Sunday Worship Service at 10:00am
The Unitarian Universalist Church
70 Sycamore Drive, Park Forest
708-481-5339

August 4th
Title: “Attention! Pay Attention!! The Life and Poetry of Mary Oliver”
By Reverend Denise Tracy
Earlier this year the poet Mary Oliver died. I love her work and wanted to learn more about her as an artist and as a person. This service will explore her art and her life.

August 11th
Title: "There is More"
By Reverend Larry McClellan
Looking at how a key to Spanish history helps us think about limits and possibilities in our lives.

August 18th
Title: Water Service
By Beverly Feldt and Marilyn Ragland
How has water changed your life? Bring your answer to this question, and we'll listen to each other.

August 25th
Title: “Can You Hear Me?”
By Leanne Roth Mull
We listen with our ears, our eyes and our hearts. Learn about the difference we can make in the lives of others when we listen, really listen, to all of the ways that the universe, and the beings in it, communicate with us.

Highlights

August 10th:
Southland Acoustic Music Festival
Don’t miss this amazing day of live music. More information and the line up of our incredible talented musicians is included in this newsletter.

Attention: Nancy Irons will no longer be coordinating Forum. We are looking for a volunteer to take on this role when Forum resumes in the fall.

The primary responsibilities are: speaker recruitment and coordination, publicity for the newsletter, facilitating during the Forum and assisting with handouts or projector as needed. Forum usually meets 11:30 to 12:30 after the service during the academic year. That is, from the Sunday after Labor Day until the Sunday prior to Memorial Day. Many of the upcoming Sundays are already taken care of; i.e. 1st Sunday – Potluck, 2nd Sunday – UU Gabfest, 3rd Sunday – Waking Up Group. That leaves the 4th and sometimes 5th Sundays to fill. There will also be 3 Town Hall Meetings (fall, winter, spring) and an Annual Meeting to take some of these slots. Further there are some holiday weekends when Forum is not held due to low attendance (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s). So, you really only need to recruit speakers for 6-8 dates.

Would you be interested in becoming the Forum Coordinator? Please contact Nancy Irons (irons.nancy@gmail.com) for more details.

Free Movie and Discussion Night
does not meet in July and August. We are on break for the summer.
President’s Column by Jerome Rowley

On 20 July 1969, the first manned moon landing took place. The lunar module named Eagle from Apollo 11 landed at Tranquility Base, and Neal Armstrong became the first person to plant his feet on the surface of the Moon.

I remember sitting in my living room watching as all of this occurred. I was 12 years old, in sixth grade, and was conscious even as a child that this was an event that had great significance. Many science fiction writers had predicted the coming of television, and the first landing on the Moon, but none of them had predicted that the entire world would be watching the first landing on the Moon together. The great scholar of myth, Joseph Campbell, wrote regarding the moon landing that “The old dichotomy between spirit and matter, God and man, is finished.”

You could see this as the de-mythologizing of the heavens, by noting that the place where the medieval mind saw spirit up in the heavens was now shown to be made of matter just like we are down here on the Earth.

But this dissolution of the dichotomy between spirit and matter could be read another way: we here down on Earth could be seen as being made of spirit as well, in a re-mythologizing of our planet.

Part of that invigorating process can be seen by the Earthrise photo, the picture of the Earth rising from the surface of the Moon, which was taken by the Apollo 8 astronauts just a few months earlier in December 1968. The sentiment of awe it inspired in the astronauts and then later on in the world they shared the photograph with, is perfectly encapsulated by the lines of T. S. Eliot is credited for being the symbol of the growing ecology movement. “We shall not cease from exploration / And the end of all our exploring / Will be to arrive where we started / And know the place for the first time.”

This photo is a symbol of the shift in consciousness from being ethnocentric, meaning identifying exclusively as a member of a certain group, to being world-centric, meaning identifying as being a human being who shares that humanity with all of the people on the planet as a whole. When Christopher Columbus landed in 1492 in what he thought of as the New World, he claimed it for the ruler of a single nation. The commemorative plaque left by the Apollo 11 astronauts as they left the Moon read “we came in peace for all mankind.” They were not claiming it as a possession for a single nation. NASA represented the best of America, facing the world and encouraging us all to embrace it.

May we continue to live in the spirit of the Moon landing—that is how we can truly make America great again. Not by embracing the ethnocentric past, but the world-centric future that holds out promise to us all!
Congrats to our own, Bev Feldt for getting paid to do voice-overs for Blue Cross/Blue Shield commercials. I’ve seen two different Commercials on TV with Bev’s voice! She even gets paid every time the Commercial airs.

Joyce Semmler submitted her two stories featured in last month’s column to the UUA and they were accepted.

Rev. Denise Tracy is reading the book, "Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved" and would suggest a discussion of this book in October. She will probably do it as a Forum.

Andy Stevens put a post on Facebook with a picture of the "Meet Up Safe Spot" at the Park Forest Police Station, 200 Lakewood Blvd, PF 60466. The "Safe Spot" is an area in front of the PF Police Station where people can meet in safety when buying or selling on the internet.

Karilynn Vicari, mother of Delilah and JJ (Spiderman) and daughter of Lenore Rendina, envisioned and pulled off a successful "Open Mic/Talent Show" on Saturday night, July 13th. There were probably 40 people there. Joan from Crete Methodist Church played her guitar as did Steve Neilson from Beverly UU Castle. Ariel (Tia Wilson's daughter) brought her lizard Larry, who seemed to like the Music. Will Mull got up and spoke. Leanne was there and their little dog, “Wee Hud”. Oscar - Lynn Lidbury's & Jeff Fields' therapy dog roamed around getting too many treats from Jojo. Some of the best parts were people who spoke from their hearts - Lenore read her poem about her children and Colin and Julie spoke on Social Justice issues. Union Street Gallery's Director was there. And people spoke and sang and danced and did Martial Arts. Tia Wilson sang a song by John Legend. I will try to get the program published from Karilynn. People I've never heard from spoke. It was so wonderfully Community Building. I put a beautiful picture of Karilynn taken by her mom, Lenore, on my Facebook page and Rev. Randy Becker (former minister) reached out from Key West, FL on Facebook to say what a wonderful community we are. See photos from open mic night below.

Union Street Art Gallery, 1527 Otto Blvd. Chicago Heights www.unionstreetgallery.org, 708-754-2601 is calling everyone to show your creative side in Seven. Seven is an exhibit that needs to somehow include seven of something, for example 7 colors, 7 objects etc. This exhibit is about having fun. It runs from August 1st to August 31st. There is a $20 entry fee per piece.
Our Connections group seeks to provide opportunities for spiritual growth and community building, by strengthening relationships. Small Group Ministry provides ways to live out our UU principles and to strengthen the wider community through service projects. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, from 1-2:30 pm at UUCC. Come join us! For more information:
JoAnn Franczek 219/629-0815 or Irene vanderHoek 708/305-4913 tulip51girl@gmail.com

Workshop at UUCC with Rev. Henrietta Byrd
312-593-4732 (call to register)
August 17th 11am to 2pm

An empowering workshop that allows you to focus instantly and move your mind and heart toward what serves you positively. Learn techniques of controlling your mind and heart and then begin to live again.

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Thank you so much for organizing the Open Mike night! I’ve been a Unitarian Universalist since 1970. As I read again the 7 UU principles I realize that those really apply to last night. What a wonderful mix of talents. Each of the participants is a flower in a beautiful rainbow bouquet of the best of humanity. Young and old, different races, men and women, different abilities, even dogs! Singing, dancing, showing off a lizard, piano, guitars, poetry, readings. A common theme for the evening was how each of us was able and willing to express in our own special way what is in our hearts. Please share this email with others at PFUU.

Steve Nelson
Religious and Character Education
by Dan Feldt

Our first Farmers Market day was a great success!! Our kids were fabulous UU ambassadors and wonderful tattoo artists. We heard comments like, “I’ve heard about you, but I’ve never been there. Now I’m really going to try to visit” or “I’m a UU, and we have just moved into the area. It’s great to know there’s a UU church so close. We’ll check it out.” If you would like to volunteer for the Park Forest Farmers Markets in August, let me know.

How wonderful summer RCE is! Plenty of time for popsicles and painting the parking lot. If you wish to share some time with these awesome kids, let me know. There are still a few slots available in the summer schedule.
1:30pm - 2:30pm Dean Milano & John Benischek
Dean has been a stalwart of the Chicago music scene, having released 3 CDs and has also written the book The Chicago Music Scene 1960s and 1970s. More info on Dean at http://www.toys-n-cars.com/ John Benischek is a long time performer who graced the stage of Earl of Of Old Town and Park Forests own Someplace Else.

2:30pm - 3:30pm Ashley & Simpson....
Known for their soulful and energetic live performances, Ashley & Simpson has been taking the local music scene by storm. Jennifer Ashley is a classically trained pianist, singer-songwriter, and guitarist. Joel Simpson is an accomplished musician and singer-songwriter. Together they prove to be an irresistible duo, leaving you wanting more. Performing a carefully crafted array of cover songs in tandem with originals that are the culmination of both of their writing skills. Their new album “Off to Highland” recently was the #7 album on the Folk Radio Charts.

3:30pm-4pm The Three Wise Guys—
Three long time friends who share a life long love of harmonies. Jim Freis, Steve Wing, and gold record, grammy nominated artist Dave Rudolf feature tight 3 part harmonies on songs by Crosby, Stills, and Nash, The Everly Brothers, The Beatles and more...They happen to be funny too. Always a crowd favorite whenever they perform with Dave.

4pm - 5pm. Cheryl Rodey...
Cheryl Rodey is a vocal powerhouse that will blow you away with a genuineness that can make anyone feel the love of music. Between her incredible vocals and passionate guitar playing, Cheryl is a bright rising star. Whether performing her own well crafted originals, or blowing the roof off with her version of well known tunes she’s an artist to keep an eye, and most definitely an ear on. More on Cheryl at cherylnodey.com.

5pm-6pm Blues Legend Jimmy Johnson
Jimmy Johnson is a true blues legend...He’s been inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame... He has played guitar and sang back up with Otis Clay and Denise LaSale...In 1959, he began playing with bluesmen Magic Sam and Freddie King, and gigged with Harmonica Slim Wills and others. Locally, Johnson is rated the equal of such acclaimed Chicago bluesmen as Buddy Guy, Otis Rush, Lonnie Brooks and Son Seals. In 1978, his name first garnered national attention as well as a Grammy nomination when Alligator included four previously unreleased Johnson tracks on Living Chicago Blues, Vol. 1.

6pm-7pm Dave Rudolf & Friends
Dave Rudolf is a long time performer and a multi award winning singer/songwriter who just released his 37th Album... “There’s Still Gas In the Tank” a duet album with singer extraordinaire Di Laffey... Guess who’s going to be at the festival with Dave? Di Laffey of course! 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 37 albums many of which have won various awards.Joining Dave & Di is keyboard wiz Jobs Chorney and Ryan Rudolf on bass...If you ask real nice he’ll sing for you too! Oh, and the three wise guys will join for some 3 part harmonies later in the show!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?

https://jimmyjohnsonblues.com/mymusic?

https://www.facebook.com/CherylRodeyMusic/videos/10154595186754102/

https://youtu.be/ulEo0Fn7bCo
We will be holding a Rummage Sale the first weekend in October. Please bring in donations for this event. A drop-off box has been established in the coatroom. We particularly want nice things that someone would want to buy. We would prefer no clothes for this sale.

For more information, or if you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Nancy Irons (irons.nancy@gmail.com).

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 August 2019 Schedule follows:

August 2nd and August 4th - "Queen of Kings" featuring Kwadwo Oppong Wadie and Dr. Asantewaa Oppong Wadie.
August 9th and August 11th - "European Philosophy: From Theory to Practice" featuring Dr. Josef Ben Levi.
August 16th and August 18th - "Queen of Kings" featuring Kwadwo Oppong Wadie and Dr. Asantewaa Oppong Wadie.
August 23rd and August 25th - "Consciousness and Spirituality" featuring Hunter Havelin Adams II.
I want to bring to you a projection of the very worst scenario of how things could be in our area with climate change. Wondering what I might compose for the Green Sanctuary, this came in an email from Union of Concerned Scientists. It has projections for our corner of the state. We are right next to Lake Michigan, so it is easy to zero in on that area and capture a picture of the color code to see how many above 90°F days we will have per year on average. Worst case scenario is no action whatsoever on climate change. The warming is much less than no action with rapid reductions in green house gases.

In the first smaller picture, a standard is set up for us to compare to. Chicago area has an average of 11-25 days above 90°F. This is what we are feeling now.

Second larger picture, Chicago area is in a warmer zone in the years 2036 to 2065. We have jumped up to 51 to 100 days above 90°F. We are at the top of that orange zone. This will only show in color. Black and white will have to bear with me.

3rd larger picture, Chicago is almost to the deepest red of the graph. Deepest red is 101 to 203 days per year of above 90°F. Imagine a summer with no days below 90°F. This is what kills people. It is dangerous for us, and worse for our crops. This is destabilized society.

Remember that this is the worst situation. There is another button the UCS site that is a much happier button to see the results. Limited to 3.6°F or 2°C, Chicago area is at maximum 51 to 100 days above 90°F. It is not really a safe place to be compared to today. It is just less dangerous. It is possible to avoid how grim life can be living highly unwise choices.

This is not an easy subject to see and discuss at parties. But it does give us a fuzzy glimpse that we haven’t experienced yet. Or have we? We just went through a heat wave lately. Now imagine that heat wave we just experienced all summer long. Or would you rather have it at a much lesser amount. It is part of our behavior that we do today that creates this future. What future do you want to create based on your behavior?

Have a great August everyone,

Jeff Green

See full article HERE.
Financial Update – As your new Treasurer, I want to keep you informed as to how UUCC is doing financially. For the 2018-19 fiscal year, the good news is that our expenses were under budget, unfortunately so was our income. We used $7,500 of the authorized $9,000 from the Endowment Fund to balance Income and Expenses.

Each year the Board appoints a Finance Committee to work with the Treasurer on all things financial. This includes: monitoring accounts, recommending fiscal policy, organizing the pledge drive, developing a proposed budget and overseeing an audit. Would you be interested in participating? We need an additional volunteer or two to fill out this committee. Come join us!

Are you concerned about the church finances but don’t want to serve on a committee? Can you help with fundraising? We need volunteers to initiate and coordinate various events this year. Can you bake something to sell at the 2nd Annual Music Festival? Do you want to help organize a Spaghetti Dinner? How about a Vegetarian Dinner? Pancake Breakfast anyone? What about a concert or dramatic production? The Rummage Sale will be held the first week of October and needs donated items and volunteers for that day. All of these proposed events should bring in income. Would you take the lead on one of these? Is there some other event you would like to organize? We particularly need activities that will bring in money from the community-at-large, not just our own congregation. Please think about it and let us know!

Does anyone remember that we were told we will need $45,000 to replace the roof within the next year? Yikes!! We have to initiate a major Capital Campaign to pay for these repairs. In particular, we need to reach out to former members and friends for their support. Hopefully, we can use email and the Internet to reach a much larger audience. Would you like to help plan this campaign? We need people who have kept in touch with former friends and members. We also need someone with web skills to help us get set-up to accept online donations. The Capital Campaign is calling. . . Please answer the call!

If you have any questions or would like additional information on any of these topics, please contact me, Nancy Irons at irons.nancy@gmail.com. Thanks!

Directory Update – It’s that time of year again! Each summer we update the Member and Friends database and generate a new directory for the fall.

There is a “REVISIONS NEEDED” copy of the current directory in the Gathering Room. Please review your listing and make any necessary corrections to your contact information. Be sure to initial your entry to designate that it has been reviewed.

If you are not listed, but would like to be, please add your contact information in the appropriate alphabetical region. If you see someone listed who is no longer living in the area, please make a note that they might be removed for the next directory.

Thank you for your assistance with this project.
Rainbow Cafe 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. Doors open approximately 6:30pm. Movie starts at 7pm. Soft drinks are served.

Next meeting: August 16th

“At the End of the Day”
A Christian professor experiences a profound change when he finds himself planted in a gay support group to undermine their launch of an LGBTQ homeless youth center in their small town. See trailer HERE.

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 class is FREE. Call (708) 755-3577 for more information

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

Saturdays at 9am -10:30am
Location: UUCC
Cost: Free Will offering (proceeds go to UUCC)
For questions, contact Beverly Feldt bevfeldt@gmail.com

Aug 2nd Drumming Postponed
Bring your drums, rattles or any other percussion instrument at 7pm every First Friday and join us for our monthly healing community drum circle! Extra instruments will be provided if you don't have one. All ages are welcome! A love donation of $5 is greatly appreciated. All donations will go to UUCC and the Rainbow Tree fund. This circle is led by Karilynn Vicari of Rainbow Tree Healing Arts.

The August 2nd drumming has been postponed due to illness.

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 does not meet in August

The UUCC Men’s Group
Men’s group meets every other Tuesday night from 7-9pm at church. Upcoming gathering dates are August 6th & 20th.
Contact Colin Kirchner at colinkirchner@gmail.com
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- **Monthly Drumming Circle:** Karilynn Vicari 708-543-5870  kvicari27@yahoo.com
- **Family First Friday:** (currently on break)
  Dan Feldt 708-212-3637  ddfeldt@gmail.com
- **Yoga:** Karen Nielsen 708-755-3577  shanti-one@comcast.net
- **Men’s Group:** Colin Kirchner 708-497-0293  colinkirchner@gmail.com
- **Dances of Universal Peace:** (off July & Aug)
  Pat Segner 708-748-2217  segnerpatricia@yahoo.com
- **Rainbow Café:** Charles Barnett 708-843-2005  chazbarnett@yahoo.com
- **Forum:** (on break for summer)
  Nancy Irons 708-712-3228  irons.nancy@gmail.com
- **Movie Night:** Jerome Rowley 714-930-6134  jerome_rowley@gmail.com
- **Edgar’s Place:** (begins in the fall with a new facilitator, Dave Rudolf. Stay tuned for updates).
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