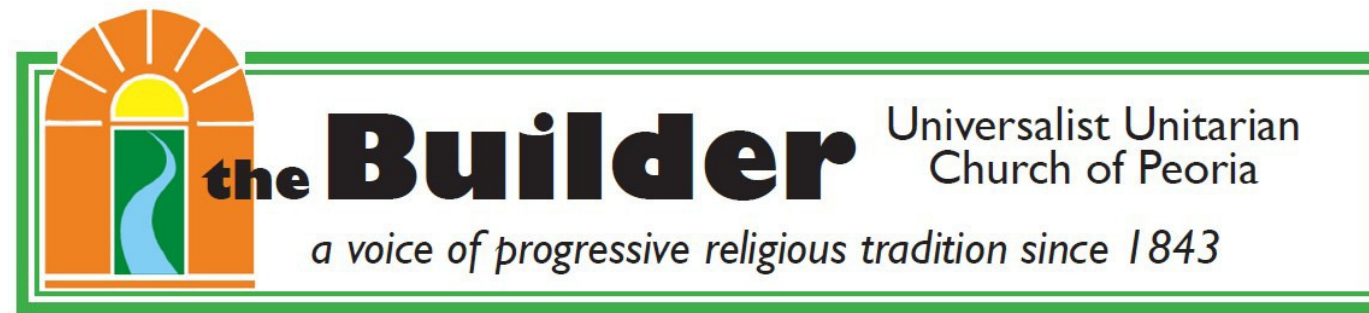




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On the Journey

Excerpt from "Revolutionary Love"
By Rev. Dayna Edwards

*I wouldn't be here if it weren't for my faith.
My faith that our collective love united
can drown out the evils
of empire and hate and greed;
Together we create
a love energy
more powerful than
any force of oppression.
Because
When two or more people are gathered
side by side, arm in arm, shoulder to shoulder
the force of love ignites liberation.*

As we begin this new church year, three words come to me:
Connection, Service, Liberation.

Connection: This congregation, like most Unitarian Universalist communities, begins its year at the end of summer and the start of fall. We respond to the ebb and flow of human life for much of our liturgical calendar. This relationship is not a surprise, given our theological commitment to focusing on the life we know we have now and the glories and obligations that come with being human. Summer is often a time of experimentation, living in the moment, paying attention to what matters most. In my summer adventure, I find ways to meet new people, reconnect with friends and colleagues, and go to new places. And then, we return in the fall for our first services in September. We share stories. We meet visitors. We welcome children and remark on how much they have grown and how they are exploring who they are.

Service: In the past two years, we are able to do more with programs and with living our mission because more people are saying "yes" and "I want to help." As Marge Piercy says in her poem, we want to do the work that is real, whether it is clearing the trail, packing food for Pleasant Valley Middle School, or being there for each other.

Liberation: The work of liberal religion is to lift our hearts and those of our neighbors. To paraphrase Marge Piercy, tell me about your despair, and I will tell you mine. Together we discover that the worst story is not the last story. So much is possible, and so much is in bud. We do this work for ourselves, for our children, and for those we will never meet. Love calls us on.

Please join us for our Ingathering Water Communion on September 13.

Bowing to the Light Within,
Reverend Jennifer

Sunday Services

Sunday, September 6, 10:30am
"Wondering Together - The Question Box Sermon"

Rev. Jennifer Innis

For our end of summer Question Box Sermon, you are part of creating the message along with Reverend Jennifer. Send her your questions ahead of time or offer them in person during the service. She will respond to as many as possible during the sermon. Your input also helps her plan for the year. Send your questions to Reverend Jennifer by email at revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org or by phone at 972-639-7900.

Sunday, September 13, 10:30am
"Ingathering Water Communion"
Rev. Jennifer Innis & Congregation

This Ingathering marks the start of the church year. We offer our commitments to one another and celebrate being part of a community that is called to create more love, freedom, growth, and wholeness in the world. Bring a small portion of water from your summer journeys to add to our common bowl during service. After worship, all are invited to a potluck and to tie dye new church t-shirts. Bring a dish to share and a spirit of fun.

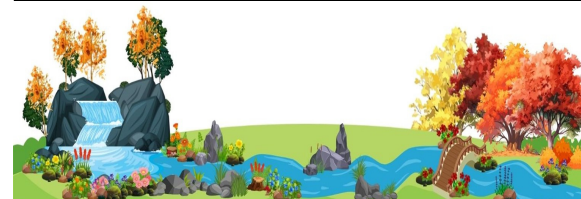
Sunday, September 20, 10:30am
"A House for Hope: Theology Under Construction"

Rev. Jennifer Innis

Unitarian Universalist theology is open and always evolving. There also are deep foundations at the heart of our message of hope. This sermon draws on the image of a theological house created by Revs. Rebecca Parker and John Buehrens.

Sunday, September 27, 10:30am
"A Meditation on Connections"
Brian "Fox" Ellis

Did we leave the garden? How do we cultivate a broader sense of connection... to each other, our community, the wilder world? How does an apple give us knowledge, nutrients, and molecules that have traveled across the continent? Storyteller and author Brian "Fox" Ellis will share story and song, guided meditations, and a conversation, to help all of us acknowledge the infinite ways we are all connected to all life from the smallest creatures to the greatest cycles of the cosmos. Special music with Hollye Green.



Sunday Worship

**Special Guest ~ Brian "Fox" Ellis
Sunday, September 27**



Brian "Fox" Ellis is a storyteller, author, historian and shaman, who is hoping one day to become a bodhisattva. He is the author of more than two dozen books, a few dozen musicals, and a few hundred magazine articles. He lives in Peoria Heights but tours the world with stories and songs.

Visit foxtalesinternational.com to learn more.



On September 27, age-group classes will resume for Sunday morning Children & Youth Religious Education. 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. Each class concludes with the children creating and sharing a blessing together before enjoying the food they have prepared.

Be a Blessing: take a look at our shopping list and purchase an item that will be sent to us or if you have an item to donate please drop it off in the RE commons. <https://a.co/03ivlR0o>

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.

Revolutionary Love (Grades 7-9) ~ Maybe you've heard it said that we put "Love at the Center" of our Unitarian Universalist faith, but what does that look like in practice? Join us for Deeper Joy games and heartfelt conversations to explore how you choose to live your UU 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.

Register Today for Children & Youth Religious Education at UUCP

Register your family for Children & Youth Religious Education at UUCP. Links can be found on our website at <https://peoriauuchurch.org/programs-for-children-and-youth/> If you have questions or difficulties with registration please reach out to Jesi Laughlin, Director of Lifespan Religious Education, DLRE@peoriaUUchurch.org



Our Whole Lives for Grades 10-12

Mandatory Parent Meeting on Sunday, September 6, at Noon

RSVP by emailing Jesi Laughlin, DLRE

Would you like your youth in 10th-12th grade to participate in Our Whole Lives this fall? One parent must attend this mandatory parent meeting. If you are unable to attend you must make arrangements with Jesi Laughlin to get the material we covered before classes begin on September 20th. At the meeting we will introduce the OWL instructors, provide an overview of the program and its underlying values, preview specific material that will be used in the program, identify ways that parents/guardians can support their children's participation in the program, and provide support for parents/guardians in their role as the primary sexuality educators of their children. All custodial parents must sign a permission form in order for their youth to participate.



Volunteer in Children & Youth Religious Education



Do you enjoy working with children and helping them explore values, curiosity, and compassion? We're looking for adult volunteers who have been with UUCP for over a year to join our Sunday morning Religious Education teaching team! As a member of our team, you'll help create a welcoming, engaging environment where children can learn about Unitarian Universalist principles through stories, activities, discussions, and creative projects. No previous teaching experience is required—just a willingness to learn, collaborate, and have fun.

Interested? Sign up in Fellowship Hall, RE Commons, or online <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/268874>. Contact Jesi Laughlin (dlre@peoriaUChurch.org) with questions.



SOULSIDE
HEALING ARTS

September Share the Plate ~ Soulside

Soulside Healing Arts aims to decrease barriers to healing, health, and happiness by making yoga and mindfulness practices accessible to all. Visit them at <https://www.soulsidehealingarts.com/>

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.



Ingathering Worship Service, Potluck, and Tie Dye

September 13 ~ "Ingathering Water Communion"

The church year kicks off on Sunday, September 13th and we would love to have you involved. Our participatory worship invites everyone to bring water symbolic of where they are coming from and has opportunities for participants to read or take a dramatic movement role. We also welcome creatives who would like to help create props and scenery before the service to make our worship come to life. After worship we are all invited to participate in a potluck lunch. Folks are needed to set up, maintain, and clean up the potluck. And if that's not enough, we will again have tie dying on the patio. For an optional \$15 donation to cover costs we will have UUCP printed shirts and all the supplies needed to tie dye your own shirt. Volunteers are needed here as well for set up, assisting others, and clean up. Sign up today in the foyer or online: <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/268989>

Message from the Board President

Engagement and Community - As a member or friend of this church, there are ample opportunities to engage with others and build a network of like-minded individuals. Are social issues your area of concern? Pay attention to all the upcoming social impact opportunities and get involved. Better yet, join the Social Impact committee and help make this church a significant partner in the community.

Are you good with numbers? Our church is always looking for individuals to help with budgeting/finance and the annual campaign. Maybe helping people is your cup of tea. If so, consider joining the Caring Committee or the newly formed Membership committee.

We have many committees that are involved in maintaining our church and reaching out to the community, too many to list here. We encourage members and friends to engage in various opportunities. It is a great way to meet new people and build a network of friends.

Not sure where to start? Look for me on Sunday or get in touch with me or Rev. Jennifer and we will be happy to answer your questions. --from Roy Seabolt, UUCP Board President

Activities & Announcements

Coffee with
the Minister



Coffee with the Minister

*Sunday, Sept. 6, Noon
Conference Room*

Want to learn more about Unitar-
ian Universalism and our church?

A great way to get your questions

answered and to find out more is to at-
tend Coffee with the Minister with Reverend Jen-
nifer Innis and Membership Coordinator Regina
Stanley on Sunday, September 6 at noon in the
Conference Room. Please contact Regina
at membership@peoriauuchurch.org if you have
any questions.



Mabon

Saturday, September 19

Fellowship Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm

Potluck at 6pm

The autumn equinox is
approaching and, with it, the feast
of Mabon. This second harvest

celebration of the pagan calendar is a time
of abundance, of sharing with kin and
community. Join us for a potluck dinner
featuring soups of the harvest to give thanks
for what we have and reflect on the balance of
darkness and light. A brief period of reflection
will occur at the moment of sunset. Hosted by
the Keepers of the Great Grove, UUCP's
CUUPS chapter.



FOREST
WORK DAY

Forest Work Day

*Saturday, Sept. 12
9am - 11am*

Come help out the Great
Grove! We'll be spreading
mulch and cutting back

vegetation to keep the trail 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.

Cancel the Flock Spy Cameras

Sunday, Sept. 13, 3:00pm

Fellowship Hall

Peoria has more than 70 Flock cameras spying on
us. We want City Council to cancel the Flock
contract. Learn what Flock is, who we are, and
how we can stop them. Flock camera security
concerns is one of the church's social impact pro-
jects for this year. To learn more, visit
birddog.pia309.com.

Let's Do the Time Warp!

Mondays starting Sept. 14, 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.

A House for Hope

Thursdays, Sept. 17, 24, & Oct. 1

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.



D.I.YEA!

Saturday, Sept. 19, 12-2pm
RE Commons

Young & Emerging Adults (ages 18-39) are welcome to our new monthly craft circle. Bring your own craft or

discover your next project using the supplies in the craft closet. Coffee and tea will be provided. For more information email Erin Roberson at embregan@gmail.com. RSVP here: <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/271460>

Social Impact Committee Proposals

The Social Impact Committee would like to announce the schedule for project proposals for the new church year. Proposals will open September 20th and will be due October 11th. The committee will finalize the projects by October 18th which will allow time for the congregation to review them before voting at the Fall congregational meeting. Keep an eye out for more information coming this month!



Connections Fair 2026

Sunday, Sept. 20 After Service
Fellowship Hall

Fly on into Fellowship Hall after service on Sunday, September 20 to see what opportunities are

available to get connected and help out at UUCP! Our volunteers are the heart of our community. It takes many hands to keep our beloved church going. Come and browse the tables and find the volunteer opportunities that are the right fit for you! Don't miss your connection!



Join Us for Game Night!

Friday, Sept. 18, 6:00pm
Fellowship Hall

We will gather in Fellowship Hall on Friday, September 18 at 6pm for game night! Bring your favorite snacks and games, or just bring yourself! Pizza will be provided. All ages welcome!

This is a fun way to unwind and start the weekend, and build community! Contact Membership Coordinator Regina Stanley at membership@peoriauuchurch.org with any questions.



Illinois River Sweep

Saturday, Sept. 19,
9am - 12pm

Peoria Park District invites groups, individuals, clubs, and businesses to sign up to be a part of this annual river cleanup! UUCP has pre-registered as a group and we will be assigned to a nearby site

along the river to clean up trash and make an impact in our community. Volunteers aged 5 to 13, will need to be accompanied by an adult, minimum age is 5 years old. The Illinois River Sweep is supported by the American Water Charitable Foundation's 2025 Water and Environment Grant. RSVP Today on flocknote or sign up in the foyer <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/271713>



Fruit & Chocolate Communion

Sunday, Sept. 20, 12-2pm
Children's Religious Education

Join us to mark the beginning of the Children's Religious Education year. We will celebrate as we have traditionally with a fruit &

chocolate celebration of our Shared Values and the Covenant we make with one another. Bring a favorite fruit to share or join in the bounty we will have.



Solidarity Central: UU Advocacy Network of IL Springfield Summit

*Sat., Sept. 26, 8am-4pm
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian
Universalist Congregation,
Springfield, IL 62711*

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/49eecav4>

Illinois UUs, add your star to our constellation of power for social change and bring our shared values to life! Starting with the strengths and needs of our Central Illinois siblings, we will converge at Abraham Lincoln UU Congregation for Solidarity Central, our UU the Vote Solidarity Summit in Illinois! During this one-day gathering, we will strengthen our mutual support networks and talk about ways to build a better future together. See you in Springfield! People are welcome to coordinate rides with each other. More details to come but the initial plan is to meet in the church parking lot and then drive down together. <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/271467>

Community Baby Shower - September's Local Support Drive

*Saturday, October 10, 11am - 2pm
Dream Center Peoria*

Please support the Community Baby Shower, an annual event organized by the University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria (UICOMP). This is a free, all-in-one event with education, community agency resources, giveaways and gifts to benefit new and experienced parents of children ages 1-5 years. The 2026 Baby Shower will take place on Saturday, October 10th, from 11-2 at Dream Center Peoria (714 Hamilton Blvd). Visit go.uic.edu/CBS26Registration to volunteer, sponsor, donate or participate. You can also purchase items to donate directly from our Amazon Gift Registry at go.uic.edu/CBSAmazonReg. For questions or concerns, please reach out to UUCP member Amanda Franklin (309-453-4178 or amand-age81@gmail.com) or UICOMP Faculty sponsor Guari Shevatekar (gks8116@uic.edu).

Enough Stuff Volunteer

Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 9:45am - 2pm

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. 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. <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/265095>



Haunted Forest - Volunteers Needed

October 18th - 25th

Spooks, ghouls, and anyone else who wants to lend a helping hand! Sign up to volunteer for the fifth annual Haunted Forest at UUCP! The main event is 7-8:30 pm on Saturday, October 24th. There are opportunities to help before, during & after the event for one time participants or subgroup chairs. We need you to make it special. Work on the forest, additional activities, trick or treat trail, or logistics, there are roles for everyone. If you have an idea that you don't see represented here, reach out to Jesi Laughlin, DLRE, this is our event and we can make of it what we would like! Sign up in the foyer or on line: <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/271699>
See a list of roles at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/8knhsnwk>

Are You UU Curious?

*Sunday, September 27, Noon
Conference Room
Lunch Provided*

Are you UU curious? Do you want to learn more about our faith, our association, or our church? Come and learn the benefits and responsibilities of being a member of UUCP. Please RSVP to Regina Stanley at membership@peoriauuchurch.org. If you are interested in this information but can not make the meeting private appointments are available.



TIME TO JOIN A CONNECTION CIRCLE!

Every year in September, 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. Presently, these all-gender groups meet:

1st & 3rd Sundays 12:30-2:30pm (w/childcare)
2nd & 4th Mondays 6:30-8:30pm
2nd & 4th Mondays 7-9pm
1st & 3rd Tuesdays 11am-1pm
1st & 3rd Thursdays 2-4pm
2nd & 4th Thursdays 2-4pm

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.

Job Opening

Office Manager

The Peoria UU Church seeks an Office Manager at 36 hours per week.

Requirements:

- Ability to prioritize and meet competing demands
- Not a member of the church
- 1-3 years experience with Quickbooks
- Ability to work in the Flocknote member communication system
- Experience maintaining an office and its supplies
- Experience interacting with a wide variety of people

The full job description is on the church website at:
To apply: Send resume and cover letter to Rev. Jennifer at revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org



Recurring Groups

Keepers of the Great Grove ~ CUUPs

Wednesday, September 2, 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. CUUPs stands for Covenant of UU Pagans. All are welcome.

Life Force Tai Chi ~ 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sundays, Sept. 6 & 20, 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, Sept. 9, 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, Sept. 13 & 27, 1-3pm, Fellowship Hall
Mondays, 12-2pm, Peoria Heights Library or Fellowship Hall if Library is closed

Do you play Mah Jongg or do you want to learn? 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

Sept. 17, 11:30am, Weaver Ridge Restaurant
5100 N Weaverridge Blvd., Peoria

Join us at this September favorite. Weather permitting, eat on the deck and enjoy the view or eat inside. The menu offers a variety of options. Please RSVP to Carlette at 309-258-5890.

LGBTQIA2S+ Group at UUCP

Monday, Sept. 21, 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.

YEA! Monthly Potluck ~ 4th Sundays

Sunday, August 23, 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 Belonging. Questions? Email Erin Roberson at embregan@gmail.com. RSVP at <https://uuchurch.flocknote.com/signup/255291>.

Retired Men's Last Friday Lunch

Friday, August 28, 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.

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 send condolences to Terrence and BJ Lindsey for the death of Terrence's aunt, Catherine Wilcox. She died in late August.
- ♥ We send condolences to Anthony and Ronnie Bouvier for the death of their mother and mawmaw, respectively, Denise Bouvier. Denise died on August 25.
- ♥ We send healing wishes to Donna Dalrymple as she recovers from knee surgery. Donna and Lynne Maher welcome your prayers.
- ♥ We send healing wishes to Jean Jost. She was hospitalized for several days last month. She is recovering in her home at Lutheran Hillside Village. Visits and calls are welcome.
- ♥ We send healing wishes to Judith Koren-Shanahan. Thank you for all of the care and support.
- ♥ We send healing wishes to Jennifer McDaniel. She is recovering from surgery. See the meal train link for ways to help. The only food restriction is no chicken eggs, including no mayonaise made with eggs. <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/44zrv6>
- ♥ We send best wishes to all who are selling or buying a house, finding an apartment, moving into a dorm, and more. May this new chapter start well!

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!



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

February Sky Service ~ August 23rd



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Elegant Wedding Expo ~

Sunday, August 23



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Church Life (continued)

Blessing of the Animals ~ Sunday, August 30



Calendar of Events - August 2026

Tuesday, September 1

11:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Connection Circle	Conference Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org
12:00 PM	Affirming Faith Community Lunch	Fellowship Hall	
6:00-8:00 PM	YEA Deep Conversations	Conference Rm & Zoom	Erin Roberson, embregan@gmail.com
7:00 - 9:00 PM	SGM Facilitators Meeting	Zoom	
7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717

Wednesday, September 2

9:00 AM	Private Homeschooling Group		DLRE@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
6:00-7:30 PM	Ukulele Strum Fun	Foyer	Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626

Thursday, September 3

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	CxT Keller Station	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
2:00-4:00 PM	Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle	Junior High Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Saturday, September 5

10:00 AM	Help With Ingathering Water Com.	Fellowship Hall	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
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Sunday, September 6

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	Coffee With the Minister	Conference Room	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
12:00 PM	OWL Parent Meeting	RE	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00 PM	PRC Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com

Monday, September 7

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
6:30 PM	Monday Evening Connection Circle		sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Tuesday, September 8

8:00 PM	Help With Ingathering Water Com.	Fellowship Hall	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717

Wednesday, September 9

9:00 AM	Private Homeschooling Group		DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00 PM	Administrative Team	Conference Room	adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org
6:00-7:30 PM	Ukulele Strum Fun	Foyer	Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626
7:00-8:00 PM	Amethyst Circle	Library	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

Thursday, September 10

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	CxT Keller Station	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
2:00-4:00 PM	Connection Circle	Conference Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Saturday, September 12

9:00-11:00 AM	Forest Work Day	Great Grove	sirstubby@hotmail.com
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Sunday, September 13

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	
11:30 AM	Ingathering Potluck/Tie-Dye	Fellowship Hall	
12:00 PM	Welcome Committee	RE Meeting Room	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00-3:00 PM	Mah Jongg for UU's	Fellowship Hall	Char Rickey, spinwool7@aol.com
3:00 PM	Cancel the Flock Spy Cameras	Fellowship Hall	

Monday, September 14

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, September 15			
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, September 16			
9:00 AM	Private Homeschooling Group		DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00 PM	Administrative Team	Conference Room	adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org
6:00-7:30 PM	Ukulele Strum Fun	Foyer	Kathy Klister, 309-363-9626
6:30 PM	Worship Committee	Conference Room	office@peoriauuchurch.org
Thursday, September 17			
10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	CxT Keller Station	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
11:30 AM	Third Thursday Ladies' Lunch	Weaver Ridge Restaurant	Carlette Corlett, 309-258-5890
2:00-4:00 PM	Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle	Junior High Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org
6:00-8:00 PM	A House for Hope	Conference Rm./Zoom	revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org
Friday, September 18			
6:00-8:00 PM	Game Night	Fellowship Hall	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
Saturday, September 19			
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Illinois River Sweep	Forest Park Nature Center	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
Sunday, September 20			
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	
10:30 AM	Kids & Youth Fruit & Chocolate Com.	RE	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
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	Connections Fair	Conference Room	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00 PM	PRC Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
4:00-6:00 PM	Transforming Community	Fellowship Hall	anna.n.nokes@gmail.com
Monday, September 21			
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
2:00-3:00 PM	LGBTQIA2S+ Group	Conference Room	herold1961@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, September 22			
7:00 PM	Humanist Discussion Group	Virtual	Harry Elger, 309-682-9717
Wednesday, September 23			
9:00 AM	Private Homeschooling Group		DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00 PM	Administrative Team	Conference Room	adminteam@peoriauuchurch.org
6:00-7:30 PM	Ukulele 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, September 24			
10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	CxT Keller Station	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
11:30 AM	Third Thursday Ladies' Lunch	Weaver Ridge Restaurant	Carlette Corlett, 309-258-5890
6:00-8:00 PM	A House for Hope	Conference Rm./Zoom	revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org
Friday, September 25			
12:00 PM	Retired Men's Last Friday Lunch	Childers on University	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
Saturday, September 26			
8:00AM-4:00PM	UUANI Solidarity Summit	Springfield, IL	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org
Sunday, September 27			
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	Are You UU Curious?	RE Meeting Room	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00-3:00 PM	Mah Jongg for UU's	Fellowship Hall	Char Rickey, spinwool7@aol.com

Monday, September 28

12:00-2:00 PM Mah Jongg for UU's
1:00 PM OLLI Practice
6:00 PM Let's Do The Time Warp!
6:30-8:30 PM Connection Circle

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Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall
RE Meeting Room

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Tuesday, September 29

7:00 PM Humanist Discussion Group

Virtual

Harry Elger, 309-682-9717

Wednesday, September 30

9:00 AM Private Homeschooling Group
10:00 AM Building Mailing
1:00 PM Administrative Team
6:00-7:30 PM Ukulele Strum Fun

Conference Room
Foyer

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