

# UUCC Community News

Unitarian Universalist Community Church  
April 2026



## Sunday Worship Service 10:00am

### Sunday Services

**April 5, Rev Henrietta Byrd**

*I Have Resurrected*

Upon awakening to the truth of our being we can resurrect.

**April 12, The Rev Ms Denise D Tracy**

*SHMILY*

**April 19, Tom Neilson**

*Possibilities* The possibilities when one breaks Dr. King's shackles of fear and the complicity of silence.

**April 26, Rev Sheila Jones**

*Leave Your Light On*

Understand how your light brightens your life, world and affairs.



### Call for Candidates!

Are you interested in helping to make the decisions at UUCC? Have you ever considered joining the Board of Trustees, our governing body or the Nominating Committee? The Board meets monthly by Zoom, with members taking on additional projects as needed. The Nominating Committee meets in the spring to recruit new members for the Board and other committees. If this sounds interesting to you, please speak with Leanne Mull, the Nominating Committee chairperson, for more details.



### First Sunday Potluck April 5 after worship



At UUCC, the first Sunday of each month, after the worship service, we share a potluck luncheon. Bring a dish to share.

Join us for this time of Fellowship!

### Celebrate Beltane (Mayday) Saturday, May 2 2-5pm

Beltane is an ancient festival celebrated on May 2, halfway between the spring equinox and summer solstice. It marks the beginning of summer, fertility, and the peak of spring. Historically, it is a fire festival designed to protect livestock, communities, and welcoming the returning warmth.



Join the Sylvan Sanctuary CUUPs chapter at UUCC for a family friendly ritual, including a Maypole dance, followed by potluck. Please bring a dish to share.

### Listening Hearts

**April** volunteers, Colin Kirchner and Gretchen Demarah, are available as a source for listening, support and resources.



Listening Hearts

### 2025-2026 UUCC Board of Trustees Officers:

Laurene Lambertino-Urquizo - President  
Allan Lindrup - Vice President  
Nancy Irons - Treasurer

### Trustees:

Beryl Atchison                      Marilyn Ragland  
Maria Markowicz                    Bruce Swiecicki



## The President's Column April 2026 by Laurene Lambertino-Urquizo



Is it just me, or have things been looking up lately? Spring is here. We've had temperatures in the 70s to 80 and we are seeing robins and little green shoots peeking up from the ground. This next Sunday is Easter and we are entering the doorway of Spring and all the renewal that nature brings with it.

But more than that, there seems to be a new spirit in our country. People are uniting together and voicing their disapproval at what this Administration has been doing. Some eight million plus people protested on the streets of over three thousand cities across this nation in the "No Kings" Protests on Saturday, March 28. Current polling puts this administration's favorability at the lowest it has ever been. People are ready for a change. And just as spring is a time for renewal, we can all look forward to a new spirit in our country.

Here at UUCC, we too feel hopeful. Looking ahead to our Annual Meeting in May, we will be making important decisions concerning the future of our church. We invite you to sign the Church "Book" (Register) to become a voting member of this congregation, if you have not already, to be able to vote on important issues. You can attend the Annual Meeting on May 17th either in person or via Zoom. Please get involved so we can plan and introduce many activities for our new church year. We need YOU!

### Welcome Aboard!!

Welcome to Karen Beran, who as of April 1 is officially our new UUCC Office Administrator. Karen has spent the past three months learning the ropes of this position. She appreciates everyone's patience and acceptance while getting the hang of the job. She is glad to be onboard, and will continue to learn every day. We are all thrilled to have her here. Welcome Karen!

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Annual Congregational Meeting May 17

The annual congregational meeting will be held in May. At that meeting we will elect new Board Trustees. Are you be interested in joining our Board? If so, please inform one of the current Board members or contact the UUCC office

### You and UU Forum

On Sunday, April 12, starting around 11:30 am in Class Room 3 (with an option to join via Zoom), You and UU: Our views on the UU 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Principles will be held. This is part of a series this church year that allows members and friends to exchange views on what the UU Principles, that are in the UUCC By-Laws, mean to them.

### Kitchen Help Needed



We need kitchen help on Sundays making coffee, setting out snacks, and clean up afterward. On Potluck Sundays we need three to four people. A sign up sheet is in the gathering room. Choose the Sunday(s) that are convenient for you. You can also call the UUCC Office (708-481-5339) to add your name to the list.

# Save the Parking Lot! Donate Today! 2026 Capital Campaign



Please show us  
some love!



Make checks payable to UUCB and mail to:  
70 Sycamore Drive, Park Forest, IL 60466

OR to use a credit / debit card, go to [www.uucbpf.org/Donation](http://www.uucbpf.org/Donation)

May what you give bring you joy!

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## Financial Update

SHARE THE LOVE!



Save the Parking Lot!  
Donate Today!

The information table for the Capital Campaign to rebuild the parking lot has folded, but it is not too late to contribute to the cause. Please make checks payable to UUCB with Capital Campaign in the memo line. To date, we have raised about \$12,000 with a promise of another \$10,000 to come. We would like to raise more that double that amount, so if you have not made a contribution, please do!

April is the UUCB Pledge Month. This year our theme is, "**Together We Thrive!**" Be on the lookout for an email from me, as Treasurer, with an update on the status of your current pledge, and a call to make a new pledge for the upcoming fiscal 2026-2027. Our fiscal year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Each year we ask members and friends to make a pledge of financial support for the upcoming fiscal year. These promises are then used to build our Proposed Operating Budget. Members will vote to approve the budget at the May 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (Save the Date!). Current pledges should be paid in full by the end of June. Pledges for 2026-2027 do not need to be paid until after July 1<sup>st</sup>. You may make your pledge via email, by phone, or in-person after Sunday services. There will be an information table setup in the Gathering Room. Come and talk to me! We appreciate your ongoing support of this congregation.



Nancy Irons, UUCB Treasurer (irons.nancy@gmail.com)

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## SAVE THE DATE

Park Forest

Spring Shred/

Drug Take-back

Saturday, April 25 from 10am—Noon

This event will take place in the parking lot at Forest Boulevard and Lakewood Boulevard and is open to all residents. Questions? Contact Sustainability Coordinator Carrie Malfeo at 708-503-9372 or email [emalfeo@vopf.com](mailto:emalfeo@vopf.com).

**APRIL**  
**25**



# Connections

by Barb Anderson



Congratulations to our own, Michele Johnson on being a Park Forest - Hall of Fame inductee 2026. The ceremony was Sunday, March 29 at Freedom Hall.  
Michele has done the Sound Baths at church as well as the Positivity Project with Jane Troescher.

Here's some of my photos from Unitarian Universalist Community Church's Sunday Worship Services.  
To All ~ Thanks for your service!



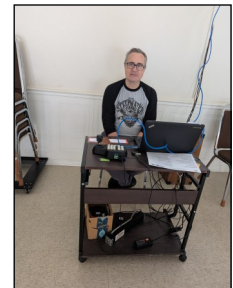
Chris Ussery



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Monica Regan



Bruce Swiecicki



Daniel Moynihan



Emily Mace



Rev Sheila Jones  
Rev Henrietta Byrd  
Janice



The Rev Ms  
Denise D Tracy

Thorn Creek Woods Nature Preserve has "Women of the Woods": a Nature Retreat on June 7th with lunch for \$10. Registration is required. You can phone 708.747.6320. I signed up.  
The Nature located at 247 Monee Road, Park Forest IL, has all kinds of free family friendly events every month.



## Volunteer Recognitions

Thanks go out to Marilyn Ragland, who coordinates the Worship Team, including supervising the Worship Assistants. She is also responsible for chair setup each week. Marilyn, you do a wonderful job and provide a much-needed service. Thank you for all of your efforts! Rumor has it that Marilyn would like someone to help with the chairs. If anyone is interested, please speak with her!

## Volunteer Opportunities!

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) for details on the Sexton team; Joyce Sligar (jsligar02@gmail.com) for Ushers and Greeters; and Jodi Libretti (jlibretti@sbcglobal.net) for the Zoom hosts.

There are many interesting tasks that need attention. Please get involved. Adopt a spot or task that you will be responsible for. We recently had our overhead lighting converted to LED. Would you be willing to bundle up all the old fluorescent tubes in the storage room and take them to Home Depot for recycling (Matteson Home Depot Recycle Service Desk 1-800-466-3337, 708-481-1551)?

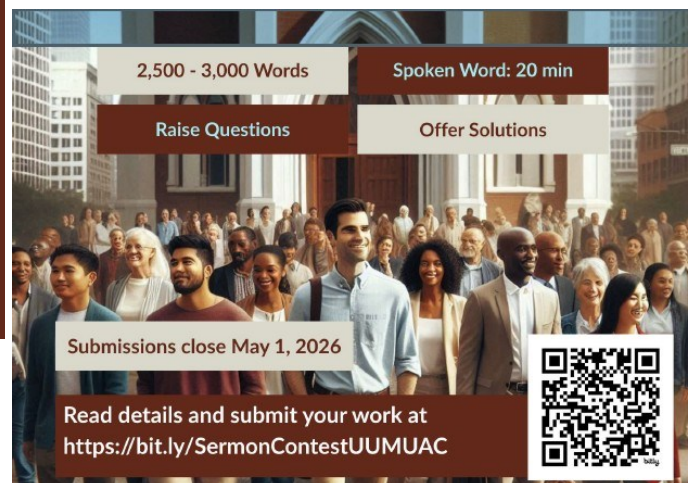
Please contact the office (708-481-5339 or churchadmin@uucpf.org) for more information or to arrange access to the building and supplies.

Unitarian Universalist Multiracial Unity Action Council

# SERMON CONTEST

The Importance of Multiracial Unity

Prizes for top three submissions: \$500, \$300, \$200



2,500 - 3,000 Words


Spoken Word: 20 min

Raise Questions

Offer Solutions

Submissions close May 1, 2026

Read details and submit your work at  
<https://bit.ly/SermonContestUUMUAC>



**RONALD McDONALD  
HOUSE CHARITIES**

**PULLING POP TABS FOR A PURPOSE**

Across the Chicagoland area, hundreds of individuals, schools and companies are working together to collect pop tabs to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana (RMHC-CNI). Those pop tabs are recycled by United Scrap Metal, and the charity will receive the market value of the recycled metal, plus a charitable match from United Scrap Metal.

There is now a pop top collection jar located in the kitchen at UUCC. Please bring in your pop tops to contribute to this worthwhile charity.

RonaldHouseChicago.org 630-527-3800



# GREEN SANCTUARY

BY JEFF GREEN – APRIL 2026



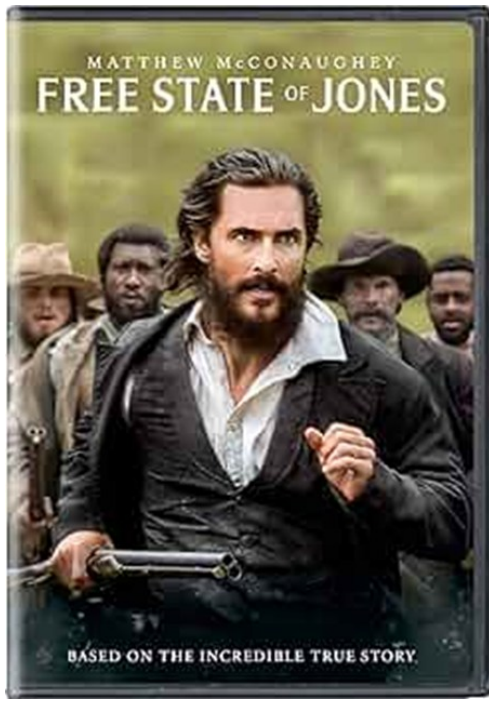
Driving my electric vehicle during this Iran war time, we are now just starting to feel the price of the war at the gas pump. Since gasoline is tied to the world market, we all pay the price due to the Straits of Hormuz. Oil is so integral to our way of life, the costs of living just expand everywhere we look. Back to driving an EV, I am really feeling good right now about my decision to start driving electric 10 years ago. What isn't tied to fossil fuel price is renewable energy. **The sun and wind do not have a Strait of Hormuz.** In other words, renewable energy is immune to geopolitical disturbances. A little help from Claude Haiku below.

## Visible vs. Hidden Costs

Cost Category	Fossil Fuels	Renewable Energy
<b>Direct Generation Costs</b>	Higher than renewables in most cases	<b>41% cheaper (solar) and 53% cheaper (onshore wind)</b> than lowest-cost fossil fuel alternatives as of 2024
<b>Fuel Price Volatility</b>	Vulnerable to global supply shocks (e.g., Strait of Hormuz disruptions); crude oil recently spiked to \$100/barrel from \$70	Insulated from global fuel markets; costs decline predictably with technology maturity
<b>Implicit Subsidies (Hidden)</b>	<b>\$62 billion annually</b> in the U.S. for well cleanup, waste extraction, and environmental remediation	Minimal implicit subsidies; some explicit government support being rolled back
<b>Health &amp; Pollution Costs (Hidden)</b>	<b>Estimated to cause 1.6 million premature deaths annually worldwide;</b> costs externalized to public health systems	Avoids pollution-related health costs; cleaner air and reduced disease burden

The visible cost of gas today as I am writing this is \$4.50 per gallon of gas. The invisible costs are all the prices going up as businesses start to share their costs of goods with us.

Our president cannot admit to making mistakes nor will he apologize for putting us here. But this is one of the costs of fossil fuels. Our system runs on fossil fuels and we are being restricted because of the war. Natural gas is also along with fertilizer not being shipped through the Strait of Hormuz. Its costs will go up and the farmers will need more money to buy and apply them. So we will see our food price increasing.



## The Free State of Jones

Free showing and discussion at  
**U.U. Community Church,**  
**70 Sycamore Dr., Park Forest**  
**(in Classroom 3)**

**On Saturday, April 18, 2026 starting at  
2:20pm**

(the church is just east of Western Ave., roughly 1/2 mile south of Sauk Trail Road).

Sponsored by the Chicago Area Chapter of the Unitarian Universalist Multiracial Unity Action Council. Light refreshments available.



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
ADVOCACY NETWORK  
OF ILLINOIS

### UUCC Quarterly Social Justice Collections/Donations

This process is to help social justice organizations beyond those, such as Respond Now and South Suburban PADS, that UUCC helps regularly.

One Sunday per calendar quarter UUCC will highlight a social justice (including environmental) organization selected by the below process. The cash collected that Sunday, plus checks made payable to UUCC, with the organization named (or Social Justice collection) in the Note section, shall be combined and one UUCC check sent to that quarter's social justice beneficiary.

#### To Nominate an Organization

- The nominator must be a UUCC member, or a UUCC Friend who has a record of contributing to UUCC.
- The organization must be a Sec. 501(c)(3) organization whose mission relates to social justice or the environment.
- The organization must either have a presence in Chicago's southern suburbs, or have state or local chapters that work on policies that impact the southern suburbs, or provide services available to south suburban individuals.
- The nominating individual must complete and submit a nominating form (available in the Gathering Room or on the UUCC web site at <https://forms.gle/zznsDQ9dPph3zrzG9>) by April 30, which provides basic information on the nominated organization, including their web site and/or other means to allow others to verify that the nominated organization qualifies. Nominations may be submitted to the church administrator or one of the church officers. The officers will review the nominations and determine if a nominated organization qualifies.

If more than 4 organizations are nominated (for collections during church year 2026 - 2027), a vote will be held during the congregation's annual meeting on May 17 to determine which organizations will be the beneficiaries of a quarterly collection during church 2026-2027.



*The primary goal of UUMUAC is Multiracial Unity, described by Martin Luther King Jr. as the “Beloved Community.”*

*Reaching this goal requires unification of the progressive peoples of the world in the struggle against inequality and injustice.*

**Our Vision** We envision our congregations, associations, and communities as being not color blind but color appreciative; as judging and treating people by the content of their character, not the color of their skin, their cultural heritage, or other identity; and as treasuring all forms of diversity in the context of Martin Luther King’s Jr’s “Beloved Community.” We call this vision Multiracial Unity.

**Our Mission** It is the mission of the Unitarian Universalist Multiracial Unity Action Council to foster activities for multiracial unity and to counter racism and neo-racism through worship, education, bearing witness, and other actions, and to find and engage like-minded individuals and groups.

We affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and strive to defend freedom, reason, and tolerance as articulated in the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism adopted in 1985. This includes promoting their use in individual congregations, through congregational autonomy, and in our own actions.

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## We are now offering Podcasts



UUMUAC is now offering a growing library of podcasts that features sermons from our 40-plus monthly Vespers services, along with newly digitized recordings by founding member the late Finley Campbell. These short, accessible episodes make a welcoming experience for people who want to listen to them while driving, walking, crafting, or simply taking a quiet moment. Our Vespers services are already on YouTube and new podcast episodes are being added regularly to our feed on <https://rss.com/podcasts/uumuac-you-me-act>.

These thoughtful and inspiring audio recordings are perfect for people who support liberal religion and multiracial unity, but don't have time for a full-length service. To help others discover this new resource, please share, rate, and comment. If you have additional feedback, or want to help with the conversion process, contact [Bjeanwalsh@outlook.com](mailto:Bjeanwalsh@outlook.com). For more information about UUMUAC, visit our website [UUMUAC.org](http://UUMUAC.org).



**North American Unitarian Association**  
*Helping Liberal Religion Thrive*

The **North American Unitarian Association (NAUA)** Read the bi-monthly newsletter called the Liberal Beacon. [HERE](#)

The **NAUA Monthly Academy Program** The NAUA Academy provides courses to Members of the NAUA and others interested in Unitarianism, Unitarian Universalism and Liberal Religion. Participation in courses is virtual, using Zoom. Sessions consist of a presentation followed by small group discussions. [CLICK HERE](#) for monthly updates.

The NAUA **THIRD Saturday of the month** Worship Service will be **April 18 at 12:00 Noon Central** Check [HERE](#) for monthly updates. [CLICK HERE](#) for Zoom access to the Worship Service.

**NAUA Conversation/Discussion CIRCLE: Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month from 11am - 12 noon Central Time.** *The Thursday Connection CIRCLE is accepting new*



*participants.* The CIRCLE is designed for NAUA members and friends to gather, share ideas, spark meaningful conversations, and deepen connections. It will be facilitated by a member of the NAUA Board of Trustees, is open to all members and friends. If you'd be interested in joining this CIRCLE, please email [circles@naunitarians.org](mailto:circles@naunitarians.org)



Watch recordings of past events:  
[NAUA's YouTube Account](#)



View updates, links to recordings, special messages, etc. on the [NAUA Public Facebook Page](#)



Check out the [NAUA website](#) for: Upcoming events, who we are, the latest news, becoming a member, past publications, and more!

## Get involved, get supported, support others.

### Side With Love Action Center

“There is no such thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives.”  
 — Audre Lorde

#### Action Center Guide

The work that we do together to build a world in which all of us are free and thriving is interrelated. When we ground our spirits, grow our skills, and act strategically for justice in deep relationship with each other and our Movements, we choose to Side With Love.

Action Center is a place where we unite in work towards a world where we all thrive. Together we take action, Side With Love, and make deep impacts in this critical moment.

**Our intersectional justice priorities are:**

**Climate Justice** (inclusive of Indigenous sovereignty and Climate Resilience) with [Create Climate Justice](#)

**Democracy and Electoral Justice** (inclusive of Voting Rights and electoral participation) with [UU the Vote](#)

Decriminalization (inclusive of Racial Justice and Immigration Justice) with [Love Resists](#)

**LGBTQIA+ and Gender Justice** (inclusive of reproductive justice and abortion access) with [UPLIFT Action](#)

**Will you join us?**

[Subscribe](#) to our newsletters

[Join](#) one of our volunteer Squads, the backbone of the Action Center.

# What's Happening at UUCC?



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## UUCC Men's Group Sunday, April 5, 6:30 - 8pm via Zoom

This group will meet on Sunday April 5, from 6:30— 8pm, via Zoom. After our extensive check-ins the participants will be sharing their views on what they consider as the main elements of a good retirement. Men who have not been participating or receiving the Zoom codes, but who would like to, should contact Allan Lindrup at [uusj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:uusj@sbcglobal.net) or 773-595-4921 to express one's interest.



## UUCC Craft Group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month from 10:30am - 12 noon.

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 craft that you enjoy, let's get together to craft, talk and mingle. For more information contact Karen Beran 708.481.5339.

## UUCC CONNECTIONS SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

### Meeting Wednesday April 8 at 1pm

Connections meetings are held every **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 1 - 2:30pm** at the church, as well as on Zoom. The group explores various topics and our conversations serve as a way to get to know each other. All are welcome! All participants receive an email with the topic information and the Zoom link ahead of time. If you would like to join us or have any questions, please contact the facilitator, Irene van der Hoek, at 708.305.4913 or email [tulip51girl@gmail.com](mailto:tulip51girl@gmail.com)

## **ATTENTION! Are you concerned about the environment?**

### Join the Multi UU Church Environmental Book Club

This book club meets on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 7 - about 8:30pm via Zoom.**

At the April 20 gathering, the last two sections of *What If We Get It Right*, by Ayana Johnson, will be discussed, after which those gathered will discuss various environmental books and decide which one to read and discuss next. If you would like to become involved with this book club, please contact Allan Lindrup at [uusj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:uusj@sbcglobal.net) or 773-595-4921, to express your interest and provide your name, email address and phone number.



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on [Unsplash](#)

## Buddhist Meditation

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

**Location:** Online

**Cost:** Free will offering

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

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.



## UUC Book Discussion Group

The next meeting will take place on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**  
**April 8 at 5:30 - 7:30pm** in classroom 3.

**We will have a discussion about recently read books you have enjoyed.** Please join us! Optional: Bring a snack to share.

For more information contact the group facilitator  
Vicki Fotis 708.957.4822

# RAINBOW CAFE

**Rainbow Café Movie will be shown on**  
**Friday, April 17, 2026. Doors open at 6:30pm,**  
**the movie starts at 7pm.**  
**Soft drinks and snacks will be served.**

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

**We meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at**  
**7pm to watch a LGBTQ film.**  
**Join the discussion after the**



**LGBTQ**  
Welcoming Congregation



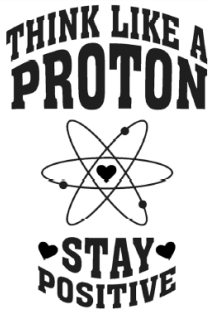
**WE LOVE OUR**  
**NEIGHBORS**  
**IMMIGRANT LGBTQ**  
**OF COLOR WITH DISABILITIES**  
**OF ALL AND ANY FAITHS**




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# POSITIVITY PROJECT FEBRUARY SCHEDULE



## Feeling overwhelmed? Looking for a BRIGHT SPOT?

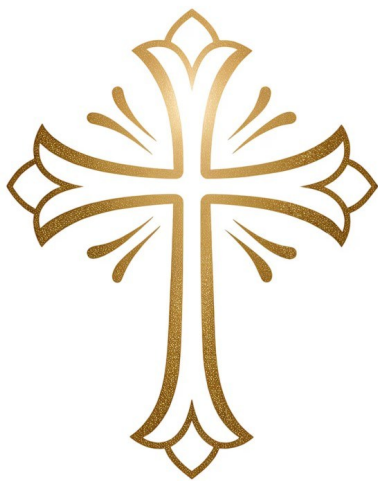
THE **POSITIVITY PROJECT** will have 2 meetings this month.

**Mondays, March 6 & 20 at 6:30pm. Doors open at 6pm.**

Join folks who are sharing positive experiences and ways to see our world in a more satisfying light. Enjoy a soft beverage and a short meditation sending our most loving thoughts to the planet and inhabitants. All are welcome.

For more info contact Michele at 708.748.0362 Follow us on [FaceBook](#)

~There will be no POSITIVITY PICK-UP until spring~



## Sacred Communication Experience 2026

**Saturday, May 9 from 12:30-3:30pm**

Led by Rev Henrietta Byrd

Love Donation appreciated

**This session will offer one an opportunity to understand, at a deeper level, who one really is.**

For further information and to register email:  
[transformativetalk@gmail.com](mailto:transformativetalk@gmail.com).

Daniel, the owner of NDD1 Painting, who painted the exterior of our church, contacted the church recently. He wants to remind anyone who spoke with him in the Fall regarding painting your house, to call him soon. He is in the process of scheduling his jobs for the Spring and Summer season. Daniel's ph.: 708.674.8295.



***I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud***  
by William Wordsworth

*I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*



***April Rain Song*** by Langston Hughes

*Let the rain kiss you  
Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops  
Let the rain sing you a lullaby  
The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk  
The rain makes running pools in the gutter  
The rain plays a little sleep song on our roof at night  
And I love the rain. <https://www.wenauis.org/poetry/april-rain-song.html>*



**A Moment in Balance weekly Yoga Classes by Karen Nielsen  
at UCC 70 Sycamore Dr. Park Forest**

**Monday & Thursday 9:30 – 11am AND Wednesday eve 7:00 – 8:30pm**

This class is for everyone, beginner to experienced. No reservations needed.

Drop-in fee is \$15 per class. Call Karen 708-755-3577

**The Unitarian Universalist Multiracial Unity Action Council**

The next UUMUAC Monthly **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** Worship Service is on

**April 22 at 7pm 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.



**MUUSA**

MUUSA (MOOSE-ah) is the Midwest Unitarian Universalist Summer Assembly. We want UUs from nearby congregations to join us at our new home in Ripon, Wisconsin from July 5 - 11, 2026. Our roots in Wisconsin go back to 1944. We're excited to be back home.

We are an annual intergenerational Unitarian Universalist retreat for fun, fellowship, and personal growth. Our safe space for everyone has many activities so everyone joining us will find lots to do. Family-friendly fees include programming for all ages, prepared meals, lodging and a diverse bunch of like-minded folks. Visit [muusa.org](http://muusa.org) for general information, and click the brochure link for more specific details.

We'll meet at Ripon College, which is within 250 miles of the almost 100 UU congregations receiving this email. It is loaded with facilities to make our week outstanding.

I've been going to MUUSA and its predecessor, the Lake Geneva Summer Assembly, since 1979. Many leaders of my congregation in Bloomington, Indiana are MUUSA alums. MUUSA builds UU commitment.

I'm leading the MUUSA Congregational Outreach effort. I'm hoping you will provide me with an initial contact in your congregation. It might be a minister, RE Director, Board member, or an interested congregant.

Thanks,

Guy Loftman, MUUSA Congregational Outreach Coordinator

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"Beneath the blanket of snow, life stirs  
Beneath the stern stillness,  
movement begins. The fire at the heart of the world glows once more."





Please follow us on **Facebook** for UUCC event reminders.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7pm Yoga	2 9:30am Yoga 7pm Flowering Dogwood Martial Arts	3	4 9:30am Online Buddhist Meditation
5 10am Worship Potluck 12:30 CUUPS 6:30pm Men's Group	6 9:30am Yoga 5:30pm Positivity Project Group Share Meeting	7 10:30am UUCC Craft Group 7pm Flowering Dogwood Martial Arts	8 1pm Connections Group 5:30 UUCC Book Club 7pm Yoga	9 9:30am Yoga 7pm Flowering Dogwood Martial Arts	10	11 9:30am Online Buddhist Meditation 11am Bill Decker led by Rev Denise Tracy Memorial Service
12 10am Worship 11:30 UUCC Forum	13 9:30am Yoga	14 7pm Flowering Dogwood Martial Arts	15 7pm Yoga 7pm UUMUAC online Worship Service	16 9:30am Yoga 7pm Flowering Dogwood Martial Arts	17 7pm Rainbow Café Movie Nite	18 9:30am Online Buddhist Meditation
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