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On the Journey

From Dr. Cornel West

Black professor, philosopher, & activist

We need the courage to question the powers that be, the courage to be impatient with evil and patient with people, the courage to fight for social justice. In many instances we will be stepping out on nothing, and just hoping to land on something. But that's the struggle. To live is to wrestle with despair, yet never allow despair to have the last word.

Most of us enter this fall with deep concerns about our lives, our neighbors, and the state of our world. So much is beyond our control, and yet we feel the impact of the devastating flooding in Nepal and the detention of folks far away from us in this country. The question isn't about the advice to "let go and let God." Rather, we are called to return to what matters most to us and act from there. Inspired by this month's Soul Matters theme of Courage, I hear Dr. West's call for a bit of faith as well as a willingness to be patient with ourselves and dissatisfied with how we harm each other. We are called to live in a larger hope amid many questions, including whether there will be consequences for those who cause suffering.

I see that larger hope taking form right here. Thank you to everyone who was part of the Connection Fair on September 20. We had more committees, more food, and more signups than ever before. The flight analogy for the event was apt given how much we were all lifted by the energy and the participation.

I had the pleasure of attending the Solidarity Summit at Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Springfield on September 26 along with three Peoria UU members. This Summit from the UU Advocacy Network of Illinois was a day for Central Illinois UU's to enhance our skills and our connections for the sake of justice. I came away from the day feeling more equipped for the big work and with the reminder of how valuable it is to get to know each other one on one. We are worth the effort.

*Bowing to the Light Within,
Reverend Jennifer*

Sunday Services

Sunday, October 4, 10:30am

"A House for Hope: Evolving & Eternal"

Rev. Jennifer Innis

Join us for the second part of exploring the basics of Unitarian Universalism. How do we stay rooted and open to new revelation? This sermon draws on the image of a theological house created by Revs. Rebecca Parker and John Buehrens.

Sunday, October 11, 10:30am

"Being Out as an Ally: A Work in Progress"

Rev. Jennifer Innis

In honor of National Coming Out Day on October 11, join Rev. Jennifer as she reflects on the opportunities and challenges of how each of us grow in our witness for the LGBTQIA+ community.

Sunday, October 18, 10:30am

"The Courage to Love in a Broken World"

Rev. Jennifer Innis

In Universalism, we are assured of the presence of Love and that all will be healed and made whole. How does this work in our fractured, mortal lives?

Sunday, August 25, 10:30am

"The Courage to Keep Going"

Rev. Seth Major

Some aspects of life can be difficult and unenjoyable, and with virtually limitless options for distraction and invitation, sticking with the right -- but hard -- things can be a challenge. But in the same way you can only experience a summit's view if you climb the mountain, what if there were certain qualities -- qualities that can help you, and your neighbors -- that can only be realized if you keep going? Let us remind ourselves that having 'the courage to keep going' is more than a lofty goal, but rather a posture that can change the world.

Sunday, November 1, 10:30am

"Absence and Presence: A Service of Remembrance"

Rev. Jennifer Innis

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 service.



Sunday Worship



Rev. Seth Major ~ Guest Minister for October 25

After eleven years of pastoral service at various Christian parishes, Seth now considers himself blessed to be 'a free range pastor,' covering the pulpits of pastors of all types of churches. Seth and his wife Tai (pronounced 'tie') have lived in Peoria since 2017, where they have since welcomed their two daughters into the world. Seth serves OSF Healthcare in a project management and consultant role, and in his spare time enjoys watching freelance documentarians and journalists on YouTube.



On September 27, age-group classes will resume for Sunday morning Children & Youth Religious Education. Here is a sneak peek of the topics each class will focus on throughout the year. See the church website for more details!

Nursery Care (Birth-3 years) ~ Every week we provide loving care in our Nursery for the youngest UUs among us.

Spirit Play (PreK-1st Grade) ~ Spirit Play uses storytelling, ritual, play, and creativity to help children explore their Unitarian Universalist faith. It is inspired by the Montessori method and focuses on fostering a child's individual search for truth and meaning.

World Blessings (Grades 2-4) ~ In World Blessings, elementary students explore the diversity of our world through the joy of cooking. Each class introduces children to a different country, religion, holiday, or holy day while learning about the culture and preparing a recipe connected to it. Through food, stories, and shared blessings, children practice cultural appreciation and deepen their understanding of our interconnected world. Each class concludes with the children creating and sharing a blessing together before enjoying the food they have prepared.

Inspirations (Grades 5-8) ~ Middle schoolers will explore the UU understanding of "transcending mystery and wonder" and the many sacred, secular, and scientific sources that inspire us. Through reflection and exploration, we'll consider how inspiration connects to our values, histories, cultures, and lived experiences. Together, we'll practice curiosity, deepen our wisdom, and learn how to engage respectfully with the diverse traditions and ideas that enrich our faith.

The Good Place: Exploring UU Theology (Grades 9-12) ~ What makes a good person? How do we live meaningful, ethical lives? In this class for high school youth, we'll use the TV show *The Good Place* as a springboard for exploring Unitarian Universalist theology, ethics, and big questions about life, death, justice, community, and what it means to become better humans. Through humor, discussion, and reflection, we'll connect the show's ideas to our own UU values and beliefs.

Register Today for Children & Youth Religious Education at UUCP

Register or update your family's registration for CYRE at UUCP. Registration helps us plan programming, maintain a safe environment, communicate our policies, and keep accurate contact information. Look for the registration link coming in the Friday *UU News* email, register on the church website, or fill out a hard copy the next time you are at church.



Volunteer in Children & Youth Religious Education



Teaching teams for the 2026-27 church year are forming now, and we need you to help make Sunday morning classes a success. Read the class descriptions located on the previous page and see Jesi Laughlin, Director of Lifespan Religious Education, to select which class you would like to work with in the coming year. If committing to a teaching team is not a fit for you this year, please think about how else you would like to help out. Email Jesi Laughlin at DLRE@peoriaUUchurch.org to make your commitment today.

Be A Blessing To Our World Blessings Class

One of our new classes in Sunday morning Children & Youth Religious Education is World Blessings. In this class students will explore the diversity of our world through the joy of cooking. We need your help stocking our shelves to make this a success. Take a look at our Amazon list <https://a.co/03ivlR0o> to have items shipped directly to us or our stock the pantry list <https://bit.ly/4xSZcQC> and sign up to bring groceries for our class.

UUCP Family & Friends Halloween Party

Friday, October 30th, 2026 5:30 - 7:00pm

Games & Prizes! Tricks & Treats! Sweet Treat Decorating! Monster Mash Dance Contest! Halloween Snack Bar Potluck! Costumes Encouraged! UUCP members, friends, friends of friends, and visitors are welcome to join in on the Halloween fun. We need your help to make the carnival special. Bring your goblins, come host a game, play the part of the mad scientist, help with the sweet treat decorating, set up, or clean up; there is a role for everyone. Don't forget to bring a Halloween themed food item for our potluck. Sign up in RE Commons or on <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/276036> with how you will help.



October Share the Plate ~ JOLT Harm Reduction

Half of our undesigned offering goes to a local organization to support their good work. Our October recipient is JOLT Harm Reduction. They empower people to take care of their lives with compassion and kindness. Folks can learn to manage substance abuse and gain tools to support new growth. See <https://joltfoundation.org/>

Message from the Board President - Board Initiatives

The Board has a very busy year planned. Besides taking care of the everyday work of the church, things like hiring a new Office Manager, fallen trees, and broken dishwashers, the Board has several new long-range initiatives we are pursuing. These include: **1. Bylaws Update** - our church bylaws are overdue for an update. Work was started on by the previous Board. We will continue to move forward with this effort. **2. Personnel Policy Manual Update** - Some of the language in the manual is ambiguous and needs clarification. We will review the manual, update the language and ensure we are compliant with Illinois employment laws. **3. Long Range Planning** - What is the work of this church? Where do we want this church to be in 5 years? 10 Years? We will start these discussions with the congregation this year as we look to develop a strategic long-term plan and roadmap to reach identified goals. **4. Artificial Intelligence Policy Development** - A/I is not going away; it is not a fad. We will work to develop a full understand of A/I – the good and the bad and then work to develop a policy on A/I use or non-use in our church. I have already approached a couple of church members about serving on these ad hoc committees. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, contact me. --from Roy Seabolt, UUCP Board President

Activities & Announcements

A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-First Century

Final Session: Thursday, October 1

Led by Rev. Jennifer Innis

Flocknote sign up: <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/269032>

What might progressive religion offer in a changing world? Join Rev. Jennifer Innis for a three-session exploration of A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-First Century by John A. Buehrens and Rebecca Ann Parker. Together, we'll consider the possibilities, challenges, and promises of progressive faith and explore how our religious communities can become places of hope, meaning, justice, and transformation. You are welcome to come to one, some, or all sessions.

Enough Stuff Volunteer Opportunity *Saturday, October 3rd, 9:45am - 2:00pm*

Enough Stuff, our Share the Plate recipient for January 2027, needs volunteers on Saturdays to help with greeting, sorting, organizing, and keeping the storefront in shape for shoppers. We only need 5 people to manage the work, and you're welcome to sign-up even if you can only come for a portion of the shift. For any questions or concerns please contact Erin Roberson at embregan@gmail.com. Flocknote sign-up: <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/265095>

The Great UU Book Sale is Coming! *Friday & Saturday, Oct 9 & 10, 8am-3pm* *Members-Only Bag Sale Sunday, Oct 11, 9:30am-12:30pm*

Our book sale is coming! We are currently collecting donations. Please stack books neatly along the RE Meeting room walls until October 4.. After Oct. 4, stack them along the back wall of Fellowship Hall. (No encyclopedias or textbooks, please.) We will need help setting up on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 7-8, help on the sale days, and help packing up unsold books and taking them to donate to the library. To volunteer, sign up in the foyer or go to <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/273691>. Contact Lindy Peterson at lindytpeterson@comcast.net with any questions.



Haunted Forest Planning Meeting

Sunday, October 11,

12:00 Noon After Church

Let's talk spooky times! This planning meeting is a time to discuss your ideas for the haunted forest, describe projects you are planning, request supplies to be ordered, sign up or search for volunteers, and learn more about the forest. If you are unable to attend, email DLRE@peoriaUUchurch.org to be added to the notes from the meeting.

Let's Do the Time Warp!

Mondays, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

We will be performing the Time Warp dance from the Rocky Horror Picture Show at our Haunted Forest this year on October 24 and we need you! No experience necessary! You are not required to attend all practices. Come when you can! Contact Membership Coordinator Regina Stanley at membership@peoriauuchurch.org with any questions or for more info.

Haunted Forest ~ Enter the Forest if you Dare!

Saturday, October 24,

\$5 Per Person Cash or Credit

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 - Donations & Volunteers Needed

Spooks, ghouls, and anyone else who wants to lend a helping hand! Sign up to volunteer for the fourth annual Haunted Forest at UUCP! This big event is the time that we welcome the most new visitors from the tri county community to our church. We need YOU to make it special. Description of roles: <https://bit.ly/4yoGBgc> and sign up in person or on line <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/271699>

Social Impact Committee Proposals Due

Proposals are officially open for Social Impact Projects! Find the form at the link below and printed in the lobby by the sign-up table. Proposals are due October 11th. The committee will review the projects and announce the final selection by October 18th, allowing time for everyone to learn about them before voting at the Fall Congregational Meeting. <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/274815>



Forest Work Day Saturday, Oct 17 9am - 11am

Come help out the Great Grove! We'll be cutting back vegetation to keep the trails accessible. As a part of our long-term plan revitalizing the land, we'll also be pulling invasive plants. Please bring a hat and gloves.

ACORN Accessible Nature Exploration Tuesday, Oct 20, 10:00am

Join Master Naturalist Jen McD for our ACORN Accessible Nature Exploration at UU Church of Peoria, Emergent Nature Mindfulness Walk! Awaken your senses with a mindful, meditative walk through the Great Grove and Labyrinth at UU Church of Peoria. We will gather to ground ourselves, learn to breathe, then take a slow, easy stroll in nature's garden. Afterwards, we can work on our poetry skills, nature journal, or simply discuss our reflections.

Worship Committee Meeting

Third Wednesdays, 6:30pm
Next October 21
In-person & Zoom

Want to know more about how we create worship at church? The Worship Committee brings together the minister, staff, and volunteers to plan for the Sunday services. See Rev. Jennifer for information.

Return of the Choir!!

Our new choir director, Charlie Boursier, is starting rehearsals this month. Please see Rev. Jennifer if you are interested in being part of the choir.



Online UU History 101 Series - Open to All!

Wednesdays, Oct. 28-Dec. 9
(skipping Nov. 25)
7pm-8pm on Zoom
Free for Faith Forward congregation subscribers (UUCP subscribes)

For more information or to register, email Jesi Laughlin at DLRE@peoriaUUchurch.org.
The deadline to register is October 14.

Last Call for Connection Circles!

In early fall, we refresh our connection circles for the new church year. Circles are small, relational groups made up of 6-12 people who meet regularly to nurture each other in their own beloved community. We welcome members and friends to join. Circles determine how they meet—in-person, by Zoom (or other virtual format), hybrid, or outside (weather permitting). Sign-up forms are available in the church foyer. Questions? Contact Rev. Jennifer at revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org.

Free Pantry Cart

Is your grocery budget a little tight right now? We have created a Little Free Pantry Cart, located in the coat room. Please feel free to take what you need or give what you can.

Congregational Meeting on Nov. 8

Please Join us in person or on Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3sxzsci> for the Fall Congregational Meeting! The agenda includes an update about church finances and the Trust. This meeting is also the time to vote on the major Social Impact projects for the coming year. See Roy Seabolt, Board President, for information. Members who joined before 10/11/26 are eligible to vote. Childcare is provided.

AGENDA:

1. Welcome ~ Roy Seabolt, President
2. Confirm Quorum
3. Financial Update
 - a. State of the Church Finances Report ~ Austin Locke, Treasurer
 - b. Trust Update ~ Jeanette Gruber, Trust Board President
4. Social Impact Committee ~ Social Justice Projects for 2026-2027 (VOTE NEEDED)
5. Adjournment

Recurring Groups

Keepers of the Great Grove ~ CUUPs

Wednesday, October 7, 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, Tony & Vicki Huerta lead a class on the making of Despachos, Andean ritual offerings that blend prayer, gratitude and intention into a tangible "gift" offered to Spirit. All are welcome.

Life Force Tai Chi ~ 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sundays, Oct 4 & 18, 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 14, 7-8pm, RE Meeting Room 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, Oct 11 & 25, 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.

LGBTQIA2S+ Group ON HIATUS

The Third Monday LGBTQ+ Group at UU Church of Peoria will be on hiatus until further notice, as Tim will be out of town during the next several scheduled monthly meetings. Email Tim at Herold1961@gmail.com with questions.

Third Thursday Ladies' Lunch

October 15, 11:30am, Jubilee Cafe
7203 N. Kickapoo-Edwards Rd., Edwards

Join us at this locally owned family diner serving classic American comfort food made from scratch since 1990. Please RSVP to Carlette at 309-258-5890.

Fork YEA! Group Lunch ~ 4th Sundays

Sunday, October 25, after service, Conf. Rm

Young & Emerging Adults ages 18-39 are invited to our group lunch. Food is provided, so please let us know of any dietary needs ahead of time. Questions? Email Erin Roberson at embregan@gmail.com. RSVP at <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/255291>.

Retired Men's Last Friday Lunch

Friday, October 30, 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.



Mugs & Musings
Thursdays at 10am
Sweet Beans Cafe
8917 N. Allen Rd.
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.

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 share a joy from Tim Herold and Bill Ordaz. They went to Prague to celebrate the wedding of the young man they hosted as an exchange student. Tim and Bill enjoyed being in the front row with the rest of the parents. Best wishes to Honza Kaspar and his new bride. And Happy 29th Anniversary to Bill and Tim!

♥ We send our congratulations to everyone who is part of Cornstock Theater's production of Spamalot. They held some rehearsals at the church, and some of our folks are in the production.

♥ We send healing wishes to Cyndi Jewel-Miller as she recovers well from surgery. She is taking short walks and she looks forward to returning to children's religious education.

♥ We offer congratulations to Mike and Cyndi Jewell-Miller and their family. In September, they welcomed their first grandchild, Elowyn.

♥ We send healing wishes to Panda Simmons' mother, Katy. Katy's recent surgery went well.

♥ We send our condolences to Mitze Nietzsche and her family for the death of her brother-in-law Alan.

♥ We send best wishes to Mary Mulholland-Kafar. She received approval for long-awaited surgeries.

♥ We send healing wishes to Panda's mother Katy. She is recovering well from surgery.

♥ We offer prayers for Norman, a friend in Syracuse who has cat scratch fever.

♥ We offer congratulations to Tony and Vicki Huerta on the purchase of their home.

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!

The Great Fob Return!

If you have a fob to access the building that you do not need at this point, please put it in the safe in the kitchen or turn it in at the office. We are running low on fobs, and we want to update our list.

UUCP Tie-Dye Shirts Available

Tie Dyed Shirts are available in a variety of sizes and colors. Please consider leaving a \$15 suggested donation to cover costs and represent UUCP as you do good out in the world!



Universalist Unitarian Church of Peoria Merchandise

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

Forest Work Day September 12th



Calendar of Events - October 2026

Thursday, October 1

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Sweet Beans Cafe	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
2:00-4:00 PM	First Thursday Connection Circle	Junior High Room	stevefairbanks2053@gmail.com
6:00-8:00 PM	A House for Hope	Conference Rm./Zoom	revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org

Saturday, October 3

9:45 AM	Enough Stuff Volunteer Day	Enough Stuff Club	Erin Roberson, embregan@gmail.com
10:30-5:30 PM	Bike Sale	RE Commons	

Sunday, October 4

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
1:00 PM	PRC Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com

Monday, October 5

12:00-2:00 PM	Mah Jongg for UU's	Peoria Heights Library	Char Rickey, spinwool7@aol.com
1:00 PM	OLLI Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
6:00 PM	Let's Do The Time Warp!	Fellowship Hall	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
6:30-8:30 PM	Connection Circle	RE Meeting Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Tuesday, October 6

11:00 AM	Connection Circle	Library	Jeanette Gruber, 309-383-3111
6:00-8:00 PM	YEA Deep Conversations	Conference Rm & Zoom	Erin Roberson, embregan@gmail.com
7:00 PM	SGM Facilitators Meeting		sgm@peoriauuchurch.org
7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717

Wednesday, October 7

8:30-2:30 PM	SEAPCO Preschool Screening	RE Commons	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00 PM	Administrative Team	Conference Room	adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org
6:00-7:30 PM	Keepers of the Great Grove ~ CUUPs	Conference Room & Zoom	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

Thursday, October 8

8:30-2:30 PM	SEAPCO Preschool Screening	RE Commons	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Sweet Beans Cafe	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
2:00-4:00 PM	Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle	Junior High Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Friday, October 9

8:00AM-3:00 PM	UU Book Sale	Foyer	lindytpeterson@comcast.net
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Saturday, October 10

8:00AM-3:00 PM	UU Book Sale	Foyer	lindytpeterson@comcast.net
11:00AM-2:00PM	Community Baby Shower	Dream Center Peoria	amandage81@gmail.com

Sunday, October 11

8:45-10:00 AM	A Course in Miracles	Conference Room	Suzette Boulais, zetter3@comcast.net
9:30AM-12:30 PM	Members Only Book Sale	Foyer	lindytpeterson@comcast.net
10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall	
12:00-1:00 PM	Haunted Forest Planning Meeting		DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
12:15 PM	Caring Committee Meeting	Conference Room	caring@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00-3:00 PM	Bird Dog Organizational Meeting	Conference Room	spotpushmoon@protonmail.com
1:00-3:00 PM	Mah Jongg for UUs	Fellowship Hall	Char Rickey, spinwool7@aol.com
3:00 PM	AI Committee Meeting	Conference Room	spotpushmoon@protonmail.com

Monday, October 12

12:00-2:00 PM	Mah Jongg for UU's	Peoria Heights Library	Char Rickey, spinwool7@aol.com
1:00 PM	OLLI Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
6:00 PM	Let's Do The Time Warp!	Fellowship Hall	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
6:30-8:30 PM	Connection Circle	RE Meeting Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Tuesday, October 13

7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717
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Wednesday, October 14

9:00 AM	Private Homeschooling Group		DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00 PM	Administrative Team	Conference Room	adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org
7:00-8:00 PM	Amethyst Circle	Library	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

Thursday, October 15

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Sweet Beans Cafe
11:30 AM	Third Thursday Ladies' Lunch	Jubilee Café
2:00-4:00 PM	Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle	Junior High Room

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 Carlette Corlett, 309-258-5890
sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Saturday, October 17

9:00-11:00 AM	Forest Work Day	Great Grove
12:00-2:00 PM	D.I.YEA!	RE Commons

sirstubby@hotmail.com
 Erin Roberson, embregan@gmail.com

Sunday, October 18

8:45-10:00 AM	A Course in Miracles	Conference Room
9:30 AM	Life Force Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
12:00 PM	Sunday Afternoon Circle	Sr. High Room
12:00 PM	Welcome Committee	RE Meeting Room
1:00 PM	PRC Practice	Sanctuary
4:00-6:00 PM	Transforming Community	Fellowship Hall

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 Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
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Monday, October 19

12:00-2:00 PM	Mah Jongg for UU's	Peoria Heights Library
1:00 PM	OLLI Practice	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Let's Do The Time Warp!	Fellowship Hall
6:30-8:30 PM	Connection Circle	RE Meeting Room

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Tuesday, October 20

10:00 AM	ACORN Accessible Nature Exploration	RE Commons
11:00 AM	Connection Circle	Library
6:00 PM	Finance/Personnel Committee	Library
7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual

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 Jeanette Gruber, 309-383-3111
 Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
 Harry Elger, 309-682-9717

Wednesday, October 21

9:00 AM	Private Homeschooling Group	
1:00 PM	Administrative Team	Conference Room
6:30 PM	Worship Committee	Conference Room
11:45 PM	<i>Builder</i> Deadline	

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Thursday, October 22

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Sweet Beans Cafe
2:00-4:00 PM	Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle	Junior High Room

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Saturday, October 24

7:00-8:30 PM Haunted Forest

Church & Great Grove

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Sunday, October 25

8:45-10:00 AM	A Course in Miracles	Conference Room
10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
12:00 PM	Fork YEA! Group Lunch	Conference Room
1:00-3:00 PM	Mah Jongg for UUs	Fellowship Hall

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Monday, October 26

12:00-2:00 PM	Mah Jongg for UU's	Peoria Heights Library
1:00 PM	OLLI Practice	Sanctuary
6:30-8:30 PM	Connection Circle	RE Meeting Room

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Tuesday, October 27

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

Wednesday, October 28

9:00 AM	Private Homeschooling Group	
11:45 AM	<i>Builder</i> Mailing	
1:00 PM	Administrative Team	Conference Room
6:30 PM	Board Meeting	Conference Room
7:00 PM	UU History 101	Virtual

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Thursday, October 29

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Sweet Beans Cafe
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Friday, October 30

12:00 PM	Retired Men's Last Friday Lunch	Childers on University
5:30 PM	UUCP Halloween Party	RE Commons

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November 1 Pat Denzer
 November 2 Sandy Meskimen
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 November 7 Austin Tovrea
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 November 19 Randy Stevens
 November 21 Gene Mialkowski

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 November 27 John Lothrop
 November 30 Yvonne Harmison



Happy Anniversary!

November 20 David & Linda Rockwell

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

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NEXT BUILDER

Deadline: Wednesday, October 21
Submit to: office@peoriauuchurch.org
Mailing: Wednesday, October 28

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Service/Church School—10:30 AM Sundays

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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
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