Sunday Worship Service
10:00am

This month our services will continue to be held at Trinity Lutheran Church located at 2901 Western Ave in Park Forest.

July 1st
Title: Gay Pride Sunday
By Pastor Chris Wogaman of Trinity Lutheran Church
Want to hear a queer journey-of-faith story? Gain insights and wisdom from the personal experiences of an openly gay, ordained Lutheran minister!

July 8th
Title: To Question Is The Answer
By Reverend Denise Tracy
This phrase is from a popular song or UU Hymn. This sermon will be based on questions UUCCPF members have given me. Listen to what your friends are wondering about and how I might answer their questions. Do you agree with my answers? How might you respond?

July 15th
Title: They Are People Too – Seeing the Person in the Less Than Perfect
By February Sky (Phil Cooper & Susan Urban)
In our current culture, there is little compassion for those who are not perfect in form and function. This applies not only to people with disabilities, but also to those who are not young and/or movie star beautiful. But doesn’t that include pretty much all of us? We will look at what it means to be human and flawed, and still be deemed worthy of love, respect and caring,

July 22nd
Title: One Tree, Many Branches
By Tricia Alexander
There is a profound beauty available to us in this amazing journey - we find it in our awakening, in our expanding, and in our continual re-aligning with the nature and energy of all that is.
Tricia will bring us some new information and tools for centering - along with a simple, focused breathing process that will open us to a very private place of softness and surrender. Here we not only find renewed strength, but we also begin to resonate with the oneness within us and around us and with the resonance that creates both an opening in the heart and a relaxation of fear - which further opens us to the gifts of compassion. This service promises to be a lovely balance of information, music, meditation and singing along!

July 29th
Title: Are We Both Free and Equal?
By Reverend Larry McClellan
This service will explore thinking about how to live with these two bedrock American ideas that seem to have very different histories.

Forum does not meet during the summer. Look for us again in the fall.

Community Potluck on July 1st!
Please bring a dish to share!

Trinity Lutheran at 2901 Western Ave in Park Forest continues to be our home away from home this summer. We are conducting our Sunday services at this location. We encourage you to contact our group facilitators or check our website to verify the status of any of our EVENTS scheduled in July (before you arrive).
Our facilitators’ contact information is on the calendar page inside this newsletter. Our church website is uuccpf.org.
In the last five monthly newsletters, I started on a project of going through the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism to tie it into what I have been learning at the Integral Life institute online based on the writings of philosopher Ken Wilber. I am going to continue with that project next month, but I wanted to spend some time this month by telling you that I have been elected by the congregation to be the President of the Board of Trustees for another term of two years, and I plan to work with the Board members, both the continuing and new ones, in order to help our congregation thrive in the next two years.

The two biggest challenges we faced in the last term were, first of all, working out between the parents and one of our celebrants how the Children’s Story portion of the church service would be handled. This was resolved by a meeting that was held by both parties involved, and I can see greater cooperation in making the children feel that they are a part of our service by the encouragement of their participation in those stories. Some of the results of this challenge within the church were a movement towards the revival and strengthening of some of the committees such as the RCE committee, the Committee on Ministry, and the Committee on Music and Worship. One of the indicators of the new spirit of cooperation that has taken place between the parents and other members of the congregation is the election of Giggy Wagner to the Board. She, along with Joy Grainge, are the new members that will join Jeff Fields, Leonard Kirchner, Ralph Mortensen, Maria Markowicz and myself on the Board. In July or August, the new Board will have a retreat to discuss ideas for projects to improve the Church during the coming year.

The second challenge of course has been repairing the Church after the flooding experienced back in February. I am happy to report that we have hired a company called Commercial Restoration Services in Tinley Park to help us with the work of repairing our church. Before we repaired the church, we had to put into place preventive measures to keep such an event from recurring. Now that this has been accomplished, it was now time to turn to the actual work of repairing the Church. We looked at bids from three different companies, but felt that Commercial Restoration Services (CRS) was the best of the three. Now only was their estimate very comprehensive, but they have worked together with our insurance company and know how to get the ball rolling so that the work can get started in July. They estimate it will take 90 days to get the work done, which means we are looking to move into the Church at the beginning of October.

One of the ideas the Board will be discussing at our retreat in the coming months is planning for an Open House or similar event when our Church is finally done with the repairs. We hope to see those who have been going to Trinity Lutheran Church the past few months, as our temporary home away from home, but also those who have not been able to attend for one reason or another.

I look forward to having you join us in our newly renovated Church in October, but until then, the community of our congregation is still going strong, and I look forward to serving you all in the months to come!

~Jerome
FLOOD UPDATE

By Nancy Irons

The Board has approved Craftsmanworks Restoration Services (CRS) of Tinley Park, IL to serve as general contractor for the restoration of our building. CRS did a thorough evaluation of our site, and agree that the adjustor left many things out or minimized the anticipated repair expenses. They have previous experience with our insurance company, Church Mutual, and feel confident that as general contractor, the issues and concerns they raise won’t be ignored the way ours have been. CRS has assured us that they intend to resolve the “red tape” issues, such as the settlement amount and permits, before starting any actual restoration. Once started, they hope to complete the job in 3-4 months. So, we may be looking at late fall before we can return to our building.

Again, we thank everyone for their patience with this project, and cooperation in adapting to our temporary location. We will be looking for volunteers willing to take initiative on a Capital Campaign to be launched in the fall. If you would like to assist with this, please contact Nancy Irons (irons.nancy@gmail.com).

~Nancy

Unitarian Universalist Common Endowment Fund

There have been inquiries about the specifics of the Unitarian Universalist Common Endowment Fund. We are posting online links that contain detailed information about the fund. Please view links below. If requested, Leonard Kirchner can provide hard copies of the fund statements.

Fund Performance: [http://uucef.org/](http://uucef.org/)


Joy Grainge is shown here presenting her “Cannabis and the Golden Rule” poster at the 2018 UUA General Assembly. The poster measures 3’ by 5’ and is divided into 4 vertical sections.

Section 1 describes the Golden Rule and the Judeo-Christian history of Cannabis. It also reminds us of our UU values.

Section 2 talks about our Culture of Punishment with mandatory minimums, racial and gender bias, and in Illinois, fingerprinting medical cannabis patients.

The third section is called Next Steps. It’s about putting the Golden Rule into practice. Steps we could take include adding more conditions to state medical marijuana programs, decriminalization (a fine rather than jail), ending mandatory minimums, and age appropriate cannabis education. The last section contains quotes by famous people like Jimmy Carter. It also describes what you can do such as calling your legislator or attending educational events.
On Wednesday, July 11th at 7PM at St Irenaeus Church, there will be a brief monthly ecumenical and inter-religious gathering. The gathering will be in the garden around the Peace pole. St Irenaeus is located at 78 Cherry Street in Park Forest.

Joyce Semmler will be registering voters for the November 9th election at the Park Forest Farmers Market. (The Market takes place every Saturday from 7 AM to Noon through the end of October regardless of weather conditions and is located along Main Street west of Dollar General and across from CVS).

Main Street Nights, on Wednesday June 13th in Downtown Park Forest, opened with the Rock band, Generations. It was well attended and fun. Darlene Obejda was spotted dancing. For more information on upcoming concerts, click HERE.

There is a Summer Fest at Crete Church (across from Walt's Foods in Crete) on Saturday, July 14th. The fest will feature free family activities, a car cruise, grilled lunch items and more. Crete Church is located at 24755 Country Lane in Crete.

Grab some friends and a blanket - there are Movies in our parks! “Ferdinand” will be shown on July 20th at Irwin Park in Homewood. "A Wrinkle in Time" will be shown on Friday, August 17th at Flossmoor Park.

Pat Moore is facilitating a 3-part session of "Paint a Beach Scene" on canvas at the Flossmoor library on July 9th, 16th & 23rd from 6:30 to 8PM. Register at the Library at 1000 Sterling Avenue. I've painted with Pat Moore before. She is very generous with her materials and her talent.

Union Street Gallery's Garden Walk is July 9th. Each Garden has an artist working in it. Tickets are $25. For more information, send email to info@unionstreetgallery.org.

Tall Grass Arts Association has an exhibit “Renew and Refresh" opening July 19th. 367 Artists Walk, Park Forest, 7-9pm $30 per person (this is a summer fund raiser).

"Believe It or Not, The Secret Lives of Honey Bees" is showing at Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve. "Bees" is an interactive exhibit on what goes on in a hive. A video game about pollinators can be played. Goodenow Grove also has hiking, horse trails, a hill to roll down, shelters and a great Nature Center, all located at 27064 Dutton Rd, Beecher.
Listening Hearts

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 July Listening Hearts volunteers will be announced at our July Sunday Services.

Colin Kirchner, here. This summer, I completed my Master’s degree in Marriage & Family counseling at Governors State University. That was no easy feat, being a student, raising two teen-age sons, and doing IT work at University of Chicago. I am grateful to all the support and encouragement that I received from the guys in the UUCC men’s group and the church at large. I want to give a special shout out to my father, Leonard Kirchner, who is also a long-time member of the UUCC community. I could not have made this major career change without him. My mission is to incorporate the Unitarian Universalist values into my future counseling practice.

Also pictured, is my son, Quinn Kirchner, who graduated from Marian Catholic High school. Quinn is also an active member of UUCC, and previously attended our Religious Ed program and OWL (Our Whole Lives).

Congratulations Colin and Quinn! Well done!!

Edgar’s Place Coffeehouse
2018 - 2019 Schedule

2018:

October 13th: Claude Bourbon

November 10th: Buddy Mondlock with Mike Lindauer and Donna Adler

December 8th: Bittersweet Christmas Band

2019:

March 9th: Triflemore

April 13th: Jeff Black

May 11th: David Massengill

All shows are scheduled to begin at 7:30pm.

A Little UU Humor

Three children were talking about their religions. "I'm a Catholic," said one, "and our symbol is the cross."
"I'm Jewish," said the second, "and our symbol is the Star of David."
The third child said, "I'm a Unitarian Universalist and our symbol is a candle in a cocktail glass!"
Religious and Character Education  
by Dan Feldt

Here is a resource on how you can help children and their families on the southern border. The information shared here is from Action for a Better Tomorrow (ABT), South Suburban Chapter.

"Something you can do TODAY to help detained children."

There is no process to reunite separated children with their parents. Even worse, when children are transferred to the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, they become subject to the foster care laws of the state they are placed in. It becomes shockingly easy to terminate parental rights if parents can’t show up in court to try to get their children back. There is currently no legislation that addresses these issues.

Call Senators Durbin and Duckworth and your congressperson today to ask them to sponsor legislation that:
1) creates a workable process to reunite families and
2) prohibits the termination of parental rights until all avenues of parental reunification have failed.

You can also use the 5 Calls site to make calls on this issue by clicking HERE. This is the most effective way to help these families, along with donating money to organizations such as Heartland Alliance, ACLU, ActBlue and RAICES.

We are currently beginning to organize a committee devoted to this issue, so please stay tuned for more info on that.

See below for websites from Laura DeBolt, a local lawyer who is active in these issues:

**National Immigration Justice Campaign:** [https://www.immigrationjustice.us/home](https://www.immigrationjustice.us/home)

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Our congregation has always valued the spiritual and intellectual development of our children. Let’s cast a larger circle to bring these children and their families in, so we can all learn together. For more information, see Dan Feldt or Anne Bailey.

Please Note: First Friday is taking the summer off. The next First Friday will be in October.

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 JULY 2018 Schedule includes:**
Friday, July 6th @ 8:30PM and Sunday, July 8th @ 3:30PM, “Consciousness, Spirituality, and Culture" featuring Wayne Sebamurti Gentry
Friday, July 13th @ 8:30PM and Sunday, July 15th @ 3:30PM, "Leadership: Past, Present and Future” featuring Dr. Conrad W. Worrill
Friday, July 20th @ 8:30PM and Sunday July 22nd @ 3:30PM, "Ancient KMT: Light of the World" featuring Dr. Josef Ben Levi
Friday, July 27th @ 8:30PM and Sunday, July 29th @ 3:30PM, “Scholars Without Borders” featuring Kamilah Donna Gentry and Jacob H. Carruthers III.
This article talks about James Hansen’s testimony to congress warning us that climate change is not a future happening, but is happening now. As I look around in my own area of neighborhood, its hard for me to see what has changed. But science can show and tell us the changes of the past and what to expect in the future. The beauty of this article is that we can see how our area has changed even though it is difficult to pick out. On average cook county in Illinois has increased 1°F (.55°C) in the last 30 years.

There are two things to do in general for our shared planet problem. One is to adapt to the new changes brought about by human climate change. Bring energy efficiency into your home and lives and burn no fossil fuels. Battery based cars, and use heat pumps in place of furnaces and hot water heaters. Buy clean energy which can easily be done in Illinois now. See the full article by clicking HERE.

There is nothing instantaneous about this. It is a long term plan that we bring in one step at a time as readily as we can. Hope everyone enjoys their fourth of July. Take care all. ~Jeff

Bayside UU Family Camp in Green Lake, WI
From Sunday, July 08, 2018 To Saturday, July 14, 2018
Location Green Lake, WI
Contact baysideuu@gmail.com

Bayside Camp is a small (40-60 person) family summer camp held at the Pilgrim Center on the southern shores of Green Lake, Wisconsin during the second week of July.

Bayside offers adult workshops and worship services, with quality child care and youth programming during the morning adult activities. Youth activities will be facilitated by Pilgrim Center Staff. There is lots of free time in the afternoons for family fun and relaxation.

Founded in 1988, Bayside Camp aims to provide a nurturing "family" atmosphere for singles, couples, and families of all configurations and traditions. Bayside Camp can be a great stress reducer. It's an affordable way for busy families to spend quality time together. A detailed schedule will be mailed to campers a week or two before camp.

Click HERE for more info.
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.

The next Rainbow Café meets on July 20th at 6:30pm.
Movie: Trick

AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN PARK FOREST-2901 Western Ave

It's lust at first sight when Gabri- nel (Christian Campbell), a songwriter with Broadway ambitions, runs into Mark (John Paul Pitoc), a hot go-go dancer at a local gay club. They head to Gabriel's place to seal the deal, but are thwarted when Gabriel's roommate Rich (Brad Beyer) arrives with opposing plans for their closet-sized apartment. It's the first of many sexual obstructions in a wild night that leaves the pair physically unsatisfied, but developing an unforeseen romantic bond nevertheless.

Medical Cannabis Education Association
meets every month on the First Sunday at Noon.

The next time MCEA meets is unknown until further notice due to flood.

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. Call (708) 755-3577 for information

Sacred Communication Workshops
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 more info, 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.
Next DUP: July 15th

Dream Exploration Group

Contact Geri for info on where to meet

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

For more information contact Colin Kirchner at colinkirchner@gmail.com or contact Virginia at the church office. 708-481-5339
Not ALL of our usual EVENTS will be scheduled at Trinity Lutheran so therefore we encourage you to contact the group facilitator or check our website to verify the status of any of our events scheduled in May before you arrive (the church website is: uuccpf.org). Our facilitators’ contact information is listed below.

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**Event Facilitators**

Medical Cannabis cancelled till further notice: Joy Grainge joygraine@me.com
Family First Friday: meets at Trinity Lutheran Yoga: meets at Room to Move Studio
Men’s Group: email Colin for info
Dances of Universal Peace: call Pat for location
Rainbow Café: meets at Trinity Lutheran
Dream Group: meets at member's homes
Forum: meets at Trinity Lutheran
Movie Night: meets at Trinity Lutheran
Edgar’s Place: meets at Trinity Lutheran

There will NOT be a Free Movie and Discussion Night in July
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