



UNIFIRE NEWSLETTER

UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF JOLIET

AUGUST 2016

Religious Education

Religious Education will begin back up in September 4th. We do not have any RE meetings scheduled for the fall yet. Our relaunch gathering for the adults will be August 27th; location/time is TBD.

We offer R.E. each Sunday during worship service, from 10:30—11:30am. R.E. for grades 1—5 meet in the Sophia Fahs Room. RE tweens & teens meet in the John Murray Room (across from the restrooms). Nursery/Daycare is also provided. Nora Parkman, a licensed Daycare Provider, is available 10am—12pm each Sunday unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming Worship Presenters

Here are the presenters coming up over the next weeks:

August 7—Charlotte Droogan, “Gratitude and Lay Ministry”

August 14—Drum Circle, Scott Marshall & Denise Curry

Bring your drum and jam with us during this worship service!

August 21—Beverly Feldt, “A Face In The Crowd”

August 28—Rev. Elizabeth Harding

Water Communion

Water Communion will be Sunday, September 18th, during worship service at 10:30am with the Reverend Denise Tracy. This will be an intergenerational service, so R.E. kids will stay through the service and participate.

UUCJ Groups on Hiatus

Just a reminder that the following UUCJ groups will be taking a small siesta over the summer and will be starting back up in September:

- **Clara Barton Women’s Guild**

When they meet: Second Thursday of the month, 10:30am Workday in the Dickens Room, 12:00pm Meeting and Luncheon in the Sanctuary.

Open to: All women of all ages.

- **Current Science Discussion**

When they meet: Second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the Dickens Room.

Open to: Everyone with a passion for science!

- **First Thursday Social Justice Films**

When they meet: First Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary with discussion following the screening.

Open to: Everyone and the public. Bring friends!

- **Life Issues Support Group**

When they meet: Fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the Dickens Room.

Open to: All in need of group support.

- **Red Tent Book Club**

When they meet: First Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

Open to: All women.

- **Supporting Black Lives Matter**

When they meet: First Thursday of the month at 10:30am in the Dickens Room.

Open to: Everyone.

Worship Associates

Interested in learning more about Worship Associates? Music & Worship is offering training sessions, led by Scott Marshall, qualified minister(s), and members of M&W, for individuals interested in expanding their understanding and participation in our weekly service. If you are interested and willing to invest your time and talent in exchange for a great experience and a deeper understanding, please reach out to Scott Marshall or Laurie Garland. Training will begin in the fall. Further details to follow.



At UUCJ, our mission is to be an inclusive ministry, encouraging the educational and spiritual growth of its members and the greater community.

We Are Proud to Be an Official Welcoming Congregation!
We celebrate the presence and participation of everyone, be they bi-sexual, gay, lesbian, straight and/or transgender people.

Treibh Na Tintean

Have you checked out the UUCJ Pagan Group? If you're looking to celebrate full moons and pagan holidays, join a local pagan group, or just see what it's all about, Treibh na Tintean is your group! Treibh (like tribe) na Tintean, meets monthly to celebrate the full moon with ritual and festivities.

Coming up is Lammas, also called Lughnasadh, the celebration of the festival of the wheat harvest, and is the first harvest festival of the year. The Lammas Ritual will be Friday, August 5th, gather at 6:00pm in the Covenant Woods, with ritual beginning at 6:30/7pm. Come join us! Find out more about Treibh na Tintean on our website: <http://treibh-na-tintean.org/>

Supporting Black Lives Matter

I am a member of Sierra Club and was surprised as well as pleased when it published this message:

After the police killings of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile this week, our executive director Michael Brune shared this:

"It is impossible to not be outraged by the devastating images of black people being gunned down by police on a shockingly regular basis and it should be impossible to remain silent in the face of this sustained injustice any longer. Sadly, the tragedies that are unfolding before our eyes are just a fraction of the violence that has been happening off camera in our nation for far too long.

The Sierra Club believes all people deserve a healthy planet with clean air and water, a stable climate and safe communities. That means all people deserve equal protection under the law and the right to a life free of discrimination, hatred and violence. Unfortunately, those aspirations and goals are not a reality in our country, and that is why that is why the Sierra Club stands in solidarity with all of those saying #BlackLivesMatter, demanding justice, accountability, and action to confront the racism and inequality that has allowed these tragedies to persist. We can do better and by standing together to work for the changes that are needed, we will."

Submitted by Jeannie Owen

Happy Birthday!

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to those who will have birthdays in August!

7	Sandy Costa
	Margaret Juraco
8	Peggy Teeter
10	Lois Pedersen
12	Max Gorcowski
15	Caitlin Rodeghero
22	Ben Trouvais
25	Hannah Droogan
28	Melanie Sprengel
29	Knoah Droogan

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CHURCH CALENDAR

The UUCJ church calendar is online and gets updated weekly by our Office Administrator.

The calendar can be viewed via our website at www.uujoliet.org.

Simply go to the website, click on "More" and then on "Upcoming Events". It's fun, easy and informative. You can move forward and back month by month with a click of your mouse. You can even click on any given event for additional information about that event. Please let the office know as soon as possible if your event or meeting changes as others may be hoping for availability.

If you wish to be removed from our mailing list contact the church office at uucjoffice@att.net

Important Notes

Please note the following dates and times...

Caitlin Rodeghero's Office Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 4:30pm. As always, she may be out of the office (bank, post office, etc.) so please call ahead to reserve time with her.

Office hours are for members and friends only. All others please call and make an appointment.

Announcements

Have some news to include in the weekly announcement sheet? Please have it emailed or delivered to the Church Office by noon on Tuesday each week so that it can be included. Thanks to everyone for their support of our congregation and our good works.

Unifire

UUCJ Affiliates, please have all Unifire articles submitted to the office by noon on the following dates for inclusion in the Unifire: **August 15th, 2016**

If you have any questions or need assistance, please let the office know at 815.744.9020 or uucjoffice@att.net.

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