**Sunday Worship Service at 10:00am**  
70 Sycamore Drive, Park Forest  
708-481-5339

**March 1st**  
“I Understand”  
By Reverend Henrietta Byrd  
This service peeps into the various challenges that empower us, hinder us and see us free.

**March 8th**  
“Living New Englandly: The Ecstasy of Emily Dickinson”  
By Reverend Denise Tracy  
While on a pilgrimage trip, this past summer, Reverend Tracy visited Emily Dickenson's home. She had often passed this house with her family and was curious about who she was and what inspired her poems. This service will explore Emily's life and work.

**March 15th**  
“From the Mouths of Babes”  
By Monica Regan  
Wisdom of the ages can inform and inspire us, but what about the present? And, the wisdom of future generations?

**March 22nd**  
“The G Word”  
By Beverly Feldt  
Many UUs are uncomfortable with the term "God." What does this controversial word mean to you?

**March 29th**  
“Another End of the World Is Possible: Practicing the Yoga of Despair”  
By John Halstead  
Eco-theologian Thomas Berry wrote that “We will not save what we do not love.” What would it take for us to truly love the earth and the human and other-than-human beings with whom we share it? I think maybe it would take dying. Maybe truly radical love is only possible when we give up hope for ourselves.

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**Highlights**

**Monday, March 2nd at 6:30pm**  
**Introducing Anti-Oppression at UUCC:**  
Please join us for discussion aimed at antiracism and anti-oppression.

**Saturday, March 7th at 7:30pm**  
Edgar’s Place Proudly Presents Bernie Glim

**Saturday, March 28th at 6pm**  
The Committee on Ministry & Friends will be hosting a Progressive Dinner on Sat., March 28th from 6-10:30 p.m.

**Forum**

Follows the Sunday Service (11:30am)

**March 1st:** PADS Soup Kitchen Fundraiser

**March 8th:** UU Gabfest—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.

**March 15th:** Waking Up Discussion  
Join us for an ongoing monthly discussion group raising awareness of racism, white privilege and institutional racism.

**March 22nd:** CUUPs Spring Equinox Ritual — Nancy Irons  
Mark the first day of spring with a ritual cleansing and release of negative energy, to be receptive to new beginnings and new possibilities. All are welcome!

**March 29th:** Available
The President’s Column by Jerome Rowley

As many of you know, I am going to continue to be the President of the Board of Trustees until the end of June. At that time, I will not only be stepping down as the President, but also leaving the UUCCPF entirely. It is not because I no longer wish to be a member, but it is because there are other projects in the Chicagoland area that are requiring my time and attention. Some of these are:

- I’m co-hosting a radio program called Chicago’s Rollout, an educational program teaching economic literacy to the African-American community on the South Side of Chicago. If successful, our program will expand to include Chicago’s immigrant community as well.

- I’m running to be the Toastmasters International public speaking club’s Division Director for the South Side of Chicago, bringing empowerment opportunities to the various communities there. An example of one of the newest clubs on the South Side is Sisters Speak, that takes women who are victims of domestic abuse and uses the power of public speaking to teach them to speak up for themselves and to use that new confidence to change their lives and the lives of their children.

Of course, between now and the election in November I will also be spending time with Indivisible and other groups that are trying to make sure that our country slides no further towards authoritarianism.

However, before I go at the end of June, there are some things I would like to have accomplished.

These are:

- To make sure the church is on solid financial footing before I leave, which means helping the Board set the budget for the next fiscal year and making sure that fundraising for both capital and operating expenses are well underway. These efforts will culminate with the business meeting to be held later in the Spring.

- To make sure that ideas are explored to help expand the church’s membership. To that end, I will host a brainstorming session in March with some of the newer members of the church. Their results will be transmitted to various committees in the church to see which of these ideas should be implemented; those in the congregation wishing to attend these committee meetings will have an opportunity to do. Finally, the results of the committee’s recommendations regarding these ideas will be forwarded to the Board.

I have spent half a dozen years on the Board working for the continuance of the work of the Church, but it will be time soon for a new President to take over that work. I hope the Nominating Committee will carefully deliberate and search for someone to take over the leadership role on the Board.

I am happy to have served the Church for as long as I have, and I do wish for the success of the Church in the years to come.
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 March 2020 Schedule follows:**

**March 1st** - “A Gathering of Griots: From Human Rights to Civil Rights” featuring Kwabena Jack Childs, J.D, Dr. Maisha Bennet, Angela C. Davis and Janelle LaVigne.

**March 6th and March 8th** - “Doctor in the House” featuring Dr. Terry Mason

**March 13th and March 15th** - "Doctor in the Community” featuring Dr. Terry Mason

**March 20th and March 22nd** - “Know Thy History, Part 1” featuring Professor Anthony T. Browder

**March 27th and March 29th** - “Know Thy History, Know Thyself” featuring: Wayne Sebamurti Gentry and Hunter Havlin Adams,III.

Go to www.youtube.com to view previous H3O TV programs and search Gloria Peace on tool bar.

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Edgar's Place Proudly Presents

Bernie Glim

Saturday, March 7th, 7:30pm

$15 Cover Charge—Call for reservations

Bernie Glim, born in Blue Island, Illinois, has performed in Chicago's Free Street Theatre, Pheasant Run Theatre's production of Godspell and Drury Lane's I'm Getting My Act Together and Taking It on the Road. Through the seventies, he toured the U.S. as an opening act for ELO, Styx, B. J. Thomas, ShaNaNa, Cheech and Chong and other national acts. He developed a strong following in the club circuit with his own band, Selah, in the 80's, then moved on to do solo club, festival and concert engagements. In 2002, he began a collaboration with Tom Gurney on guitar and Al Joseph on fiddle.

Glim has written, arranged and produced two albums of original work. His warmth, humor and ability to engage audiences of all ages has gained him a loyal following. For more information on Bernie: [http://www.bernieglimcountryroads.com/page2.html]
A huge THANK YOU to Nancy Irons, Virginia Jackson, Chris Ussery, Pat Segner, Beverly Feldt and everyone else who contributed to kicking off our Capital Campaign with the Valentine's Party! Great music, great food, lots of fun!!!
**RCE project for PADS**

The RCE children and Youth are collecting money in order to buy supplies to make care packages for the PADS clients our church serves.

The care packages will contain items that the men frequently ask for, such as: socks, deodorant, lip balm, tissues and snacks. The children and Youth have been busy making a poster (explaining this project), writing a personal note to go in each package and collecting donations after the Service on Sundays and Thank You notes.

This project has also given us an opportunity to talk about some of our UU Principles, such as compassion, respect for each other and how they tie into the project. It also creates a connection between our RCE program and the adults in the congregation, as the collective efforts make this a success.

As of this time, a total of $154.00 has been collected. Enough to cover the cost of 45 care packages. Any extra money will be used to purchase additional items, such as combs.

Thank you for supporting this project!

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**The Committee on Ministry & Friends will be hosting a Progressive Dinner on Sat., March 28 from 6-10:30 p.m.** Please join your fellow UUCCPF members for fellowship, food, and fun as we “progress” to a few of our members’ homes for appetizers, entrees, and desserts as well as great conversation & company to be had at each!

If you are interested in attending this special event, please see the sign up list in the sanctuary to RSVP & bring a dish to share. Don’t delay as space is limited. Please see Lenore Rendina for further details or if you have any questions.

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A photo from "A Singular Woman" workshop led by Beverly Oye Scott held at the Unitarian Universalist Church on February 9th, 2020.

Left: Toni Preckwinkle (President of Cook Co. Board [4th Term] and Chair of Cook County Democratic Party), Middle: JoJo Martin, Right: Carol Moseley Braun (US Senator for Illinois from 1993 to 1999 and Ambassador to New Zealand 1999 to 2001)
The following is excerpted from recent UUA statements (search: "UUA Conversations for Liberation"):

"Unitarian Universalism is at a moment of great power and potential. We are making progress toward becoming a faith movement where people of all backgrounds and identities can thrive to challenge systems of oppression, patriarchy and white supremacy. ...we recommit ourselves to strive to become a fully inclusive and anti-oppressive community. This is an essential calling that arises from our Principles and theology. We recognize oppressive systems as violations of human dignity, demanding we challenge them both within and beyond our congregations. Systems of oppression hurt and dehumanize us all. We acknowledge we are a part of the interdependent web of existence, and that none of us are truly free until we are all liberated from oppression."

We are challenged by our faith movement to become a fully inclusive and anti-oppressive community. This work was actually started long ago by the Waking Up group, and now we mean to take up this recent challenge and expand on these anti-oppression and antiracism efforts.

We all have great respect for education and the transformation in understanding and perspective it can bring. Soon we will be offering more educational and training opportunities (please join us for discussion and more information Monday March 2nd at 6:30pm) aimed at antiracism and anti-oppression more broadly– just how do we become that fully inclusive community?

We invite you to come with us on a journey of learning, transformation, and liberation.

~ Rob van de Logt
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. The Listening Hearts volunteers for the month of March will be Chief (Bob Jensen) and Darlene Obejda.

Financial Update – Tax Letters, Audit & Arbitration!
The Audit Committee has completed their examination of the 2018-2019 fiscal year finances. Their final report is being prepared and will be presented to the Board once complete. They will also present their findings at the Annual Meeting in May.

We launched the Capital Campaign at the February 15th Valentine’s Party. It has been two years since the Valentine Day Flood from below. We survived that disaster, but need to prevent a flood from above with a new roof. Can you help to preserve our beloved building nestled in the woods? Please make a commitment to support this campaign.

Our goal is to raise at least $50,000 to replace the roof and repair the ceiling. A new Donation page has been established on our website with a PayPal button allowing you to make donations via credit/debit cards. Please ponder what contribution you can make towards this effort. May your generosity bring you joy!

The 2020 MidAmerica Regional Assembly (RA), will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Rockford, IL, on Saturday, April 18, 2020. The keynote speaker will be Taquiena Boston, Special Advisor to the UUA President for Institutional Inclusion, Equity, and Change. The day will feature worship, the annual business meeting, lunch, keynote presentation, workshops, and a presentation from members of the Commission on Institutional Change. On Friday evening, April 17, the UU Church in Rockford will graciously host an evening gathering for those in town.

Register Now (Early Bird pricing is available through March 20th).

Are you planning to attend the Regional Assembly? If so, please let the office (churchadmin@uuccpf.org or 708-481-5339) know if you are interested in carpooling or if you would like to be a delegate to represent our congregation at the annual meeting.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Valentine Party such a success! We took in $1,600 from admissions, basket raffles and next day wine sales. Expenses have not been finalized, but they should be between $500 and $600. The Board has authorized that $1,000 of the net profits is to be applied to the Capital Fund Campaign! Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event possible!

SPRING AHEAD FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!
Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday March 8th so you won’t be late for church!
Breaking News! – One of our former members (who prefers to remain anonymous) has volunteered to double whatever amount we raise with the Capital Campaign!! This is your opportunity to make your contribution go twice as far. Please complete a contribution card today. We will be actively recruiting donors through the middle of March. Contribution cards are available on the table at the front of the Sanctuary. You can take 12 months to fulfill your contribution amount.

We started the campaign with $5,000 in donations collected since the flood. At the Valentine Party we received promises for another $5,000 towards this Campaign. With our benefactor’s generosity, we can count that $10,000 as $20,000. The Heart on the Capital Campaign poster has been filled in to that amount. We are nearly half-way there. Please make your Campaign Contribution promise today!

General Assembly 2020 - Register Now

General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles. Please join us Wednesday, June 24 through Sunday, June 28, 2020 in Providence, Rhode Island for this 5-day immersive experience where we participate in inspirational worship services and informative workshops, reconvene with friends and colleagues, and explore our bustling exhibit hall. The theme for General Assembly in June 2020 is Rooted, Inspired, & Ready!

Registration and Housing

Full-time registration is $400 for adults, $240 for high school youth and retired and candidate ministers, $150 for off-site registrants. Register by March 15 for the lowest rate. Rates will increase on March 16 and again on May 1. See website for options for paying in installments. Go to uua.org/ga.

Registration for this summer’s Chalice Sparx Family Camp & Retreat for UU families is now open. Join us July 10-13 in Cassopolis, Michigan for an amazing all ages experience at lovely Camp Friedenswald in southwestern Michigan

At Chalice Sparx camp and retreat for families you will experience a truly multigenerational community. Here we learn together, worship together and explore together in a community of all ages – including elders who complete our multigenerational village. As an intentional UU covenanted community, we are especially welcoming to Trans children, youth and their families. Although we are a small growing camp, approximately half of the families who come to Chalice Sparx camp each year are families with a child, youth or adult who is trans or non-binary and families of color or families with a child of color. We also have fun together. Swimming, hiking or riding a wagon through the trails, canoeing, archery, popcorn popped in a kettle over an open fire, and of course, S’mores and singing camp songs.

Check out the website: www.chalicesparx.org.
I have been supporting Union of Concerned Scientists off and on for about 25 years. If you drive an electric car, this is about the equivalent the average electric car would do in pollution in these different utility regions of the United States. Union of concerned scientists have been tracking the pollution in different areas of the country. With their computer models and applying it to the different electric cars, the average electric car in 2009 was 42 miles per gallon while in 2018 it increases to 56 miles per gallon. The green map of our area is what a Tesla Model 3 would get in equivalent miles per gallon. As you can see it is 74 miles per gallon. The Tesla Model 3 is the most efficient production made in the United States. I believe that might be in the world, but I will have to take a deeper look into that little tidbit.

Of the two electric cars I have driven, are the equivalent miles per gallon based on the utility in my area. As I tell people I get about the same pollution level as a Toyota Prius. With the Tesla, then I get a full size car in the process. The beauty of charging off the utility is that it will get cleaner with time and a gasoline car will never catch up to that. [https://evtool.ucsusa.org/](https://evtool.ucsusa.org/)

A 2012 Mitsubishi i-MiEV charged in 60423 produces about as much global warming pollution as a gasoline vehicle getting 56 miles per gallon.

A 2016 Tesla Model S - 70 charged in 60423 produces about as much global warming pollution as a gasoline vehicle getting 45 miles per gallon.

At some point in time in the future, gasoline and diesel vehicles will no longer be sold in the United States. This is already happening in several countries now in the world. The number of countries in this is surprising. I suggest you take a look at this. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phase-out_of_fossil_fuel_vehicles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phase-out_of_fossil_fuel_vehicles)
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. Every 3rd Friday of the month. Doors open approximately 6:30pm. Movie 7pm.

The March 20th film is “Howl”

In his famously confessional style, Ginsberg a poet, a counter-cultural icon, and a chronicler of the Beat Generation recounts the road trips, love affairs, and a search for personal liberation that led to HOWL, the most timeless work of his career. HOWL interweaves three stories: the unfolding of the landmark 1957 obscenity trial; an imaginative animated ride through the prophetic masterpiece; and a unique portrait of a man who found new ways to express himself, and in doing so, changed his own life and galvanized a generation.

Connections Group

Connections groups provide a space to share your perspectives and experiences, learn about and support each other, and discover what we have in common. All are welcome to attend, whether church members or not.

Daytime Group meets: March 11th and March 25th at 1pm
Evening Group meets: March 4th and March 18th at 7pm

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)

Dances of Universal Peace:
Meet (Sept-June)

Dances of Universal Peace are held on the 2nd or 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. More info Contact certified dance leader, Pat Segner, at 708-748-2217.

DUP next meets on March 15th at 2pm

Drum Circle
March 6th at 7pm

Bring your drums, rattles or any other percussion instrument and join us! Extra instruments will be provided if you don't have one. A love donation of $5 is greatly appreciated. All donations will go to UUCC.

We meet every first Friday of the month at 7pm.

Love to Sing?

Join the UUCC Choir! The Choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month, with rehearsals on those days at 8:30am and one weekly evening per month. No experience required. If interested, contact Beverly Feldt bevfeldt@gmail.com.

The UUCC Men’s Group

Men’s group meets every other Tuesday night from 7-9pm at the church.

Upcoming gathering dates are March 3rd and March 17th
Contact Colin Kirchner at colinkirchner@gmail.com
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