



# the Builder

Universalist Unitarian  
Church of Peoria

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## On the Journey

### Community. Commitment. Conscience.

In August and September, the Board spent time getting to know each other and considering the needs and priorities of the congregation. We also found inspiration and aspiration in our shared care for the church and for being a liberal voice in Peoria. Themes included improving the sustainability of the congregation, welcoming and integrating new people, boosting volunteerism, building better relationships between the Board and the congregation, living into our presence as a liberal community in the larger Peoria area, and being a safer place for those at risk in our society. In the end, we agreed on three key words for the year: **Community, Commitment, Conscience**. See Board President Edward Flint and the rest of the Board to hear more about our conversation and how everyone can be involved. A full list of Board members is at the back of this newsletter.

The Soul Matters theme for September was Building Belonging. For October, we Cultivate Compassion. One of the best ways to tend to one another's concerns is to share them with another person. Please consider this an open invitation for coffee and conversation with me. I am available to meet at church or over coffee or lunch. I make house calls, too. And as was asked in the Question Box Sermon on August 31, I am happy to visit during hospital stays as well as at area retirement homes. My best days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday as well as Sunday afternoon. The best way to reach me is by phone: 972-639-7900. I look forward to hearing from you.

Finally, after a long pause, I am in search of a new choir director. I hope that the choir can perform one Sunday per month and prepare music for Christmas Eve. If you have suggestions for a director or would like to be part of the choir, please let me know. Many thanks to the members who have been practicing hymns before the service and boosting the congregation's singing, too!

*Bowing to the Light Within,  
Reverend Jennifer*

## Sunday Services

**Sunday, October 5, 10:30am**

**"We Are All Choir Members"**

**Reverend Seth Major**

What are ways in which we can think about how we should interact with the world around us? How should we "show up" in the places where we live, work, and play? Rev. Seth Major will present the concept of harmony as a framework for navigating the places we inhabit. What notes can you sing in order to create a more loving song for our world?

**Sunday, October 12, 10:30am**

**"Breaking Up with Colonialism"**

**Reverend Jennifer Innis**

In honor of Indigenous Peoples Day and amid the wave of anti-immigration detention, how do we address our own biases and concerns?

**Sunday, October 19, 10:30am**

**"Sacred and Holy Words"**

**Reverend Jennifer Innis**

In the big tent of Unitarian Universalism, we have more feelings about language than people in Peoria. How do we speak of what inspires us?

**Sunday, October 26, 10:30am**

**"Compassion in a Broken World"**

**Reverend Jennifer Innis**

Our hearts are broken open in so many ways in our time. How do we address the pain in the world and care for ourselves?

**Sunday, November 2, 10:30am**

**"Grief & Gratitude:**

**A Service of Remembrance"**

**Reverend Jennifer Innis, Jesi Laughlin,  
and the Congregation**

At this time of year, many cultures and faiths set aside time for when the veil between the living and the dead grows thin. We will have time to share the names of our beloved dead at this all-ages service.



## Sunday Worship



### October 5th Guest Speaker ~ Reverend Seth Major

Reverend Seth Major is an ordained Christian minister, having served congregations in Chicago Heights, IL, Joliet, IL, and most recently Peoria, IL, for the last eleven years. Throughout this time, he has also worked in the human services sector, working to create more just and equitable spaces for our community's most vulnerable residents. Seth lives with his spouse and two children in Peoria, IL. His sermon on October 5, "We Are All Choir Members," will present the concept of harmony as a framework for navigating community.



### Register Today for Children & Youth Religious Education!

Register online at <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/215833>.

**Nursery Care (Birth-3 years)** ~ Loving care for our youngest UUs every Sunday.

**Spirit Play (PreK-1st Grade)** ~ Storytelling, ritual, play, and creativity inspired by the Montessori method to help children explore their UU faith and search for truth and meaning.

**LEGO Values (2nd-4th Grade)** ~ An introduction to UU Shared Values through storybooks, discussion, LEGOs, and activities. Later in the year, Mosaic Lifespan Anti-Racism curriculum will provide age-appropriate learning about identity, culture, and building the beloved community.

**Power of the People (5th-8th Grade)** ~ Discussions of times in American history when people took action, focusing on the values that guided them to let the past inspire our future. We'll use *Rad American History A-Z* by Kate Schatz and Miriam Klein Stahl and art projects from Mint & Bloom.

**Pathfinders (9th-12th Grade)** ~ Exploring individual paths and building UU identity through Games to Build Community and, later in the year, examining white supremacy culture, exploring indigenous wisdom, and planning a worship service for our whole community.

### Our Whole Lives: Lifespan Sexuality Curriculum

*Grades 5-6 Fall 2025 ~ Grades K-1 Winter 2026 ~ Grades 10-11 Spring 2026*

### Volunteer Today



### Volunteer in Children & Youth Religious Education

We need you to help make Sunday classes a success! Read the class descriptions above and see Jesi Laughlin, DLRE, to select the class you would like to work with. Volunteers are also needed for caretaking the kids' area in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall, cleaning and stocking busy bags and fidgets, organizing events, maintaining bulletin boards, and more. Email Jesi at [DLRE@peoriaUUchurch.org](mailto:DLRE@peoriaUUchurch.org) to make your commitment today.



## October Share the Plate ~ Product of the Project (POP)

POP uses three modules to help involve local urban youth in community development. The modules are designed to help develop character, accountability, positive relationships, financial literacy, and healthy lifestyles. Youth who give back to their communities develop better leadership skills, learn the importance of helping, and gain important work ethics. Community participation helps youth grow to become empathetic citizens who can continue similar work as adults. POP receives no government funding. For more info, go to [www.productoftheproject.org](http://www.productoftheproject.org) or

look for Product of the Project on Facebook.

Our UU Share the Plate program allows for one-half of the undesignated Sunday offering to be donated each month to a local not-for-profit organization. You may also put cash or check in an envelope with the charity's name on it, and we will be happy to forward it.

## Adult Religious Education

### Tuesday Night Adult Religious Education

This fall, we are offering an adult RE experience every Tuesday night. Attend one, some, or all classes or just the sessions that interest you. Detailed information below. RSVP at <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/221451> or just drop in!

### Spiritual Practices: A Time for Self-Reflection ~ 1st Tuesdays, 6-7:30pm, In-Person Only

This series helps participants develop regular practices that help us connect with the sacred. Spiritual practice affirms religious diversity while seeking unity in our communal quest for meaning and wholeness. Each session offers a forum for learning, sharing, and growth that can enrich our personal faith journeys. *Oct. 7: Prayer ~ Nov. 4: Meditation ~ Dec. 2: Worship & Ritual*

### Inquirers for Newcomers & Visitors ~ 2nd Tuesdays, 6-7:30pm, In-Person Only

This is a series of conversations about the Universalist Unitarian Church of Peoria and our UU faith. Designed for visitors and newcomers, these conversations could be a first step to membership.

*Oct. 14: Faith Development for Children & Adults and Worship & the Liturgical Year*

*Nov. 11: Pastoral Care and Small Group Connections*

*Dec. 9: Social Action, Community Service & Racial Justice and Membership 101*

### Crossing Paths: An Exploration of World Religions ~ 3rd Tuesdays, 6-7:30pm

In-Person or Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3sxzsci>

Each month, we will learn about a different faith tradition and the central struggle that faith wrestles with, taking inspiration from author Stephen Prothero. We will notice how this faith crosses our own UU faith's path. Participants will have an opportunity at a later date to visit a local faith community.

*Oct. 21: Hinduism ~ Nov. 18: Judaism ~ Dec. 16: Islam*

### UU Can't Ban My Books: A Virtual Book Club ~ 4th Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm

Next on October 28 ~ In-Person or Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3sxzsci>

We'll read and discuss young adult books that have been banned or challenged—books that spark meaningful conversations around social justice, identity, and the values we hold dear as UUs. Books are available locally at [Lit on Fire](http://Lit on Fire), online at [bookshop.org/shop/UUCP](http://bookshop.org/shop/UUCP), or free at your local library.

This month's selection, *Crank* by Ellen Hopkins, tells the story of how one summer's drug use changes the course of honors student Kristina Snow's life, showing that addiction can strike any person or family. Kristina is only 16 when she first uses crystal meth, which she dubs "the monster." Written in hypnotic, broken verse, the novel is loosely based on the struggles of Hopkins's own daughter. Minimal words and granular details immerse the reader in the psyche of a teenager dealing with drug addiction. A *New York Times* bestseller, *Crank* is also regularly featured on banned-book lists for its depictions of addiction and sex.

Join us this month or in the future:

**Nov 25: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie**



## Activities & Announcements



### **Tao Te Ching Study Group**

Thursdays, Oct. 2-Nov. 6, 7-9pm  
Conference Room or Zoom at  
<https://tinyurl.com/nhabftv7>

We will be exploring the 2,500-year-old ideas in the Chinese *Tao Te Ching*. Gene Mialkowski and Bill Keefner will facilitate, and our primary source will be the *Tao Te Ching* as interpreted by Stephen Mitchell with occasional references to other translations and interpretations. The goal is to have lively, insightful discussions on the meaning of the Tao and how it applies to society today and to us as individuals. Bring your copy of the *Tao Te Ching* if you have one.



### **Springdale Cemetery Actors' Tour**

Saturday, October 4, 4pm  
\$15/adult & \$10/child

Join our UU group to step back in time and meet some of Peoria's fascinating past residents brought to life by

costumed actors! **You'll pay at the cemetery**—we just need to give them a headcount in advance. Members are encouraged to carpool. Sign up at <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/221708> Questions? Email Tim Herold at [herold1961@gmail.com](mailto:herold1961@gmail.com).

### **Side with Love: The Gathering**

Monday, October 13, 7-8:15pm, Online  
Register at [sidewithlove.org/actioncenter](https://sidewithlove.org/actioncenter)

Join us for this monthly virtual event designed to offer spiritual grounding, political analysis, and collective action. This month, we gather on Indigenous Peoples' Day to get grounded with story by Katie Resendiz, who most recently served as Director of Children's Ministry at the UU Congregation of Phoenix, and UU minister Rev. Clyde Grubbs (Texas Cherokee) will invite us to examine Colonialism violently imposed on the land and people in contrast to the indigenous understanding of all our relations. Join us live or watch the recording later.

The Gathering is Side with Love's monthly event to strengthen your spirit, make sense of the threats to democracy, and take meaningful action alongside others!



### **The Haunted Forest Is Coming!**

#### **Haunted Forest Planning Meeting**

Sunday, October 12, Noon

Let's talk spooky times!

#### **Haunted Forest: The Main Event**

Saturday, October 25, 7-8:30pm

\$5/person cash or credit

Enter the Forest If You Dare!

Haunted Woods, Tricks & Treats, Campfire, Samhain Ritual, Witches Dance, Tarot Readings, and more!

Dare to enter the trail through the Haunted Forest, where ghouls and goblins eagerly await your visit! Our haunted forest is specifically designed to be just the right amount of fright. Scary enough for brave kids and adults of all ages, but not so scary or gory you'll have nightmares! **Parents must supervise children at all times.** Costumes encouraged! Donations appreciated. Come for any or all activities!

#### **Haunted Forest Material Donations and Volunteers Needed**

Calling all spooks, ghouls, and anyone else who wants to lend a helping hand! Sign up to volunteer for the fourth annual Haunted Forest! This big event is the time we welcome the most new visitors from the tri-county area to our church, and we need YOU to make it special. Work on the forest, help with activities, lend a hand with the Trick-or-Treat Trail, or be a logistics person—there are roles for everyone, and you can help before, during, and after the event. We would love to borrow string lights, battery operated lights, Halloween decor, or a generator. We are accepting donations of decor, candy, and baked goods. See this [description of roles](#) and sign up in the church foyer or online at <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/221605>.

#### **Calling All Ghoulish Dancers!**

*Haunted Forest Flash Mob*

Rehearsals: Monday nights at 6pm, UUCP

Join us to perform the "Thriller" dance at our Haunted Forest whether you're an expert dancer or just like to move like the undead! Drop-in rehearsals are Monday nights at 6pm and/or practice with this video: <https://tinyurl.com/u8asf8nh>. Interested? Email Regina Stanley at [membership@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:membership@peoriauuchurch.org).



## Forest Work Day

*Saturday, October 18, 9-11am, Great Grove*

Join us to prepare the Great Grove for the Haunted Forest! We'll do sidewalk cleanup around the building as well. Please wear appropriate clothing. Questions? Email Evan Stubbs at [sirstubby@hotmail.com](mailto:sirstubby@hotmail.com).

## Halloween Carnival

*Friday Oct. 17, 6-8pm, RE Commons*

*Games & Prizes! Tricks & Treats! Cookie Decorating! Monster Mash Dance Contest! Snack Bar Potluck! Costumes Encouraged!*

UUCP members, friends, and visitors are welcome to join the Halloween fun! We need your help to make it special. Bring your goblins, host a game, play the mad scientist, help with cookie decorating, set up, or clean up—there are roles for everyone! And please bring a Halloween-themed food item for our potluck snack bar. Sign up in RE Commons or at <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/228587>.

## Proposals for Social Justice Projects

*Applications due November 1*

At the fall congregational meeting, the church votes on what social justice projects it will support in the coming year. Help us live into our social justice values by submitting an application to the Social Impact Committee. See Rev. Jennifer for information. The form is available on paper or as a PDF. A minimum of two members must sign on as project leaders.

## Peoria Proud Trunk-or-Treat

*Sunday, October 19, 2-5pm (Set up at 12:45pm)  
Lakeview Parking Lot*

We've signed up to host a trunk at Peoria Proud's First Annual Trunk-or-Treat! Email Jesi Laughlin at [DLRE@peoriaUUchurch.org](mailto:DLRE@peoriaUUchurch.org) to help host, or bring your kiddos for tricks and treats!



## The Great UU Book Sale Is Coming!

*Friday & Saturday, Nov. 7 & 8, 8am-3pm*

*\$5 Bag Sale: Sunday, Nov. 9, 9:30am-12:30pm*

Our book sale is coming! **Donations accepted starting Oct. 1.** Please stack books *neatly* along the Jr. High Room walls until Oct. 30. After Oct. 30, stack them along the back wall of Fellowship Hall. (No encyclopedias or textbooks, please.)

To volunteer, sign up in the foyer or go to <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/225889>. Questions? Email Nancy Rakoff at [nrakoff@gmail.com](mailto:nrakoff@gmail.com).

## Peoria Rivermen Hockey Night

*Friday, Nov. 21, 7:15pm, Peoria Civic Center*

Join us for an exciting night of hockey! Tickets are \$31 each. Members are encouraged to carpool. To reserve your seat, go to <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/227035> or email Tim Herold at [herold1961@gmail.com](mailto:herold1961@gmail.com).

## In Our UU Family

### Joys & Sorrows from September

- ♥ We send healing wishes to Jim Johnson. He is receiving treatment for his heart condition and had a stent procedure on September 15.
- ♥ We offer our healing wishes to Kathy Carter, who had surgery on September 17.
- ♥ Several more members and friends are recovering from surgeries at this time. We offer healing wishes to them. May they have good care and swift recoveries.
- ♥ We send healing wishes to Dave Grebner, who was rear-ended in his car. Dave asks for healing energy as he recovers from the jolt. May his car repairs go well.
- ♥ We offer healing wishes to Mary Muholland-Kafar as she recovers from surgery and hopes for a good outcome with future procedures.



~ Thank you to Elaine Howell for her service as Library Chair. While she served as chair, she introduced a new database system and got our library organized. She is now retiring from this position. Elaine, we appreciate all you have done!

~ Thank you to Advanced Medical Transport for the donation of a new AED when they learned ours was no longer supported.



## Recurring Groups

### Keepers of the Great Grove ~ CUUPs

Wednesday, October 1, 6-7:30pm

Conference Room or Zoom

at <https://tinyurl.com/2nyj5zet>

Join us for our monthly member-led meetings. We will go over general business, discuss and plan for upcoming Sabat celebrations, and a member will lead a different enrichment topic each month. CUUPs stands for Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans. All are welcome.

### Life Force Tai Chi ~ 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sundays, Oct. 5 & 19, 9:30am, Meet in Foyer

Tai Chi is an ancient discipline from China. Join Dave Grebner for this class, where we will learn how to stand and move to enhance the flow of chi life energy through our bodies. We will meet in the church foyer, find an available room, and practice until 10am.

### Amethyst Circle: An Addiction Recovery Group Following UU Values

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 7-8pm, RE Meeting Room or Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/3u7f8yh2>

Gather with others to offer and receive support on your addiction journey. This group is facilitated by Tony Huerta and is open to all.

### Mah Jongg for UUs

Sundays, Oct. 12 & 26, 1-3pm, Fellowship Hall

Do you play Mah Jongg or do you want to learn? Join the fun on 2nd and 4th Sundays! Bring your own drink and snack, and if you have a Mah Jongg set or mat, bring it, too. Questions? Contact Char Rickey at 309-472-7085 or [spinwool7@aol.com](mailto:spinwool7@aol.com) or Evan Stubbs at 575-621-5519 or [sirstubby@hotmail.com](mailto:sirstubby@hotmail.com).

### Third Thursday Ladies' Lunch

Thursday, October 16, 11:30am

Untamed Chef ~ 7338 N University St, Peoria

Join us for a unique meal and a one-of-a-kind cooking experience by Chef Rebecca Hearn. Please RSVP to Carlette at 309-258-5890.

### LGBTQIA2S+ Group at UUCP

Monday, October 20, 2pm, Conference Room

Do you identify as LGBTQIA2S+? Do you attend, visit, or belong to UUCP? Join us on the 3rd Monday each month. Questions? Email Tim Herold at [herold1961@gmail.com](mailto:herold1961@gmail.com) for details.

### Brown Bag Lunch & Conversation

Thursday, October 23, 11:30am-1:30pm

Conference Room

Bring your own lunch and join in conversation with others on the 4th Thursday of each month. This lunchtime community is open to all!

### Retired Men's Last Friday Lunch

Friday, October 31, Noon

Childers Eatery, 3312 N University St., Peoria

Join other retired UU men for lunch on the last Friday of the month. Questions? Email Bill Keefner at [wkeef84@gmail.com](mailto:wkeef84@gmail.com).



**Mugs & Musings**  
**Thursdays at 10am**  
 CxT Roasting Co. ~  
 6035 Knoxville Ave.  
 Peoria

Drop in and join Membership Coordinator Regina Stanley to discuss whatever is on your mind. Questions? Contact Regina at 309-648-2767 or [membership@peoriauuchurch.org](mailto:membership@peoriauuchurch.org).

### A Course in Miracles

Sundays, 8:45-10am, Conference Room

You are welcome to join ongoing weekly sessions of *A Course in Miracles*, a self-study spiritual program based on universal spiritual themes, primarily including forgiveness as the path to love in order to focus on living more peacefully in this world. To RSVP, contact Suzette Boulais at [zetter@comcast.net](mailto:zetter@comcast.net).

### Humanist Discussion Group

Tuesdays, 7pm on Zoom

at <https://bit.ly/3rthCHR>

Join us as we invite guest presenters and talk about videos of current events, religion, and politics. We aspire to use empathy, humility, curiosity, critical thinking, and compassionate communication to discuss new insights, controversy, disinformation, irrationality, and magical thinking.





## Church Life

### Rain Garden Work ~ August 28



We wish to thank Girl Scouts Penny Kuester and Molly Hicks (*pictured above*) for their work on the church's rain garden. They made a sign, planted native plants, and created an educational pamphlet about rain gardens with details about ours. You can find this pamphlet in the church foyer. They did this work to earn their Silver Award, the second highest Girl Scout honor.

### Ingathering Tie-Dye ~ September 7



### LGBTQIA2S+ Group ~ September 15



### Mabon ~ September 19





## Illinois River Sweep ~ Saturday, September 20



**Affirming Faiths Youth Group ~ September 21**

**Morton Pumpkin Festival ~ September 13**





# Calendar of Events - October 2025

## Wednesday, October 1

8:30 AM	SEAPCO Preschool Screenings	RE Wing	<a href="mailto:office@peoriauuchurch.org">office@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
10:00 AM	Builder Mailing	Conference Room	<a href="mailto:office@peoriauuchurch.org">office@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
1:00 PM	Administrative Team	Conference Room	<a href="mailto:adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org">adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
6:00-7:30 PM	Uukulele Strum Fun	Foyer	Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626
6:00 PM	Keepers of the Great Grove ~ CUUPs	Conference Room & Zoom	<a href="mailto:DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org">DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org</a>

## Thursday, October 2

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	CxT Roasting Company	<a href="mailto:membership@peoriauuchurch.org">membership@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
2:00-4:00 PM	Connection Circle	Jr. High Room	<a href="mailto:sgm@peoriauuchurch.org">sgm@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
7:00-9:00 PM	Tao Te Ching Study Group	Conference Room/Zoom	Bill Keefner, <a href="mailto:wkeef84@gmail.com">wkeef84@gmail.com</a>

## Saturday, October 4

4:00-8:00 PM	Private Event	RE Commons	<a href="mailto:office@peoriauuchurch.org">office@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
4:00-5:30 PM	Springdale Cemetery Actors' Tour	Springdale Cemetery	Tim Herold, <a href="mailto:herold1961@gmail.com">herold1961@gmail.com</a>

## Sunday, October 5

8:45-10:00 AM	A Course in Miracles	Conference Room	Suzette Boulais, <a href="mailto:zetter3@comcast.net">zetter3@comcast.net</a>
9:30 AM	Life Force Tai Chi	Meet in Foyer	Dave Grebner, <a href="mailto:doggiedad@mtco.com">doggiedad@mtco.com</a>
10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall	
12:00 PM	Sunday Afternoon Circle	Sr. High Room	<a href="mailto:sgm@peoriauuchurch.org">sgm@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
1:00 PM	PRC Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, <a href="mailto:wkeef84@gmail.com">wkeef84@gmail.com</a>

## Monday, October 6

1:00 PM	OLLI Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, <a href="mailto:wkeef84@gmail.com">wkeef84@gmail.com</a>
6:00 PM	"Thriller" Flash Mob Practice	at UUCP	<a href="mailto:membership@peoriauuchurch.org">membership@peoriauuchurch.org</a>

## Tuesday, October 7

11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Tuesday Morning Connection Circle	Conference Room	Jeanette Gruber, 309-383-3111
6:00-7:30 PM	Spiritual Practices	Conference Room	<a href="mailto:DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org">DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717
7:00-9:00 PM	Small Group Facilitators Meeting	Virtual	<a href="mailto:sgm@peoriauuchurch.org">sgm@peoriauuchurch.org</a>

## Wednesday, October 8

9:00-Noon	Private Homeschool Group	RE Wing & Fellowship Hall	<a href="mailto:DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org">DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
1:00 PM	Administrative Team	Conference Room	<a href="mailto:adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org">adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
6:00-7:30 PM	Uukulele Strum Fun	Foyer	Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626
7:00-8:00 PM	Amethyst Circle	RE Meeting Room	<a href="mailto:DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org">DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org</a>

## Thursday, October 9

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	CxT Roasting Company	<a href="mailto:membership@peoriauuchurch.org">membership@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
2:00-4:00 PM	Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle	Conference Room	<a href="mailto:sgm@peoriauuchurch.org">sgm@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
7:00-9:00 PM	Tao Te Ching Study Group	Conference Room/Zoom	Bill Keefner, <a href="mailto:wkeef84@gmail.com">wkeef84@gmail.com</a>

## Friday, October 10

Noon-4:00 PM	Private Wedding: Decorating	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall	<a href="mailto:office@peoriauuchurch.org">office@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
5:30-6:30 PM	Private Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary	<a href="mailto:office@peoriauuchurch.org">office@peoriauuchurch.org</a>

## Saturday, October 11

2:00 PM-11:00 PM	Private Wedding	Whole Church	<a href="mailto:office@peoriauuchurch.org">office@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
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10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall	
12:00 PM	Haunted Forest Planning Meeting	Room TBD	<a href="mailto:DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org">DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
12:15 PM	Caring Committee Meeting	Conference Room	<a href="mailto:caring@peoriauuchurch.org">caring@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
1:00-3:00 PM	Mah Jongg for UUs	Fellowship Hall	Char Rickey, <a href="mailto:spinwool7@aol.com">spinwool7@aol.com</a>

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6:30 PM	Monday Evening Connection Circle		<a href="mailto:sgm@peoriauuchurch.org">sgm@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
6:30 PM	Sierra Club Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Robert Rowe, <a href="mailto:rowe@bradley.edu">rowe@bradley.edu</a>

## Tuesday, October 14

6:00-7:30 PM	Inquirers for Newcomers & Visitors	Conference Room	<a href="mailto:membership@peoriauuchurch.org">membership@peoriauuchurch.org</a>
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 11:30 AM Third Thursday Ladies' Lunch  
 2:00-4:00 PM Connection Circle  
 7:00-9:00 PM *Tao Te Ching* Study Group

CxT Roasting Company  
 Untamed Chef  
 Jr. High Room  
 Conference Room/Zoom

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**Friday, October 17**

6:00-8:00 PM Halloween Carnival

RE Commons

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**Saturday, October 18**

9:00-11:00 AM Forest Work Day

Great Grove

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**Sunday, October 19**

8:45-10:00 AM A Course in Miracles  
 9:30 AM Life Force Tai Chi  
 10:30 AM Worship Service  
 11:30 AM Coffee Hour  
 12:00 PM Welcome Committee  
 12:00 PM Sunday Afternoon Circle  
 12:00-1:30 PM Hang Blinds for Haunted Forest  
 1:00 PM PRC Practice  
 2:00-5:00 PM Peoria Proud Trunk-or-Treat

Conference Room  
 Meet in Foyer  
 Sanctuary  
 Fellowship Hall  
 RE Meeting Room  
 Sr. High Room  
 Great Grove  
 Sanctuary  
 Lakeview Parking Lot

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**Monday, October 20**

1:00 PM OLLI Practice  
 2:00 PM LGBTQIA2S+ Group  
 6:00 PM "Thriller" Flash Mob Practice

Sanctuary  
 Conference Room  
 at UUCP

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**Tuesday, October 21**

11:00 AM-1:00 PM Tuesday Morning Connection Circle  
 5:30-7:00 PM Run Lights/Repair Décor for H. Forest  
 6:00 PM Finance/Personnel Committee  
 6:00-7:30 PM Crossing Paths: World Religions  
 7:00 PM Humanist Discussion Group

Conference Room  
 Fellowship Hall  
 Virtual/Library  
 Conference Room  
 Virtual

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**Wednesday, October 22**

9:00-Noon Private Homeschool Group  
 1:00 PM Administrative Team  
 6:00-7:30 PM Ukulele Strum Fun  
 6:30 PM Board Meeting  
 11:45 PM *Builder* Deadline

RE Wing & Fellowship Hall  
 Conference Room  
 Foyer  
 Conference Room

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**Thursday, October 23**

10:00 AM Mugs & Musings  
 11:30 AM-1:30 PM Brown Bag Lunch & Conversation  
 2:00-4:00 PM Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle  
 7:00-9:00 PM *Tao Te Ching* Study Group

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 Conference Room  
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**Friday, October 24 ~ Decorating for the Haunted Forest (All Day)****Saturday, October 25 ~ Decorating until Haunted Forest Time**

7:00-8:30 PM Haunted Forest

Church & Great Grove

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**Sunday, October 26**

8:45-10:00 AM A Course in Miracles  
 10:30 AM Worship Service  
 11:30 AM Coffee Hour  
 1:00-3:00 PM Mah Jongg for UUs

Conference Room  
 Sanctuary  
 Fellowship Hall  
 Fellowship Hall

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**Monday, October 27**

1:00 PM OLLI Practice  
 6:30 PM Monday Evening Connection Circle

Sanctuary

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**Tuesday, October 28**

6:30 PM UU Can't Ban My Books Book Club  
 7:00-9:00 PM Tuesday Evening Connection Circle  
 7:00 PM Humanist Discussion Group

Virtual  
 RE Meeting Room  
 Virtual

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**Wednesday, October 29**

9:00-Noon Private Homeschool Group  
 10:00 AM *Builder* Mailing  
 1:00 PM Administrative Team  
 6:00-7:30 PM Ukulele Strum Fun

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 Conference Room  
 Conference Room  
 Foyer

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**Thursday, October 30**

10:00 AM Mugs & Musings  
 7:00-9:00 PM *Tao Te Ching* Study Group

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 Conference Room/Zoom

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**Friday, October 31**

12:00 PM Retired Men's Last Friday Lunch

Childers on University

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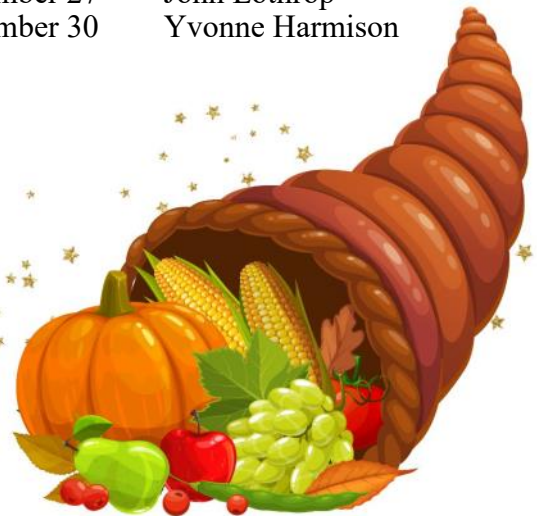
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November 1 Pat Denzer  
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 November 4 Therese Brink  
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 November 21 Gene Mialkowski

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 November 23 Kasi Enns  
 November 24 Nancy Sherman  
 November 25 Edward Flint  
 November 27 John Lothrop  
 November 30 Yvonne Harmison

## and Happy Anniversary!

November 20 Bob & Sherry Dearborn  
 November 20 David & Linda Rockwell



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