Music with a Mission: March 7
We’re new! We’re improved! Join us in Atherton Hall for our 8th year of this FUN fundraiser for our service partners. Our theme this year is National Cereal week, and we’ve got a new lineup of tasty bands and solo acts for your listening pleasure!

New this year is babysitting for young ‘uns and the acceptance of credit cards for admission. We will still have food, beer, wine and soft drinks. Also featured will be our 50/50 Raffle. All proceeds benefit our service partners Faith in Place, ICDI Chicago and Partners for Our Communities (POC).

Wear a cereal-themed costume or your jammies. Bring your dancing shoes and a box of cereal to donate to a food pantry. It will be more fun than staying up for your first all-nighter (although the doors close at 10 pm).

Pi Day Celebration for All Ages
March 14 (3.14), 6—7:30 pm
Enter the sacred circle to celebrate the wonders of this irrational, transcendental number! We will celebrate, of course, with pizza pies and fruit pies and cream pies and moon pies and other circular foods! There will also be awesome pi-related events: a pie walk, a pi paperchain, a Pi-Ku writing contest, the much-beloved Digits of Pi contest, and more!
To help out as a station host or prize pie bakers or to help set-up or clean-up, sign up online https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044e4a72fa13-pidaycelebration. For more info, talk to Leslie Vaughn, Hal Snyder, or Mary Shelden.

Congregational Potluck Lunch
Sunday, March 15, 11 am
If you’re Irish, wish you were Irish, if you are eco-green or even just feeling green like Kermit, join us for this month’s congregational potluck! We’ll learn about the counties of Ireland and have fun with family-friendly limericks.

Please bring a dish to share that is Irish or green. Soda bread, potatoes, carrots, cabbage, and salad are encouraged.

If you’d like to be a part of hosting the event, please contact Karen Epps.

Are You Doing Your Taxes?
Do you need your Giving Statement?
They were emailed to everyone on January 24 and mailed to those for whom we do not have an email address. If you can’t find the email, you can download & print your own giving statement:

- Once logged into Breeze, follow the instructions under “See My Giving History”

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Minister’s Muse

All Souls

Lea, Mark’s oldest child, sang this past Sunday in her church choir for the first time. She is so often traveling that she wasn’t sure she’d be able to join the choir. But her skill in singing as much as her good, clear, strong voice, meant that she was welcome, after all, even if she could only sing when work allowed her to stay in town. She loved it. The anthem was a great setting of a text by the 19th century Unitarian minister, William Ellery Channing. None of us is perfect, but when Channing got it right, he got it very right. This particular text is a declaration of both the first and last of our principles in a rather 19th century language — and at the same time, it is very much alive to this century and time. It is a good reminder — when events are swirling around us, that we, too, are powerful, vital, and valuable. He wrote:

I am a living member of the great family of all souls, and I cannot improve or suffer myself
Without diffusing good or evil around me
Through an ever—enlarging sphere.
I belong to this family.
I am bound to it by vital bonds.
I am always exerting an influence on it.
I can hardly perform an act that is confined
In its consequence to myself.
I belong to this family.
All others are affected by what I am and say and do,
So a single act of mine may spread in widening circles
Through a nation or humanity
I am a living member of the great family of all souls.
I belong to this family.

It is a beautiful expression of both our worth and our interdependence. There are certainly people that, at times, I would rather have no connection with. I mean, your family is usually the group of people you simply land in. Related by blood or adoption. In this passage, the minister is calling into kinship every person. It must have been beautiful to sit in his congregation on Federal Street in Boston and hear those words, and it remains beautiful if challenging even now.

And it has inspired the naming of Unitarian congregations since then. All Souls.

There have been moments in my life — of pure joy and celebration — when I have felt my kinship with all souls. And there have been moments when I have been saved by this idea — this reality — that we are one family — times when I have felt alone, bereft, anxious, or weak. This sense of kinship and power has come to me — a felt wisdom — and embraced me, given me courage, enabled me to take risks, to open my heart, and change my life. Even when the family of all souls seems torn by conflict — this idea gives me hope — because there are so many more members of the family who do feel that connection, more and more.

And because the power of kinship is loving and also fierce and faithful.

I am so happy for Lea, singing in the choir at All Souls in Washington, DC. And I am grateful for this faith tradition and our forebears who had the heart and vision to articulate this faith so that I could, so that we all could find it, be embraced by it, and share its beautiful message.

Dear Members and Friends of CCUH,

On pretty much a daily basis, we have to put the headlines and the news into perspective. In fact, the primary purpose of a faith community is to help put the world into perspective and to help ourselves be in the world in the wisest, most positive, creative, and loving way possible. That said, it is easy to become anxious reading headlines, and I welcome sitting down with anyone to listen and to hear your concerns.

It is in this context that I write to you about COVID-19/Coronavirus. To begin with, it’s important to remember this is a specific virus but not the bubonic plague. While we certainly don’t know everything about this virus, we know that “this illness is spread by exposure to airborne bodily fluids, and that the number of cases is rising. We know that people are dying of this illness, in numbers that appear similar to a particularly bad flu. And we know that this illness is likely to affect the United States in the coming weeks and months.”

So, it’s important to talk about practical measures that can help keep you and our faith community as safe as possible. It is time to take sensible precautions rather than surrendering to media-induced panic.

For the foreseeable future, life in general and congregational life will continue. We will meet, worship, celebrate, discuss, explore, and even potluck together.

Use some of the same precautions you would during the cold & flu season. Cough into your elbow or a tissue, rather than your hands, and show children how to do the same. Keep your hands clean and encourage children and teens to wash their own hands. I’ve been told that if you wash your hands with soap and sing “happy birthday” through twice as you wash, you will, effectively, truly cleanse your hands. Of course, if everyone starts singing happy birthday out loud while washing their hands, this could become quite noisy. Please sing in unison with friends and family if you’re washing your hands at the same time — or just sing it silently in your own head.

Of course, we will stock up on hand sanitizer and encourage everyone to use it — early and often; a hand sanitizer with a high percentage of alcohol can be better than handwashing.

Any flu or virus has its most harsh effects on people who are vulnerable, so keep an eye on yourself. Watch for a sore throat or other possible symptoms. If you are sick or suspect you might be getting sick, please stay home. There is no demerit — and plenty of credit — if you stay home when you’re sick. It increases your own resilience and protects other people — particularly the very young, the very old, and the vulnerable. If you find yourself ill and at home, please let the office or our lay ministry team know (after you have contacted your doctor, of course). If you need assistance, our Lay Ministry and Care Ministry teams should be informed.

To quote a colleague, “For now, the bottom line is — don’t work sick, don’t school sick, and don’t church sick, and practice the hand hygiene habits that help to keep us all healthy.”

Let us inoculate ourselves against panic and bad information. Let us stay connected and grounded. Instead, let us love ourselves and one another well enough to take care of our health — both physical and spiritual.

Yours in love and good faith, Rev. Hilary
From Your Board President

Recently, I had the pleasure of being one of several guest speakers at the Path to Belonging class for people who are considering membership at Countryside. This class is offered a few times throughout the year and helps prospective members learn more about Unitarian Universalism and our specific congregation. Tom McTavish, a leader in our Kinship Ministry, oversees this endeavor and does a great job of covering a lot of information that is important for people to be aware of as they are in the decision-making process in regards to "joining our ranks." This particular class had 6 in attendance, many (or perhaps all) of whom we will soon be welcoming as new members in an upcoming worship service. This is always an exciting process to me, as it takes me back to when I signed the membership book in 1985, leading me to recall that I then became part of those who came before me and those who would come after.

Another invitation I received in February was to serve as one of the judges for the 3rd Annual Cupcake Wars sponsored by our Family Ministry program. It was so fun (not to mention delicious!) to see all the kids, with their parents and siblings cheering them on, having a good time cooking and creating in the Countryside kitchen. This particular event is just one of many intergenerational activities that our Family Ministry group (most capably led by Ann Blymire) plans and carries out throughout the church year, and I encourage all of you – no matter your age – to join in when you are able. I promise you that a good time is had by all!

I mention these two events because they are just a couple of examples of the many activities constantly going on under our rooftop at 1025 North Smith Road in Palatine. When I read through the Focus or look over the blue insert in our order of worship or open the weekly e-update, I never cease to be amazed at the number, variety, and interest in all the many offerings that are available to us at Countryside throughout the entire week, not just on Sunday mornings (although I definitely love seeing you on Sunday morning!). These are signs of a happening place, people!! So join in if you haven’t already – and bring a friend while you’re at it! In fact, mark your calendar for March 7 for our annual Music with a Mission – that’s a "don’t miss" for sure!!

As always, feel free to contact me at prez@ccuu.org. ...duRee

From the Chalice House Team

Did you know:

- With more than 65.5 million people displaced from their home today, no one can dispute that we are in the midst of a humanitarian crisis.
- Human history is a narrative of disruption and migration, and most of us are just a few generations removed from a story of displacement.
- Welcoming a stranger is the second most-repeated command in the Hebrew Scriptures (to worship God is the first.)

This background was the basis for the first session of Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis, facilitated by Vince Unger. The Dialogues curriculum invites us to look beyond the headlines and into the real-life experiences of displaced people.

What this means to us

Chalice House will make a real difference in the lives of at least one family seeking asylum in the United States, and we will use this course to help us plan our welcome and chart our path forward. Please join us for either or both of the next two sessions, Sunday afternoons, March 8 from 12:00 – 1:15 and March 22 from 12:00 – 1:45. A light lunch will be available. RSVP to ChaliceHouse@ccuu.org.

Growing Coalition of Support

Over and over, we hear from our Community Partners and Helping Hands that they are so grateful to be able to do something that provides direct and tangible support to people in need. We have a house, and our partners have money, time, and skills to contribute.

Our coalition of support is interfaith (see our complete list of partners here), however it has grown in recent weeks to include numerous Unitarian Universalist partners:

- Chalice House was selected by the MidAmerica Chalice Lighters to be highlighted in their quarterly communication, and that helped us successfully complete our first Faithify campaign, in which we raised nearly $3000 from individuals outside of Countryside.
- We also received the support of Tree of Life UU Congregation, the Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois (UJANI), and Chicago Area Unitarian Universalist Council (CAUUC), all of whom are helping us find donations of furnishings and other items needed for the home. If you want to see what’s needed, view the Sign-Up Genius link here.
- North Shore Unitarian Church is a financial partner, and they are also leading the effort for kitchen set-up.

What’s Next

We are busy planning for home prep and repairs in the month of April. If you would like to get involved, have any suggestions, or want to learn more, email ChaliceHouse@ccuu.org, or join us at the team meeting on March 15 at 12:30 following the congregational potluck.

P.S. If you have not yet turned in your form for our 2020: CCUU Pledging with Vision stewardship campaign, please do so, as a team is working to put together a proposed budget for the 2020-21 church year. From Thomas Earthman, founder of the I Am UU project: "Stewardship in a Unitarian Universalist community or ministry is not about payment for services rendered or buying your way into personal reward, in this life or another. It is about investing . . . to create the world you always hoped for, so that it will be there for future generations."
Upcoming Worship Services

Worship Services & Religious Education Classes are on Sundays at 10:00 am.
NOTE: Announcements begin 5 minutes prior to the start of the worship service.
Worship descriptions are also on the church website: http://ccuu.org/services/

**Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 am on March 8 ~ clocks spring ahead 1 hour**

Mar 8  International Women’s Day: Awakening to the Fullness of History
This is an all-church service; young people attend the service with their families.  Rev. Hilary L. Krivchenia

Mar 15  Living in Hope?
Young people begin in the sanctuary with their families and will be sung out to their religious education classes.
In uncertain times we long for certainty and assurances, but is that possible? Do we turn toward hope, or is that folly?
Join us as we explore notions of hope in troubled times. This morning’s pulpit guest, the Rev. Beth Johnson, is minister of the Palomar UU Fellowship in San Diego, about 40 miles from the Mexico border. Rev. Beth has been involved in numerous interfaith and social justice activities including peace actions, immigration rights, marriage equality, and animal rights. Rev. Beth serves as president of the board of UU Animal Ministry and on the boards of Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice and UURISE – Unitarian Universalist Refugee and Immigrant Services and Education.
Share the Plate: Half of the cash collected in the offering will be donated to Clearbrook.
*Be sure to stay after the service for our monthly Congregational Potluck lunch.*

Mar 22  Featuring ICDI
Young people begin in the sanctuary with their families and will be sung out to their religious education classes.
Rev. Krivchenia and Melanie Schikore from our service partner, Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants (ICDI), will lead this service which will feature ICDI and its context within Unitarian Universalism.

Mar 29  The Spirit of Art, The Art of Spirit
Young people begin in their classrooms for 5th Sunday Faith in Action service learning.
Share the Plate: Half of the cash collected in the offering will be donated to Youth Outlook.

April 5  Featuring Faith in Place
Young people begin in the sanctuary with their families and will be sung out to their religious education classes.
Rev. Krivchenia and Dan Huntsha from our service partner, Faith in Place, will lead this service which will feature Faith in Place and its context within Unitarian Universalism.

Friday, April 10, 6 pm  Annual Passover Seder
All families are invited to attend our annual Passover Seder. For more info, see page 7.

April 12  Easter: Ever Rising—Liberation & Justice in the Life & Teaching of Jesus
Young people begin in the sanctuary with their families and will be sung out to their religious education classes.
Share the Plate: Half of the cash collected in the offering will be donated to the Minister’s Discretionary Fund, used to help those in need in our congregation.

Help make Worship available to those at home
We’ve had a request to make the worship service available live to those who can’t physically get to church – via our Zoom account or via Facebook Live. To do this, we need folks who are willing to work the video camera on Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to help with this, please contact Rev. Hilary or Jeff Phillips.

Take Home Our Traveling Chalice
The chalice travels from Sunday to Sunday -- pick up the chalice case following church on one Sunday, then return it to that same shelf prior to worship the following Sunday. The idea behind the traveling chalice is simply that it assist you in making reflection and/or worship a part of daily life during the week, as well as at church on Sundays. Contact Mary with questions, DLRE@ccuu.org.

Be Part of Worship
Light the Chalice and/or Sponsor Worship Flowers
When you light the chalice – as an individual, couple, family, friends, you will receive the words to speak days before the service or you can choose to simply light the chalice without speaking, as the minister or someone else reads – your choice. When you sponsor flowers for the service, you can dedicate them in honor or memory of a person or an occasion. Sign up online: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044ea4a7fa13-worship

Have a Smart Phone or Tablet?
Download the free Breeze CHMS (church management system) app! Once downloaded, the church ID is CCUU. Check your giving and access the church directory right from your phone.
What does it mean to be a People of Wisdom?

When the topic of wisdom comes up, so do the usual images. Walls and walls filled with dusty old books. Elders with the wisdom of many years carved into the wrinkles on their faces. Diplomas framed and filling one’s office wall. Endless letters placed in front and behind your name (Dr., PhD., LCSW, JD, Rev., etc.)

The message: wisdom is about accumulation. If you want to be wise, you need to pile it on. More knowledge. More experience. More books to read. More gurus to follow. More degrees to get.

But then words like these sneak into the conversation:

Knowledge is a process of piling up facts; wisdom lies in their simplification. - Martin H. Fischer

There is no need to “acquire” the knowledge of God. There is only the dropping of the illusion and forgetfulness. - Omid Safi

Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone. The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of non-essentials. - Lin Yutang

It’s a reminder that the math of wisdom is often the opposite of what we think. It’s more a game of subtraction than addition. Often, accumulation of knowledge doesn’t get us closer to wisdom; it’s just in the way. There’s a sorting, simplifying and stripping away that needs to occur. It’s about unknowing as much as knowing.

Just think about how deeply we get tangled up in those cultural messages about money and success. Or the way degrees, IQs tests and SAT numbers get mixed up with status rather than the pursuit of truth. Or the way political parties, religions and even science claim to have all the answers. Maybe this is why the Sufi poet Hafiz wrote:

The Beloved sometimes wants
To do us a great favor:
Hold us upside down
And shake all the nonsense out.

And with all the nonsense shaken out and stripped away, maybe what we notice most is not so much the pearls of wisdom themselves, but the sources of wisdom we’ve forgotten.

When reason and logic hog the spotlight, the wisdom of the body rarely enters the room. When week-long retreats with the newest guru define the path to wisdom, we stop asking what our failures and mistakes are trying to teach us. When “experts” sit in the center, the wisdom of those on the margins is lost.

So many untapped sources. So much wisdom waiting to be known. Makes one think that maybe the wisest question of all this month is: “Where have I not looked before?”

Questions for Considering Wisdom

As always, don’t treat these questions like “homework” or try to answer every single one. Instead, make time to meditate on the list and then pick the one question that speaks to you most. The goal is to figure out which question is “yours.” Which question captures the call of your inner voice? Which one contains “your work”? What is that question trying to get you to notice or acknowledge? Often it helps to read the list to a friend or loved one and ask them which one they think is the question you need to wrestle with!

1. Who is the wisest person you know? Which of their lessons might be worth remembering today?
2. What’s something you know now about wisdom that you didn’t know when you were 18 years old?
3. How much do you trust the wisdom of your intuition?
4. Whose wisdom most often leads you on your way? The wisdom of your head? Your intuition? Your heart?
5. Have you learned more from calm introspection, listening to wise ones, or surviving one of life’s storms?
6. What piece of nonsense did you hold onto the longest?
7. What was the wisest decision/choice you made as a young adult?
8. What was the wisest decision/choice you made as a parent?
9. When do you wish you had been wiser about love?
10. It’s been said, “Nothing ever goes away until it has taught us what we need to know.” Which of your problems, messes, mistakes or pieces of pain just never seems to go away?
11. What one piece of advice do you wish you hadn’t ignored?
12. What has been the most unlikely source of wisdom in your life?
13. When did you first feel wise?
14. When was the last time you were wise enough to admit, “I don’t know”?

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- Get daily inspiration on the monthly theme by liking the CCUU Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Countryside-Church-Unitarian-Universalist/218478024883750
- Find musical inspiration on each theme by following the monthly Spotify Lists: https://www.soulmatterssharingcircle.com/spotify-lists.html
- Find support for bringing the monthly themes into your family life with Soulful Home: A Guide for Families: www.soulmatterssharingcircle.com/soulful-home.html
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SPRITUAL ECOLOGY
Finding inspiration, hope and renewal in our natural world
RENEW  HEAL  RECONNECT

Immerse yourself in the beauty and inspiration found in our local forest preserve. Participants will utilize indoor and outdoor gathering areas and nature trails during activities designed to reduce stress, promote calm and reawaken the authentic self.
The program begins Friday evening with dinner, land acknowledgment, journaling, and socializing and runs through Saturday afternoon. Meals included. Overnight cabins available (optional). Stay tuned - registration and more information to come.

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UU Common Read Discussion Series
Youth, Young Adults, and Adults of all Ages:
Please join Dr. Mary and Rev. Hilary in a series that will explore the 2018 and 2019 UUA Common Reads: Justice on Earth and An Indigenous People’s History of the United States.
The sessions will be held at 11:30 on the following Sundays after services:
- Sun Mar 8 – Justice on Earth
- Sun Mar 15 - An Indigenous People’s History
- Sun Mar 29 – An Indigenous People’s History
- Sun Apr 5 – An Indigenous People’s History
- (Apr 24-25 – Journeys Retreat)
- Sun May 3 – Justice on Earth
This book discussion series is meant to bracket and illuminate our annual Journeys Retreat, which this year will focus on the theme of Spiritual Ecology, exploring Nature from a holistic perspective (walks in the woods, creative projects, visiting speakers, discussion), while keeping mindful of environmental justice.
We expect the series will serve up rich food for thought and ample material for discussion. We hope to have a blend of ages and voices so that our discussions can look both forward and backward in greater scope and fullness.
Please join us and bring a sack lunch. (Please avoid peanuts and tree nuts, on account of allergies – but human nuts welcome!)

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Important Invitation
Lifespan Religious Education Start-Up!
Sat, May 9, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
Everyone with an interest in our Lifespan Faith Development program is invited to join us! Nancy Combs-Morgan from the MidAmerica Region of the UUA will facilitate our Start Up in partnership with Dr. Mary Lamb Shelden, our Director of Lifespan Religious Education. This Start Up will guide Countryside Church in uniting as a congregation and moving forward as we embrace faith formation through a multi-generational lens. During our Start Up, we will explore the topics of:
- CCUU’s heritage: Identifying, holding closer and letting go
- Beginnings: where are we now and who we are today
- Vision of Unitarian Universalist faith development in CCUU's lifespan religious education
- The connection Lifespan Faith Development has to the greater vision and ministries at CCUU
We hope you’ll join us! If you plan to, please RSVP here: https://ccuu.breezechms.com/form/LREstart-up
In faith and love, Rev. Hilary and Mary
Don’t Miss the Passover Seder!
**Fri, April 10, 6 pm ~ Register by April 5**

Come to the annual Countryside Passover Seder. This is one of our major all-church, family events of the year. It will be held on Friday, April 10, starting at 6:00 PM. We will take reservations and donations on Sundays after services, March 22 through April 5. Recommended donations are: $10 per adult, $5 per child, or $30 per family. You are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share that follows basic Jewish tradition (described below).

**What is a Passover Seder?**

It’s a ritual banquet which includes a retelling of the Exodus. ‘Seder’ refers to the order of the ritual. ‘Passover’ refers to the night that the angels of death passed over Jewish homes just before the Israelites won their freedom, fled after parting the Red Sea, and escaped from Egypt. The evening service includes wine (or grape juice) and special foods. There are readings in English and Hebrew and we even sing songs. Anyone who is willing can read. Once the ‘service’ portion is over, a meal is shared by those attending and then another short service follows to end the Seder. While the Seder takes a while, it is a family friendly event and is most often conducted in homes with children taking part in the reading or sharing of the story.

**Why do UUs celebrate the Passover Seder?**

As UUs we recognize, respect, and turn for wisdom to the traditions of other religions – like Christmas and Ramadan. In this case we are celebrating a sacred Jewish tradition. The main messages of the traditional Jewish Passover Seder are freedom and gratitude. We focus on these messages in our version of the Seder while retaining much of the traditions. Even today, we need to be grateful for our freedoms and continue to protect them.

**What will it be like?**

You’ll arrive by 6:00 PM and bring a dish to share. That dish should meet general Seder guidelines – no pork, dairy, bread, or yeast. We’ll then begin our service by following a book called the Haggadah which tells the story of the escape from Egypt. The word – Haggadah – means ‘the telling’. Our Haggadah includes an interesting Unitarian Universalist story as well. We’ll have some coloring to help occupy the children, but everyone is included in the evening. Since we will not eat for almost an hour, you might give your kids a small snack beforehand (though getting hungry is part of the tradition for many folks). During the service we share food from the Seder plate which includes matzo, hard-boiled eggs and oranges. Bring the whole family and your friends.

At a break in the Seder, we’ll serve vegetarian matzo ball soup and share a meal. Baked chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to complete the meal (see guidelines above).

Once the meal is over, we’ll have a brief service to complete the Seder. There will be goodie bags for the kids in addition to the exciting search for the Afikomen. If you don’t know what that is – join in and find out!

If you have questions, contact Carol Bobbe, 224-636-3330 or cabobbe@comcast.net.

Participate in Our Collaborative Bulletin Board

Have you participated yet in our monthly theme-based collaborative bulletin board in the classroom wing? Maybe you noticed last month the stone-and-leaf path about Growth Mindset, a key component of Resilience? This month, our theme is Wisdom, and we’ll be building a Words of Wisdom mandala together. Pick up your mandala piece in Atherton Hall or on the bulletin board, and write a word or phrase or symbol that signifies wisdom to you -- then give it to Mary or Marisol, and they’ll position it as part of the mandala -- or catch them in the hallway, and you can tack it up together! Our bulletin board is a too-often-missed opportunity for building intergenerational community – let’s help one another and our young people to be part of it!

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Book Drive for Bernie’s Book Bank

If you’ve been at church recently, you’ve seen the boxes of books in the hallway outside the church office and in the classroom wing. Our volunteering day, which got snowed out in January, has been rescheduled for May 23. Our book drive for children and youth has been extended until then. The books will be donated to Bernie’s Book Bank, so scour your home and/or your local thrift shop for gently used books, or give yourself a reason to frequent that local bookshop you love for something new and wonderful! Bernie’s Book Bank collects books for at-risk children and youth throughout the Chicago area, and their mission is to help empower children and lift them out of poverty through the power of reading!

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Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis

Countryside’s Chalice House team is hosting a three-session series on the Refugee Crisis based on the Dialogue on Refugee Crisis curriculum. The last two sessions will be held March 8 & 22, beginning at Noon.

Email ChaliceHouse@ccuu.org to learn more or to register.

Are you in Recovery? Would You Like Support?

We are beginning a recovery support group for those in our congregation. This group will be strictly confidential and will meet regularly and off-site to promote confidentiality. As the numbers grow, the number of meetings will increase. If you have had long term sobriety, please consider adding this group to your list of support groups and support others in their recovery. Alcohol recovery support programs do not guarantee success, however, they have been found to reinforce recovery for a significant number of people, and we want to bring this support to our congregation in a form manageable for non-theistic or agnostic persons. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rev. Hilary, minister@ccuu.org or 847-359-8440 ext 2, as soon as possible, as our meeting off-site will require a reservation. Initially, the group will meet every other Thursday, 5:30—7 pm.
Open Forum Discussion  
**Sundays, 9-9:50 am**
Please join us in classroom 5 to discuss “the issues of the day” while respectfully welcoming different perspectives. Email vidaxel@axeldesigns.com for more info and/or to join the Forum email list. Upcoming topics are listed below. Future topics are tentative; the ones scheduled for the upcoming two Sundays are the least likely to change, but current events developments or other factors sometimes inspire us to switch late.
- March 8: The cultural significance of professional U.S. football
- March 15: TBD  
- March 29: TBD  
- April 5: discussion of a recent current events topic; in the four weeks prior to the discussion date, participants send Vid suggestions of a subject of recent news headlines for the group to discuss. If Vid receives no suggestions, he picks a topic.  
- April 12: TBD

**Welcome Our Newest Members**
Please be sure to welcome these new members who signed the membership book in the past three weeks. They will be formally welcomed during an upcoming worship service.
- Nancy Frenk  
- Sherri Olefsky  
- Elizabeth Prenger  
- Rick Rayborn

**Intro to CCU ~ 1st Sundays**
Newcomers are invited to attend a brief orientation to Countryside Church and Unitarian Universalism any 1st Sunday following worship.

**Path to Belonging**
**May 31 & June 1, 11:30 am -1:30 pm**
These classes are an opportunity to learn more about CCU and more about the meaning of membership and to get to know others. Our minister, staff, and lay leaders provide exercises and opportunities to explore what you are seeking at CCU and to discover the freedom and diversity of our faith. It’s helpful to take both classes in the same session, but you can take one in one session and one in another. If you can’t make this series, the classes will be offered again in the fall. Childcare is available if requested in advance. Email Membership@ccuu.org for more info.

**Sing with Choir**
Do you enjoy singing? Then perhaps you would enjoy singing with our choir. We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:15-9:15. Just come on in. We’ll be saving a seat for you! Childcare is provided during rehearsals. For more info, contact Alison Vernon, 847-359-8440 ext. 5 or Music.Director@ccuu.org.

**Atheist, Humanist, Agnostic (AHA) Discussion ~ 2nd Tuesdays, 7 pm**
All are welcome to join us in classroom 4 on March 10, when We will watch an hour of various speakers from the last Reason Rally, held annually in Washington DC. Discussion will follow the viewing. The Reason Rally has a lot of notable secularists, atheists and critical thinkers. A snippet from Wikipedia sheds more light on the Reason Rallies that have taken place.

**Children & Youth Choirs**
Young people in 1st thru 8th grades are invited to meet in the Music Rehearsal Room after Sunday School, about 11:15, for a 20-minute fun rehearsal. For more info, contact Alison Vernon.

**Stoking Justice**
**Thinking Like an Economist**  
**Mondays at 7 pm, through April 6**
All are welcome to join us in classroom 1 on any Monday evening! This spring session will review the reviews how an economist would think about social issues like climate change, subprime mortgage problems, etc. No math required, but bring your moral compass.

**Green Sanctuary News**
**One Earth Film Fest: The Power of We ~ March 6—15**
Many films will be shown across the Chicago area. The closest film will be at the Catlow Theater in Barrington on Sat, March 7, 2:00-4:00 PM. This film is FREE, but registration is requested. Registration & details for the film fest can be found online: https://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/

**Intro to Paganism**
If you have wondered about what the Sixth Source* of Unitarian Universalism means; if you are curious about spiritual paths that support the Summer Solstice and Winter Solstice celebrations at Countryside, join us for this Saturday morning class facilitated by Leslie Peet. The class will be based on the book Paganism: An Introduction to Earth-Centered Religions by Joyce and River Higgenbotham. We began in February and our schedule continues on these dates:
- Mar 14, 9:00-11:00, room 6  
- Mar 28, 9:30-11:30, room 5  
- Apr 11, 10:30-12:30, room 6  
- Apr 18, 10:30-12:30, room 6  
- May 2, 10:30-12:30, room 5
For more info, contact Leslie, lapeet@sbcglobal.net.
* For those not familiar with the six sources of our living tradition, they are in the grey hymnal, prior to hymn # 1 and can be found online: https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/sources
Emerging Young Adults Group
2nd & 4th Sundays, 6 pm
Those who are 18-30 years of age, whether newly out of school or attending college or working, are invited to join us in classroom 4 on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for conversation and community.

20-30 Somethings
1st Sundays, 11:20 am
If you are in your 20s or 30s, please join us on the 1st Sundays of the month after worship in classroom 4. Childcare is available during our meetings. Other events which we have in the works:
- March 28: Game Night - more details TBD
- Thurs, Apr 9, 6 pm: Seder Set-up in Atherton Hall ~ a 20/30s tradition of service to the church. Dinner provided.
- April 18 Game Night- more details TBD
- May 16 - Picnic Hike more details TBD
We also encourage attending Music with a Mission on March 7 and participating in the Pi Day Celebration on March 14! For more info or to be added to our email list, email 2030s@ccuu.org.

40-50 Somethings
Game Night: March 28, 7:30 pm
All are welcome to join us in Atherton Hall for an evening of board games. No RSVP required. We socialize for a little while first and enjoy some non-alcoholic beverages and appetizers. Please bring your favorite game and an appetizer to share. New-comers, late-comers, non-members and significant others are always welcome!

Ages listed are not intended to be restrictive; all are welcome to join us! If you have an idea for an activity for the group, email 4050s@ccuu.org. To join our email list, go to http://ccuu.org/mailman/listinfo/4050slist_ccuu.org.

Transitions
Our mission is to provide a forum for adults to explore life transitions with a supportive community during daytime hours.

Monthly Program & Lunch: March 26, 10 am
Our program this month will be presented by Ellen Vinzani on her recent trip to India for a wedding. It took place in New Delhi; they attended six events over three days, including a Hindu ceremony and one in a Sikh temple.

Potluck lunch follows the program; bring a dish to share or your own individual lunch. All are welcome; invite a friend!

Buddhist Study Group
2nd Sundays, 11:30 am
All are welcome to join us in classroom 4 as we discuss selected Buddhist texts and try to apply the principles and techniques to our everyday lives.

Social Action News
Monthly Fair Trade Sale: Mar 29
Once/month, we offer fair trade chocolate, coffee, tea, cocoa, olive oil, and snacks for sale during our coffee-fellowship time. For each pound of Equal Exchange food purchased, 20 cents goes to the UUSC's Small Farmer Fund, https://www.uusc.org/uusc-fair-trade-project/. Monthly PADS Meal: Weds, March 25
Our congregation is responsible for providing dinner for the PADS shelter at Presbyterian Church of Palatine on the 4th Weds of the month, Oct thru April. If you are able to provide part of this month’s meal, please sign up online, https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044ea4a72fa13-march3. Contact Leslie Luther, bauwdirector@gmail.com, with questions.

Journaling Circle ~ March 5 10 am
Writing Together for Self-Discovery
We gather on the 1st Thursday of each month. Each gathering opens with a short meditation. We then free write and write from prompts related to our monthly themes. Through sharing our writings, we also share life’s journey and deepen relationships within our community. Bring a notebook/journal, a pen, & your desire for personal exploration and growth.

Women 60+ Building a Village
Thurs, March 12, 10 am
Countryside offers women 60 years and older a place where we can build our own village. Please join us on the second Thursday of each month from 10-11:30am. Feel free to bring a beverage.

Upcoming Book Discussions
Book Circle: March 15
All are welcome to join us in classroom 6 to discuss 1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created by Charles Mann. Presenting the latest research by biologists, anthropologists, archaeologists, and historians, Mann shows how the post-Columbian network of ecological and economic exchange fostered the rise of Europe, devastated imperial China, convulsed Africa, and for two centuries made Mexico City...the center of the world. In this history, Mann uncovers the germ of today’s fiercest political disputes, from immigration to trade policy to culture wars. We gather at 6:15, discussion begins at 6:30. All are warmly welcome!

Last Mondays Book Group: March 30
All are invited to join us at 7 pm in the Stokes Room to discuss a classic—Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Yoga ~ 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6-7 pm
Join us in the Spirit Play Room (rm 9/10) for this all-levels class, which focuses on stretches and poses that calm the mind while increasing balance, range of motion, and core strength.
Church Year Highlights to Come

**Mark Your Calendar**

**March ~ Theme: Wisdom**
- 7 Music with a Mission
- 14 Pi Day Party
- 15 Monthly Potluck Lunch

**April ~ Theme: Liberation**
- 10 Passover Seder
- 12 Easter
- 18 Selfie Scavenger Hunt
- 19 MidAmerica UU Regional Assembly in Rockford
- 24-25 Journeys Adult Faith Development Retreat
- 26 Western Crescent Choral Fest at CCUU

**May ~ Theme: Thresholds**
- 16 Kindness Rock Geocaching Hike
- 17 Congregational Annual Meeting

**June ~ Theme: Play**
- 7 All-Church Flower Communion, Family Fun Day & Congregational Potluck
- 14 Pride Service
- 21 Summer Solstice Service
- 24-28: UU General Assembly in Providence RI

**Sunday Volunteers Needed**

Please sign up to greet, usher, and help with AV - [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044ea4e72fa13-sunday](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044ea4e72fa13-sunday). Contact the church office with questions. Thank you!

**How to Find CCUU Sign-up Lists**

Click on the ‘Opportunities to Serve’ icon on the front page of ccuu.org, which takes you to SignUpGenius; there provide the sign-up creator’s email, ccuu@ccuu.org, and select a sign-up.

**Wellness House Offerings at CCUU**

**Hypnosis Group & Reiki Sessions**

Held here at CCUU the 1st Saturday of the month, these offerings are open to anyone in our area who has or had cancer of any kind. *Free and registration is required; call 630-654-5197 or email kmitchell@wellnesshouse.org.*

**ICDI Prayer List**

Undocumented and imprisoned immigrants and refugees have placed themselves on prayer lists through Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants (ICDI). If there are any here who would like to offer prayers or heartfelt meditation, in the sanctuary of your heart, the latest Prayer List is available to photocopy from the bulletin board outside the church office.

**All In For Climate Justice: People, Power, Planet ~ April 10-13, 2020**

The UU United Nations Office invites participants age 14+ to gather in New York City for their 2020 Intergenerational Spring Seminar. For info and to register, go to [www.uua.org/international-justice/un/spring-seminar](http://www.uua.org/international-justice/un/spring-seminar)

**MidAmerica Regional Assembly**

**April 18 at UU Church of Rockford IL**

Register Now!

For those who register by March 20, the price is $100; $125 after that. Registration is limited to 200 participants and registration will close April 12 or when it’s full. For more information including the schedule of events, workshop information, and much more, go to [https://www.uua.org/midamerica/ra/2020](https://www.uua.org/midamerica/ra/2020).

The keynote speaker will be Taquiena Boston, Special Advisor to the UUA President for Institutional Inclusion, Equity, and Change. The day will feature worship, the annual business meeting, lunch, keynote presentation, select workshops, and a presentation from members of the Commission on Institutional Change.

**Midwest UU Summer Assembly**

**Jun 28—July 4 at YMCA of the Ozarks**

Join this annual intergenerational UU retreat for fun, fellowship, and personal growth. For more info and to register, go to [https://muusa.org/](https://muusa.org/)

**Chalice Sparx Family Camp & Retreat**

**July 10-13 ~ Register now!**

UU families are invited to experience a truly multigenerational community at Camp Friedenswald in southwestern Michigan, only 90 miles from Chicago. Although we are a small growing camp, families with a child, youth, or adult who is trans or non-binary, families of color, and families with a child of color represent 1/3 of our families. More info: [www.chalicesparx.org](http://www.chalicesparx.org).

**MidWest Leadership School**

**July 12-18 in Bloomington IL**

We are passionate about our mission to make our lay training experience ever more transformative, including moving the school venue this year to Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington IL. Consider whether you or a fellow congregant is ready to step up to that next level of personal growth and leadership. For more info, go to [www.mwis.org](http://www.mwis.org)— or talk to Rev. Hilary about her experience at MidWest Leadership School!

**General Assembly 2020**

**June 24-28, Providence, RI**

**Rooted, Inspired, Ready**

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend.

Early Bird Registration is open through March 15; new this year: a monthly installment plan to pay for your registration. Housing Reservations are also now open. For more info, go to [https://www.uua.org/ga](https://www.uua.org/ga).
Upcoming Church Meetings & Events: March-April

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Our Covenant
We unite to strengthen the bonds of kinship among all persons, to promote human dignity, and to increase reverence for life's creating, sustaining, and transforming power through worship, study, and service.

Our Mission
We are a spiritual community actively answering the call for love, compassion, reason, and justice.

Our Vision
Countryside is committed to being a voice of and active presence for liberal religion in the northwest suburbs. Empowered by our Mission Statement, we endeavor to:
- Create a welcoming place of connectedness, compassion, and respect for people of all ages.
- Advance inclusivity and diversity within our congregation and community.
- Care for each other in times of joy, sorrow, and transition.
- Provide for spiritual and intellectual growth and inspire lifelong learning.
- Promote a sustainable future for our community and world by acting with a social, environmental, and global conscience.
- Communicate and spread the message of Unitarian Universalism within and beyond our community.
- Promote peace and justice in our congregation, communities, and the world.
- Engage in thoughtful stewardship of our resources to achieve our mission and carry out our vision.

Upcoming Focus Deadlines
Submit all articles by 10 am to ccuu@ccuu.org
Feb 26 (publ. Mar 4)   Mar 25 (publ.April 1)   Apr 29 (publ May 6)
Between Focus issues, written communication is via E-Updates & the Sunday Times insert to the Order of Worship. Deadline for e-updates & Sunday Times is Weds at 10 am.

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