



# The UU News

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## May's Social Justice Offerings Benefit

### TABLE TO TABLE

Table to Table keeps wholesome, edible food from going to waste by collecting it from donors and distributing it to those in need through community agencies. Since 1996 it has created a vast network of donors and people served. T2T's direct service is nourished by our generosity. Cash or checks to UUSIC (T2T on memo line) may be given on Sundays or sent to the office. And online donations are welcomed!

## Upcoming Sunday Services

at Sanctuary Church (2205 E. Grantview Dr #200, Coralville, 52241)

**Service Times:** We gather each week at 1:30 pm for announcements and a music prelude for centering preceding our Sunday Service. Services will begin promptly at 1:45 pm, followed by social hour.

**Religious Education & Childcare:** Childcare in our nursery is available from 1:20 to 3 pm. We offer religious education classes for preschoolers-8th graders. Children usually attend the first part of the service with their families and then leave with their teachers for classes that run until 3 pm.

### May's Theme: What Does it Mean to be a Community of Delight?

#### May 7th: "The Sea In Which We Swim: A UU White Supremacy Teach-In,"

##### UUSIC Racial Justice study/ACTION Circle

UUSIC will be joining more than 500 UU congregations in participating in this collective conversation about the "sea of white supremacy" in which we swim, a systemic context that goes beyond individual acts of overt racism and racial bias. From the Black Lives of UU organizing collective: "'White supremacy' is a provocative phrase, as it conjures up images of hoods and mobs. Yet in 2017, actual 'white supremacists' are not required in order to uphold white supremacist culture. Building a faith full of people who understand that key distinction is essential as we work toward a more just society in difficult political times." For more information, please see page 10 of this newsletter or visit the Teach-In website at <http://www.blacklivesuu.com/teachin/>.

#### May 14th: "Mother's Day and Flower Communion" Worship Associates

Join us as we gather to celebrate both Mother's Day and Flower Communion. Created in 1923 in Czechoslovakia by Rev. Norbert Capek, Flower Communion is a Unitarian Universalist ritual by which we offer one another flowers as a symbol of the beauty and diversity in each other and in the world around us. Please bring cut flowers to share.

#### May 21st: "The Source of Our Principles," Joel Gilbertson-White

In his seminal 1819 sermon 'Unitarian Christianity,' William Ellery Channing changed the course of belief for Unitarians and other Christians alike. From this work, we can find that our principles originate from a place of love. Come connect with us as we explore how and where this underlying love compels our UU community in this moment.

*The May congregational meeting will follow the service today.*

#### May 28th: Memorial Day Picnic

The Worship Associates will once again host our annual Memorial Day potluck picnic instead of a service this Sunday. Please bring a dish to feed 10-12 (look for a link on the website and in upcoming emails to sign up for a certain dish). Please bring your own table service & beverages. We will meet at Shelter #6 in Lower City Park at 11 am.

### Sunday Attendance for March 26th - April 23rd

March 26th: 103 total: 100 adults, 3 children

April 9th: 120 total: 111 adults, 9 children

April 2nd: 103 total: 101 adults, 2 children

April 16th: 97 total (Easter multigen. service)

April 23rd: 77 total: 75 adults, 2 children

# Staff Reports

## From Your Director of Religious Education

Spring is here in all her glory!

On Easter Sunday, a great group of kids learned why Ostará's bunny lays eggs, and, at the end of an awesome egg scavenger hunt, they discovered a bunny and six baby chicks! Many thanks to the Rode family for sharing their sweet critters with us all.



The month of May marks the end of our busy RE year. PreK-8th grade classes conclude on May 21st, but be sure to join us at the congregation-wide picnic on May 28th.

With a heartfelt thanks to the many on-going contributions of our talented teachers throughout year, I want to remind everyone that there are many opportunities to get involved with the Children and Youth Religious Education program this summer and fall! If you have ever thought of teaching or helping in any way, talk to me! We need storytellers, craft leaders, song leaders, science experimenters, and outdoor trekkers. We need you.  
—Saunia Powell



## May Birthdays

Lily Bohlen	Nik Jakob	Alex Penno
Aidan Burdinie	Cassie Kaminsky	Bonnie Penno
Brett Chaney	Doris Levsen	Dale Prediger
Sam Cochran	Brenda Linley	Charity Rowley
Henry Gilbertson-White	Elaine Mahler	Dick Siefers
Brian Glidewell	Lauren Manning	Doug Wallace
Trudy Gullette	Keegan O'Berry	Mary Kathryn Wallace
Sally Hartman	Terri O'Berry	Mary Lou Welter
Jan Hubel	Marguerite Oetting	Haven
Teddy Ingersoll	Tom Oetting	Witherspoon
	Sally Peck	

We apologize that we inadvertently left out the birthdays of Jack Primmer-Tamayo (March), and Tina Primmer-Tamayo (April).

## From Your Director of Congregational Life

We had 26 people from our congregation attend the Love Reaches Out workshop, led by Phil Lund from the UU MidAmerica Region staff. There were also 10 other participants from other UU congregations in Cedar Rapids, Cedar Falls, and Marshalltown.

Phil talked with us about how the religious landscape in the US is changing. 23% of the population now consider themselves to have no religious connection—not just that they don't regularly participate in a religious community, but they don't consider themselves connected to any religious community.

He emphasized the difference between the reason people first come to a congregation: "I wanted to deepen my spiritual life," and the top reason for staying in a religious congregation: "I love the community of people." Even though many of us stay here because of the community, the way to draw people in is to show what the congregation does—how it helps people live better lives and makes a difference in the world.

Phil shared with us engaging websites, case studies, and a variety of resources about UU identity. He also guided us in a number of exercises, including one to find our "sweet spot"—the point where our strengths and passions meet the excitement and needs of the community. In the photo below you can see the newsprint where each table was coming up with ways to find the "sweet spot" for our outreach. You can read the notes I condensed from all 5 newsprint sheets for UUSIC through a link on the homepage of uusic.org. Some of those we have already worked on and built into our plans, like a community garden, forums, and an outdoor wedding space. Others are new ideas, like community sings, hosting food trucks, or offering a summer camp.



We will have all kinds of new opportunities for engaging with our friends and neighbors when we are in our new building, with a lot of wonderful outdoor spaces, and a location in a new community. We will be looking for ways to further explore some of these ideas. Your input is always welcome on publicity and outreach to either me (dcl@uusic.org) or Bailey Kelley, our publicity coordinator (publicity@uusic.org). The publicity committee has begun to plan some of the ways we will do outreach as the opening of the new building approaches.  
—Peggy Garrigues



**Fireside Choir  
Spotlight:  
Peng Zhang**

Once upon a time in a land far away there was a young couple that cared deeply for and about music. Unfortunately, they did not have the opportunity to learn to play an instrument or study music. So, when

their only child, a son, was born they knew they were going to encourage him to learn to play the piano and study music. Now, that son felt at times that he was being “pushed” into learning to play the piano. However, with good teachers and encouraging parents “it took,” and as he grew he became very good, so good that he knew it was his future.

That future is here and we know and enjoy the talents of this “son” turned keyboardist extraordinaire. Peng Zhang was welcomed as interim UUSIC staff accompanist in the fall of 2016 and three months later he agreed to serve as our permanent staff accompanist. Each Sunday worship service we look forward to preludes, interludes, meditations, or offertories selected from his extensive piano repertory. It is wonderful to hear compositions written by Bach, Schumann, Mozart, Handel, Schubert, and so many others played so perfectly. Peng also plays for the Fireside Choir rehearsals, leads hymn singing from the keyboard, plays for special events, and accompanies vocal and instrumental soloists.

Peng came to the United States from his home in Shenyang, Liaoning Province, China. It is in the northeastern part of China and is hot and humid in the summer and dry and cold in the winter (certainly that helped him feel “at home” in Iowa). It is a huge city with 6.3 to 8.1 million inhabitants. After attending a magnet school that allowed him to pursue his interest in

music he attended the Shenyang Conservatory of Music for his undergraduate degree. Upon the recommendation of friends to study with a particularly gifted piano professor and the offer of a full scholarship, Peng enrolled at Bowling Green State University, Ohio, in 2012 where he earned his Master’s Degree. Now in his second year at the University of Iowa, Peng is working on his terminal degree, Doctor of Musical Arts in piano performance. When asked how he chose the University of Iowa, Peng said, “I consider the United States as a free country; people don’t judge others that much and one can maintain their privacy.”

Hobbies/Activities? Most of the time it is music but not exclusively classical as he enjoys pop and jazz. Favorite leisure times include drinking coffee (at Starbuck’s he gives his name as “Paul,” which saves a lot of confusion), chatting with friends, playing ping-pong, and traveling whenever he can get away.

Peng has received several honors/awards for his accomplished playing. Some include the 2015 University of Iowa Performance Fellowship, first prize in the graduate division in the 2013 Dr. Marjorie Conrad Annual Art Song Competition, and the professional division award at the “Saint Petersburg Reflected in World’s Musical Culture” in Russia in 2010.

Peng especially enjoys being able to select pieces for the Sunday worship services as it provides the opportunity for him and the congregation to explore varied piano literature.

The reality is that with Peng’s student status it is very unlikely he will remain in Iowa City. When asked about his future plans as Dr. Zhang, he shared his desire to secure a teaching job in China. The teaching bug bit him while at Bowling Green, where he taught private piano lessons to both children and adults and enjoyed studio work very much. Should a college-level position become an option, that would also be acceptable. Peng’s talent and amiable personality guarantee success regardless of his professional path, and UUSIC will always have a friend in China. —Submitted by UUSIC Music Director, Gloria Corbin

**From Your Administrator**

There have been many updates to Realm recently. The debut of their new mobile app has led to some accommodations in the browser version, including removing the ability for group leaders to directly email their participants. Instead, groups now have News feeds, where anyone in a group can post information, pictures, events, or attach files, which can be viewed, commented on, and ‘liked’ by other group members. All Realm users now have a page on their profile that displays news and photos from all groups they have joined, similar to Facebook. Groups can set notifications so that members will receive emails when there is activity on their page. All Realm users can set limits on how often they want to be notified as well. Please check out these new features, and let me know if you notice any problems or need any help!  
—Emma Barnum

**Rev. Steven on Sabbatical**

Our minister, Rev. Steven Protzman, is on sabbatical from April 1st through June 30th. For emergency pastoral care needs (hospitalization, death of a member or a member’s immediate family, or crisis situation), please contact Rev. Rebecca Hinds of People’s UU in Cedar Rapids (minister@peoplesuu.org or 319-362-9827). Other inquiries can be directed to the office.

*Congregational News and Events*

**Board of Trustees Meeting, May 11th**

The UUSIC Board of Trustees holds a meeting, open to all members, each month at 6:30 pm on the second Thursday at the Oakdale House. Look for an agenda in the weekly email or on the website before the meeting. Read the highlights from the April meeting on page 11.

**Naming/Branding Task Force**

The Naming/Branding Task Force continues to process information gathered from the naming survey. The Board of Trustees encouraged us to continue the process due to the mixed results of the survey. Look for an informational letter within the next few weeks outlining the next steps in the naming process.

## *Congregational News and Events, cont'd*

### **New! Transition Task Force 2.0**

This is a very exciting time for members and friends of UUSIC as our new building is only a few months from completion. But there is much work to be done as we make this historic move. The Board recently created the Transition Task Force 2.0 (TTF2) to facilitate a smooth transition into our new home. Peg Voelker (peg.voelker@gmail.com) and Kris Barrash (kris.barrash@mchsi.com) have agreed to serve as co-chairs.

It is our goal to involve as many people from the congregation as possible to keep the time commitment and workload light for all. As they say, many hands make light work, and they also make it more fun! Some projects have started already, others need to get going soon, and still more will need to be completed later this summer and in the early fall. Volunteer activities include (but are not limited to): sorting, boxing, selling or recycling "stuff;" tracking projects and items online; recruiting volunteers; cleaning and organizing our new space; and moving furniture and equipment. There will be something for everyone. Whatever your skill set, whatever your time commitment, we want you to join us as we make history!

### **Endowment Committee: The Chalice Society**

The UUSIC Chalice Society encourages legacy gifts, those from life policies, stocks, IRAs and those left within a will upon passing. Now that tax prep time is behind us and you're putting all your paperwork away, this might be a time of reflection to consider your legacy gift to our Society.

Call upon any member of our committee and we will be glad to assist: Barbara Haring, Jerry Nordquist, Larry Audlehelm, Pete Brokaw, and Ken Atkinson.

### **Congregational Meeting, May 21st**

The congregational meeting on Sunday, May 21st (which will take place at 2:30 pm after the service), will include voting on candidates for leadership positions. The by-laws provide that candidates may be nominated by the Leadership Development Committee (LDC), self-nominated, or nominated from the floor with the consent of the nominee. Short biographies of the nominees appear below. A list of all members with voting capabilities can be found on page 6.

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## *Meet the Nominees for Elected Positions at UUSIC*

The Leadership Development Committee is proud to present the 2017 slate of nominees for UUSIC elected positions. Each of the individuals below is familiar with the mission and goals of UUSIC; all have demonstrated their dedication to UU principles.

We hope that you will join us in thanking them for volunteering to donate their time, talent, and enthusiasm in service to our community, should they be elected at the congregational meeting this month.

### **Jane DeWitt—Vice President/President Elect**

Jane DeWitt grew up on a farm in Madison County, Iowa. Her family was active in the Winterset Presbyterian Church, and for many years, Jane played the piano for a brief worship service that preceded Sunday School classes. She earned a pharmacy degree at Drake University and worked in hospitals in Des Moines and Mason City before moving to Iowa City in 1986 to take a job as a clinical pharmacist. During the 15 years she was at UIHC, she earned a MS and PhD in pharmaceutical socioeconomics at UI. She then taught in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Drake until retirement in 2013.

Jane learned about Unitarian Universalism from her best friend and college roommate, who discovered the UU church in Cedar Falls in the early 80s. After attending services with her, listening to her talk about UU, and her "Building Your Own Theology" group, Jane thought it would be a good fit. When she met Russ Lenth and learned he had been attending UUSIC, she was happy to accompany him! They have been members since 1994.

She has served as a Worship Associate for the past 3 years and is currently a member of the New Facilities Committee. She also assisted with the Transition Task Force for the move out of 10 S Gilbert and into the Oakdale House, and helped with the Capital Campaign. On some occasions in the past she has served as the accompanist for summer worship services. She enjoyed helping several times with the couples that traveled to UUSIC on the Love Bus. She belongs to a Covenant Group and wishes she had a schedule that permitted her to attend the Scrabble Group more often!

### **Chris Rode—Treasurer**

Chris Rode grew up in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and graduated with a BS in Computer Science from Iowa State in 1998. After a brief stint with IBM in Rochester, Minnesota, he moved to Tucson, Arizona, where he took a job with the IT group of the financial services office of The University of Arizona. In 2007, he graduated with an MBA from the Eller College of Business at The University of Arizona, and in 2008 he married his wife, Anna. Their son, Ethaen, was born in 2009, and Chris took a job with The University of Arizona Foundation in 2010. Chris and his family moved back to Iowa in 2011. In 2012, Aedan was born, and in 2013 the family relocated to Denver, Colorado, before finally coming back to North Liberty in 2015—this time to stay! Chris works remotely from home as a systems programmer and is still with The University of Arizona Foundation.

Chris and his family joined UUSIC in 2016 and immediately became very active members. They lead a hospitality team, and Chris helps with the A/V team and has been involved with the Branding and Naming initiative that is currently under way. Chris is looking forward to the opportunity to serve on the Board as a way to put the skills from his graduate coursework to good use and to give back to the congregation that has so warmly welcomed him and his family. He is particularly excited to serve at this historic time for our congregation, as we move into our new facility and look to grow our congregation and expand our ministry.

## *Meet the Nominees for Elected Positions at UUSIC, cont'd*

### **Gary Lawrenson—Endowment Committee**

Gary Lawrenson was raised a Methodist and lost what little interest he had in that church when he went to the big university in Ames. His interest in UUism began when he wrote a paper in college. Later, when needing to decide how to religiously educate his two little girls, he decided UU was the best option. Fast forward 30-some years and he's glad to still be here. Lots of water under the bridge: Gary has been a shelf stocker, road paver, roofer, gas station guy, driver's ed. teacher, real estate salesman, Special Education teacher/consultant, and most recently, a wannabe contractor and handyman. He has been married to UU member Linda Rice for 25 years. Between them they have four children scattered to the distant lands of San Diego, Santa Cruz, Portland, and Cedar Rapids. And they have two grandkids! Gary's church experience includes serving on several committees, including Stewardship, Membership, Free Lunch, Building and Grounds, and two stints on the Board of Trustees. Gary has had a great experience here, and he's looking forward to the future of our growing and energetic congregation.

### **Hazel Seaba—CCLAM**

While Hazel Seaba was a student at Ferris State University (BS in Pharmacy), she was introduced to UU at a church in Big Rapids, Michigan. This contact was significant, and it stuck. She attended the UUSIC while she was a UI graduate student (MS in pharmacy) and joined the church in 1971. While her son was young she was active in child and youth education. She is currently becoming a stronger member again and is participating in the Hospitality Team.

With the exception of a year in D.C. and about six years in Madison, Wisconsin (member of the First Unitarian Society of Madison), Hazel has been an Iowa City resident since 1967. Her pharmacy career was largely focused in the UI College of Pharmacy. She retired in 2015 as an Associate Dean and Professor. International relations and global studies were an important part of her later portfolio. Her most rewarding teaching involved developing a multidisciplinary, service-learning course that explored Mexican culture and history and takes UI students to Mexico over spring break for discipline-related service activities. Goals include expanding students' cultural awareness and their own relationship with service and social justice.

Hazel was married to the late Peter Seaba for almost 44 years. They have one son, Louis, who lives in Iowa City. Since retiring she has been fortunate to be able to increase participation in the diverse cultural, social, educational and service activities Iowa City offers—Rotary, gardening, gourmet club, senior classes, voter rights, genealogy. UU values and principles have offered guidance over the years, and she looks forward to a closer relationship with the church and congregation.

### **Michael Honey-Arcement—Board Trustee**

Michael Honey-Arcement is a web developer with Channel-Fusion. His intellectual curiosity motivated him to attend UUSIC. In a spiritual community, he looks forward to asking questions and exploring the answers with other people. He lives in North Liberty with his wife, Rochelle, who has been a UUSIC member since 1997.

Michael has been active with the UU young adult programming, the Communications Committee, the Special Needs Committee, and the Audio/Visual Team. In these roles, he has worked to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and the greater church community through technological and sociological methods.

### **Sandy Keller—CCLAM**

Sandy Keller grew up in Cedar Rapids. She earned her undergrad and master's degrees at the University of Iowa and, except for a short period in the early 1970's, has lived in Iowa City ever since. Sandy worked as a library assistant and later as a reference librarian at the University of Iowa Law Library, retiring in 2009. This gave her experience in interviewing people and getting a better idea of their needs and questions. Sandy has a daughter, son-in-law, and ten-year-old grandson in Indianapolis. She is active in the League of Women Voters and other local groups. Sandy became a UUSIC member in May 2015. Some of the activities she has enjoyed include singing in the Fireside Choir, Girls' Night Out, and pot-luck dinners hosted by members.

### **Maureen Patterson—Leadership Development Committee**

Maureen Patterson has been a UUSIC member for more than 10 years. Her committee work has included Children and Youth, Leadership Development, Facilities, and Land Ministry. She has taught religious education classes for grades pre-K through junior high. Professionally, she is the media manager for a national resource center that serves the Senior Medicare Patrol program, which educates older Americans on how to prevent, detect, and report scams and fraud. Her partner, Amy Fretz, and teen daughters are also active at UUSIC.

### **Jim Olson—Leadership Development Committee**

Jim Olson joined UUSIC in 2011, soon after moving to Iowa City with his late wife, Lois. Previously he was a member of UU congregations in Jacksonville, Florida; the borough of Queens in New York City; and Poughkeepsie, New York. Prior to his retirement, he worked in higher education and non-profit management, and in the 1980's he was the Executive Director of the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office in New York City. He is currently the immediate past president of UUSIC, has served on the Stewardship Committee, the Committee on Congregational Life and Ministry, and as a Worship Associate. He is also a volunteer at the Crisis Center, Iowa City Compassion, and the United Nations Association. For fun he sings in the UUSIC Fireside Choir, walks, hikes, and visits his son, Neil, and daughter-in-law, Laura, in Illinois, and family members in Minnesota and elsewhere. He is honored to be a nominee for the Leadership Development Committee.

## 2017 Voting Member List

According to UUSIC's bylaws, a voting member must 1) have signed the membership book, 2) be over 14 years of age, 3) have made a annual financial contribution of record (pledge) or be a Life Member of the Society, and 4) be a member at least 30 days prior to the meeting. If you think your name has been omitted from this list in error, please contact the office.

Dean Abel	Jim Ephgrave	Sue Kann	Virginia Miller	Jamie Sharp
Carol Adamson	Pat Ephgrave	Miriam Kashia	Deb Moore	Michael Shaw
Tim Adamson	Sara Feldmann	Sandy Keller	Carol Moreno	Nicole Sheldon
Bobbe Akre	Mike Fenneman	Bailey Kelley	Ed Moreno	Dick Siefers
Bruce Alexander	Betsy Fischer	Larry Kent	Ruth Muir	Vicki Siefers
Alice Atkinson	Linda Fisher	Kathleen Kingman	Shelby Myers	Jane Slaymaker
Ken Atkinson	Mary Fisher	Margaret Kinsman	Carol Nordquist	Jean Snodgrass-
Julia Audlehelm	Jeffery Ford	Betsy Klein	Gerald Nordquist	Wiedenheft
Larry Audlehelm	Amy Fretz	Garry Klein	Jim Norris	Jerry Snodgrass-
Joe Barrash	Donna Friedman	Margaret Koenig	Peter Nothnagle	Wiedenheft
Kris Barrash	Dan Gall	Kevin Korth	Nancy Noyer	Samantha Solimeo
Kara Beauchamp	Meredith Gall	Juanita Kosier	Liz Noyes	Cindy Spading
Barbara Beaumont	Winnie Ganshaw	Susan Krohmer	Kelly O'Berry	Renee Speh
Philip Beck	Ava Su Gan-Wei	John Lanaghan	Terri O'Berry	Barbara Staib
Sharon Beckman	Gail Garwood	Pat Larson	Alison Oliver	Virginia Stamler
Daniel Benton	Joel Gilbertson-White	Kasia Laskowska	James Olson	Jill Stephenson
Paul Bly	Stephanie Gilbertson-	Barbara Laughlin	Cecile Owings	Cory Stover
Alan Bohanan	White	Jim Laughlin	Ron Owings	Lisa Stover
Sharon Booker	Brian Glidewell	Gary Lawrenson	Kim Palmer	Faye Strayer
Peg Bouska	Carmen Griggs	Dave Leavitt	Lula Palmer	Hilary Strayer
Susan Boyd	Trudy Gullette	Judy Leavitt	Maureen Patterson	Adam Tatro
Joseph Brisben	Prahlad Gupta	Brian Lehan Mackin	Dorothy Paul	Christopher Taylor
Pete Brokaw	Kurt Hamann	Melissa Lehan Mackin	Amy Pearson	Vanessa Taylor
Wendy Brown	Julie Hammer	Russ Lenth	Gerry Pearson	Al Thomas
Margaret Burchianti	Barbara Haring	Lisa Lepic	Natalie Pearson	Sharon Thomas
Lynne Cannon	Claudine Harris	Doris Levsen	Emily Peck	Peter Thorne
Marjorie Cantor	Sally Hartman	Carly Lewis	Sally Peck	Carol Throckmorton
Jeanette Carter	Lisa Haverkamp	Carol Ligouri	Bonnie Penno	David Tokuhisa
Dixie Cassady	Mike Haverkamp	Brenda Linley	Mark Penno	Judy Tokuhisa
Michael Cervantes	Joe Hennager	Jodi Linley	Debbie Persons	Jim Trepka
Brett Chaney	Diana Henry	Marta Little	Connie Peterson	Emily Uhl
Kirk Cheyney	Colleen Higgins	Jan Locher	Ron Pile	Theresa Ullerich
Marsha Cheyney	Sarah Holmes	Stephen Locher	Paul Pomrehn	Dana Van Der Heide
Lucy Choisser	Michael Honey-	Mary Losch	Dale Prediger	Stephanie Van Housen
Judi Clinton	Arcement	Nancy Lynch	Kay Prediger	George Verhage
Sam Cochran	Rochelle Honey-	Caryl Lyons	Steven Protzman	Steve Vincent
Chris Coretsopoulos	Arcement	Cari Malone	Judith Quinn	Tova Vitiello
Ernie Cox	Al Hood	Heather Marshall	John Raley	Peg Voelker
Ron Crawford	Jean Hood	Lynette Marshall	Bruce Randall	Terry Lynn Wahls
Dan Cummins	Keri Hornbuckle	David Martin	Christina Randall	Jeff Walberg
Laurie Cummins	Peggy Houston	Diane Martin	Joe Rasmussen	Doug Wallace
Jo Cunningham	Jan Hubel	Matt Martin	Martha Rasmussen	Mary Kathryn Wallace
John Cunningham	Kenn Hubel	Hilary Marvin	Tony Razavi	Julia Wasson
David Curry	Lois Hughes	Robby Marvin	Jean Reese	Connie Webb
Stacy Davids	Merle Ihne	Kären Mason	Jacqueline Reger	Mary Lou Welter
Jane DeWitt	Lynne Ikach	Marianne Mason	Linda Rice	Jerry Wetlaufer
Monique DiCarlo	Abe Ingersoll	Jake McCusker	Tom Rocklin	Kristin Wildensee
Peggy Dietrich	Adam Ingersoll	Jess McCusker	Anna Rode	Janice Williams
Rob Dietrich	Brigette Ingersoll	Kathy McDonald	Chris Rode	Faith Wilmot
Sherry Dolash	Isaac Ingersoll	Janet McKee	Shona Roeder	Kaye Winder
Stephen Dunbar	Kate Ingersoll	Gail McLure	Jaia Rosenfels	Ruth Wirtz
Lee Eberly	Katrina Ingersoll	Mary McMurray	Charity Rowley	Scott Wittenkeller
Susan Eberly	Nik Jakob	Tom McMurray	Susan Rubis	Kirk Witzberger
Bill Eginton	David Jepsen	Virginia Melroy	Susan Salterberg	Ron Wright
Kay Eginton	Mary Jepsen	Gay Mikelson	Ricardo Sauro	Rich Young
Jonni Ellsworth	Carolyn Johnson	Dan Miller	Matt Schaefer	Susan Kasal Young
John Elson	Donna Johnson	Diana Miller	Kay Schneider	Mark Yuskis
Irvin Emig	Susan Kaliszewski	Paula Miller	Deb Schoelerman	Rick Zimmermann
Lori Enloe	Haley Kamps	Tony Miller	Hazel Seaba	<b>289 Voting Members</b>

# Spirituality & Religious Education News and Events

## Covenant Groups in May

In our April meetings, we examined "Transformation." Transformation implies more than simple "change"—it's the most profound kind of change, a deep and thorough alteration in the form or purpose of something or someone. We all undergo changes every day, but in what ways during our lives have we been "transformed?" Marianne Williamson has said, "Personal transformation can and does have global effects ... The revolution that will save the world is ultimately a personal one."

This month we're experiencing "Delight." Many religious systems view this world mainly as a place of misery and pain, toil and struggle. While Unitarian Universalists don't ignore suffering and injustice, we traditionally stay aware of the joys and pleasures the world has to offer, the delight to be experienced in life itself. Delight can lead to gratitude, generosity, and love, and as such, can be considered one of our most basic values.

Recently, interest has been expressed in forming an all-woman Covenant Group. If you are interested, or have other questions about covenant groups, please contact Jan Locher (331-2723 or locherj@mchsi.com).

## Buddhist Sangha, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

The UU Buddhist Sangha is a community of people that gathers weekly to explore contemporary Buddhist practice and teachings in the context of Unitarian Universalist principles and for meditation. We meet weekly on Monday evenings at 7 pm at Oaknoll. To find out more, please contact Brian Glidewell (brianandmark711@msn.com), Cindy Spading (mandcspading@southslope.net), or request to join through your Realm profile.

## Fireside Choir, May 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th

The Fireside Choir rehearses weekly on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Sanctuary Church. The choir is open to all singers (high school and beyond). No auditions or experience required. The choir sings in unison, two, three, and four parts (soprano, alto, tenor, and bass). The Fireside Choir often contributes to the Sunday worship services. If you have considered joining us, just show up and we will go from there. If you have any questions, contact Gloria Corbin at 338-5012 or cgcorbin@mchsi.com.

## Kiirtan, May 8th

The Kiirtan will meet at 6 pm on Monday, May 8th, at the Oakdale House. Kiirtan is a combination of music and spiritual practice—it is the chanting or singing of a certain phrase that is charged with meaning. It can be combined with a variety of instruments (we'll start out with guitar) and also with dance. Done within a group of people, powerful healing energy is generated. If you would like more information about this event, contact Andy Douglas at andy.c.douglas@gmail.com.

## Singing Bowl Meditations, May 9th & May 28th

Judi Clinton will host a Singing Bowl Meditation on Tuesday, May 8th, at 6 pm, and again on Sunday, May 28th, at 12:30 pm, at her home (945 Applewood Court, #4, Coralville). The harmonics of the bowls are used to amplify intention and focus as participants create a healing, relaxing field for all present. Plan to arrive 5 minutes before the start time to get settled and comfortable, and bring your water bottle. If you would like to participate, contact Judi (judiclinton@gmail.com or 541-6957) to reserve your space.

## Dances of Universal Peace, May 14th

Participants will gather at the Education Center at Eastside Recycling at 6 pm for chanting and simple folk dance movements honoring various religious traditions. These prayerful, heart-opening dances foster connections between people. No experience needed. All are welcome to attend. A freewill donation will be collected at the door. Contact Virginia Melroy (338-1778 or virginia-melroy@uiowa.edu) with questions.

## Interest & Activity Groups News and Events

### UU Book Discussion Group, May 8th

The last meeting of the UU Book Discussion Group before our summer break will be Monday, May 8th, at 7:30 pm in Meeting Room A on the 4th floor at Oaknoll (735 George Street). Our book for discussion is *The Hare with Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal. We will also be selecting the first two books for when the group resumes in September. So even if you haven't read the book, come and provide ideas for books you would like to read and discuss. To receive updates about the group, please contact Mary Lou Welter at 354-1231, welteremig@hotmail.com or request to join the group through Realm.

### UU Grief Group, May 17th

The UU Grief Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 12:30 to 1:30 pm at the Oakdale House. If you are mourning the loss of a family member or friend, we offer support and a place to talk freely and confidentially with other like-minded UUs. Please contact Gail if you need more information (ggarwood42@gmail.com). No registration is required.

### UU Scrabble Group, May 18th

The UU Scrabble Group will meet Thursday, May 18th, at 1:30 pm at Donna Johnson's home (824 Westside Dr., Iowa City). Everyone is welcome to join in regardless of skill level! Beginners are welcome! Contact Gary Lawrenson at 936-1291 or glawrenson@mchsi.com for more information.

### Vegetarian Community Potluck Picnic, May 20th

The Vegetarian Community will meet for a potluck picnic at 5 pm at Shelter #5 in Lower City Park, Iowa City. Please bring a whole-foods, plant-based dish to share, along with your own reusable/recyclable table service and beverage. Contact Carol Throckmorton (337-3030, carolthrockmorton108@msn.com) to RSVP.

### Girls' Night Out! May 24th

All UUSIC women are invited for conversation, lots of laughs, and refreshments from 5:15 to 7 pm for Girls' Night Out on Wednesday, May 24th at Après (1010 Martin Street, Iowa City, Peninsula neighborhood). Contact Carol Throckmorton (337-3030 or carolthrockmorton108@msn.com) if you plan to attend.

# Thank You to Our 2016/2017 UUSIC Volunteers

YOU HAVE A MEANINGFUL AND POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY!

April is National Volunteer Month! We appreciate our many UUSIC volunteers (listed below) for sharing their time, talent, and resources with our congregation and the greater community. We expressed our pride and gratitude with a special Volunteer Reception on Sunday, April 30th.

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# Social Justice & Community Outreach News and Events

## Social Justice Coordinating Committee, May 2nd

The Social Justice Coordinating Committee (SJCC) meets monthly on the first Tuesday at the Oakdale House at 7 pm. SJCC coordinates our congregation's community service and social action activities in Iowa City and beyond. Our meetings are informal and fun and we welcome new faces and ideas. Please join us!

## Green Sanctuary Committee, May 3rd

The Green Sanctuary Committee meets at 5:15 pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Oakdale House. This committee builds awareness of environmental issues among congregants and seeks to motivate people to integrate good sustainable living practices into their everyday lives. We work with other churches and/or groups on environmental injustices beyond the scope of our church. Everyone is welcome to become a Green Sanctuary Committee member. Questions? Contact Deb Schoelerman at dschoelerman@gmail.com or at 594-2373.

## Class Conversations Workshop, May 6th

Peoples Unitarian Universalist Church in Cedar Rapids extends a warm invitation to the Iowa City Unitarian Universalist Society of Iowa City to attend a workshop entitled "Class Conversations" on May 6th. The workshop will be held from 10 am to 1 pm at Peoples Church (4980 Gordon Ave NW, Cedar Rapids). Please join us to explore how socio-economic class influences our values, coping styles, and expectations about others. A combination of self-reflection, small-group sharing, large-group discussion, and videos will be provided. We will consider how we can make our congregations even more welcoming places for people of all social class backgrounds.

The Workshop is presented by Suzanne Zilber, PhD, a psychologist in Ames. Suzanne developed this curriculum for national use by the Unitarian Universalist Association. Raised reformed Jewish, she has been a member of the UU Fellowship of Ames for 26 years.

Lunch will be provided with a free-will offering request. We hope to see our fellow UUs from the south at this workshop as we reflect on how socio-economic class influences the values and decisions we make in our congregations. Please register with an email to marcia.swift@gmail.com.

## Racial Justice study/ACTION Circle, May 7th & 21st

The Racial Justice study/ACTION Circle meets from 9:30 to 11 am at the Oakdale House on the first and third Sundays of each month. The study/ACTION Circle is UUSIC's next step to visibly and responsibly answer the call from communities of color to stand and act in solidarity for racial justice. The group's work includes critical reflection and discussion in conjunction with the development, implementation, and evaluation of actions that emerge out of our discussions. Please join us as we collaboratively build our vision to effectively engage in racial justice efforts in our community. If you have any questions or would like to be involved but cannot participate on Sunday mornings, please contact Alison Oliver (alison-oliver@uiowa.edu).

## SJCC—UUs Serving Together

Watch for news of the next Day of Service! We'll be gathering folks on Saturday, June 10th, to provide service for Uptown Bill's, our own trails, and more. Also see the description for the upcoming Shelter House Luncheon below!

## UU Free Lunch Program, May 12th

The objective and mission for the Greater Iowa City Free Lunch Program (located at 1105 Gilbert Court, IC) is to provide free hot meals six days a week for the needy in our community. UUSIC supports the Free Lunch Program by sending a group of volunteers on the second Friday of each month to prepare, serve, and clean up after a lunch for approximately 140 people. To find out more or to join the team, please contact Diana Miller (dkmilleriowa@gmail.com), Carmen Griggs (csgriggsiowa@gmail.com), or Leigh Nida (leighnida@gmail.com).

## Green Sanctuary: May Eco-Action, May 14th

On Sunday, May 14th, the last eco-survey by the Green Sanctuary Committee asks again what you are doing to protect the environment. After the service, put pom-poms in the jars to indicate which actions you take to protect the environment. The topic for May is reducing transportation energy. This month the questions will include use of your vehicle, etc. You will still have an opportunity to vote via Doodle Poll in the Wednesday e-mail if you miss the Sunday service. Check the June newsletter for a compilation of results. This month you can also pick up a green pledge sheet to plan how to further decrease your impact on the earth. On it you will choose ten things on which to improve during the year.

## Shelter House Luncheon, May 19th

For more than a dozen years, UUSIC has offered a benefit luncheon to raise money for Shelter House (averaging about \$1,000 a year). For a \$10 donation, the Iowa City/Coralville community is invited to enjoy a bountiful luncheon and the opportunity to share it with friends and neighbors. The location this year will again be Zion Lutheran Church (310 N. Johnson Street) on Friday, May 19th, from 11:30 am to 1 pm.

We will be soliciting homemade salads and desserts on Sundays at the SJCC table, and through phone calls and email. In addition to food, we'll need volunteers to set up, serve, and clean up. Contact: Gay Mikelson, 354-1160 or gay-mikelson@uiowa.edu.



Deb Schoelerman and Mary Kathryn Wallace at the Iowa City March for Science on Saturday, April 22nd.

# Background and Resources for UUSIC's May 7th White Supremacy Teach-In

On Sunday, May 7th, UUSIC will be joining over 500 UU congregations in devoting our worship and RE time to participate in a teach-in on racism and white supremacy (#UUWhiteSupremacyTeachIn). Aisha Hauser, Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Director of Children and Family Programs, describes the teach-in as follows: "The number-one goal is to get on the same page about the water in which we are swimming—the white supremacy paradigm." This work begins by going beyond calling out the actions of "those racists" but recognizing how the system of white supremacy manifests within our own liberal faith community. This teach-in will also include conversations and activities during our RE classes. This teach-in followed a call to action from the Black Lives of UU organizing collective. For more information on what spurred this call to action, read: Christina Rivera's *On being a 'good fit' for the UUA*, Aisha Hauser's *Letter to UUA Board of Trustees and On self-righteous hysteria*, and the *UU World* article on the timeline of events and conversations here: <http://www.uuworld.org/articles/developments-2017-04-07>.

The UUA Board has endorsed the #UUWhiteSupremacyTeachIn, and UUA Moderator Jim Key responded to concerns over the use of the phrase "white supremacy" in reference to UU communities and institutions:

*We are well aware that to many of you the term "white supremacy" seems harsh and even inaccurate when applied to our beloved faith. Some of you are asking, "What will the outside world think if we describe ourselves as white supremacist? Isn't this just one more misguided example of liberal guilt at play?" In a word, no.*

*The term white supremacist once referred exclusively to individuals and organizations that openly espoused the superiority of white people. In recent years the term has come to refer to a culture, or a social narrative that places the needs, desires, stories, well-being, and the very lives of white people over and above those of people of color. It is the water we swim in. It is so much a part of our lives and of the life of our Association, that it has just become business as usual. We have chosen to use the term and to endorse the teach-in called for by many of our religious educators because we are absolutely committed to staying awake to the challenges before us. White supremacy is a continuum. When we refuse to acknowledge our place in that continuum we risk being lulled back into complicity. Not this time, friends.*

The Black Lives of UU has noted that "the #UUWhiteSupremacyTeachIn is **not** the time to ask people of color (POC) congregants to teach about White Supremacy." For UUSIC's POC members and youth, we want to prioritize your needs, emotional safety, and wisdom. You deserve resources and space to participate in whatever way feels most meaningful to you. UUSIC staff and members of the Racial Justice Circle will be contacting POC members to better inform how they would like to participate in the teach-in, what they would like to see addressed, and how UUSIC can offer support. POC members, as well as parents and caregivers of children of color, are also encouraged to contact Peggy Garrigues ([dcl@uusic.org](mailto:dcl@uusic.org)) and/or Saunia Powell ([education@uusic.org](mailto:education@uusic.org)) to communicate your thoughts and feedback.

As a primer to May 7th, we encourage you to review the resources listed below and visit the teach-in page at <http://www.blacklivesuu.com/teachin/>.

If you need accommodations to make these resources more accessible, please contact Emma Barnum ([admin@uusic.org](mailto:admin@uusic.org) or 319-337-4632). Feel free to contact Alison Oliver, UUSIC staff, or members of the Racial Justice Circle for more information or support.

## Resources:

- Letter from a Birmingham Jail, by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: [https://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles\\_Gen/Letter\\_Birmingham.html](https://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles_Gen/Letter_Birmingham.html)
- White Supremacy Culture from Kenneth Jones and Tema Okun: [http://www.cwsworkshop.org/PARC\\_site\\_B/dr-culture.html](http://www.cwsworkshop.org/PARC_site_B/dr-culture.html)
- We Must Change by Rosemary Bray McNatt: <http://www.uuworld.org/articles/uu-must-change>

For UUSIC Families:

- *A is for Anti-Racism* by Amy Dudley: <http://www.raceconscious.org/2016/02/1122/>
- *100 Race-Conscious Things You Can Say to Your Child to Advance Racial Justice*: <http://www.raceconscious.org/2016/06/100-race-conscious-things-to-say-to-your-child-to-advance-racial-justice/>

## Highlights from the April UUSIC Board Meeting

Minutes from all regular Board meetings are reviewed by the Board members and made available to members and friends on the website and in the UUSIC Board of Trustees notebook. Minutes may also be requested via mail or email from the UUSIC administrator.

**Present:** Kelly O’Berry (President), Jim Olson (Past-President), Jim Laughlin (Vice-President), Adam Ingersoll (Treasurer), Peg Voelker (Secretary), Steve Vincent (Trustee), Steve Locher (Trustee), and Sara Feldmann (Trustee)

**Absent:** Kris Barrash (Trustee), Saunia Powell (DLRE), and Peggy Garrigues (DCL). Rev. Steven Protzman (Ex officio) is on sabbatical

**Guest:** Jeffrey Ford and Dave Martin

President Kelly O’Berry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 13th, at the Oakdale House. Laughlin provided opening words.

**Announcements:** O’Berry shared that the *Love Reaches Out* workshop went well. Of note, discussions centered around identifying the intersection between what we as a congregation are good at doing, and what is needed in the larger community.

**Consent Agenda:** Board Agenda; March Minutes; April Executive Committee Minutes; Treasurer Financial Statements & Report; Minister Report; DLRE Report; DCL Report; Administrator Report; Music Director Report; and the New Facilities Committee report (Deb Schoelerman) were received for review prior to the meeting. Other items: April 2017 Stewardship Report; Facilities Use Policies; Branding Group Board Recommendations; 2017 Naming Survey Results.

Due to problems with the online grant submission process, our Chalice Lighter grant proposal will not be considered until the August funding cycle. Raised from the Treasurer’s report was Ingersoll’s recommendation that the Board commit to the expenses outlined in the proposal, whether or not it is funded. He feels it is appropriate to use reserve funds to do this essential publicity-related work. The Board approved the use of reserve funds if necessary. The Board approved the minutes.

**Facilities Use Policy & Guidelines:** Jeffery Ford investigated facility use policies and procedures—paying particular attention to wedding rentals. Ford pointed out two fundamental issues he kept in mind while developing new building guidelines: 1) hospitality and 2) maximizing building use. Ford and Locher pulled policy statements from the guidelines and created a policy document. This was presented for “first read” and a slightly revised document will be presented for “second read” in May.

**Pledge Drive:** Dave Martin presented the Stewardship Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2017. There are 199 pledge units in 2017, down from 216 in 2016. Martin shared that letters went out last week thanking members for their pledge and asking those who can, to increase their amount pledged.

**Transition Task Force 2.0 (TTF2) Leadership:** Voelker reported that efforts to recruit co-chairs for the TTF2 have been unsuccessful. Therefore, Voelker & Barrash recommended that the two of them serve as co-chairs. They also suggested that oversight of policies & procedures be removed from the Charge. The Board approved Voelker and Barrash as TTF2 co-chairs and endorsed the requested change to the Charge.

**Naming Process:** Vincent reviewed the results from the recent survey and noted that 80% of voting members participated. Of the participants, 78% are not opposed to a name change and 93% would not oppose a name change if chosen by a strong majority. The survey also provided insight on the use of location, a group identifier, and non-specific descriptors in the name. But while these findings are encouraging and helpful, a specific name or set of names likely to be approved by a majority of members did not emerge. The Branding Group provided their recommendation for the remaining process steps necessary before holding a congregational naming vote. The Board carefully discussed this extremely important issue. Concerns were raised that the congregation has not had enough time to become educated and contemplate the pros and cons of different types of names. Therefore, the Board agreed to ask the Branding Group to consider adjusting the process and timeline for arriving at a potential new name.

**Close of Meeting:** Locher reported as process observer and Ingersoll provided closing words. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

—Submitted by Peg Voelker, Secretary

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# UUSIC Calendar for May 2017

(SC) Sanctuary Church, 2205 E Grantview Dr #200, CV (OH) Oakdale House, 2355 Oakdale Rd, CV

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> <b>MidAmerica Regional Meeting</b> <b>11 AM</b> All Covenant Group Potluck (Eastside Recycling) <b>1:30 PM</b> Service (SC) <b>2:45 PM</b> Social Hour (SC) <b>3 PM</b> Journey of Discovery (SC)	<b>1</b> <b>7 PM</b> Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll)	<b>2</b> <b>7 PM</b> Social Justice Coordinating Committee (OH)	<b>3</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> Green Sanctuary Committee (OH) <b>7:15 PM</b> Spirit in Practice (SC)	<b>4</b> <b>7 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (SC)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>10 AM</b> Class Conversations Workshop (Peoples Church UU, Cedar Rapids)
<b>7</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Racial Justice study/ ACTION Circle (OH) <b>1:30 PM</b> Service (SC) <b>2:45 PM</b> Social Hour (SC) <b>3 PM</b> Journey of Discovery (SC)	<b>8</b> <b>6 PM</b> Kiirtan (OH) <b>7 PM</b> Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll) <b>7:30 PM</b> UU Book Discussion Group (Oaknoll)	<b>9</b> <b>6 PM</b> Singing Bowl Meditation (Judi Clinton's Home)	<b>10</b> <b>7:15 PM</b> Spirit in Practice (SC)	<b>11</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Board Meeting (105 Iowa Ave Ste. 231) <b>7 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (SC)	<b>12</b> <b>11 AM</b> Free Lunch Program (1105 Gilbert Ct.)	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Service (SC) <b>2:45 PM</b> Social Hour (SC) <b>3 PM</b> Journey of Discovery (SC) <b>6 PM</b> Dances of Universal Peace (Eastside Recycling)	<b>15</b> <b>7 PM</b> Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll)	<b>16</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Secular Humanists (Old Brick)	<b>17</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> UU Grief Group (OH) <b>7:15 PM</b> Spirit in Practice (SC)	<b>18</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> UU Scrabble Group (Donna Johnson's home) <b>7 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (SC)	<b>19</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Shelter House Luncheon (Zion Lutheran Church) <b>12 PM</b> June Newsletter Submission Deadline	<b>20</b> <b>5 PM</b> Vegetarian Community Potluck Picnic (Lower City Park, Shelter #5)
<b>21</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Racial Justice study/ ACTION Circle (OH) <b>1:30 PM</b> Service (SC) <b>2:30 PM</b> Congregational Meeting (SC) <b>2:45 PM</b> Social Hour SC)	<b>22</b> <b>7 PM</b> Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> Girls' Night Out (Après)	<b>25</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Newsletter Folding (OH) <b>7 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (SC)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>11 AM</b> Memorial Day Potluck Picnic (Shelter #6, City Park) <b>12:30 PM</b> Singing Bowl Meditation (Judi Clinton's Home)	<b>29</b> <b>7 PM</b> Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>7 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (SC)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

*Look for new events, updates or cancellations, and event details on the calendar at [uusic.org](http://uusic.org).*