



THE UUS NEWS

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY THAT TOUCHES
HEARTS, CHANGES LIVES, AND TRANSFORMS THE WORLD.

October
2018

Sunday Services

Services begin at 9:30 am, followed by a social hour

*What Does It Mean to Be
A Community of Sanctuary?*

October 7th: "Love Calls Us On," Jeffery Ford

We gather regularly for services, activities and meetings. What is the nature of our commitment to the Society and its current and future members? The UUS Stewardship Committee will lead this service to kick off the 2019 Operating Budget Pledge Drive.

October 14th: "Sanctuary," Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Refuge, shelter, safe-haven—these synonymous words for *sanctuary* conjure up feelings of protection; spaces that nurture, restore and heal us. A *sanctuary*, at best, is a life-giving, life-saving space. Today, as the Unitarian Universalist Society marks the one-year anniversary of occupying its new space, we will consider the ways we create, offer, and sustain *sanctuary*.

October 21st: "Lengthening Cords and Strengthening Stakes," Rev. Diane Dowgiert

The title for today's sermon is taken from the words of two women ministers, Augusta Chapin and Eleanor Gordon, who were part of what is known as "The Iowa Sisterhood," a group of women ordained to Unitarian and Universalist ministries in the 1800's—sent to serve struggling congregations in the prairie regions of the American frontier. Their imprint on the UU congregation in Iowa City/Coralville is still visible today. Today's service will honor their legacy.

October 28th: "Nade Te Turbe, Nothing Can Frighten," Rev. Diane Dowgiert

At this time of year, various religious traditions create a sanctuary of the soul, a space to honor and recognize the dearly departed, those loved ones who are no longer with us. We gather as a multi-generational community to explore the depths of mystery that surround the reality of death. In the spirit of the day, we welcome people to come in Halloween costumes and to bring photos and mementos of loved ones who have gone before.

Sunday Attendance

August 26th:	213 total: 176 service, 37 RE
September 2nd:	103 total (Multigen.: Labor Day)
September 9th:	157 total (Multigen.: Water Communion)
September 16th:	182 total: 139 service, 43 RE
September 23rd:	188 total: 150 service, 38 RE

October Social Justice Offerings Benefit Shelter House

In addition to the 70 beds in Shelter House, daily drop-in services are available to those not staying at the shelter. In a recent year 521 showers, 1,331 loads of laundry, donated clothing and household necessities, a job lab which offers various types of help, and a weekly nurses' clinic were provided to 474 individuals.

A new Shelter House housing project, Cross Park Place, will open later this fall. It is patterned after the Housing First Plan and targeted to the chronically homeless in our community who utilize high levels of cross-system services. It is the first of its kind in Iowa, with 24 permanent one-bedroom apartments, on-site offices, and an exam room for partnering medical clinicians.

Cash or checks to UUS (Shelter House on the memo line) can be given on Sundays, online through Realm, or mailed to the office. You can also text "GivetoUUSIC Offering \$--" to 73256.

October Birthdays

Ian Ballantyne	Emily Johnson
Nolan Case	Sharon Johnson
John Cunningham	Bailey Kelley
Sherry Dolash	Emerson Linley
Irvin Emig	Noah Linley
Emi Estudillo	Clara McCusker
Stephanie Gilbertson-White	Reilly O'Gorman
Michael Honey-Arcement	Sue Otto
Lois Hughes	Elizabeth Raley
Charlie Ingersoll	Chris Rode
Henry Ingersoll	Rhonda Rowden
Sasha Jakob	Tanner Woody

*If you would like your birthday
listed in the newsletter (or removed),
contact Peggy: dcl@uusic.org.*

Staff Reports



From Your Interim Minister's Study

October's theme is *Sanctuary*. More than a physical space, the word *sanctuary* speaks to the ways we provide refuge from the storms of life, for ourselves and each other. These days, the word *sanctuary* also refers to the specific act of taking in a person who is at risk of being deported because of their immigration or refugee status. To provide *sanctuary* to the most vulnerable among us is sacred work.

As I think of all these ways of being a people of *sanctuary*, my thoughts turn to the ways we as Unitarian Universalists nurture and care for our children and youth, the ways we create a safe haven for our young people to explore and learn and grow into the principles and values we hold dear. It has been said that religious education is all that we do in congregational life. Put another way, the congregation is the curriculum. Our children and youth learn what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist by witnessing and experiencing how we are together. They learn from the ways we either step up to or step away from the commitment it takes to keep a religious community such as the Unitarian Universalist Society (UUS) alive, vital, relevant, and growing.

This is the time of year when volunteers for the Religious Education (RE) program are recruited. Agreeing to volunteer may seem like a burdensome, daunting, even onerous task to take on. I'm here to tell you that being involved with teaching Unitarian Universalism to children and youth can be one of the most personally fulfilling ways to be involved with your congregation. I guarantee that you will learn as much as you will teach. And, you will be supported with the resources, training, and encouragement to be successful. Not only that, you will be part of a team working together to create sanctuary for our children and youth—and—for each other.

UUS is blessed to have a capable and dedicated Director of Lifespan Religious Education, Jessica Zimmer. If Jessica calls on you to volunteer, give serious consideration to saying "Yes!" If you want to learn more about how you can become involved in the RE program at UUS, you can contact Jessica at education@uusic.org.

I am grateful to be among you as we join our energies to make a sacred home for Unitarian Universalism.

Yours in the interim, Rev. Diane Dowgiert

From Your Music Director



Introducing Mason, Tenor Section Leader

Last spring the UUS Adult Choir began planning for the upcoming church year. We talked about the music we would like to program, set performance goals, and generated ideas to foster improvement. The tenor voice is an elusive voice and in the UUS Choir was significantly outnumbered. It was decided that finding a better balance in the tenor section was an idea to pursue. A proposal was written and the search began for a tenor section leader.

Because of a generous donor, it was possible to offer the tenor section leader position to Mason F. Montuoro. Mason joined our ranks on September 6th.

His presence has not gone unnoticed by the congregants as he is a tall person and sang his first solo on September 23rd. His contributions to the tenor section have yielded improved singing not only in that section, but the entire choir has been impacted by the strength of his voice and better choral balance. As singers, we are so happy Mason is with us.

So, who is Mason Montuoro? Mason graduated from Xavier High School, Cedar Rapids, and participated in the concert, chamber, jazz, and show choirs and performed in the musicals. When setting out to select a college he paid a visit to Luther College. It was there, when hearing the Luther College Nordic Choir sing, that he knew he wanted to pursue music professionally. Last spring, Mason graduated from Luther College with his B.A. While at Luther he sang with the Nordic Choir where he was the tenor section leader and performed principal roles in the Opera Program. Presently, Mason is a teaching assistant at the University of Iowa School of Music and is pursuing a M.A. in voice performance. His goals are to sing with professional opera companies and choral ensembles. He is also interested in continuing a teaching career and pursuing advanced work in arts administration. He said, "Anything to keep me working in the arts!"

We are excited to welcome Mason for the musical role he is playing at UUS and we look forward to supporting him in his forthcoming appearances in the UI Opera Department's productions and recital hall concerts.

—Gloria Corbin

Congregational News and Events

Stewardship Committee Update

November 4th: Commitment Sunday

Hopefully you have received your stewardship materials for 2019. If you haven't, you can pick up a brochure and pledge card on Sundays or request one from the office (337-3443 or admin@uusic.org). We have set ourselves on an ambitious course to build both a space and a community committed to building the "beloved community." Please consider your commitment to our community this month. Be present to hear our stewardship testimonies. We ask that you take time to understand our financial goals and consider how you can help. We need a generous increase in our pledges to help pay for our beautiful new building, support our amazing staff, and fund our shared programs.

This year we are requesting that you do not mail in your pledge cards. Instead, we ask that you bring them to UUS on Sunday, November 4th, when we will share in a ceremony of commitment which will include committing to our future together and turning in our stewardship pledges in support of the programs and work of the Society. (You can still pledge through Realm at any time, or mail in your pledge card if you aren't able to attend the ceremony on the 4th.)

A community is more than a loose affiliation of individuals. At its heart is a shared commitment. We, the Unitarian Universalist Society, are strong because we have a shared vision, mission, home, and, most importantly one another. We hope to see you at the service, with your pledge in hand, on November 4th.

Covenant Groups

In September our groups discussed the importance of "Attentiveness." That word encompasses a range of meanings from the most practical to the spiritual. According to Jon Kabat-Zinn, "The best way to capture moments is to pay attention. This is how we cultivate mindfulness. Mindfulness means being awake. It means knowing what you are doing." Is that how you understand "attentiveness"? Or does it mean something different to you? September was also the month that group members recommitted themselves to their groups and the covenants they follow.

This month we explore what it means for UUs to be "A People of Sanctuary." Sanctuary comes to us in many forms during our lives. It can be many things—a place, a community, a particular person, a type of experience. What functions as a sanctuary for you? Do you have different kinds of sanctuaries in your life? If you don't, how can you go about finding one?

The Covenant Group program offers its members the opportunity to express their views and deepen their understanding of a wide range of issues while creating closer ties to other UUs. If this kind of activity intrigues you and you'd like to learn more about covenant groups, please contact Jan Locher (354- 6260, locherj@mchsi.com).

UUS Board of Trustees Meeting, October 11th

The UUS Board of Trustees will hold their next meeting, open to all members, at 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 11th, in the Conference Room. Look for an agenda in the weekly email or on the website before the meeting.

Inquirer Sessions in October

Anyone who wants to learn more about Unitarian Universalism, our congregation, and our programs is welcome to attend an Inquirer Session after Sunday services, a series of orientation classes designed to introduce newcomers to UU values and history and offer opportunities to get involved with groups and activities within the congregation. Feel free to grab some refreshments and bring them with you to the Conference Room.

- **October 7th:** "Connect Beyond Sunday" Activity Fair in the Fellowship Hall
- **October 14th:** UU 101, Introduction to UU History & values
- **October 21st:** Religious Education Opportunities for All Ages
- **October 28th:** Intro to Volunteering Opportunities

Woodlands and Trails Workday, October 6th

Join us from 9 am to 12 pm on Saturday, October 6th, to help move dead wood and brush to be hauled away and to remove small invasive vines and shrubs so that we can better enjoy and nurture the native plantings in our lovely woods. Contact Tom McMurray, tmcmurray@mchsi.com.

UUS Activities Fair, October 7th

Invite a friend to join you on Sunday, October 7th. After the service, we'll adjourn to the Fellowship Hall for a festive "Connect Beyond Sunday" Activity Fair. Representatives from our many committees and activity groups will be at tables to answer questions and show off the many diverse opportunities UUS members and friends can participate in. You and your friend can both learn more about the many activities that happen at our Society!

Have you ever wondered how to join the Landscaping Committee? Or whether you need to have any dance experience to come for the Dances of Universal Peace? This is your chance to learn more about the various committees and groups that help make UUS a vibrant and enjoyable place. Handout materials will be available for you to take with you at many tables, or you can sign up to receive communications from a group right away!

Why get involved? It takes many people to make light work of the many responsibilities our committees undertake to keep the Society running smoothly. And there are also plenty of interest groups to expand your horizons or enjoy shared interests! Regardless of what activities you like to do, you'll make some lasting friendships as you participate in the many opportunities offered at UUS.

Planting Bulbs and Prairie Grass, October 13th

The Land Ministry Committee is asking for donations of spring flowering bulbs to be planted this fall by the front entrance. We are looking for a wide variety of bulbs that are deer resistant. These include dwarf iris bulbs, snowdrops, hyacinth, crocus, snake's head fritillary, and daffodils. You may purchase bulbs yourself or donate money to the bulk purchase of these bulbs.

The planting day for these bulbs as well as plugs of prairie drop seed grass will be planted on Saturday, October 13th from 9 am to 12 pm. All are welcome to help plant, including children. For more information, contact Deb Schoelerman at dschoelerman@gmail.com.

Historical Records Committee, October 26th

The UUS Historical Records Committee collects, preserves, and organizes historical materials for both traditional and digital archives. We prepare information about UU heritage to be shared through articles, exhibits, and occasional special events. We will be meeting for a workday on Friday, October 26th, from 5 to 8 pm in the Conference Room. All are welcome!

We will have our next business meeting on November 10th from 10:30 am to 12 pm. Workdays are also planned for Wednesdays, November 14th and December 12th. Contact Diana Miller at history@uusic.org for more information.

Land Ministry Update

Spring Flower Bulbs: On Monday, September 24th, the corner area just south of the Sanctuary was planted with woodland prairie flowers, grasses, and daffodils donated by Sean Pearl of Sustainable Landscape solutions. These plants will add to the natural and native look of our property. Thanks to all who helped, especially David Selmer, the designer, who dug the holes with his auger!

Labyrinth: Work on the labyrinth, which will be located south of the solar array, will begin in a few weeks. The labyrinth will be wheelchair accessible. Landscaping will include native flowers and bushes on the perimeter of the labyrinth.

Landscaping near Solar Array: A plan is being developed, and we hope to plant a few things this fall.

PlayScape: The boulder scramble is in place. Most of the play items have arrived and will be installed this fall. We are waiting for delivery of the slide so that other work can proceed.

An Evening With Walt Whitman, October 27th

Celebrate Our One-Year Anniversary in Coralville!

On Saturday, October 27th, at 7 pm in the Sanctuary, we will mark our first anniversary in the new building by hosting two of Iowa City's most eminent literary figures in an evening devoted to Walt Whitman's "Song of Myself."

An internationally-renowned Whitman scholar, Ed Folsom is the UI's Roy J. Carver Professor of English, editor of the *Whitman Quarterly Review*, and co-director of the online Whitman Archive. Christopher Merrill is Director of the UI's International Writing Program and an award-winning poet, an accomplished editor and translator, and the author of six books of nonfiction including *Things of the Hidden God: Journey to the Holy Mountain*. Locally, he led the initiative that resulted in Iowa City's selection as a UNESCO City of Literature. Together, they have recently taught Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) on Whitman's "Song of Myself" and "Whitman's Civil War" and published a definitive edition of "Song of Myself" containing their detailed commentary on the poem.

Ed and Chris will discuss "Song of Myself" as well as Whitman's recently discovered "lost novel" and the poet's connections to Unitarianism and Universalism. There will be opportunity for a Q&A. Refreshments will be served before the presentation. Then stay for book signing, conversation, cake and coffee afterward. We hope that you and your friends will join us for this celebration. This event is organized by the UUS Secular Humanists.

Justice News and Events

Social Justice Coordinating Committee (SJCC)

The Social Justice Coordinating Committee (SJCC) coordinates our congregation's community service and social action activities in Iowa City and beyond.

SJCC and UUS have a long tradition of partnering with community agencies for special events and drives, such as the DVIP supply drive last month and Uptown Bill's in December (look for more information on this soon). This partnering continues this month with the CRC Clothing Drive (see right) and with the hosting of the Center for Worker Justice Gala Fundraiser on October 13th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Support their commitment to workers and immigrants by purchasing tickets to this event. Contact Sally Hartman before October 3rd for information about complimentary tickets, or purchase tickets at this address: <https://cwjiowa.salsalabs.org/october13/index.html>.

Next SJCC Meeting, October 9th

Our meetings are informal and fun, and we welcome new faces and ideas. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month, with the next meeting scheduled for October 9th at 7 pm in the Conference Room. Join us! All are welcome! Contact socialjustice@uusic.org to get more information about the committee.

CRC Winter Clothing Drive, October 13th

In the coming weeks, as you sort through your family's warm winter clothing, please start a box or bag of gently used, clean items for all ages for the annual Consultation of Religious Communities Drive. (Many of the families we helped last year were immigrants.) Our giveaway location will be at the Community of Christ (2121 South Ridge Drive) on Saturday, October 13th, from 9 am to noon. There will be sign-up opportunities at the SJCC Table to volunteer for that day as well as the preceding Thursday and Friday for sorting and set-up. Your items may be brought to UUS on Sunday mornings or other times starting on September 16th. New items, Halloween costumes, and clean winter blankets are also welcome. Contact Gay Mikelson with questions: gay-mikelson@uiowa.edu.

Green Sanctuary Committee, October 2nd

The Green Sanctuary Committee invites you to join us from 5:30 to 7 pm in the Conference Room the first Tuesday of each month as we collaborate on ways to live our 7th Principle (respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part) in the life of our church community, in our personal lives, and in our world.

Write Here! Write Now! Campaign, October 7th

UUS is a participating congregation in the Write Here! Write Now! campaign organized nationally by Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ). Each month UUSJ chooses an advocacy topic, and UU congregations from across the country submit copies of letters that are then reprinted and hand delivered on Capitol Hill by members of the UUSJ's Advocacy Corps.

A letter-writing table will be set up during social hour on October 7th. Joe Brisben will be your host and will provide paper, sample letters, and talking points. Look for the topic in the weekly email and the UUS Facebook page ahead of that Sunday.

UUS Racial Justice Circle, October 14th & 28th

The Racial Justice study/ACTION Circle (RJC) will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of October from 11 am to 12:30 pm in the Oak Room of UUS. RJC is UUS'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, please contact Dave Martin and Peg Bouska at racialjusticechair@uusic.org.

UU Free Lunch Program, October 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. UUS supports the Free Lunch Program by sending a group of volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up after a lunch on the second Friday of each month. If you want to join the team, email Diana Miller at dkmilleriowa@gmail.com. Our next service day is Friday, October 12th, at 11 am.

On Friday, September 14th, 29 dedicated UUS volunteers served lunch to 131 appreciative Free Lunch Program guests. The main dish was 'cook's choice' casseroles prepared or purchased by our excellent UUS chefs! Side dishes included cooked vegetables, vegetable salad, fresh fruit, and delicious cupcakes, brownies, and cookies.

UUS Get Out the Vote House Party, October 19th

The Iowa UU Witness and Advocacy Network (IUUWAN) links congregations for cooperative social justice projects and provides learning opportunities for the 14 congregations and fellowships across the state. The fall theme of their social justice efforts is "Get Out The Vote." To further that theme, IUUWAN encourages activities that will bring out voters. UUS will host such an event on Friday, October 19th, from 5 to 7 pm at Sally Hartman's home (826 Roosevelt Street, Iowa City). This will be a TGIF party with snacks and drinks, plus writing postcards and making phone calls to encourage voters. RSVP by October 18th to Sally at sallyhartman@hotmail.com.

"Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense" Forum, October 21st

It's a Movement not a Moment. Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense in America was founded by Shannon Watts, a mother of four, who decided enough was enough following the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2012. Today, they have over 5 million supporters and are the largest grassroots gun violence prevention group in the United States. Moms Demand Action represents the great middle ground of Americans who believe it is possible to both respect the 2nd Amendment and have common-sense gun regulations that address criminal background checks, permitting, red-flag laws, and concealed-carry limitations.

This forum after the service on Sunday, October 21st, will highlight the history of Moms Demand Action and their advocacy at the national, state, and local levels. Additionally, they will describe the Be SMART outreach program, which is designed to educate adults about safe gun storage and our growing emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Interest & Activity Groups & UUS Events

Buddhist Sangha, Mondays in October

The Sangha gathers almost every Monday evening at 7 pm at Oaknoll for silent meditation and discussion of contemporary Buddhist teachings. We are currently discussing the book *being zen, Bringing Meditation to Life* by Ezra Bayda. To find out more, contact Cindy Spading (buddhistsangha@uusic.org).

UUS Community Meal, October 3rd

We're hosting a series of suppers at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall on the first Wednesday of the month for all members, friends, and families of UUS that will offer casual dining at its best with meat, vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options. In October we'll enjoy pizza and salad. Don't miss this monthly chance to get out of the kitchen and get to know each other a little better! There is no set charge, but donations are always welcome to help cover costs. RSVP after services or online, and let us know if you can help with setup or cleanup: bit.ly/UUSCommunityMeals.

UUS Adult Choir Rehearsal, Thursdays and Sundays in October

The UUS Adult Choir rehearses weekly on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm. The choir will sing three Sundays of each month with one weekend off. On the Sundays when the choir sings, they gather in the sanctuary for a 9 am rehearsal before the 9:30 am service.

New singers are welcome! 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). If you haven't sung for some time or are questioning your skills, don't worry, we will find your voice placement once rehearsals have started. You will be welcomed with open arms. Questions? Give Gloria Corbin a call or send an email: 338-5012 or music@uusic.org.

Friends of Friends, October 7th

Friends of Friends is a support group where people with a disability and their friends and caregivers can swap stories and share coping skills. We will meet on Sunday, October 7th, at 11 am in the Hickory Room. To learn more, contact Michael and Rochelle Honey-Arcement at accessibility@uusic.org.

CUUPs Setting Energetic Barriers, October 7th

Join the Owl Moon Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS) on Sunday, October 7th, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the Hickory and Oak Rooms to explore how to set energetic boundaries both in your personal and spiritual life. Learn how to cleanse, protect, and cast circle for ritual purposes, dedicating sacred space, and personal energy protection. Please bring a journal and pen; we will be in a classroom and also outside (weather permitting). Email Marsha Cheyney (cuups@uusic.org) if you have any questions or to reserve your space in the class.

UU Book Discussion Group, October 8th

The UU Book Discussion Group will meet next on Monday, October 8th, at 7:30 pm in either Meeting Room A or B of the Oaknoll George Street building. The October selection is *Reading with Patrick: A Teacher, a Student, and a Life-Changing Friendship*, by Michelle Kuo. You can also start reading *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover which is our selection for November. At our last meeting we selected the books for the rest of the year; find that list at the next meeting or on Realm. Everyone is welcome to come participate on a monthly basis or just when a book interests you. If you have questions, contact Mary Lou Welter at 354-1231, bookgroup@uusic.org, or post in the Realm group.

CUUPs Food for Thought, October 12th

Join the Owl Moon Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPs) for a potluck and discussion on a pagan topic on the second Friday of each month at Marsha Cheyney's home! In October we'll be talking about "Magical Ethics." We'll gather at 6:30 and begin dinner at 7, with the discussion to follow. Contact Marsha Cheyney at marshacheyney@gmail.com with questions and to get directions.

CUUPs Crafting Your Practice Workshop, October 14th

Join the Owl Moon Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPs) for a discussion about our practices, whether daily, monthly, seasonally, or occasionally. We will gather to check-in, share, show & tell, and discuss practices we presently engage, from our past, some we may like to try.

This gathering is both a follow-up to a three-part workshop held earlier this year and an opportunity for anyone to join the discussion. You are invited to bring examples of practices, which may include descriptions or any materials needed to share with the group, yet this is optional.

We will begin the workshop with a grounding and centering exercise promptly at 3 pm. Please arrive a few minutes early to greet each other and get settled, and bring a journal or notebook for taking notes. If the weather is nice we may move to the patio. This gathering is best suited to adults and teens. If you have questions, please contact us at cuups@uusic.org or Dawn Marshall at materursasum@gmail.com or 430-1338.

UU Grief Group, October 17th

The UU Grief Group (UUGG) meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in the Oak Room at UUS. The group is open to those mourning the loss of a family member or friend. We provide a safe and supportive environment where you can talk about your loss confidentially to other UUs who have also experienced loss. You may come away from the group feeling more reconciled about your loss or with helpful ideas about how others are handling their grief. The group is led by Gail Garwood. While you do not need to pre-register, it is always nice to hear from you if you think that you may want to join us. Gail can be reached at griefgroup@uusic.org.

UU Scrabble Group, October 18th

The UU Scrabble Group will meet Thursday, October 18th, at 1:30 pm in the Walnut Room. Everyone is welcome to join in regardless of skill level! Beginners are welcome! Contact Gary Lawrenson (936-1291, scrabble@uusic.org) for more information.

UUS Board Game Club, October 18th

Join us for an evening of gaming on Thursday, October 18th, from 6 to 9 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Administrator Emma Barnum will share her collection of modern board games (Anomia, Mysterium, Azul, and many more). Don't worry if you've never heard of any of those—she has a wide variety of games with different learning curves and accessibility levels, and we can find something we'll all enjoy. If there's something specific you'd like to play, by all means bring it! There will be no childcare for this event, but older children are welcome to join. Bring a snack or nonalcoholic drink to share if you'd like—we'll bring Costco pizza to share! RSVPs on our Facebook event are appreciated, but not required. You can also contact Emma (admin@uusic.org), who can take your RSVP, answer your questions, or provide you a full list of her games.

UUVC Ethical Eating Class, October 20th

The UU Vegetarian Community (UUVC) is sponsoring a free monthly class for those who are interested in exploring a whole-food, plant-based lifestyle. It will draw on the UUA's Ethical Eating curriculum. Join us at 3 pm in the Hickory and Oak Rooms each month before the UUVC "Plantluck." The focus of this class will be on making healthy food choices and will be taught by a dietitian. The first class will be on Saturday, October 20th. Reservations are required; contact Carol Throckmorton (vegcommunity@uusic.org or 337-3030) if you would like to participate.

UUVC "Plantluck," October 20th

The UU Vegetarian Community (UUVC) will enjoy a "plantluck" on Saturday, October 20th, from 5 to 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a favorite vegan dish for 8-10 servings and your own reusable/recyclable table service and beverage. Everyone is welcome. Contact Carol Throckmorton at 337-3030 or vegcommunity@uusic.org for questions.

CUUPs Earthbeats, October 21st

Join the Owl Moon Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPs) for Earthbeats, a drum and chant circle in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 21st, from 3 to 5 pm. We will be meeting monthly alternating between the afternoon on the 3rd Sunday and 7 to 9 pm on the 4th Friday of every other month. Contact Marsha and Dawn at cuups@uusic.org with any questions.

Dances of Universal Peace, October 21st

Participants will gather in the RE Commons at 3 pm for chanting and simple folk dance movements honoring various religious traditions. These prayerful, heart-opening dances create a sense of inner peace and foster connections between people. No experience is needed. All are welcome to attend. Contact Virginia Melroy (338-1778 or dancesofpeace@uusic.org) if you have questions.

Girls' Night Out! October 23rd

All UUS women are invited for conversation, lots of laughs, and refreshments at 5:30 pm for Girls' Night Out on Tuesday, October 23rd, at Blackstone in Iowa City (503 Westbury Dr. #1). Contact Jamie Sharp (girlsnightout@uusic.org or 400-2551) if you plan to attend.

CUUPs Learning Circle, October 26th

Join the Owl Moon Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPs) for a monthly Learning Circle. We will alternate meetings between 6:30 to 9 pm on the 4th Friday in the Hickory and Oak Rooms and 3 to 5 pm on the 3rd Sunday in the Fellowship Hall:

- October 26th, 6:30 to 9 pm, "Working with the Ancestors"
- November 18th, 3 to 5 pm, "Kitchen Witchery"
- December 28th, 6:30 to 9 pm, topic TBD
- January 20th, 3 to 5 pm, "Candle-making"
- February 22nd, 6:30 to 9 pm, topic TBD
- March 17th, 3 to 5 pm, topic TBD

Contact Marsha and Dawn at cuups@uusic.org with questions.

"Harmony & CommUUniTea" Concert and Afternoon Tea, October 28th

On Sunday, October 28th, the LIROS wind ensemble will hold a concert in the Sanctuary followed by an afternoon tea in the Fellowship Hall. LIROS is made up of five wind players: flute, horn, oboe, clarinet and bassoon. The name of the group was created using the initials of the members' last names. The concert program will include wind quintet literature drawn from an eighteenth century piece by Paul Taffanel, a twenty-first-century piece by Karl Jenkins, arrangements of dance music, and a Dvorak bagatelle.

The Afternoon Tea will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Judith Leavitt, UUS' tea master, will usher guests through a formal four-level affair following the concert. The tea servings will be paired with appropriate food. Judith will provide interesting details about the afternoon tea tradition and the history of tea.

Tickets are \$10 per person, and will be available after services on the first three Sundays in October or by contacting the office. You must buy a ticket in advance to attend. Profits from the event will support the UUS Music Fund and the Oakdale Community Choir. Contact Gloria Corbin with questions (music@uusic.org).

No UU Secular Humanists in October

In lieu of an October meeting, Secular Humanists are encouraged to attend "An Evening With Walt Whitman" on Saturday, October 27th, in the Sanctuary at 7 pm. Organized by the UU Secular Humanist group, this event is the First Anniversary Celebration of UUS being in our new Coralville building. World-renowned UI Whitman scholars Ed Folsom and Christopher Merrill will present. See further event details on page 4 of this newsletter. Contact Mark Yuskis (resdoggie@aol.com) with questions about the UU Secular Humanists.

UUS House Ensemble Rehearsals, November 1st

Calling all UUS Instrumentalists!

Participants of last year's UUS House Ensemble had fun rehearsing and playing for Sunday services around the Christmas and Easter seasons. Please consider joining the Ensemble for the 2018-2019 season. In advance of the Christmas season, we will be rehearsing in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 pm from November 1st to December 13th (We will not rehearse on Thanksgiving). Then we will commence rehearsals again in March 2019 prior to Easter.

We will be working on music that will enhance the holiday Sunday services. New literature has been purchased and promises to be both interesting and a "little" challenging. Individuals will have the opportunity to select the part that compliments their skill level. Performance Sundays have not been selected as we will make those decisions as a group. Last year's instrumentation included: flute, clarinet, saxophone, French horn, trombone, trumpet, cello, piano, and recorder. Questions? Contact Gloria Corbin at music@uusic.org.

CUUPs Ancestor's Ritual, November 3rd

Join the Owl Moon Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPs) to celebrate and honor our Ancestors, Beloved Dead, and Mighty Dead with a feast on Saturday, November 3rd, in the Fellowship Hall. We will part the hedge, the threshold between our world and the one our beloveds who have passed occupy, then offer blessings, request boons, and invite our beloveds to join us for a meal.

Plan to arrive promptly at 6 pm and bring a dish and serving utensils to share (for 12 or more servings), a pre-written list of ingredients, and a beverage, either alcoholic or non-alcoholic, to share (optional).

A litany of our beloveds will be read during the ritual. Please also bring a representation or remembrance of one or more of your Ancestors, Beloved Dead, Mighty Dead. This could be an item, or a photo or art in a standing frame. (These will be placed on an altar and returned to you at the end of the gathering.) Once the ritual begins at 6:30 pm, the building doors will be locked to ensure continuity of the ritual.

Kindly RSVP with the number in your party and your list of names to be read during the ritual to cuups@uusic.org by Thursday, November 1st.

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Mission: We are a diverse spiritual community that touches hearts, changes lives, and transforms the world.

Vision: Our vision is to be a loving, inclusive, and growing spiritual community. We celebrate life and a liberal tradition that leads social justice work, heals the earth, and nurtures the lifelong journey of mind and spirit.

UUS Calendar for October 2018

A- Atrium
C- Conference Room
CW- Church-Wide

FH- Fellowship Hall
G- UUS Grounds
H- Hickory Room (Sr. High)

J- Juniper Room (Pre-K)
K- Kitchen
M- Maple Room (3-4)

N- Nursery
O- Oak Room (Jr. High)
R- Redbud Room (1-2)

REC- RE Commons
S- Sanctuary
W- Walnut Room (5-6)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 9:30 AM Service (S) 10:30 AM Social Hour (FH) 10:40 AM Inquirer Session (C)</p>	<p>1 7 PM Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll)</p>	<p>2 5:30 PM Green Sanctuary Committee (C)</p>	<p>3 6 PM UUS Community Meal (FH)</p>	<p>4 7 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 9 AM Trails & Woodlands Cleanup (G) 5 PM Dinners for Eight (offsite)</p>
<p>7 9:30 AM Service (S) 10:30 AM "Connect Beyond Sunday" Activity Fair (FH) 11 AM Friends of Friends (H) 1:30 PM CUUPs Setting Energetic Barriers (H&O)</p>	<p>8 7 PM Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll) 7:30 PM UU Book Discussion Group (Oaknoll)</p>	<p>9 7 PM Social Justice Coordinating Committee (C)</p>	<p>10 6 PM UUS Community Meal (FH) 6:45 PM CUUPs Days of Balance (C)</p>	<p>11 6:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting (C)</p>	<p>12 11 AM Free Lunch Program (1105 Gilbert Ct., IC) 6:30 PM CUUPs Food for Thought (Marsha Cheyney's home)</p>	<p>13 9 AM Bulb and Prairie Planting Day (G)</p>
<p>14 9:30 AM Service (S) 10:30 AM Social Hour (FH) 10:40 AM Inquirer Session (C) 11 AM Racial Justice Circle (O) 3 PM CUUPs Crafting Your Practice Workshop (C)</p>	<p>15 7 PM Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll)</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 12:30 PM UU Grief Group (C)</p>	<p>18 1:30 PM UU Scrabble Group (W) 6 PM UUS Board Game Club (FH) 7 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>19 12 PM November Newsletter Submission Deadline 5 PM Get Out the Vote House Party (Sally Hartman's home)</p>	<p>20 3PM Ethical Eating Class (H&O) 5 PM UU Vegetarian Community "Plantluck" (FH)</p>
<p>21 9:30 AM Service (S) 10:30 AM Social Hour (FH) 10:40 AM Inquirer Session (C) 11 AM "Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense" Forum (S) 3 PM Dances of Universal Peace (REC) 3 PM CUUPs Earthbeats (S)</p>	<p>22 7 PM Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll)</p>	<p>23 5:30 PM Girls' Night Out! (Blackstone, Iowa City)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 7 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>26 5 PM Historical Records Work Day (C) 6:30 PM CUUPs Learning Circle (H&O)</p>	<p>27 7 PM "An Evening With Walt Whitman Anniversary Celebration (S & FH)</p>
<p>28 9:30 AM Service (S) 10:30 AM Social Hour (FH) 10:40 AM Inquirer Session (C) 11 AM Racial Justice Circle (O) 3 PM "Harmony & CommUUniTea" Concert and High Tea (S&FH)</p>	<p>29 7 PM Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 5:30 PM House Ensemble Rehearsal (FH) 7 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 6:30 PM CUUPs Ancestor Ritual (FH)</p>

Find more events by visiting our website calendar (www.uusic.org/upcoming-events) or by signing up for our weekly emails (www.uusic.org/news/weekly-email).

Unitarian Universalist Society Board of Trustees MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – September 13, 2018

Board meeting minutes are made available on the website or can be requested from the UUS administrator.

Present: Jane DeWitt (President), Jim Laughlin (Past-President), Amy Fretz (Vice-President), Peg Voelker (Secretary), Sara Feldmann (Trustee), Michael Honey-Arcement (Trustee), Paul Pomrehn (Trustee), Colleen Higgins (Trustee), Rev. Diane Dowgiert (Ex officio Interim Minister), Peggy Garrigues (DCL), and Jessica Zimmer-Saltzman (DLRE)

Absent: Chris Rode (Treasurer)

Guests: Joel Gilbertson-White

Board President DeWitt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. DeWitt provided opening words followed by the Chalice lighting.

Consent Agenda: Consent agenda and other items are uploaded to Dropbox for Board review prior to the meeting.

Consent Agenda items: Board Agenda; September Executive Committee Minutes; July Board Meeting Highlights; Monthly Staff Reports (DLRE, DCL, Administrator, Music Director, and Minister); Treasurer's Financial Statements; UUS Building Security Task Force Charge Draft (Emma Barnum). *Other items:* Social Justice Action Fund Policy, Draft 03182018 (Feldmann); Johnson County Interfaith Coalition (JCIC) Covenant; Proposal to Join JCIC v3 (Joel Gilbertson-White); Garrigues Report on JCIC; Proposed CCLAM by-laws change (DeWitt); PPA Highlights and Recommendation (Rode); PPA between UUSIC and UU Solar LLC.

The Board received the Consent Agenda and approved the Executive Committee meeting minutes and Board highlights.

Proposed CCLAM By-Law Change: DeWitt shared that Rev. Dowgiert reported that she met with the Committee on Congregational Life and Ministry (CCLAM). Rev. Dowgiert also explained that UUA recommends that during Interim Ministry, congregations put their Committee on Ministry (COM) on hiatus and that CCLAM is a form of COM. The Executive Committee recommended, and the Board approved a proposed change to our by-laws (that the phrase "except during periods of interim ministry" be added to the CCLAM section) and that a congregational vote on the change be held at the next Congregational meeting. CCLAM will not meet until further notice.

Gift of Three Panels: DeWitt announced that a member (Bruce Alexander) would like to donate three panels to complement the four recently purchased so that all seven of our principles are represented in the community garden. Land Ministry supports accepting the gift. *The Board approved accepting the gift of three panels.*

First-Year Anniversary Related Updates: Garrigues provided an update about the first-year anniversary program on October 27th – "An Evening with Walt Whitman," sponsored by the Secular Humanist group. They are working with the publicity committee to promote this event not only within UUS but also to the general public. A few days after meeting, the Board received an Endowment Committee recommendation to allocate \$996 from the Detiger Fund to cover expenses for this program. *The Board approved the funding request via email voting.* DeWitt reported that planning is underway to recognize all the task force groups and individuals who worked tirelessly to bring our new building to fruition. Additionally, the presentation of the *Augusta Chapin Meritorious Service Award* to its first recipient will occur during an October Sunday Service.

Social Justice Action Fund Policy: Feldmann reported that the Social Justice Action Fund (SJAF) committee met and discussed the Board's comments about the policy. A fundamental question was posed: "Is a SJAF Board Policy statement needed, and if so, what should it contain?" Rev. Dowgiert said that these are great questions to address during an interim. She will ask the Transition Team to undertake a total system review looking at what goes into a strong congregation. *The Board agreed to table further review of the SJAF policy pending completion of that review.*

Solar PPA: Pomrehn presented the proposed Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) between UU Solar, LLC (UUS member solar panel investors), and UUS. The PPA defines the investor reimbursement terms. He explained that given the complexity of Linn County REC's rate structure, UUS would provide UU Solar, LLC a flat \$12,000 annually (representing a 3.6% return on their original investment). Rode submitted a PPA summary document with prediction models that show this arrangement will result in lower expenditures compared to what our actual cost would have been without the solar array. Rode also noted that the PPA will be reviewed annually; UU Solar, LLC is responsible for maintenance and insurance; and that UUS agrees to purchase the array after 10 years. *The Board approved the Power Purchase Agreement as presented.*

Johnson County Interfaith Coalition (JCIC) Proposal: Joel Gilbertson-White returned to continue the discussion started in July on whether UUS will participate in the Johnson County Interfaith Coalition (JCIC). His proposal recommends doing so and seeks Board approval. A report by Garrigues states that after she and Rev. Dowgiert met with Rev. Anthony Smith, JCIC President, and Pastor of New Creations International Church, in Iowa City, they both came away supportive of joining the group. DeWitt also received communication that the UUS Racial Justice study/ACTION Circle (RJC) supports joining JCIC. *The Board approved UUS joining the Johnson County Interfaith Coalition (JCIC).*

Pomrehn reported as process observer, and Laughlin provided closing words. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. to Closed Session. The next Board meeting is Thursday, October 11, 2018, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the UUS Conference Room.

Submitted by Peg Voelker, Secretary