

On the Journey

From the Buddhist teacher, Thich Nhat Hanh:

The miracle is not to walk on water. The miracle is to walk on the green earth, dwelling deeply in the present moment and feeling truly alive.

I realize that we live in an extraordinary time of disruption and demand on our time and energy. The daily news is filled with stories that inspire us to keep going and keep advocating for human rights and decency as well as a constant barrage of how our governance is being dismantled. Leaders that should be looking out for everyone are only in it for themselves. Across the country, more people than we can measure are afraid to leave home for school, work, or just to get groceries. As has been said, I arise each morning torn between a desire to save the world or to savor it. Or to simply weep.

But daily living demands attention, too. Work and school and life must happen. Maybe this is not a bad thing. Maybe living our lives is a powerful act. Fellow Unitarian Universalist and author Marc Loustau reflects on his seminary experience in contrast with ministry today. The title of the article provides the takeaway: "Normal church is an act of fearlessness." In seminary, we learn how to take care of the church as pastors and as stewards of a fully human emotional system. The daily work includes starting the service on time as well as stopping and sitting when a member is floored by grief. Our ministry is tending to each other as we show up—and cleaning the coffee urn at the end of coffee hour. The regular acts of our lives are a powerful ward against despair. In a moment when a few people want to dehumanize the many, greeting a neighbor is resistance. Setting aside a cookie for a friend who is in a meeting is nurturing. Dancing on Valentine's Day at the church dinner with a wide range of couples is revolutionary. The Soul Matters theme of Paying Attention reminds me of how powerful it is to be a living, loving community as we are.

Marc Loustau's complete article is here: <https://tinyurl.com/4h45y2zw>.

*Bowing to the Light Within,
Reverend Jennifer*

Sunday Services

Sunday, March 1, 10:30am
"Being Together, Building Together"
Reverend Jennifer Innis

Amid the pulls and needs of the world, we also are called to care for our own lives and this congregation. What is the purpose of the church and Unitarian Universalism in this moment?

Sunday, March 8, 10:30am
"How Do We Know What We Know?"
Reverend Jennifer Innis

With so many sources of information, how do we know what is true, or even fact?

Sunday, March 15, 10:30am
"The Righteous Compassion of
Frances Ellen Watkins Harper"
Reverend Jennifer Innis

As part of Women's History Month, hear about a woman who sought equality for all people as she navigated being a Black Unitarian woman in antebellum United States.

Sunday, March 22, 10:30am
"The Sacred Power of Witness"
Reverend Jennifer Innis

We are told that attention must be paid to people and their experiences, especially in the work of justice. Why are we so called? What comes from listening and watching?

Sunday, March 29, 10:30am
"Wholeness"
Reverend Jennifer Innis

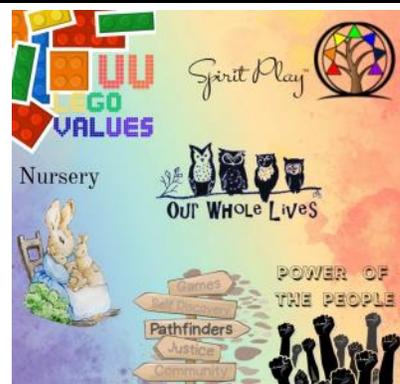
In a time of everyday moral struggle, how do we live lives of integrity inside and out? During this service, we honor Transgender Day of Visibility.



Sunday Worship

Be Part of a Teaching Team in Sunday Morning Religious Education

Help nurture the next generation of UUs! We're recruiting volunteers to serve on Religious Education Teaching Teams at UUCP. Team members share leadership, build relationships, and help create meaningful Sunday mornings for our children and youth. All curriculum is prepped and ready for you to pick up and go on Sunday morning. Sign up on the big bulletin board in RE for one of these groups: Spirit Play (PreK-1st grade), Lego ValUUES (2nd-4th grade), Power of the People (5th-8th grades), or Senior Youth (9th-12th grades).



New Member Sunday



New Member Sunday

Sunday, March 22

We will welcome new members during service on Sunday, March 22. If you've recently become a member, or plan to become a member, please join us. Please email Regina

Stanley at membership@peoriauuchurch.org to complete the membership steps.



Coffee with the Minister: Let's Talk about Worship!

*Sunday, March 15, Noon
Conference Room*

Are you curious about the purpose of worship in our congregation? Would you like to help, such as with a reading or decorating the altar? Join Rev. Jennifer for a conversation about worship in our church. Email revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org with questions.



Choir Director Search

Choir Director Search Continues

Reverend Jennifer is following up on candidates for our new choir director. If you have recommendations or have questions about the choir, please contact her at revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org.



**EAST BLUFF
COMMUNITY
CENTER**

March Share the Plate ~ East Bluff Community Center Food Pantry

EBC Food Pantry operates four Saturdays a month from 8:30am-noon. Guests select food items and then receive a prepared bag along with a choice of meat and dessert. Residents of this low-income area and unhoused individuals may access the pantry twice a month. Breakfast is prepared by the Peoria Area Humanists and is served to guests while they await their turn in the pantry. This 501(c)3 charity is staffed by volunteers, receives no government funding, and depends on donations of product and funds. For more information, see www.eastbluffcommunitycenter.org or look for East Bluff Community Center 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.

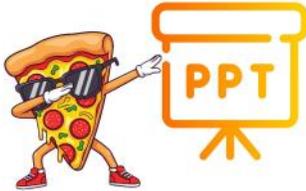
Activities & Announcements



Neighborhood House Food Drive

All through March

Has spring fever set in? Spring into action and donate to Neighborhood House! It's the ideal time to declutter and shed winter's heaviness! Consider donating any new or unopened unexpired surplus shelf-stable items, such as canned goods, boxed meals, condiments, spices, and baking essentials. Donations can be dropped off in the box near the front door at UUCP. You can also support the cause by checking out their Amazon wishlist at <https://www.nhpeoria.org/giving/wish-lists/>.



YEA! Pizza & PowerPoint Party!
Sunday, March 1, 4-7pm
RE Commons

Young & Emerging Adults ages 18-35 are invited to a Pizza & PowerPoint night! Bring a 5-10 minute presentation on one of your interests. Feel free to be your nerdy selves, yap about what you love, and learn about what someone else loves! Anything goes—Cults! Dinosaurs! U.S history! Romance novels! *Star Wars*! The sky is the limit! A presentation is not required but highly encouraged.



Rivermen Hockey Night!

Friday, March 6, 7pm
Peoria Civic Center
201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria
Tickets ~ \$30.30 each
(including fees) or \$20 each if
we get 10 or more people

Join us for a fun night out cheering on the Peoria Rivermen! We suggest carpooling from the church parking lot, and participants are encouraged to contact other members to arrange transportation as needed. All ages are welcome! Sign up here <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/244928> **by March 2** so we can secure tickets. Don't miss this great chance for fellowship, fun, and fast-paced hockey!

**UUCP Emergent Nature:
 Discussing *Braiding Sweetgrass***

Thursdays, March 5 & 19, 6:30-8:30pm
Jr High Room

UUCP Emergent Nature is a continuing in-person discussion and sharing group facilitated by Jen McDaniel where we will plant the seeds of a reciprocal relationship with the Earth and one another. The first book we'll discuss is *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. It is available to purchase locally and online as well as to borrow at local libraries. Electronic, audiobook, and traditional formats are all welcome. If you need help acquiring a copy, please ask. Sign up on Flocknote at uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/243491 or in the foyer. Email Jen McDaniel jenniferclosemcdaniel@gmail.com or Jesi Laughlin DLRE@peoriaUChurch.org for more information about sections covered in each class. Come to one, some, or all sessions.

Community Defense: Identifying, Monitoring and Documenting Federal Immigration Actions

Saturday, March 7, 10am, Fellowship Hall

Join us for a presentation on community-based immigration monitoring from the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. We will focus on what is commonly called “ICE Watch” or “Migra Watch”—community efforts to observe and document the activities of federal immigration enforcement agencies [i.e., U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)]. Please note: This is not a “Know Your Rights” training. Instead, the presentation will explore:

- ◆ How to identify immigration agents
- ◆ How to distinguish ICE from local police or other law enforcement
- ◆ What community members should and should not do if they encounter immigration enforcement activity
- ◆ How to document responsibly and safely without interfering

Participants will gain a clearer understanding of the visual cues, jurisdictional differences, and practical boundaries involved in community monitoring efforts. The emphasis is on awareness, discernment, and responsible action — not escalation. This training is especially valuable for those who want to show up thoughtfully and effectively in moments of community concern.



Stewardship Town Hall

Sunday, March 8, Noon
Sanctuary

You are invited to join the Stewardship Committee for an informational town hall about the church budget. We will be talking about the basics of where our church's money comes from and what it's used for. After coffee hour, we will reconvene in the sanctuary so that we may use the screens and so those who join us online can participate. This town hall is only to inform. There is no vote, but we will be happy to answer any questions you would like to bring.

Flower Bed Clean-Up Day

Saturday, March 14, 9am-Noon

Come out and help the church get our beds ready for the new spring growth that's on its way! We'll be cutting down and raking out old plant matter. Be sure to bring gloves and a hat!





Join in Trivia Night Fun

*Saturday, March 14, 6pm
Fellowship Hall*

Ready to have a rousing contest and lots of fun with other UUs and friends? Join or gather a team of eight for the return of Trivia Night!

We'll have ballpark-like refreshments--popcorn, brats, and hot dogs. Bring your own drinks. Lemonade and water will be provided.

This is a fundraiser to help support the church. Tickets are \$25 each or \$200 for a table. Your \$25 includes a soft drink and hot dog. We have sponsors for some tables to help make it possible for everyone to attend. So, save the date and gather your team. If you don't have a team, please come anyway, and you will find a team looking for you!

Girl Scout Sunday

Sunday, March 15

Cookies on sale during coffee hour

Girl Scout Sunday takes place every year on a Sunday near March 12, the day the Girl Scouts was founded. On this day, we celebrate the link between Girl Scouts and our faith. All Girl Scouts from our congregation are invited to participate in reading and serving. Contact Jesi Laughlin at dlre@peoriauuchurch.org to participate. Of course, there will be Girl Scout Cookies for sale during coffee hour!

Affirming Faiths of Peoria



Youth Group

Affirming Faiths Youth Group:

Superhero Murder Mystery Party

*Sunday, March 15, 4pm
UU Church of Peoria*

Youth in 5th grade and

up are invited to join youth from LGBTQ Affirming Faiths around Peoria for a monthly meeting focused on building community through fun & friendship. In March, we'll take on the role of a Justice Confederation Superhero who has been invited to the Annual Superhero Assembly to discuss apprehending the notorious villain Da Bomb. We'll meet inside Mount Super, enjoy snacks and games, and solve the murder of a fellow hero! See video invite here: <https://youtu.be/CQh4qpuEOK0> and RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/hkanmyrb>.

Then, join us on April 19 for Teen Olympics at First Baptist Church and on May 17 for an outdoor service project at Grace & Peace Lutheran.



International Day of Happiness! Community, Games, Crafts, and Pizza

Friday, March 20, 5:30pm

*RSVP on Flocknote or in foyer
Donations accepted*

Sprinkle a little extra joy into your day! Join us for a family-friendly celebration of International Day of Happiness filled with laughter, creativity, connection, and of course...pizza! Bring a game or play one of ours, take part in a hands-on art project, and enjoy pizza and good company! This is a wonderful chance to slow down, connect with one another, and celebrate the simple joys that bring us together as a community. We can't wait to celebrate happiness with you!

Peoria 50501: Songs for the Resistance

Sunday, March 22, 2pm, Sanctuary

Join Peoria 50501 for a gathering of joyful resistance. Learn songs ahead of the No Kings 3.0 protest on March 28. Lyrics provided. All ages and singing abilities are welcome!

This is a free event. Donations accepted for 50501 and mutual aid partner, Western Illinois Dreamers (<https://givebutter.com/sFXH11>). See Reverend Jennifer for more information.



Ostara

*Sat., March 28, 5:30pm gathering,
6pm Ritual, Potluck & salad bar after
Fellowship Hall*

Springtime is upon us! Ostara is a time of awakenings and new beginnings. Bring a stem of flowers if you like, and salad bar ingredients and toppings are welcome additions to the potluck. Presented by Keepers of the Great Grove CUUPS Chapter. All are welcome.

Con-Jure: Central Midwest Youth Con

April 24-26, Shawnee Mission UU Church

SMUUCH is inviting youth in grades 8 & up for a youth con! There will be workshops, base groups, youth-led worship, sleeping on church floors & FOOD!! Save the date, spread the word, gather a group, and plan to attend.

Save the Date for the Annual Campaign Kickoff!

Sunday, April 5, after service

It takes our whole village Living Our Values Out Loud. Join fellow UUs for a potluck at the Annual Campaign Kickoff (beginning of our annual pledge drive) and an all-church picture!

Recurring Groups

Life Force Tai Chi ~ 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sundays, March 1 & 15, 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.

Keepers of the Great Grove ~ CUUPs

Wednesday, March 4, 6-7:30pm

Conference Room or Zoom

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

Join us on first Wednesdays for our monthly meeting. We'll have a different enrichment topic each month to share a practice, meditation, ritual, teaching, blessing, or other meaningful praxis. CUUPs stands for Covenant of UU Pagans. All are welcome at our meetings.

Mah Jongg for UUs

Sundays, March 8 & 22, 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 or Evan Stubbs at 575-621-5519 or sirstubby@hotmail.com.

Amethyst Circle: An Addiction Recovery Group Following UU Values

Wednesday, March 11, 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.

LGBTQIA2S+ Group at UUCP

Monday, March 16, 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 for details.

Third Thursday Ladies' Lunch

Thursday, March 19, 11:30am

Longhorn Steakhouse ~7401 N Grand Prairie Dr

Join us at Longhorn, known for grilled beef and other American dishes in a ranch-style space. Please RSVP to Carlette at 309-258-5890.

YEA! Monthly Potluck

Sunday, March 22, after service, Conference Rm

Young & Emerging Adults ages 18-35 are invited to a potluck on 4th Sundays. Bring a dish to pass and gather for connection and community building.

Retired Men's Last Friday Lunch

Friday, March 27, 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.

Brown Bag Lunch & Conversation ~ On Hiatus until April

Next on Thursday, April 23, 11:30am-1:30pm

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



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.

Mugs & Musings
Thursdays at 10am
Matari Coffee Co.
4100 W Willow Knolls
Peoria

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 zetter3@comcast.net.

Humanist Discussion Group

Tuesdays, 7pm, 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.

In Our UU Family

♥ We celebrate with Bernie Humphrey, who has offered this update on her colon cancer surgery: “Good news! They found no evidence of metastasis and no evidence of carcinoma in any of the lymph nodes they removed! I want to thank everyone for the messages of concern, care, and encouragement. I literally felt surrounded by love, and I carried that feeling with me when I was taken in for surgery. I am so grateful to have found such a wonderful loving, caring community!”

♥ We send healing wishes to Regina’s mother, Bobbi, and to her granddaughter, Jaclyn, in Texas. Bobbi is doing well after a hip replacement. Jaclyn is recovering from cleft palate surgery.

♥ We send condolences to the friends and family of Cindy Herman. Cindy died on January 22 at age 78. She was a beloved member with a gentle and sprite-like presence. Her obituary may be found here: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/peoria-il/cindy-herman-12720031>.

♥ BJ and Terrence Lindsey celebrated the birthday of their late son, Owen. In honor of his birthday on January 26, they provided some of Owen's favorite snacks for coffee hour. Owen was a beloved member of the congregation who died unexpectedly in 2023.

♥ We send wishes for continued recovery and good treatment to Terry Malone. She is happy to report that there is no metastasis of the cancer and that she will receive chemotherapy treatment in Peoria. The road is long, and it will happen one day at a time. Terry and Tom are so grateful for all of the support from the church. Truly, they feel lifted every day.

♥ We send wishes for healing to Mary Mulholland-Kafar. She had a long-awaited and successful abdominal surgery.

♥ Donna Dalrymple and Lynn Maher ask for healing prayers on behalf of two of their friends. Bethany was hospitalized for diabetes. Sara was hospitalized for a bleeding disorder. She also has diabetes. May Bethany and Sara receive the care they need as they manage their health concerns.

♥ We offer sympathy to the Lindsey family. They are remembering Terrence’s mother, Jo Ann Lindsey. She died last February 5, 2025. Her birthday was February 12.

♥ We send our condolences to Charity Kennedy and her family. Charity's stepbrother Eric Meyers died unexpectedly on February 19. He was 46. Charity will travel to her family in Oklahoma to assist with arrangements.

♥ We offer care to Sarah Allen and her family. Her sister Susan has been through treatments and surgery for gallbladder cancer. At this point, her condition is terminal. She has months to live. Their brother Steve is newly diagnosed with prostate cancer and an aggressive form of lymphoma. Steve and Susan live in Georgia. May they receive the care they need, each in their own way. May Sarah know that she is loved and supported in this difficult time.

♥ We send wishes for health to Dave Grebner’s nephew Henry. Henry is facing some serious health issues. Dave asks us to send Henry our thoughts and prayers. May Henry receive the care he needs.

♥ We offer care to Gary Chatham as he prepares to address concerns for his heart health. He will have an angiogram and possible surgery in the future.

♥ We congratulate Amy Popp and Neil McDonald on their wedding in Jamaica on February 2. Amy was our director of religious education for 20 years. Best wishes to Amy and Neil and congratulations to their families.

The Caring Committee helps our congregation in personal transitions. We publish “In Our UU Family” in the Builder, organize volunteers while someone is ill, and coordinate visits, cards, and calls to those who need them. Please email caring@peoriauuchurch.org, call the office (309-688-5608), or talk with a committee member about how we can help!



Committee of the Month

Committee of the Month: Stewardship Development Committee

This month, we're highlighting the **Stewardship Development Committee**, a team dedicated to nurturing the financial and service support that sustains UUCP's mission. The purpose of the committee is to help drive and cultivate a culture of generosity—both monetary and non-monetary—among members and friends of the church. They encourage abundant sharing of time, talent, and resources so that our congregation can live its values today and into the future.

Why does this work matter?

Stewardship helps ensure the viability of our church by building a shared understanding of how each of us supports a unified budget and collective mission, and generosity nurtures us as givers and helps us grow as moral beings.

The committee's areas of focus include:

- ◆ Promoting education and awareness about pledging and giving
- ◆ Inviting broader participation in budgeting and church work to foster shared ownership
- ◆ Supporting annual pledging and additional contributions
- ◆ Encouraging building rentals and fundraising events
- ◆ Sharing information about legacy and planned giving
- ◆ Staying alert to new and emerging sources of church income

This committee's charge was developed through a facilitated Stewardship Team meeting in 2022, reflecting thoughtful discernment and shared commitment.

Want to get involved? The Stewardship Development Committee meets as needed with Zoom available. If you're interested in offering your skills, ideas, or curiosity, please contact Nancy Rakoff at nrakoff@gmail.com to learn more.



Church Life

Love Wins Valentine's Dinner & Dance ~ Saturday, February 14



Love Wins Valentine's Dinner & Dance (cont.) ~ Saturday, February 14



Volunteers, donors, and sponsors made our second annual Love Wins celebration a groovy success!

Thank you to our generous sponsors: Huber Commercial Properties (\$1,000) and Chris McCall (\$250) and to many beloved church members who contributed. In-kind donations were made by Trefzger's Bakery, Create-A-Scene, Jon Young Dance, River Kitty Cafe, Peoria International Airport, and the Nietzsche Family Wine Producers.

A huge thank you to our rock-star volunteers: Tim Herold (bartender extraordinaire), Erin Roberson (photographer and décor dynamo), Lindy, Zach, and Stephen Peterson (sous chefs behind that delicious soup), BJ Lindsey (our amazing co-chair), Sally Fairley and Nancy Rakoff (dessert shop sales), Marin Thies and Nate Price (dessert shop helpers), and Steve Fairbanks (MC Sergeant Pepper).

Thank you to our Hy-Vee baggers, who spread love and gathered donations: Torri Pringle, BJ Lindsey, Mary Mulholland-Kafar, John, Kate, and Penelope Meredith-Cox, Regina and Riley Stanley, Sarah and Bowie McAlexander, Liz, Perrin, and Vin Tiethoff, and Panda Simmons.

Our kitchen magic was supervised by the one and only Jesi Laughlin, with an all-star tie-dye apron-wearing crew: Torri Pringle, Vaia Jelks, Gail Russell, Lydia Wilson — and the grooviest dishwasher ever, Evan Stubbs!

Aprons were made by Penny Kuester, Abigail Price, Lili Jones, Rocky Cusack, Becca Laughlin, and Lindy Peterson.

Peace, love, and gratitude as well to Amanda Franklin for silent auction support, to Sandy and Tom Crow for set-up and serving, to Jason Lamb for sharing his tarot talents, to Justin McAlexander for getting us a sweet deal with lighting and setting up the lights, to Regina Stanley and Dave Grebner for welcoming people, and to everyone who donated baked goods and sweet treats — John Heiser, Becca Hugh, Amie Itschner, Mitze Nietzsche, Nancy Rakoff, Gail Russell, Jessica Spelman, and Karen Zichterman.

Thank you all for showing up, pitching in, and proving once again that at our church — LOVE WINS!

Cornstock Theatre ~ Saturday, February 20

Care Kit Assembly ~ Sunday, February 22





Happy Birthday!



April 1	Alma Moyer	April 19	Tim Herold
April 3	Linda Fairbanks	April 19	Jean Jost
April 4	George Hopkins	April 21	Thesie Heiser
April 5	Kathy Rex	April 21	Michael Hodge
April 6	David Woessner	April 22	Donna Dickey
April 7	Lindy Peterson	April 23	Cherie Shull
April 7	Sean Shanahan	April 23	Nora Sullivan
April 9	Jason Lamb	April 24	Sherrie Campbell
April 9	Kathy McNeil	April 24	Ellie Cofield
April 10	Georgia Evans	April 27	Mary Pirrello
April 15	Ray Baker	April 29	River Pax
April 16	Ted Rex	April 30	Sherry Seckler

Happy Anniversary!

April 12	Ted & Kathy Rex
April 20	Jerry & Arlene Davis

Submit your birthday or anniversary info to the office at office@peoriauuchurch.org.

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NEXT BUILDER

Deadline: Wednesday, March 25

Submit to: office@peoriauuchurch.org

Mailing: Wednesday, April 1

Board of Trustees: board@peoriauuchurch.org President: Edward Flint; Vice-President: Lindy Peterson; Treasurer: Austin Locke; Secretary: Katie Jones. Board Members: Anthony Boudreau, Pat Denzer, Tony Huerta, Mike Jongerius, Charity Kennedy, BJ Lindsey, Roy Seabolt, and Jessica Spelman.

UUCP Trust Officers: trust@peoriauuchurch.org President: Jeanette Gruber; Treasurer: Tim Herold; Officer: Randy Stevens.

Calendar of Events - March 2026

Sunday, March 1

8:45-10:00 AM	A Course in Miracles	Conference Room	Suzette Boulais, zetter3@comcast.net
9:30 AM	Life Force Tai Chi	Meet in Foyer	Dave Grebner, doggiedad@mtco.com
10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall	
12:00 PM	Sunday Afternoon Circle	Sr. High Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00 PM	PRC Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
4:00-7:00 PM	YEA! Pizza & PowerPoint Party	RE Commons	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

Monday, March 2

1:00 PM	OLLI Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
7:00-9:00 PM	Connection Circle	RE Meeting Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Tuesday, March 3

8:30 AM-2:30 PM	SEAPCO Preschool Screening	RE Commons	office@peoriauuchurch.org
11:00 AM	Connection Circle	Library	Jeanette Gruber, 309-383-3111
7:00 PM	SGM Facilitator Meeting	Conference Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org
7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717

Wednesday, March 4

8:30 AM-2:30 PM	SEAPCO Preschool Screening	RE Commons	office@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00 PM	Administrative Team	Conference Room	adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org
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	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

Thursday, March 5

8:30 AM-2:30 PM	SEAPCO Preschool Screening	RE Commons	office@peoriauuchurch.org
10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Matari Coffee Co.	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
2:00-4:00 PM	Connection Circle	Junior High Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org
6:30-8:30pm	Emergent Nature: <i>Braiding Sweetgrass</i>	Conference Room	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

Friday, March 6

7:00 PM	Rivermen Hockey Night	Peoria Civic Center	Tim Herold, herold1961@gmail.com
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Saturday, March 7

10:00 AM-Noon	Community Defense	Fellowship Hall	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
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Sunday, March 8

8:45-10:00 AM	A Course in Miracles	Conference Room	Suzette Boulais, zetter3@comcast.net
10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall	
12:00 pm	Stewardship Town Hall	Sanctuary	revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00-3:00 PM	Mah Jongg for UUs	Fellowship Hall	Char Rickey, spinwool7@aol.com

Monday, March 9

1:00 PM	OLLI Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
6:30 PM	Monday Evening Connection Circle		sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Tuesday, March 10

7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717
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Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Matari Coffee Co.	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
2:00-4:00 PM	Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle	Conference Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Saturday, March 14

9:00 AM-Noon	Flower Bed Clean-Up	UUCP Grounds	Evan Stubbs, sirstubby@hotmail.com
6:00-8:30 PM	Trivia Night	Fellowship Hall	office@peoriauuchurch.org

Sunday, March 15 ~ Girl Scout Sunday

8:45-10:00 AM	A Course in Miracles	Conference Room	Suzette Boulais, zetter3@comcast.net
9:30 AM	Life Force Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall	Dave Grebner, doggiedad@mtco.com
10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour & Girl Scout Cookie Sales	Fellowship Hall	
12:00 PM	Coffee with the Minister	Conference Room	revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org
12:00 PM	Sunday Afternoon Circle	Sr. High Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org
12:00 PM	Welcome Committee	RE Meeting Room	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00 PM	PRC Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
4:00 PM	Affirming Faiths Youth Group	UUCP	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

Monday, March 16

1:00 PM	OLLI Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
2:00 PM	LGBTQIA2S+ Group	Conference Room	herold1961@gmail.com
7:00-9:00 PM	Connection Circle	RE Meeting Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Tuesday, March 17

6:00 AM-7:00 PM	Polling Place for Election Day	Fellowship Hall	office@peoriauuchurch.org
11:00 AM	Connection Circle	Library	Jeanette Gruber, 309-383-3111
6:00 PM	Finance/Personnel Committee	Library	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717

Wednesday, March 18

9:00 AM-1:30 PM	Private Homeschool Group	RE Wing & Fellowship Hall	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00 PM	Administrative Team	Conference Room	adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org
6:00-7:30 PM	Uukulele Strum Fun	Foyer	Kathy Klistner, 309-363-9626
6:30-8:00 PM	Sierra Club General Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Robert Rowe, rowe@bradley.edu
6:30 PM	Worship Committee	Conference Room	office@peoriauuchurch.org

Thursday, March 19

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Matari Coffee Co.	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
11:30 AM	Third Thursday Ladies' Lunch	Longhorn Steakhouse	Carlette Corlett, 309-258-5890
2:00-4:00 PM	Connection Circle	Junior High Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org
6:30-8:30pm	Emergent Nature: <i>Braiding Sweetgrass</i>	Conference Room	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

Friday, March 20

5:30 PM	International Day of Happiness Party	Fellowship Hall	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
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Saturday, March 21

3:00-5:00 PM	Private Wedding	Sanctuary	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
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Sunday, March 22 ~ New Member Sunday

8:45-10:00 AM	A Course in Miracles	Conference Room	Suzette Boulais, zetter3@comcast.net
10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall	
12:00 PM	Yea! Monthly Potluck	Conference Room	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00-3:00 PM	Mah Jongg for UUs	Fellowship Hall	Char Rickey, spinwool7@aol.com
2:00 PM	Peoria 50501: Songs for Resistance	Sanctuary	revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org

Monday, March 23

1:00 PM	OLLI Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
6:30 PM	Monday Evening Circle		sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Tuesday, March 24

7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717
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Wednesday, March 25

9:00 AM-1:30 PM	Private Homeschool Group	RE Wing & Fellowship Hall	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00 PM	Administrative Team	Conference Room	adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org
6:00-7:30 PM	Uukulele Strum Fun	Foyer	Kathy Klistner, 309-363-9626
6:30 PM	Board Meeting	Conference Room	office@peoriauuchurch.org
11:45 PM	<i>Builder</i> Deadline		office@peoriauuchurch.org

Thursday, March 26

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Matari Coffee Co.	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
2:00-4:00 PM	Thursday Afternoon Covenant Circle	Conference Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Friday, March 27

12:00 PM	Retired Men's Last Friday Lunch	Childers on University	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
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Saturday, March 28

5:30-8:00 PM	Ostara	Fellowship Hall	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
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Sunday, March 29

8:45-10:00 AM	A Course in Miracles	Conference Room	Suzette Boulais, zetter3@comcast.net
10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall	
12:15 PM	Caring Committee	Conference Room	caring@peoriauuchurch.org

Monday, March 30

1:00 PM	OLLI Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
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Tuesday, March 31

7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717
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