

# UUCC Community News

## DECEMBER 2023

### Unitarian Universalist Community



## Sunday Worship Service 10:00am

**UUCC COVID UPDATE:** The UUCC Board of Trustees has lifted Covid restrictions in the church. The congregation can determine their own level of risk and any need to continue to wear a mask in public settings. The only exception to this will be when we have in-church speakers who may request that congregants wear a mask during their service. We will notify you ahead of time if this occurs.

### DECEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES

**Dec 3** Ruth Halstead from Hobart First Unitarian with UUCC member Barb Anderson  
**Title:** "Water Service"

Bring some water from your homes or travels this year. We are honoring water and our dependence on Her. And like water, we blend together in community and will honor our dependence on each other. Bring your coats and gloves as we may go outside for part of the water ritual.

**Dec 10** Richard Lewis  
**Title:** The Change We Hope To Bring

**Dec 17** Rev. Denise Tracy  
**Title:** "How the Pagans, Universalists and Unitarians created Christmas."

Where did the customs we follow originate and how did they become our traditions? We will explore and have fun with holiday music, too.

**Dec 24** Leanne Mull  
**Title:** "Your Reason for the Season"  
For many people the holiday season is a time for happy memories, family and community. For others, this time is something to get through as quickly and painlessly as possible. Regardless of where you land, join us as we join together in song and love as we talk about our reason for the season

**Dec 31** Beverly Feldt  
**Title:** "Mending What We've Broken"  
(Part 1 -Part 2 1/7/2024)  
Drawing from Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg's book On Repentance and Repair (the current UU common read), this two-part service explores a brilliant road map for dealing with the harm we've done to others--as individuals and as a nation.



### First Sunday Potluck December 3rd after worship

Join us for this time of Fellowship!  
Please bring a food item to share.

### UU Connect Forum

**Sunday, December 10, starting about 11:30 a.m.** *after the service*, in person in classroom 3, **OR** with Zoom using that Sunday's Worship Service zoom link provided for the service. "**Universalism**", the fourth in a series of videos about UU history, with brief discussion to follow. The November UU Connect Forum subject was rescheduled due to low attendance. Please come back after the service for this interesting and informative video.

### POP-UP SALE December 10th



A few items left over from the Rummage sale will be for sale, for a free-will donation, on Sunday December 10th in the Gathering room. Anything left will be donated to charity.



Listening Hearts

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December volunteers, Beverly Feldt and Jodi Libretti are available as a source for listening, support and resources.



## The President's Column

December 2023

by Laurene Lambertino-Urquizo



For some time now in 2023, you have been hearing information from our pulpit and in forums about the coming changes that are being proposed by the UUA in a rewrite of Article II of the UUA Bylaws. Our congregation will have a voice in our choice to either accept these changes or reject them in June 2024. This is when history will be made in our UU religion. At that time, we will all have a responsibility to vote as to where we would like to see our church heading in the future.

When I first came to UUCC back when Yielbonzie was still here, I had already heard about Unitarian Universalism from my mother (Mary Lambertino) and my Aunt Emily (Zaber) for years, and I knew that my political views were quite closely aligned with what I was hearing. But it wasn't until I read the Seven Principles for myself that I was totally bowled over. Each Principle covered pretty much all aspects of life that are of importance to me. Now, those Principles (and Sources) are on the chopping board. My questions directed to the UUA are these: Why? Why now? Why do you feel that it is necessary to pull the rug out from under our (collective) feet at this point? And why do you feel that it must be done so quickly and with so little regard for the very democratic values that you espouse?

Rev. Denise Tracy gave a very moving sermon on November 19<sup>th</sup> where she expressed her concern that the process to make these major changes is happening too fast, especially considering past proposed changes that sometimes took years to accomplish. She posited that it would be better for all concerned if we took our time to discuss these proposed changes slowly. Fellow congregant Allan Lindrup has also been working to educate us on what these changes would entail through numerous forums and talks from the pulpit. Allan's efforts have helped familiarize us with the issues these changes would bring about.

No doubt, we are a small congregation, especially in comparison to many UU churches across the United States. But we are mighty as well. For one, we have survived for 70 years, espousing the same values along the way from the beginning. We became UUs *because* of these values. Now the very core of our values will be stripped away, and we are left scratching our heads as to why. In all my years on this planet I have come to the conclusion that the real reasons behind why this is happening will come out. They always do. It is very difficult to keep something like this secret for long and we will eventually learn more.

We will produce some additional materials soon to help you in understanding these complex issues at hand. It is important to familiarize yourself before voting next June. I urge each and every member of this congregation to familiarize yourselves with the facts and be sure to vote your conscience. Stay tuned for more.



During this time of giving, one of our congregants, Angela Denk, is facing financial hardship. Please consider making a donation directly to her. Alternately, you may make out a check to UUCC with "Angela" in the memo line and our Treasurer will issue a check from the church. Donations made through the church will count as tax-deductible for your 2023 taxes.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023-2024

### From the UUC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

The **Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Park Forest, IL** looks forward to an exciting new church year beginning this fall. To focus our future efforts, a congregational survey in the spring of 2023 asked us to prioritize our wants and needs. When the questions, created by our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, were answered and tallied, these priorities emerged:

1. To continue learning from diverse speakers and celebrants.
2. To make social connections with open-minded people.
3. To connect to others by sharing our location and our principles (what we believe).
4. To continue support for human service organizations.
5. To support the human services efforts of other churches and additional non-profit agencies.
6. To engage in community activities that support our members and friends.
7. To share knowledge with each other and all others with similar interests.

After our congregation reviewed these results this summer, they recommended activities for the 2023-2024 church year. We received the suggestions below: **(NOTE: Purple items have already commenced.)**

#### FOR OUR CELEBRANTS

1. Sermons on each of our 7 principles
2. Sermons on homelessness and environmental issues
3. Sermons on personal spiritual experiences, faith journeys, experiences with God, adversities/ challenges faced during faith journeys
4. More Larry McClellan/ Henrietta Byrd
5. Include varieties of vocal performers in our Sunday services

#### FOR INTERNAL SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

5. **Music concerts featuring Chris Ussery & companion performers**
6. Small “home” dinners for fellowship development
7. Pet Day
8. BYO lunch and sit outside to converse after Sunday service
9. Congregational talent show
10. Progressive dinners
11. **Theater/ museum/ concert outings**
12. Dinners at church
13. Art night: 1) paint & sip, or 2) showcase of members’ work
14. Monthly games night: 1) games like UNO, etc. 2) optional table for personal sharing

#### FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

15. Share our perspectives at various farmers’ markets
16. Participate In PRIDE events
17. Monthly “Spiritual Sharing” Circle
18. Share our celebrants’ sermons on YOU TUBE
19. Participate in Park Forest’s Main Street Nights
20. Share flyers about UUC
21. **Support secular home-school co-ops, as well as nature-based education programs**

#### FOR HUMAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION SUPPORT

22. **Continue food and monetary donations to PADS**
23. Engage with REVIVE
24. **Engage with HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**
25. **Support RESPOND NOW with donations, and a 4-person volunteer team**

#### FOR PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING

26. Share voice memos to an accessible electronic folder
27. Investigate/ use UUA workshop curriculums during interest group discussions
28. **Create “special interest” groups for activity sharing (crafting, gardening, etc.)**



## Financial Update

The end of December marks the half-way point in our fiscal year. It also marks the end of the calendar year. Are you half-way through your pledge payments? Please check to confirm that you are on track with your financial commitments to UUC. I can provide a pledge status update if you would like one. Also, with the end of the calendar year, please let me know if you need a 2023 Contribution Report for your taxes. This is for anyone who itemizes their deductions. Please send me an email request at [irons.nancy@gmail.com](mailto:irons.nancy@gmail.com) Thanks, Nancy Irons, UUC Treasurer

## Volunteer Recognitions

Thanks go out to Irene van der Hoek and Candy Allen-Smith for hanging artwork and plaques in the building. They are both part of the Rental Team which has been working to spiff up the building prior to promoting it for new rentals. Thank you all for your ongoing efforts! The November baby shower for Mary Kate and Derrick was a tremendous success. Thanks go out to everyone who brought presents and to who helped with this event.

## Volunteer Opportunities!

There are many interesting tasks that need attention. Would you like to help?

Are you willing to commit to a Sunday or two each month? We need Ushers and Greeters, Zoom hosts and Sexton setup assistance. Please get involved! Contact Marilyn Ragland

[mexmasrag@aol.com](mailto:mexmasrag@aol.com)) for details on the Sexton team; Joyce Sligar ([jsligar02@gmail.com](mailto:jsligar02@gmail.com)) for Ushers and Greeters; and Jodi Libretti ([jilibretti@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jilibretti@sbcglobal.net)) for the Zoom hosts.

We also need volunteers who are willing to help with setup, cleanup and to be on-hand for rentals. We need hospitable people to encourage and enable success of our rentals to help fund the church.

Do you prefer handy-person work? Lights on the front walkway canopy need to have bulbs replaced. Furnace filters for all three furnaces need to be changed seasonally. Books on the shelves in the Gathering Room need to be arranged and tidied regularly. Artwork needs to be rehung around the building. Lots of opportunities to help beautify and maintain our building! Please get involved. Adopt a spot or task that you will be responsible for.

Please contact with the office (708-481-5339 or [churchadmin@uuccpf.org](mailto:churchadmin@uuccpf.org)) for more information or to arrange access to the building and supplies.



## Yule - Winter Solstice – December 21<sup>st</sup>

Yule or the Winter Solstice, marks the shortest day of the year and the longest night. Traditionally it has been seen as the rebirth of the sun and the return of the light. It is a time of fresh beginnings, rebirth, transformation, breaking bad habits, and creativity. Yule is a moment of hope in the hardest months of the year.

Symbols of Yule include evergreens, representing immortality; the Yule Log, representing the return of light and warmth; mistletoe, representing the coming fertility of spring; as well as wreaths, representing the wheel of the year and the completion of another cycle.

Here are some suggestions for how you can celebrate Yule:

**1) Bonfire** – Enjoy the darkness and the cold. Sit outside at night, under a starry sky, with a blazing fire. Watch the dancing flames and reflect upon the year that has passed and ponder what growth you hope to accomplish moving forward.

**2) Help those in need** – With the returning light, there is returning hope. Help pass that on in the form of assistance for those in need. Monetary donations are always welcome, as are food donations. If possible, do something in-person, hands-on, such as volunteering at a soup kitchen or food pantry.

**3) Yule Log** – Find and decorate a log for Yule. Decorations can include ribbons, pine cones, red berries, evergreen trimmings, etc. Be intentional with your decorations, i.e. use each item to ponder changes you wish for the new year. What habits do you wish to banish from your life? What goals are you setting for yourself? Burn the Yule log to release the energy and blessings that you have put into it.



# Connections

by Barb Anderson



This end of the year column will be of photos celebrating UUCC's service to ourselves and Community.

**Nancy Irons and the annual Samhain Sunday Service:**



**UUANI - Rev Martin Woulfe and Rev Scott Aaseng at the Springfield UU Church:**



**Mary Kate and Derek's Baby Shower:**



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## Connections continued

**Rev Denise Tracy's scarves as a fundraiser for the International Women's Convocation. UUCU won a Chalice Award for the Congregation that raised the most money.**



### Bev Feldt and the UUCU Choir:



### **WATER SERVICE Sunday Dec. 3rd**

With Ruth Halstead from Hobart First Unitarian and UUCU member Barb Anderson.



Bring some water from your homes or travels this year. We are honoring water and our dependence on Her. And like water, we blend together in community and will honor our dependence on each other. Bring your coats and gloves as we may go outside for part of the water ritual.



# GREEN SANCTUARY

## BY JEFF GREEN – DECEMBER 2023



Climate change touches everything and everyone. We mostly hear about it in the news. People suffering in extreme heat waves never before experienced in their areas not needing air conditioning before that time. Thank god its them and not us. And yet this summer, I really got a taste of being effected by climate change. When smelling wood smoke from the Canadian forest fires while traveling along route 80. Cop 28 is coming up and its time to brush up on the state of the planet. I shortened up the article to give a brief overall picture in numbers around climate change. More details can be found in the article link below.

### **The state of the planet in 10 numbers.**

**A snapshot of the warming world, from sea level rise to fossil fuel subsidies.** <https://www.politico.eu/article/cop28-climate-summit-dubai-state-planet-10-numbers-global-warming-economy-sea-level-greenhouse-gas-emissions-temperature-targets-funding-fossil-fuel-deforestation/>

#### **1.3 degrees Celsius or 2.3 degrees Fahrenheit**

There are a whole string of records broken, hottest years ever in the article. I would like to be able to conclude that life is only going to get better for everyone on earth from climate change. The realistic conclusion is that things are going to get more difficult for our humanity.

#### **\$4.3 trillion. Global economic losses from climate disasters since 1970.**

*Nearly 12,000 weather, climate and water-related disasters struck worldwide over the last five decades, the World Meteorological Organization reports. They've caused trillions of dollars in damage, and they've killed more than 2 million people.*

The added energy to our climate system brings out the extremes in the warmer direction. One of our own climate effects this summer was the smoke coming out of Canada from the forest fires.

#### **4.4 millimeters or .17 inches per year. Annual rate of sea level rise**

*With extreme warming, [global sea levels will likely rise as much as 3 feet](#) by the end of this century, enough to swamp many coastal communities, threaten freshwater supplies and submerge some small island nations.*

In terms of climate havens, the Midwest is immune from sea level rise since we aren't on either of the coasts. But we may end up getting climate migration with people escaping drought, hurricanes and forest fires.

#### **Less than 6 years. When the world could breach the 1.5 degree threshold.**

*Humans can emit only another 250 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide and maintain at least even odds of meeting that goal, scientists say.*

As I look around me, we aren't ready yet to let go of fossil fuels. Changing into something unfamiliar really puts an emotional hurdle in front of people. Yet change we must or the consequences get more severe, the more we use.

#### **43 percent How much greenhouse gas emissions must fall by 2030 to hit the temperature target.**

If you hear in all the different media sources, saying we aren't doing enough. Here is the main reason. We are only really challenged by our own emotional minds to accept the change. And change we must.

#### **1 trillion dollars a year Climate funding needs of developing countries**

Also coming out of the media is why we should help other countries. We are one in all of humanity. The more we connect together on this issue the safer we are in our own communities and families.

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## Green Sanctuary

### **7 trillion dollars. World wide fossil fuel subsidies in 2022.**

What is strange about this number is that this is a \$2 trillion increase from the year 2020. World wide planning shows governments plan to produce twice the amount of fossil fuels in 2030 than would be consistent with 2030 for the 1.5 degree target.

### **1000 gigawatts. Annual growth in renewable energy needed to keep 1.5 degrees in reach.**

*Last year, countries added about 300 gigawatts, according to the agency's latest [World Energy Transitions Outlook](#) published in June.*

Now we have another number of how we are not doing enough for the ideal earth temperature increase. With Christmas coming and Thanksgiving behind us, can we dig down and make connections with people in our divided media world. I know in my family it is very difficult with certain members. In order to even have some harmony amongst ourselves, this is the topic that doesn't work.

In spite of the reality of the dark clouds of climate change, the silver lining can possibly be forging relationships for the cause of our futures for centuries to come. Do you suppose that could be a hard sell? This is a world wide transformation on many fronts. Maybe we can ask for this for Christmas?

Thank you for letting Green Sanctuary be a part of your time.



## **ATTENTION!**

The **Multi UU Church Environmental Book Club** has existed for about two years, meeting monthly via Zoom. Members of Beverly Unitarian Church, the UU Community Church in Park Forest, and First Unitarian Church of Chicago have been participating, but as we have lost a couple members in recent months due to death and serious illness we are hoping to reach other UUs who are concerned about the environment, who might wish to join our group. We have just finished our reading and discussion of *Regeneration* and have voted that the next book we will read and discuss will be *All Hell Breaking Loose: The Pentagon's Perspective on Climate Change*, by Michael T. Klare. Renowned security expert Michael Klare shows that the U.S. military sees the climate threat as imperiling the country on several fronts at once. The Pentagon is intensely focused on climate changes effects. Its response make it clear that where it counts, the immense impact of climate change is not in doubt. This book club now meets on the third Monday evening of each month, starting at 7 p.m., with sessions lasting 75 to 90 minutes. If you would like to participate please contact Allan Lindrup at [uusj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:uusj@sbcglobal.net) or you can leave a voice message at 773-595-4921, providing your name, your congregation, and clearly providing your email.

## **A Moment in Balance weekly Yoga Classes by Karen Nielsen** **Monday & Thursday 9:30 – 11am** **Wednesday evenings 7:00 – 8:30pm** **At UUC 70 Sycamore Dr. Park Forest**



This class is for everyone, beginner to experienced.  
No reservations needed. Drop-in fee is \$10 per class.  
Call Karen (708) 755-3577

# A Tropical Christmas With

# Todd Donnelly & Sons



Unitarian Universalist  
Community Church

70 Sycamore, Park Forest, IL  
708-481-5339



## Sat Dec 9th, 7:30pm

Todd Donnelly, "steel" drummer, percussionist, singer/songwriter performs "Caribbean Rock"- a mixture of Reggae, Calypso, Jimmy Buffett/Beach music, and his own originals. In his 30 Year career, he's played thousands of shows ranging from theaters, Clubs to Festivals to Corporate Shows. Todd has written many original songs that are featured in several Mr. Myers recordings. He also has 3 solo projects, "Warm Weather Music", which is a collection of calypso and folk songs geared towards children, and "Healing Steel Drums Volume 1", a beautiful recording of pure steel drums and surf sounds. These days he is proud to be joined onstage by Dylan (17) and Tyler (14).

Dylan started playing piano at age 3 and has a deep interest in classical music and is now learning jazz.

He has also played steelpans with the NIU Community Steel Band since age 12. Tyler started drums at an early age and plays drum set, steelpans and many other world percussion instruments.

## \$15 Cover-- Call for Reservations

# RAINBOW CAFE

Friday, February 17 at 7:00PM



"The Power of the Dog".

Synopsis:

Charismatic rancher Phil Burbank inspires fear and awe in those around him. When a brother brings home a new wife and her son, Phil torments them until he finds himself exposed to the possibility of love.

Rainbow Café is a social event that provides a welcoming and safe environment for single or partnered gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender adults, and their allies. Group is open to anyone regardless of their sexual orientation.

**We meet every third Friday at 7PM to watch a LGBTQ film.**

Join the discussion after the film.

Invite friends!

Optional - bring snacks to share.



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## LGBTQ

Welcoming Congregation



### WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

**IMMIGRANT LGBTQ**  
**OF COLOR WITH DISABILITIES**  
**OF ALL AND ANY FAITHS**

UUA.ORG/IMAGES

## Religious and Character Education

We are very glad to have Candy Allen-Smith as our regular child care provider. She is teamed up with Allan Lindrup (first Sunday), Darlene Obejda (second Sunday), Melanie Pittman (third Sunday), Monica Regan (fourth Sunday) and Beccie Bruckner (fifth Sundays, plus subbing on some other Sundays). Our classes for children in the early grade school years are based on the stories from the book Ancient Stores for Modern Times.



### Respond Now – Winterwear & Toy Collection

Please bring in new children's hats, gloves, and scarves to donate to Respond Now. There is a collection box in the front west corner of the Sanctuary. They are also looking for donations of new, unwrapped toys to distribute at their Holiday Celebration. Please bring in your donations by Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> so that we can get them to Respond Now prior to their party.



### HATHA YOGA WORKSHOP SATURDAY DECEMBER 16TH 9 AM TO 12:30 PM

**Offered by Karen Nielsen from A Moment in Balance**

**At UCC 70 Sycamore Dr. Park Forest**

Have you always wanted to experience the benefits and relaxation that of Yoga? Come enjoy an extended instructional Hatha Yoga class that is for everyone, beginner to experienced.

Reservations needed. Workshop fee \$50. Call Karen (708) 755-3577

**Get involved, get supported, support others.**

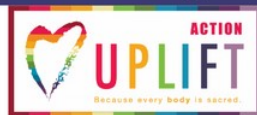
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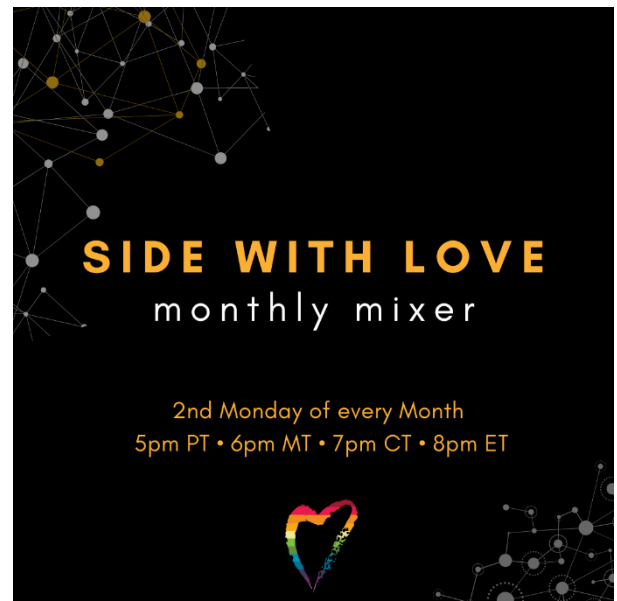
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## Faithful Gathering

Join our Side with Love Fun & Spiritual Nourishment Squad for an hour of spiritual sustenance and grounding with others organizing on the side of love.

Show up as you are, with whatever is in your heart, and have your camera on or off as you need. Come drink in the music, meditation, play, and prayer. We end with a Connection Cafe for those who wish to talk together.

# What's Happening at UUCC?



## First Sunday Potluck December 3rd after worship

At UUCC, the first Sunday of each month after worship service we share a potluck luncheon while we meet to conduct church business or just enjoy each other's company.

Please bring a food item to share. We especially need main dishes and vegetarian dishes. Be sure to

## UUCC Men's Group Sunday, December 3rd 6:30 PM

UUCC Men's Group now meets MONTHLY on the **FIRST SUNDAY evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. via Zoom**. (Men wanting to meet in person are invited to meet at Dick Lewis' home, but please advise him in advance that you are coming). At our meeting on Dec. 3, after our extensive check-ins, we will continue our discussion of the noosphere, a subject brought to our attention by Dick Lewis, which we began to discuss at our November meeting. Those who identify as men who have not been participating but who would like to should contact Allan Lindrup at [uusj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:uusj@sbcglobal.net) or 773-595-4921.

## UUCC Connections Small Group Thursday, December 14th from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Join this small group so we can connect and share to get to know one another. The group meets on the **SECOND THURSDAY** each month in person at UUCC with the option of joining via Zoom. Questions? Contact Irene van der Hoek at [tulip51girl@gmail.com](mailto:tulip51girl@gmail.com)



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## Buddhist Meditation

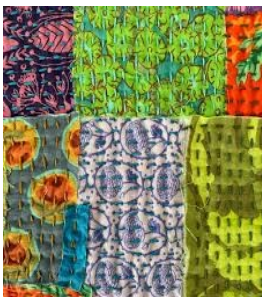
**Saturdays at 9am -10:30am**

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

**Location:** Online

**Cost:** Free will offering

**Contact:** Steve McCabe [steve.mccabe6914@gmail.com](mailto:steve.mccabe6914@gmail.com)



## Do you love stitching? Tuesday December 5th at 10:00 AM

Join us on **FIRST TUESDAY of the month from 10am-noon** at UUCC classroom 3. Do you like to knit, and want to run some thoughts across others? Do you like to crochet, but want something new and not sure where to look? Do you quilt but need somewhere quiet to really get into your craft? Whether you knit, crochet, cross stitch, needlepoint, quilt, or any other hand stitch craft that you enjoy, let's get together to craft, talk and mingle.

For more information contact **Karen Beran 708-532-6024**

## Winter Solstice



### WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Thursday, December 21, at 6PM

Come celebrate Yule at UUCC on the Winter Solstice! We will meet in the Gathering Room for a story, then we're going to string cranberries and popcorn. Once our garlands are ready, we'll go outside and decorate a tree with our strung goodies so that our animal friends can enjoy some treats. There'll be hot cocoa, coffee and tea. Bring a baked good to share for a Yule dessert potluck! Small outdoor ritual and fire included.

Please RSVP to Meli Faith [soulbirthservices@gmail.com](mailto:soulbirthservices@gmail.com) or Angela Denk [angeladenk@gmail.com](mailto:angeladenk@gmail.com) so enough supplies can be provided for the garlands.

### Multi-UU Church Environmental Book Club

**Monday, December 18th from 7 to about 8:30 p.m. via Zoom**

We are hoping to reach other UUs who are concerned about the environment, who might wish to join our group. The next book we will read and discuss will be *All Hell Breaking Loose: The Pentagon's Perspective on Climate Change*, by Michael T. Klare. Please contact Allan Lindrup at 773-595-4921 or [uusj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:uusj@sbcglobal.net)



### JOIN THE UUCC PADS TEAM

Every first Thursday of each month, a group of 11 UUCC members and friends provide dinner for 50 South Suburban PADS clients, housed at a facility in South Holland. If you would like to join our team, please contact Allan Lindrup at 773-595-4921 or [uusj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:uusj@sbcglobal.net)

You may send donations to PADS, 414 Lincoln Highway, Chicago Heights IL 60411, or place your donation, marked to PADS in the memo line, in the donation basket during a church service.



### Join UUCC Respond Now Team

We could use a couple more volunteers to help take turns at one of the Respond Now food pantries in Chicago Heights or Sauk Village. talk to Darlene Obejda or email [dobejda@gmail.com](mailto:dobejda@gmail.com)

UUCC has a donation bin in the hall for non perishable food items or self care essentials. Respond Now is always in need of Non perishable foods (not expired), toiletries and feminine hygiene products, NEW adult underwear & socks and school supplies.

You may also donate directly at Respond Now, 1439 Emerald Avenue, Chicago Heights at the front door or back window. Questions please contact Carl Wolf [cwolf@respondnow.org](mailto:cwolf@respondnow.org) or Food Pantry Coordinator, Chris Gines. [cgines@respondnow.org](mailto:cgines@respondnow.org) or call 708-314-5516

### The Unitarian Universalist Multiracial Unity Action Council

UUMUAC Monthly **Third Wednesday** Worship Service at 7:00 pm Central Time

For Zoom information, please send name, email, and congregation (if any)

to [richard3point@gmail.com](mailto:richard3point@gmail.com)

**For past services**, type "Third Wednesday UUMUAC services" in the YouTube search box.



Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year!

DECEMBER 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9am Online Buddhist Meditation
3 10am Worship Potluck Sunday  6:30pm Men's Group	4 9:30am Yoga	5 10:00am Stitchery Group	6  7:00pm Yoga	7 9:30am Yoga  3pm PADS Team  	8	9 9am Online Buddhist Meditation  7pm Edgar's Place Todd Donnelly & Sons
10 10am Worship	11 9:30am Yoga	12	13  7:00pm Yoga	14 9:30am Yoga  1pm Connections Group	15  7pm Rainbow Café	16 9am Online Buddhist Meditation
17 10am Worship	18 9:30am Yoga  7pm Environmental Book Club	19  7pm Board Meeting	20  7:00pm Yoga 7pm UUMUAC online Worship Service	21 9:30am Yoga	22	23 9am Online Buddhist Meditation
24 10am Worship  31 10am Worship	25 9:30am Yoga  	26  	27  7:00pm Yoga	28 9:30am Yoga	29	30 9am Online Buddhist Meditation

## Event Facilitators

Buddhist Meditation:	Steve McCabe	<a href="mailto:steve.mccabe6914@gmail.com">steve.mccabe6914@gmail.com</a>
Yoga:	Karen Nielsen	708-755-3577 <a href="mailto:shanti-one@comcast.net">shanti-one@comcast.net</a>
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