Sunday Worship Service
10:00am

February 4th
Title: Balance of the Sexes
By Jodi Libretti
At this service Jodi will share one UU’s vision of how men, women, and everyone in between can move forward from where we are today.

February 11th
Title: The Sacred in the Everyday - Appreciating the Small Miracles of Existence
By February Sky (Phil Cooper & Susan Urban)
Great pressure is put on us from our culture to believe that if we are not famous, or rich, or both, our lives have no meaning. This service will attempt to counter that point of view.

February 18th
Title: Lost and Found
By Reverend Denise Tracy
Have you ever been lost? How do we find our way when we are lost?

February 25th
Title: Who Are You?
By Marilyn Ragland
At this service Marilyn will speak about finding your true self within the culture that seeks to define you as being the journey of your lifetime.

February Events
Once again, Edgar’s Place Coffeehouse is proud to present Dave Rudolf on Saturday, February 10th at 7:30pm. This concert will be a BLAST from the past because Dave and friends are going to play songs from his latest British Invasion CD ...the songs you grew up with! Free CD w/admission! See inside for more info.

Save the date: Fellowship Dinner Saturday, April 7th
Please call the church office (708-481-5339) if you would like to help plan or organize this event.

February Forum (follows the Sunday Service)

Feb 4th – Community Sunday (No Forum)

Feb 11th – 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.

Feb 18th – LegalShield - Affordable, full-service legal coverage when you need it with Sheri Bolden
Do you have auto insurance, health insurance and maybe even home owner’s insurance? Have you ever considered legal insurance? Imagine accessible, affordable, full-service legal coverage that’s available when you need it. Come learn about the top 15 areas of law covered by LegalShield.

Feb 25th - A New Approach to Justice with Nancy Frazier
Restorative Justice is a philosophy of repairing the harm rather than punishing. It is the foundation of the teen Homewood Flossmoor Peer Jury Program. This program is designed to provide a meaningful and remedial method of dealing with selected juveniles without reference to the court. Teens, parents, victims and offenders work together to determine how to repair harm done.
President’s Column by Jerome Rowley

When coming up with a topic for this month’s newsletter, I realized that one of the riches that our congregation has to offer the community at large is our set of Unitarian-Universalist principles. I thought I would write about each one in turn to give you my thoughts on how these principles tie in with what I have been learning at the Integral Life institute online based on the writings of philosopher Ken Wilber, which many of you know I have been interested in for quite a while. Integral Theory basically takes the principles of evolution as a generalizing orientation to give an explanation for many types of phenomena, and I think they dovetail quite well with the principles of Unitarian-Universalism.

The first principle is

The inherent worth and dignity of every person

One of the things I was attracted to about Unitarian-Universalism was that it is a World centric religion. What do I mean by this? The first level of moral development is that of being egocentric, which most children are when they are toddlers. At a certain point, they grow out of this stage, and are able to empathize with others, at which point they are at an ethnocentric stage of development. They identify with a certain group, and this gives people a sense of belonging and social solidarity with others. However, the shadow of such a solidarity is the sense that your group is opposed to others, and religions at this level of development will sanction the killing of others. In the Hebrew Bible, it says “thou shalt not kill”, but in reality, that injunction is meant for members of one’s own in-group; if you’re outside of that group, all bets are off.

What the New Testament represents in the voice of Jesus who said “love thy enemies” is the next stage of moral development, that of being a world-centric person, where you believe in the worth and dignity of every person. Although many Christians treat their religion as an ethnocentric one, and believe that salvation is only for the in-group of Christians themselves, Jesus points the way beyond this more limited viewpoint to the inclusion of all humanity, just like the Unitarian-Universalists believe.

In the realm of politics, this evolution to a World centric stage was marked by the Declaration of Independence which starts out by saying, “When in the course of human events …” It does not argue from the standpoint of the rights that Americans have vis-à-vis the British government. No, it says that Americans have the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness by virtue simply of being human beings, and this is why these rights are “unalienable”, meaning that they cannot be taken away or denied.

If you look at the stages of cultural evolution as stated by Spiral Dynamics, a portion of what is included in Integral Theory, you see the following stages.

**BEIGE**—following natural instincts, organized around extended families or clans (survivalist)

**PURPLE**—following magical thinking, organized around tribes (magical/animistic)

**RED**—following authority figures, organized around central leaders (impulsive/egocentric)

**BLUE**—following laws, organized around religious institutions or nation-states (purposeful/authoritarian)

**ORANGE**—following scientific principles, organized around constitutions (achievist/strategic)

**GREEN**—following human needs, organized around distributive economics and environmentally grounded ethics (communitarian/egalitarian)

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Essentially, the BEIGE, PURPLE, and RED stages are the egocentric stages, the BLUE stage is ethnocentric, and the ORANGE and GREEN stages are World centric.

The difference between the ORANGE and GREEN stages are that ORANGE recognizes the rights of individuals, whereas GREEN takes it a step further and grounds those individual rights in values that enhance not just competition between individuals (the basis of capitalism), but also the cooperation between individuals as part of a larger society (the basis of socialism). So we can say that the first principle stages in the language of Integral Theory that Unitarianism-Univeralism is AT LEAST at the ORANGE stage of development.

You can see with the recent celebration of Martin Luther King’s birthday that Dr. King certainly argued from the ORANGE stage of moral development by saying that the worth and dignity of a black person should be valued equally to that of a white person by guarantee of the very language of our own American constitution. But he also went on to discuss that this worth and dignity of an individual could only be preserved if it were embedded in a fair and just society, and this stage was the one he argued from until his final days.

For that stage of development, we will have to turn to the next principle, which I’ll cover next month.

About Ken Wilber

Ken Wilber is a preeminent scholar of the Integral stage of human development. He is an internationally acknowledged leader, founder of Integral Institute, and co-founder of Integral Life. Ken is the originator of arguably the first truly comprehensive or integrative world philosophy, aptly named “Integral Theory”.

Part of the Unitarian Universalist Association’s nationwide network of leadership schools, MidWest Leadership School is a week-long intensive program in leadership and group dynamics. Led by lay and ordained staff with a deep understanding of UU congregations, MWLS

- develops both youth and adults into congregational leaders
- provides leadership tools and skills
- deepens Unitarian Universalist identity

This is an extremely intense week of workshops, discussions, intimate small groups, worship preparation, personal theological exploration and growth.

In exchange for wholehearted commitment to a strenuous schedule, MWLS offers a life-changing and congregation-nourishing opportunity.

NEW LOCATION: Luther College in Decorah Iowa.

For more information:
www.mwls.org
www.facebook.com/mwls.org

Some PHOTOS from 2017 are on our FACEBOOK page!
“Hiking the trails, singing by the campfire, playing games … all childhood camp fun. But this camp and retreat is not just for kids, it’s for people of all ages. Make connections, build friendships and experience nature together as a family with other families, youth and adults in an environment where diverse religious, spiritual and theological perspectives are welcomed and celebrated. With programs for children drawing upon the natural environment, workshops for adults and youth on spiritual practices, multigenerational worship, and fun group activities such as canoeing, archery, s’mores around a campfire and popcorn popped in a kettle over an open fire -- all with a variety of accommodations from dormitory-style lodging or hotel-like rooms in the Retreat Center. Tent and RV camping is also available at nearby Amigo Park.

Chalice Sparx Family Camp & Retreat
July 12-15, 2018
Amigo Centre in Sturgis, Michigan www.amigocentre.org
Find out more and register at www.chalicesparx.org

Coming Soon! Earth Week in Park Forest - April 15-21, 2018

This year’s Earth Week will be celebrated in Park Forest with a diversity of participatory events including; speakers, workshops, a recycled art exhibit and a peace blessing ceremony. The unifying theme will be: Peace is an Environmental Issue. If you would like to help organize these events, please contact Dave Bartlett.

UUA Traveling Chalice Visits UUCC

On Sunday December 31st the UUA Traveling Chalice visited at UUCC. Each year prior to General Assembly (GA), the Traveling Chalice hits the road as an ambassador and clarion call for congregations to spread the word about GA. It was created by Mordecai Roth, a UU dentist who turned to sculpture when he retired. This chalice has been displayed at UUA General Assemblies since 2006.

This year’s General Assembly will be held June 24 - 28, 2018 in Kansas City, MO. GA is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association, where attendees worship, witness, learn, connect and make policy for the Association through the democratic process.
Lots is happening at RCE, and some of the activities are open to all!!

We’re looking for teacher’s aides for the elementary class. This is a great way to get to know the kids. They are a wonderful group. A bit of their charm is evident during their Children’s Story interaction. If you join us, you’ll be helping with craft time. This is a great time to strike up a conversation with a child. Come and break up your usual Sunday routine! There’s a signup sheet outside the door of Classroom 1. Also, if you want to read a Children’s Story during the service, please let Dan Feldt or Giggy Wagner know.

The junior high group is planning to prepare another brunch at Ronald McDonald House in Hyde Park. They are looking at a Saturday morning in March. The time commitment is from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. They want four or five additional congregation members to join the team. Let Dan Feldt know if you’re interested.

First Friday is back with a BIG difference. Everyone is invited!! (Adult members and friends of UUCC). That’s right. Let’s all have fun. February 2nd starting at 6:30. There’ll be board games for all ages. Pizza and other snacks will be provided. If you want to bring a dish to share, please do! The Joliet congregation has been invited, so come and get to know some more UU’s.

The first meeting of the newly convened RCE committee was January 7th during the potluck. We’ll be meeting on the first Sunday of every month. We’ll be discussing future curricula and how to grow the program by getting our message out to the larger community. We’re working on updating the RCE mission statement, so we have a clear description of what parents can expect when their children join us.

UU Gabfest is going strong. Please join us on the second Sunday of every month for a lively discussion centered around an article in the “UU World.”

Some pictures from the RCE Christmas program.
Our 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.

The February, 2018 Schedule for "The H3O/Art of Life" Show is as follows:

**Friday, February 2nd @ 8:30PM and Sunday, February 4th @ 3:30PM:** "Arrested Development", Featuring Pastor William Johnson and Wayne Sebamurti Gentry

**Friday, February 9th @ 8:30PM and Sunday, February 11th @ 3:30PM:** "Reflections on the Life of an Icon, Part 11: Dr. Margaret Taylor Goss Burroughs", Featuring Prof. Timuel Black, Eleanor Chatman, Debra Hand, Dr. Jerome Lee, Daniel T. Parker and Queen Mother Helen Sinclair

**Friday, February 16th @ 8:30 PM and Sunday, February 18th @ 3:30 PM:** "Reflections on Iconology: Ancestors Oscar Brown, Jr and Kelan Phil Cohran", Featuring Linda Cohran and Maggie Brown

**Friday, February 23rd @ 8:30PM and Sunday, February 25th @ 3:30PM:** "A Gathering of Grits", Featuring Kwesi Ancestor Ronald Harris, Dr. Evonne Blakey, Dr. Josef Ben Levi, Dr. Asantewaa Oppong Wadie, Wayne Sebamurti Gentry and, Angela C Davis

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**WHY COVENANTS FAIL**

Thursday, February 15, 2018
7:45pm - 9:00pm
WEBINARS are Eastern time.
Location Via ZOOM; Link will be included in registration acknowledgment.
Contact Sharon Dittmar at sdittmar@uua.org
Time 6:45-8:00 Central - There is no fee, but please register at: https://www.midamericaaua.org/events/calendar2/eventdetail/757/webinar-why-covenants-fail
MidAmerica Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association

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**A Little Church Humor**

That was Zen. This is Meow.
**Edgar’s Place Coffeehouse**

**Proudly Presents**

**Dave Rudolf** and friends

**$15 at the door—cash only**

**Saturday, February 10th at 7:30pm**

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**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.

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**Winter Woman Spirit 2018: February 2nd – 4th**

Women & Religion is proud to present: I AM WILLING with Holly Near.

Holly will present a workshop on Saturday morning and sing a concert that evening.

On Sunday Holly will participate in the worship service.

Click [HERE](#) to register. WWS2018 will be held at the Unitarian Church of Evanston.

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Join Gold Record, Grammy nominated artist Dave Rudolf to celebrate the release of his new album “British Re-invasion”, his 35th album. Songs of The Beatles, The Who, The Stones and more. Joining Dave will be keyboardist extraordinaire, John Chorney, on bass the extremely talented Ryan Rudolf and guitarist Marc Adrian.

This concert is sure to be a total BLAST!! Dave and friends are going to play songs from his latest British Invasion CD, as well as other Dave favorites we know and love and maybe some you haven't heard yet. AND, some bonus goodies: you will get the free Dave Rudolf CD of your choice with the price of admission. There will be a lot to choose from. Plus, any additional CDs you want to buy are only $5 each. BUT WAIT!...There's more!

There will also be a swap table where you can bring any "white elephants" to trade. We're asking that you try to keep your items in the '60s or '70s theme. They don't have to actually be from that time period, (but that would be extra groovy). They can also represent that era. Records, posters, buttons, lava lamps, love beads, etc. You get the picture…

Finally, you'll get to experience a fresh new act that Dave is going to have as his guest musicians at this show, Ashley and Simpson. They are Jen Ashley and Joel Simpson, and they are delightful. Lots of reasons to not miss this show! To visit Dave’s website, click [HERE](#).

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**This is a cd release show of his new British Invasion covers cd.**

**Free CD with admission! 60’s and 70’s swap table.**
Free Movie & Discussion
Friday, February 23rd

Immigration: A series of short films
Friday, February 23rd, 7:00 pm
from Brave New Films

“Immigrant Prisons” “Immigrants for Sale” and
“No More Detention: Free Pastor Noe”
looks at the immigrant prison industry and how it profits
off the detention and suffering of people.
52 minutes

“Pursuing the Dream” “Nowhere to Go:
Shutting Out Syrians” and “The Call to Sanctuary”
examines issues related to immigration in the U.S. that impact
undocumented and refugee communities, including DACA,
(Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)
12 minutes

Free coffee, tea, and popcorn
Invite Friends! Optional: bring a snack to
share. Optional: stay for discussion
following the films. Optional donations
appreciated.

Women’s March 2018

Hundreds of thousands of demonstrators gathered Saturday at Grant Park for the 2018 Women's March in Chicago. The turnout for this year's rally and march was larger than the 2017 demonstration, organizers said.

Shani Smith, the safety coordinator for the march, announced to the crowd that 300,000 people had gathered for this year's event. Last year, around 250,000 people attended the demonstration.

During the height of the march, a sea of people — dotted with pink knit hats, colorful protest signs, and young children on their parents shoulders — quickly flooded the expanse between Grant Park and Federal Plaza.

The theme of the event was "March to the Polls," and the focus was to motivate voters to take part in the state's primary midterm elections in March and the gubernatorial election in November.

The four hottest years on record have come in the decade of the 2010s.

- Of the 10 hottest years on record, only two came before 1998 (1934, 1921).
- The hottest locations, relative to normal, were in the Southeast and Southwest.
- Five states had their hottest year on record.
- 2017 finished as the third-hottest year in the U.S. since NOAA records began in 1895.
- The 10 warmest years on record have all come since 1998.
- The 20 warmest years on record have all come since 1995.

According to NOAA, 2017 finished as the third-warmest year globally since records began (NASA ranked it second-warmest). This is the warmest year on record without an El Niño in the Pacific Ocean, as neutral conditions existed in the Pacific until La Niña developed in the fall.

Why would business leaders begin to pay close attention to climate change in 2018? Answer: Money.

Below is an example of the questions that insurers and large stock holders are asking. One is where my stock is invested which is Vanguard. It gives me a warm feeling to know they are making climate a business value.

1. How is the business model developing resiliency against a changing climate?
2. What are the physical impacts on financial assets likely to be?
3. What are the liability risks associated with extreme-weather damages, which are increasing year after year?
4. What are the potential security issues to financial stability?
5. Have chief executives determined the risks of transitioning to a lower-carbon economy?
6. Is a plan in place to achieve that transition, and is it acceptable to stakeholders?
7. Do employees have a basic understanding of the business risks associated with climate change and what their company is doing in response?

Everyone changes at their own pace. When trillions of dollars controlled by investors decide to take action, things change. Let us watch and observe the changes around us. Many good things are yet to come.
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.

Friday, February 16th
Movie shown: Get Real

There's no time as awkward as adolescence. Between the sky high expectations of parents, the constant scrutiny of peers, and one's own raging hormones, something's got to give. And if, like Steven Carter, you also happen to be gay, navigating your way around adolescence can be like hiking in a minefield.

This charming and compelling comedy drew raves at the 1999 Sundance Film Festival. A cinematic valentine about coming of age and coming to terms with who you are.

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
February 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

Buddhist Meditation
Cancelled until further notice

If you have any questions please contact: Beverly Feldt - bevfeldt@gmail.com

Dream Exploration Group
1st Saturday of the month at 10am in Gathering Room. Limited to 10.
Contact Geri Biamonte to register at 312-813-4411 or gkbiamonte@yahoo.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.

Medical Cannabis Education Association
meets every month on the First Sunday at Noon.
The next time MCEA meets will be on February 4th

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 February 18th

The UUCC
MEN’S GROUP

For more information contact Colin Kirchner at colinkirchner@gmail.com or contact Virginia at the church office. 708-481-5339
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