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On the Journey

i am learning that getting well in community is liberation. we are interdependent. when one of us attains freedom, it elicits/ rekindles that longing in each of us. when we learn to feel, when we learn to stand with each other in feeling, when we learn to tune into the wisdom of our bodies, to love ourselves, to love each other, we are doing the unthinkable, we are creating new worlds of possibility. ~ adrienne maree brown

The church year came to a wonderful close with the Flower Communion and Congregational Meeting on June 7 and the Annual Picnic on June 14. That picnic day was especially and slightly surprisingly beautiful, given the storms. Thank you to everyone who made this church year possible. Thank you to Regina Stanley and the lay leaders who are creating this year's summer services.

In the year to come, we get to be more proactive and thoughtful about community, liberation, and new worlds. I invite you to reflect on the place of this congregation in your lives and in Peoria. How might we grow and love with a freer spirit that the world might be more whole?

Unfortunately, I need to add a note about scam attempts. Scammers are still using emails and even phone numbers from an old church directory to prey upon your trust in me by asking for money. The emails they send try to sound like me and start with a vague request for help. Please check with the office or with me directly before responding to such a request. Thank you to everyone who let me know about the attempts and sent the emails to me. Sadly, that directory from 2024 will continue to be sold and used by fraudsters. Our current database is a new system and is far more secure.

I am on my summer adventures with family, visiting colleges, and coordinating a week at Ferry Beach, the beautiful Universalist conference center on the coast in southern Maine. I look forward to seeing you in August and hearing about your summer experiences near and far.

*Bowing to the Light Within,
Reverend Jennifer*

Sunday Services

Sunday, July 5, 10:30am

"Solving Mysteries"

Brad Keefauver

Mystery stories come in many shapes and sizes, from books to TV to movies, and have been with us as long as fiction. What draws us to them, and what do they tell us about ourselves? Join Brad Keefauver as he looks at detectives and mysteries of all kinds for some possible answers.

Sunday, July 12, 10:30am

"Braver Angels: Learning to Talk Across Differences"

Steve Fairbanks & Braver Angels

Braver Angels is a national grassroots initiative to bring together people with opposing political views to rediscover our shared humanity. Bill Poorman and David Pittman established the Central Illinois Chapter of Braver Angels. They will share their experiences with this initiative. Charlie Boursier is our guest musician.

Sunday, July 19, 10:30am

"T-Shirt Theology"

BJ Lindsey and the Congregation

(This service is inspired by Jill Thomas.)

It has been said, "You are what you wear." A message on a t-shirt can tell us a lot about the person wearing it. During this service, members of the congregation will share some of their favorite shirts and their messages. Music is provided by Kathy McNeil.

Sunday, July 26, 10:30am

"How Games Bring Us Together"

Jennifer Stubbs

Games foster social emotional learning and executive function skill development in a low stakes environment. These translate to better communication with family or neighbors, especially applicable this fall with elections.



Sunday Worship



For most of the summer, members and friends of the church conduct the worship services. We have a lineup of diverse topics this year, ending with Rev. Jennifer's Question Box Sermon on September 6. The official church year begins on September 13 with our traditional Ingathering Water Communion service. A list of the summer services is below. Look for more information about each service in the Friday *UU News*.

Please see page 1 for July service descriptions.

8/2 Illinois People's Action "Medicare for All"

8/9 David Spelman TBA

8/16 BJ Lindsey "Wisdom of the Ages:
Lessons We Can Learn from Each Generation"

8/23 February Sky Music Duo ~ Susan Urban and Phil Cooper
"Humans Wrote the Bible, God Wrote Life: The Teachings of John Shelby Spong"

8/30 Reverend Jennifer Innis "The Blessing of the Animals"

9/6 Reverend Jennifer Innis "Wondering Together: The Question Box Sermon"

Happy Summer!



Seeking Readers for Summer Services

Do you want to be part of our summer lay-led services but don't want to give a sermon? You can help by being a reader! For more information, email Regina at membership@peoriauuchurch.org.



T-Shirt Theology ~ Wear Your T-Shirts on July 19!

Our T-Shirt Theology service is back by popular demand! Wear a t-shirt to church on July 19 that reflects your values or beliefs, and, if you wish, you will be welcomed to the mic for a 60-second time of sharing what your shirt means to you. Messages that relate to UU values are preferred. Topics can relate to an issue, but please avoid messages related to a person. Life is so stressful right now that positive messages are encouraged. Questions? Contact a member of the Admin Team or email BJ Lindsey at bjlinz18@gmail.com. This service is a great way to get to know each other!



Summer Adventures in Religious Education

June - August, Sundays at 10:30am

Summer at UUCP brings adventures for kids and youth. Religious Education will be presented in a one-room schoolhouse setting. The kids will not divide into age-based classrooms. Each week, we'll explore our UU faith through play and curiosity. One thing stays the same in summer—we still need volunteers for Sunday to be a success. See Jesi Laughlin or sign up here: <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/257451>.

Help Shape the Future of UUCP Religious Education

As we plan for the coming church year, we'd love to hear from you! If your family participated in Children and Youth Religious Education during 2025-26, please take a moment to share your thoughts. What do you remember most about this year? What worked well? What helped your child feel engaged, connected, and supported? What could be improved or done differently? Your feedback will help us build on our successes and continue creating meaningful experiences for children, youth, and families. Please send your thoughts by email to Jesi Laughlin at DLRE@peoriaUUchurch.org or reach out to schedule a time to meet and share your feedback in person. We welcome both celebrations and constructive suggestions as we plan for the year ahead.

Thank you for being part of our community and helping us grow together!





July Share the Plate ~ Central Illinois Friends

Central Illinois Friends is a Peoria-based clinic providing free HIV/STI testing, HIV prevention/treatment, LGBTQ+ care, mental health support, and more. For more information, see centralillinoisfriends.org or look for them 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



Annual UUCP Rummage Sale ~ Donate Now!

Setup: July 8-16 Sale: Fri., July 17, 8am-5pm & Sat., July 18, 8am-3pm

Our Annual Rummage Sale is right around the corner, and **we are accepting donations until July 15**. We accept household/kitchen or outdoors/sports items that are unbroken, clean, and bug-free. **We DO NOT accept non-functional items, child car seats, TVs, computers/accessories, tires, opened toiletries, adult clothing, or items in unsalable condition.** For questions about specific items or to volunteer (*see roles below*), email Lindy Peterson at lindytpeterson@comcast.net.

Rummage Sale Volunteers Needed!

This fundraiser takes many hands — from sorting donations and setting up tables to helping shoppers and cleaning up afterward. Whether you can give a few hours or a whole day, your time makes a big difference. It's a fun way to build community, support the church, and help turn gently used treasures into funds for our shared mission. Volunteer opportunities are listed below. Sign up at <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/264651> or on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Thank you!

~ **Rummage Sale Co-Chair:** Learn what it takes to run our largest fundraiser of the year, open or close the building, share information, and oversee and direct volunteers.

~ **Volunteer Support:** Coordinate snacks, train volunteers, open and/or close the building.

~ **Room Captain:** Take responsibility for organization, pricing, and final appearance of one of the departments/rooms. Available departments include Boutique, Holiday, Crafts, Sports, Tools & Hardware, Office Supplies, Kids' Toys & Clothes, Kitchen, General Housewares, Accessories, and Garden/Outdoor. Training will be given for this role and will be most needed July 12-16.

~ **Donation Delivery Driver:** Travel to homes of UUCP members and friends, collect donations, and deliver to UUCP. This role is available now through July 18 and can include either picking up donations or being available on sale days to deliver larger items that have been purchased.

~ **Cashier Coordinator:** Set up cashier area, provide instruction to volunteers, and ensure cash boxes are stocked appropriately throughout sale days.

~ **Clean-Up Coordinator:** Direct volunteers, check rooms are emptied on Sunday, and reset rooms the following week.

~ **Marketplace Sales Team:** Assist sales on FB Marketplace, taking pictures, writing descriptions, posting, communicating, setting appointments, meeting customers, and finalizing sales.

~ **Hold Table Staff:** On sale days, staff the area where shoppers can drop off things while they continue to shop. Requires moving things in and out of the sanctuary and handing out numbers to keep track of which shopper/area items belong to.

~ **General Help (Setup, Sale Days, or Cleanup):** Staff a shift or four (or more!) throughout the setup, running, and cleanup of the sale.

Please see the next page for volunteer hours--you may choose to work whenever you can!

Rummage Sale Volunteer Hours *(You can help on these days for as long as you want!)*

Wednesday, July 8, 8am-6pm ~ Bring supplies down from the attic, mark rooms and set up tables, and begin to sort the donations into the correct rooms.

Thursday, July 9–Friday, July 10, 8am-6pm ~ Sort donations

Saturday, July 11–Sunday, July 12, 8am-6pm ~ Sort & Price

Monday, July 13–Wednesday, July 15, 8am-6pm ~ Finish organizing rooms – Donations brought in during this time period must be sorted into correct locations.

Thursday, July 16, 8am-finish ~ Final Pre-Sale Prep

Friday, July 17, 8am-5pm ~ Sale Day

Saturday, July 18, 8am-3pm ~ Half-Price Sale Day

Sunday, July 19, 12pm-finish ~ Box up donations after church – Celebrate afterwards by going out for Mexican food (any volunteers throughout setup/sale are welcome).

Monday, July 20, 9am-finish ~ Put rooms back together and supervise pickup of leftover items.



Summer Park Days for UUCP Families

Thursday, July 2, 3-5pm

Tuesday, July 7, 3-5pm

Lakeview Park Playground and Splash Pad

1917 W Lake Ave, Peoria

Join us for fun, friendship, and fresh air at our Summer Park Days! Children, youth, and their families are invited to gather for play, conversation, and community building. Drop in when you can and come to one, some, or all—whatever works for your schedule! We hope you'll join us as we connect, laugh, cool off, and enjoy the summer together.

4th of July Parade Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking volunteers for West Peoria's 4th of July Parade! If you are interested in designing and decorating a float for UUCP, walking/riding in the parade, or donating toward supplies, please contact Regina Stanley at (309) 648-2767 or membership@peoriauuchurch.org.



YEA Deep Conversations

Tuesday, July 7, 6-8pm

Conference Room or Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/pmfh9bfbw>

Young & Emerging Adults (ages 18-39) are invited to explore spirituality at the

genesis of adulthood in an open conversation with peers. Each month, we gather on the first Tuesday to connect with a new topic. This month's topic is Passion & Purpose. Join us in person or on Zoom. For more information, email Erin Roberson at embregan@gmail.com.

YEA in the Wild

Saturday, July 18, 1-3pm

Egg Republic ~ 5315 W Landens Way, Peoria

Young & Emerging Adults (ages 18-39) are welcome to brunch with friends. This is part of a series of outings to build community and familiarity with our great city. Funds are available to assist with cost. For more information, email Erin Roberson at embregan@gmail.com. RSVP at <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/263506>



River City Pride Fest

Saturday, July 18, 10am-7pm

Peoria Riverfront

Grab your spot now to represent UUCP at River City Pride Fest! We need help with setup, tear down, and staffing our booth. We also need donations for our giveaways. Your admission is free when you volunteer! To volunteer, please go to <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/264167> or email Regina at membership@peoriauuchurch.org.

Where in the UU World Is Rev. Jennifer?

Rev. Jennifer began her summer travels on June 23. She and her family will enjoy vacation in Massachusetts before going to Ferry Beach in Maine for Religious Education Week, July 11-17. She expects to be back in Peoria around July 24. She will attend the program on worship and music at the AUUMM Conference in Milwaukee on July 29. Contact the Caring Committee at caring@peoriauuchurch.org for pastoral concerns.



**Peoria Chiefs
Faith & Family Night**
*Friday, July 24, 7:05pm
Dozer Park*

Grab your glove, bring your family, and join fellow church members for a fun evening at the

ballpark! Tickets are just **\$12 per person**, making this an affordable summer outing for all ages. Faith & Family Night combines exciting baseball action with a celebration of community, fellowship, and faith. And, there will be fireworks after the game! In order for our tickets to be purchased together, please **notify and pay Tim Herold by Wednesday, July 15**. You may call or text him at 309-251-7807 or email him at herold1961@gmail.com.

Parking is limited and not located next to the stadium. Please arrange transportation in advance. If you would like to carpool with others, please coordinate rides before the event.

We hope you'll join us for an evening of Fellowship and fun cheering on the Chiefs!

Good Luck, Melissa!

Want to thank our wonderful office manager, Melissa Anderson, before she heads to a new ministry? Join us on Sunday, July 26, after service. Melissa completes her work as office manager at the end of July. She will be the lead pastor at a local church as of August 1. Let's show her our appreciation on July 26.



Pre-Order a T-shirt to Tie-Dye Today!

We invite everyone to tie dye a t-shirt after our traditional Ingathering worship service on September 13! Sign up **BEFORE August 5** to request your size in advance at

<https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/263893>

or use the sign-up sheet in the foyer. After August 5, a variety of sizes will be available on the day of Ingathering for you to choose from.

All supplies will be provided. An optional \$15 donation for each shirt would help offset the cost. Payments may be made through the signup link above or by dropping cash or check in the kitchen safe labeled with your name, the amount, and "Tie-Dye Shirt."

Volunteers are needed before, during, and after the event. If you can help or have questions, please email Jesi Laughlin at DLRE@PeoriaUUChurch.org.

We Need Photos for the Directory!

Our online directory is also a picture directory! Email photos to office@peoriauuchurch.org.

Need the directory? For laptops, go to members.instantchurchdirectory.com, or for your phone/tablet, download the free Instant Church Directory app. Then, follow the prompts to create a login.



Together We Reached a New Milestone!

Prior to the 2026-27 Annual Pledge Campaign, the Board set a goal for pledges of \$370,000. Serious cuts were made to the expense budget to do this: no staff raises, only 25% of our previous donation to the UUA, and only 50% of what we previously put in Property Reserve.

Because of the generosity of pledging members and friends, we **exceeded our goal** prior to the congregational meeting on June 7, going into the meeting with about \$376,000 pledged!

During the meeting, a total of \$1,300 in additional funds were championed for the UUA, staff increases, and the young adults group. In subsequent days, additional pledges have raised our total to **\$381,654**. Consequently, budget cuts are being partially restored!

Pledges were made by 184 households, and 20 of these were new pledges totaling more than \$19,000! About 50% of pledges were increased from last year as folks recognized the impact of inflation on the church. We know that for members heavily impacted by inflation themselves, an increase was not possible. Maybe this was a year when some folks had to skip pledging because of their own household budget. We all love our church, and we know we are in different financial situations and are at different stages in life.

Thank you for loving our UU church and for your participation and generosity!
The Annual Campaign Team



Thank you to those who have finished their service on the Board: Edward Flint (President), Lindy Peterson (Vice President), Anthony Boudreau, Pat Denzer, and Mike Jongerius. We are also grateful to outgoing committee chairs Elaine Hopkins (Library), Dolores Wendland (Hospitality), Judith Koren Shanahan (Aesthetics), and Austin Locke (Annual Campaign Team) for their work.

Those who received volunteer recognition awards are:

CHURCH MOUSE:

Hollye Green for her contributions to altar decorations and the Haunted Forest.

Austin Locke for his consistent AV support on Sundays.

Tom Malone for his efforts to make the church welcoming and open.

Kathy & Ted Rex for their frequent work setting up coffee hour on Sundays.

Erin Roberson for her help with events and efforts to get new initiatives off the ground.

Steve Shepherd for his help in multiple events, hospitality, and welcoming.

Karen Zichterman for her continual support with memorial services and other events.

ABOVE & BEYOND:

BJ Lindsey for support in multiple areas this year, including worship, RE, picnic setup, budget development, and caring.

Terry Matthews for her year-round efforts to sell rummage sale items on Facebook.

Roy Seabolt for his work replacing the telephone system and on the sanctuary lighting.

PILLAR OF THE CHURCH:

Cyndi Jewell-Miller has, for many years, supported the church in many ways but in particular by being a near-constant presence in RE spaces.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD:

Sally Fairley has faithfully been a part of the school outreach project, formerly known as Snack Pack. As part of this project Sally packs food weekly for underprivileged families of students at Pleasant Valley School, down the road from our church. She has served as an usher and greeter many times and has been a part of the welcome committee, making new people feel right at home. She's always helping in the kitchen at memorial services, special events, and at coffee hour on regular Sundays. Sally also embodies UU principles in her life outside our church. She is committed to making our community a better place by volunteering weekly at Sophia's Kitchen, where she helps prepare meals for the underserved community. She cares for the people around her by offering friendship and support. Her cheerful personality helps lift the spirits of anyone she encounters. This dedication to service within our church walls and beyond is the reason Sally is awarded this year's Jack and Joanne Fought Outstanding Service Award.

Congratulations and thank you to all those who received recognition this year!

Recurring Groups

Keepers of the Great Grove ~ CUUPs

Wednesday, July 1, 6-7:30pm, Conference Room or Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/2nyj5zet>

Join us for our monthly member-led meetings where we share a practice, ritual, meditation, teaching, blessing, or other praxis. This month, Tonya Fogliano will lead a guided meditation. On 8/5, we'll explore the Labyrinth with Gina Stowe, and on 8/29, we'll have the Correlian Lustration of the Living. CUUPs stands for Covenant of UU Pagans. All are welcome.

Life Force Tai Chi ~ 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sundays, July 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, July 8, 7-8pm, Library (July only) or Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/2jhfwusx>

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, July 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 or Evan Stubbs at 575-621-5519 or sirstubby@hotmail.com.

Third Thursday Ladies' Lunch

July 16, 11:30am, Olympia Sports Bar & Grill
1301 W Pioneer Pkwy, Peoria

Join us at this popular spot known for American fare & Greek cuisine, including highly rated gyros, flaming saganaki, and baklava cheesecake. Please RSVP to Carlette at 309-258-5890.

LGBTQIA2S+ Group at UUCP

Monday, July 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 for details.

Brown Bag Lunch & Conversation

Thursday, July 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!

YEA! Monthly Potluck ~ 4th Sundays

Sunday, July 26, after service, Conference Rm

Young & Emerging Adults ages 18-39 are invited to our monthly potluck. Soup is provided but bring a dish to share, if able. This month's theme is Welcoming. Questions? Email Erin Roberson at embregan@gmail.com. RSVP at <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/255291>.

Retired Men's Last Friday Lunch

Friday, July 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.



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
Zion Coffee Bar
803 SW Adams St
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

Joys & Sorrows

♥ We congratulate Kathy McNeil for her award from our local ACLU. On June 4, Kathy was recognized with this year's Outstanding Achievement Award for her continued dedication to protecting the rights of all people in the Peoria community.

♥ We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Elliott Murray, who passed away on June 14. Elliott and his wife, Dorothy, were very active at UUCP up until Dorothy's death in 2008. Elliott's memorial service will held on Saturday, July 4, from 11am-1pm at Proctor Place (2724 W Reservoir Blvd, Peoria, IL 61615).

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

Land Stewardship Committee



Committee of the Month: Land Stewardship Committee

The Land Stewardship Committee helps care for and enhance the natural beauty of our church grounds while encouraging a deeper connection with nature. The committee stewards our 12 acres of woodland, designs and maintains the church landscape, and promotes opportunities for the congregation to celebrate and learn from the natural world.

The committee's work changes with the seasons and the needs of the property. Members help maintain landscaped areas throughout the growing season. They care for trees, plants, and gardens, and they oversee important environmental features, such as the church's rain garden and detention basins. Their efforts help preserve the beauty, health, and sustainability of our campus.

The committee also looks for opportunities to organize activities, educational programs, and outdoor events that help members connect with nature and the environment. These efforts support the congregation's commitment to stewardship, conservation, and appreciation of the natural world. Beyond landscape stewardship, the committee supports special initiatives, such as recycling efforts and nature-focused field trips that encourage environmental awareness and learning.

Through their dedication and generosity, the Land Stewardship Committee helps ensure that our grounds remain welcoming, beautiful, and environmentally responsible while reducing costs that would otherwise require outside services. Whether you enjoy gardening, conservation, wildlife, recycling, outdoor projects, or simply spending time in nature, there are many ways to participate in their work and mission. Whether you can help occasionally at a workday or would like to become a regular participant, your involvement is appreciated. To learn more or get involved, contact Committee Chair Evan Stubbs at sirstubby@hotmail.com.



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Get your UUCP merch while it is still available!

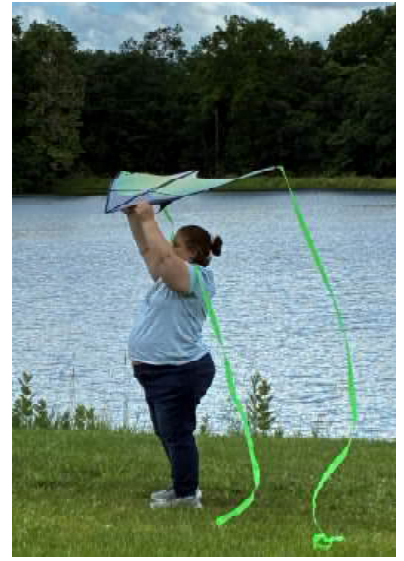
Our web store is only open until September, so now is the time to order your sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, and stickers!

Go to <https://uuchurchpeoria.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

This is a great way to get the word out about our church! Questions? Contact Regina Stanley at membership@peoriauuchurch.org.

Church Life

Church Picnic ~ Sunday, June 14



Church Picnic ~ Sunday, June 14 (cont.)



Church Mouse Awards

**Sally Fairley
Outstanding Service Award**



Above & Beyond Awards

Ukulele Strum Fun at Jubilee State Park ~ June 20



Happy Birthday!

August 2 Martha Herm
August 5 Cyndi Jewell-Miller
August 6 Debbe Rigney-Hays
August 8 Carol Caughey
August 10 Carlette Corlett
August 12 Anne Comiskey
August 13 Lisa Beaupre

August 15 Lynne Maher
August 17 Ruth Rademacker
August 23 Jo Lakota
August 25 Peg Phillips
August 29 Katie Jones
August 30 Jennifer Davis
August 31 Steve Shane

Happy Anniversary!

August 3 Melissa & Mark Anderson
August 21 Dave & Sherry Woessner
August 27 Burt & Lisa Raabe

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

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- Reverend Jennifer Innis, Senior Minister
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- Jesi Laughlin, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
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- Regina Stanley, Membership Coordinator
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NEXT BUILDER

Deadline: Wednesday, July 22
Submit to: office@peoriauuchurch.org
Mailing: Wednesday, July 29

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Service/Church School—10:30 AM Sundays

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Join Us on Sunday at 10:30am...

- ~ In person in the Sanctuary
- ~ On Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3sxzsci> or 312-626-6799 w/Meeting ID 999 7726 7210 & Passcode 1843
- ~ On YouTube at <https://peoriauuchurch.org/service-live-stream/>
- ~ Through our website by going to <https://peoriauuchurch.org/> and clicking on livestream

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Calendar of Events - July 2026

Wednesday, July 1

10:00 AM	<i>Builder</i> Mailing	Conference Room	office@peoriauuchurch.org
6:00-7:30 PM	Uukulele Strum Fun	Foyer	Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626
6:00-7:30 PM	Keepers of the Great Grove ~ CUUPS	Conference Room & Zoom	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

Thursday, July 2

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Zion Coffee Bar	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
2:00-4:00 PM	Connection Circle	Junior High Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org
3:00-5:00 PM	Summer Park Day for UUCP Families	Lakeview Park Playground	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

Friday, July 3 ~ Church Office Closed ~ Independence Day (Observed)

Sunday, July 5

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

Monday, July 6

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, July 7

3:00-5:00 PM	Summer Park Day for UUCP Families	Lakeview Park Playground	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
6:00-8:00 PM	YEA Deep Conversations	Conference Rm & Zoom	Erin Roberson, embregan@gmail.com
7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717

Wednesday, July 8

8:00 AM-6:00 PM	Setup for Rummage Sale	Whole Church	lindytpeterson@comcast.net
6:00-7:30 PM	Uukulele Strum Fun	Foyer	Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626
7:00-8:00 PM	Amethyst Circle	Library	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

Thursday, July 9

8:00 AM-6:00 PM	Setup for Rummage Sale	Whole Church	lindytpeterson@comcast.net
10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Zion Coffee Bar	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
2:00-4:00 PM	Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle	Conference Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Friday, July 10

8:00 AM-6:00 PM	Setup for Rummage Sale	Whole Church	lindytpeterson@comcast.net
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Saturday, July 11

8:00 AM-6:00 PM	Setup for Rummage Sale	Whole Church	lindytpeterson@comcast.net
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Sunday, July 12

8:00 AM-10:00 AM	Setup for Rummage Sale	Whole Church	lindytpeterson@comcast.net
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	
12:00-6:00 PM	Setup for Rummage Sale	Whole Church	lindytpeterson@comcast.net
1:00-3:00 PM	Mah Jongg for UUs	Fellowship Hall	Char Rickey, spinwool7@aol.com

Monday, July 13

8:00 AM-6:00 PM	Setup for Rummage Sale	Whole Church	lindytpeterson@comcast.net
1:00 PM	OLLI Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
6:30 PM	Monday Evening Connection Circle		sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Tuesday, July 14

8:00 AM-6:00 PM	Setup for Rummage Sale	Whole Church	lindytpeterson@comcast.net
7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717

Wednesday, July 15

8:00 AM-6:00 PM	Setup for Rummage Sale	Whole Church	lindytpeterson@comcast.net
6:00-7:30 PM	Uukulele Strum Fun	Foyer	Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626
6:30 PM	Worship Committee	Conference Room	office@peoriauuchurch.org

Thursday, July 16

8:00 AM-6:00 PM	Setup for Rummage Sale	Whole Church	lindytpeterson@comcast.net
10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Zion Coffee Bar	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
11:30 AM	Third Thursday Ladies' Lunch	Olympia Sports Bar & Grill	Carlette Corlett, 309-258-5890
2:00-4:00 PM	Connection Circle	Junior High Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

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Friday, July 17

8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Rummage Sale	Whole Church	lindytpeterson@comcast.net
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Saturday, July 18

8:00 AM-3:00 PM	Rummage Sale	Whole Church	lindytpeterson@comcast.net
10:00 AM-7:00 PM	River City Pride Fest	Peoria Riverfront Park	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00-3:00 PM	YEA in the Wild	Egg Republic	Erin Roberson, embregan@gmail.com

Sunday, July 19

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	Fellowship Hall	
12:00 PM	Sunday Afternoon Circle	Sr. High Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org
12:00 PM	Welcome Committee	RE Meeting Room	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
12:00 PM-Finish	Cleanup after Rummage Sale	Whole Church	lindytpeterson@comcast.net

Monday, July 20

9:00 AM-Finish	Reset after Rummage Sale	Whole Church	lindytpeterson@comcast.net
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, July 21

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, July 22

6:00-7:30 PM	Uukulele Strum Fun	Foyer	Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626
6:30 PM	Board Meeting	Conference Room	office@peoriauuchurch.org
11:45 PM	<i>Builder</i> Deadline		office@peoriauuchurch.org

Thursday, July 23

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Zion Coffee Bar	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
11:30 AM-1:30 PM	Brown Bag Lunch & Conversation	Conference Rm or Patio	office@peoriauuchurch.org
2:00-4:00 PM	Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle	Conference Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Friday, July 24

Peoria Chiefs Faith & Family Night	Dozer Park	Tim Herold, herold1961@gmail.com
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Saturday, July 25

10:30 AM-12 PM	Braver Angels: Depolarization Workshop	Fellowship Hall	stevefairbanks2053@gmail.com
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Sunday, July 26

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

Monday, July 27

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

Tuesday, July 28

7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717
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Wednesday, July 29

6:00-7:30 PM	Uukulele Strum Fun	Foyer	Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626
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Thursday, July 30

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Zion Coffee Bar	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
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Friday, July 31

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