuring: Pemon Rami

**Friday, September 29th** @ 8:30PM and Sunday, October 1st, Channel 19: "Like Father, Like Son" Featuring: Ancestor KELAN PHIL COHRAN and Malik Cohran. Dr. Gloria Latimore Peace - Host and Producer.

The H3O Show airs on Chicago Access Network/CANTV Channel 19. Comcast is its cable provider.

**UUCC Freecycle: Repurposing one person's trash into another person's treasure**

If you are interested in these FREE items, or if you have items you would like us to post, contact Diane at 708-758-5715 diane.oconnor@att.net

Dell Latitude Laptop and A/C power cord and adaptor for parts. Slight water damage but probably repairable for someone who knows about such things. Power cord works great.

Japanese Tea Set: Includes 6 cake plates, 5 cups, creamer, sugar bowl and teapot.

**A Heal the Land Weekend at UUCC with Transformative Talks**

Rev. Henrietta Byrd - September 23rd and 24th 2017

This season’s focus is “Heal The Land”. Join Rev. Henrietta on Saturday for an Interactive workshop that allows one to look into the land of their mind to embrace the findings and rid the weeds that have grown around the seeds/ideas that have been planted and replace with good soil/New Thoughts that support the ideas that one has been given. On Sunday at our 10:00 a.m. service Rev. Byrd speaks on Our opportunity to Heal The Land of our Souls, our relationships, our communities and our Country. Please sign up for the workshop by sending an email to TransformativeTalk@gmail.com or to churchadmin@uuccpf.org. Time of Saturdays’s workshop TO BE ANNOUNCED.

**DONATIONS: $40.00 WITH Reservation or 50.00 on the day of workshop at the door.**
Free Movie and Discussion
Making a Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA
Friday, September 22nd at 7PM

This documentary tells the stories of how guns and the billions of dollars made off them affect the lives of everyday Americans. The Brave New Films discussion guide following the film suggests actions we can take to help lessen the 30,000 American dying from firearms each year.

Join in the discussion following this documentary film. Free coffee, tea and popcorn. Invite friends!

We purchased the rights to show this film so we could share this important information with you. Donations are appreciated. Thank you.

PAGAN PRIDE DAY 2017
An educational annual event where everyone is welcome!
Sunday, September 10th, 2017
11am to 6pm
217 Home Avenue - Oak Park, Illinois 60302
Regardless of your spiritual path, we welcome you.
For more info: www.chicagopaganpride.org

Adopt-A-Spot
Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with minor maintenance tasks around the church on an ongoing basis. Volunteers recently have come forward to:

- Care for the library in the Gathering Room
- Organize the contents of the Greeters cabinet
- Maintain the north selves in the Storage Room
- Change light bulbs and tubes as needed
- Keep the refrigerator cleaned out
- Replace furnace filters at least twice a year

Your initial and ongoing efforts are greatly appreciated!
Thanks also go out to everyone who already tends to various tasks around the church!

Is anyone interested in maintaining the coffee service supplies in the Gathering Room? How about keeping the drawers and cabinets in the kitchen organized? Are there other spots or tasks around the church that need attention?

Please find your niche and help maintain our building while minimizing costs and sharing the work.
For more information or to discuss options, please speak with Nancy Irons (irons.nancy@gmail.com).

Fall Forum – Looking for Suggestions for Speakers or Topics
Fall is here! . . . Do you know of an interesting speaker who might want to present at our forum? Do you have a topic of interest that you would like to present? If so, please be in touch with Nancy Irons (irons.nancy@gmail.com).
Only Solution, Says McKibben, 100% Renewables ‘As Fast as Humanly Possible’. “It’s important
news that the environmental movement seems to be rallying round a new flag. That standard bears a
number: 100 percent,” McKibben writes. See full article HERE.

It’s time to toot our own horn at Park Forest UUCC. It starts with Fenn Taylor coming to UUCC and starting
the care for the earth series in the adult forum. He helped me get on my feet to be a speaker on climate. And
we have Bill McKibben in the same vein speaking for climate change. Robin Barret also was important in
this UUCC legacy. I remember she organized PFUCC to be placed in a picture for 350.org. It was Robin
and the living Andy Stevens that gave me the inspiration later on to raise money selling chili in the church
for continuous energy efficiency improvement. I am speaking in green and the Bill McKibben article is in
black.

“What Medicare for All is to the healthcare debate, or Fight for $15 is to the battle against inequality, 100
percent renewable is to the struggle for the planet’s future,” McKibben writes. “It’s how progressives will
think about energy going forward.”

Putting global warming into the top issues of politics is a marathon type effort. With our present politics in
the white house basically denying global warming, in some ways we have actually gotten a boost to be
active. We can easily what will happen with apathy. The powers of wealth step in to take control of our envi-
ronmental foundations. Being vigilant in this time is more important than ever.

“[W]ind and solar produce, to use the economic term of art, ‘positive externalities’—benefits to society that
are not captured in their market price,” Roberts writes. “Specifically, wind and solar power reduce pollution,
which reduces sickness, missed work days, and early deaths.”

Premature deaths from air pollution is a topic that comes up often in studies. The health savings alone justify
getting off of fossil fuels. Avoided health costs per year from going to 100% renewable energy is 23.7 billion
dollars in Illinois alone. This would help lower health insurance bills.

“No more half-measures… Many scientists tell us that within a decade, at current rates, we’ll likely have put
enough carbon in the atmosphere to warm the Earth past the Paris climate targets,” McKibben concludes.
“Renewables—even the most rapid transition—won’t stop climate change, but getting off fossil fuel now
might (there are no longer any guarantees) keep us from the level of damage that would shake civilization.”
For free movie night August 25th, we watched “The Age of Consequences”. This movie was not made for
entertainment. It was made to show the dour conse-
quencies of how global warming ties into the whole
world events of politics, food, military, our public
infrastructure, health, everything basically.

We have a great inspirational leader in Bill McKib-
ben in a part of the whole movement to 100% re-
newable energy off of dirty life robbing fossil fuels.
At UUCC we will keep beating the drum to make
our world great again.
Two Listening Hearts, or members of the Lay Pastoral Care team, are on hand each month to serve your needs.

They are not acting as professional counselors, but rather a source for listening, support and resources. If you do not spot one of them at church, or if you wish to talk to one of them in particular, please contact the church office at 708-481-5339.

Our September Listening Hearts volunteers will be announced at our September Sunday Services.

**CUUPS Fall Equinox Celebration**

*Join us at UUCC for a family friendly ritual to welcome Autumn!*

**Saturday Sept 23rd**

Gather 5:30 pm, Ritual 6:00 pm

Community Potluck to follow.

Please bring a dish to share.

$5 Donation Requested.

For more information contact Nancy Irons at (irons.nancy@gmail.com).
Rainbow Café
Rainbow Café is a social event that provides a safe and welcoming environment for single or partnered gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender adults and their allies, by creating a space where they are able to socialize outside of the usual bars. The Café is open every 3rd Friday of the month from 6:30-10:30 pm.

September 15th Rainbow Cafe Movie to be shown: Handsome Devil

“Handsome Devil” features two teenage boys, whose sexuality is never explicitly revealed, attending a fee-paying rugby-obsessed Irish school with a culture of unthinking homophobia. Handsome Devil is shot with a warm-hearted charm that makes it deeply entertaining to watch, in large part because of the winning performance from O’Shea, the young Irish actor who took on the role of Ned, a sensitive musician who teaches his rugby-playing roommate that it takes strength to be gentle and kind. This film was shot on a shoestring budget and a 25-day shoot!

A Moment in Balance
Yoga Classes by Karen Nielsen
Monday and Thurs 9:30am – 11am
Wednesday evenings 7:00pm – 8:30pm

No reservations needed. Drop-in fee is $10 per class and the 6th one is FREE.

Sacred Communication Workshops RETURNING September Date: TBA
These Transformative Workshops will help you in identifying and dissolving mental and emotional blockages, learning to use your authentic voice, defining authentic friendships, and more.

If you would like to attend, contact: Rev. Henrietta Byrd at 312-593-4732 or email her at iforgiveforme@gmail.com

Dances of Universal Peace: 3rd Sunday of the month. (Sept-June)

Dances of Universal Peace are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 2-4pm at UUCC. We join our voices in singing sacred phrases and Divine Names from many spiritual traditions while moving in circle dances and walking meditations. For more information contact certified dance leader, Pat Segner, at 708-748-2217. DUP will meet on September 17th

Buddhist Meditation

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

When: Saturdays at 9am to 10:30am
Location: UUCC
Cost: Free Will offering, (proceeds go to UUCC)
Contact: For questions, contact Steve McCabe (708) 465-3116 or Beverly Feldt - bevfeldt@gmail.com

Love to Sing??

Join the UUCC Choir! The Choir sings on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, with rehearsals on those days at 8:30am and one weekday evening per month. No experience required. If interested email our choir director Bev Feldt at bevfeldt@gmail.com

The UUCC
MEN’S GROUP

Men’s Group meets at 7pm on September 11th and 25th

For more information contact Colin Kirchner at colinkirchner@gmail.com
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