



# The UU News

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### July's Social Justice Offerings Benefit UNITED ACTION FOR YOUTH (UAY)

UAY is a Johnson County community organization whose mission is to nurture the potential of all youth to create, grow, and lead. Founded in 1970, its vision is youth and adults working together in partnership to create a safe and healthy community. The downtown youth center includes recording and art studios, performance space, and offices for street outreach. Offered elsewhere are counseling and programs for pregnant and parent teens. Cash or checks to UUS (UAY on memo line) may be given on Sundays or sent to the office. Thank you!

## Upcoming Sunday Services

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

We gather each week at 1:30 pm for an Ingathering preceding our Sunday Service, which is followed by a social hour.

**Religious Education & Childcare:** Our nursery is open from 1:30 to 2:45 pm for children under three. While Religious Education classes are on break during the summer, we do provide a "Children's Chapel" from 1:45 to 2:45 pm. Kids should attend the first part of the service with their parents before being released to their activities.

### Summer Theme: "Love is a Muscle—How Do We Work It?"

#### July 2nd: "I Don't Know How You Do It!" Renee Speth

"How do you take care of yourself?" is a question frequently asked of social workers, advocates, and caregivers. The real answers usually go well beyond "CHOCOLATE!" Explore replenishing energy and spiritual practice with UUS member Renee Speth during this service focused on nourishing and protecting our love muscles from overextension.

*The offering for this "Fifth Sunday" service will go to UNICEF. See more information on page 7.*

#### July 9th: "Beyond Iowa Nice," Rev. Steven Protzman

"Iowa Nice" is useful for everyday conversations, but if we truly seek to build the beloved community, we need to move into what writer Michael Meade speaks of as the third layer of human interaction, a place of deeply shared humanity. As we welcome new members we'll explore how Unitarian Universalism and covenant challenge us to grow spiritually by moving beyond "Iowa Nice" to create a truly diverse, loving, and just community where we have deep, meaningful relationships.

#### July 16th: "A Family in Transition," Russ Lenth and Jane DeWitt

Having a son become a daughter is a big transition—not just for her, but for the whole family. UUS members Russ Lenth and Jane DeWitt will talk about their story and how it relates to our religious principles, love, relationships, and growth.

#### July 23rd: "Throw Your Heart At It And See If It Sticks: Surviving the Fray," Garry Klein

How do you know when you are doing your true heart's work for social justice? Join UUS member Garry Klein on an adventure in working toward social justice while understanding balance and limits. Understanding how you can best serve, how to know your limits and how to best use your strengths are keys to being engaged in the fight for good. Garry shares stories and tools that helped him get off the bench and back into the fray at a more comfortable pace and level. Working toward social justice can be heartbreaking, or at least heartbending. Learn to bend your heart toward the arc of social justice without burning yourself out.

#### July 30th: "The Harvest of Love," Worship Associates

Lammas, a Pagan festival of the first harvest, is a celebration of the fruits of our labor during the growing season. As we work our love muscles, we gain sustenance in stepping back and honoring what our acts of love have produced. Join us in celebrating the harvest of love.

### Sunday Attendance for June 4th through 25th

June 4th: 89 total: 81 adults, 8 children  
June 11th: 109 total: 101 adults, 8 children

June 18th: 89 total: 82 adults, 7 children  
June 25th: 76 total: 71 adults, 5 children

# UUSIC Calendar for July 2017

Look for updated event details through the month at [uusic.org](http://uusic.org).

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>2</b></p> <p><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)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>7 PM</b> Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Coralville 4thFest</b></p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM</b> Vegetarian Community Brunch (Trumpet Blossom Café) <b>1:30 PM</b> Service (SC) <b>2:45 PM</b> Social Hour (SC)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>7 PM</b> Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>6 PM</b> Singing Bowl Meditation (Judi Clinton's home)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Board Meeting (OH)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>11 AM</b> Free Lunch Program (1105 Gilbert Ct.)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
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<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Service (SC) <b>2:45 PM</b> Social Hour SC)</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>5 PM</b> Girls' Night Out (Sushiya, North Liberty) <b>7 PM</b> Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
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## Save the Date! 34th Annual Treats & Talents Auction, September 30th

For over 30 years, UUS members and friends have come together to participate in and enjoy the Annual Treats & Talents Auction: a fundraising event for the UUS operating budget and a fun event for members and friends of all ages. This year the Auction will be held at our new facilities on Saturday, September 30th (with a "rain date" of October 21st). Our theme is ***Stories of Our Past, Dreams of Our Future.***

The schedule of events is as follows:

- **10 to 4 pm:** Silent Auction
- **1 to 4 pm:** Family Fun, Including a Cake Walk for All Ages
- **6 to 8:30 pm:** Dinner and Live Auction

Tickets for the Dinner and Live Auction are \$20. The meal will be catered by Maribitos, with vegan and gluten-free options. Details on how to reserve your ticket will be announced soon.

The key to a successful auction is participation of all, both in donating items that can be auctioned, and bidding and purchasing items that have been donated. Last year's event raised over \$18,000, and 30% of that amount was designated for UUS's social justice endeavors. Auctioned items included Hawkeye football tickets, a theme for a minister's sermon, homemade jams, professional nature photographs, as well as a number of events, dinners, and parties held at members' homes.

Judy Tokuhisa, Brigitte Ingersoll, and Brenda Linley co-chair the Auction Committee this year.

### Pre-Auction Event: Chihuly Venetians Exhibit Visit and Lunch

Virginia Melroy is offering a pre-auction event for two very lucky individuals. For \$30 each, Virginia is inviting two people to accompany her to the National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library to view the Chihuly Venetians Exhibit which ends October 1st. Seventy glass works and drawings will be displayed. There is a piece of his work on the second floor of the Voxman Music Building. Lunch will be included. Please respond directly to Virginia (338-1778) if you are interested.

# Highlights from the June 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 UUS Board of Trustees notebook. Minutes may also be requested via mail or email from the UUS administrator.

**Present:** Kelly O'Berry (President), Jim Olson (Past-President), Jim Laughlin (Vice-President), Peg Voelker (Secretary), Adam Ingersoll (Treasurer—participated by phone), Steve Vincent (Trustee), Steve Locher (Trustee), Kris Barrash (Trustee), Sara Feldmann (Trustee), Rev. Steven Protzman (Ex officio, temporarily returned from sabbatical) and Peggy Garrigues (DCL)

**Absent:** Saunia Powell (DLRE)

**Guests:** Jane DeWitt (Vice-President elect), Chris Rode (Treasurer elect) and Michael Honey-Arcement (Trustee elect)

Current Board members and those recently elected gathered at 5:30 pm on June 8th for a pre-meeting potluck at Laughlin's home. O'Berry called the Board meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Laughlin provided opening words.

**Welcome New Members & Announcements:** O'Berry welcomed DeWitt, Rode, and Honey-Arcement to the Board and thanked them for their commitment to serve. Everyone briefly introduced themselves.

O'Berry shared that the Board's policy on guest comments at meetings was discussed by the Executive Committee. She wrote the following statement that will be included on each month's agenda and minutes: "Guests are asked to remain silent unless invited by the Board to comment." Laughlin added that we will ask guests whether they are attending for a particular agenda item so that the Board is aware of when they might wish to comment. O'Berry shared that DeWitt has agreed to help her with the policy review effort.

**Consent Agenda:** Board Agenda; May Board Minutes; May Congregational Meeting Minutes; June Executive Committee Minutes; Treasurer Financial Statements & Report; DLRE Report; DCL Report; Administrator Report; Music Director Report; Publicity Report; TTF2 Update (Voelker/Barrash); B&G Report (Laughlin); Branding/Naming Committee Report & Documents (Vincent); CCC Report (Vicki Siefers); and the NFC Report (Deb Schoelerman) were received for review prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved by the Board.

**Outgoing Members:** O'Berry recognized Olson and Vincent whose terms on the Board end June 30th, and thanked them for their service to the congregation. She conveyed her appreciation for the dedication and thoughtfulness that they apply to the activities they say "yes" to.

**Name Change Decision:** Vincent presented the most recent Naming Poll results. He noted that planned marketing and outreach require that we reach a decision on our name for the coming year within a few weeks. The committee concluded that, in the time remaining, it is unlikely that a new name would emerge that has strong support and acceptance across the entire congregation. Therefore, they recommended that a congregational meeting not be held on June 24th. They also proposed that the Board decide to either not change our legal name (but start using Unitarian Universalist Society (UUS) whenever possible), or hold a congregational vote to change our name to "Unitarian Universalist Congregation" (UUC).

The Board agreed to suspend work on a new congregational name, and that we not use our geographic identifier (i.e., Iowa City) except when needed for legal purposes. The Board also thanked the Naming Task Force (Vincent, Walberg, Uhl, Rode, Hartman, Garrigues, and Kelley) for their excellent work.

**Council Reports & New Board Representative:** Garrigues reported that an agenda was agreed upon for the May meetings of the councils. It included an activity to chart, through relationships and focus areas, how all the council groups come together. Locher shared the product of his council's work. He noted that a major contributor to this effort was a member with extensive organizational networking expertise. She has offered to do more work like this for UUS. The Board supported Locher's request to move forward with her on such projects. O'Berry was appointed as Board representative to the Council on Congregational Life.

**Sunday AM Structure:** The staff continues to work on defining the structure of Sunday mornings for this fall. Starting after Labor Day weekend, Sunday services will be held in the morning, regardless of the location. Garrigues shared that the staff have discussed several potential options for the timing and elements of a typical Sunday morning. Further details will be coming soon.

**Grand Opening Event/Building Dedication Coordination:** Garrigues provided a calendar with the potential or scheduled events this fall. She suggested that a committee be formed to plan the Building Dedication and a Grand Opening event. This committee would include a representative from pertinent groups (e.g., NFC, Land Ministry, 175th, WA, Green Sanctuary, RE, Board, Capital Campaign, and TTF2). She offered to pull the individuals together, schedule the first meeting, and be a member of the committee. Olson agreed to provide leadership. He said that the committee would bring a recommendation to the Board.

**Select GA delegates to vote remotely:** Winnie Ganshaw will attend the UUA General Assembly (GA) as a voting delegate. Five additional non-attending delegates can vote in the Presidential election. Laughlin presented a list of nominees, prioritizing five members who attended the MidAmerican Regional Assembly. The Board unanimously approved those five to serve as delegates.

**Set Date for Board Retreat:** There was discussion about whether to hold the Board Retreat on a Saturday in July even though one person could not attend. Alternatively, Garrigues agreed to run a Doodle poll of availability in the evening during the week. The Retreat has been set for July 26th from 4 to 8 pm.

Olson reported as process observer and Feldmann provided closing words. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm to enter closed session. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, July 13th, at Oakdale House.

—Submitted by Peg Voelker, Secretary