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On the Journey

As we enter this election time and focus on November's theme of Healing, I begin with a word from Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, President of our Unitarian Universalist Association:

Beloveds, the faithful work of protecting our planet, our democracy, and our loved ones can be exhausting. We must make space for rest, for joy, and for meaningful practices of renewal in these hectic days. And it is also true that when we take action with our communities, we have the many inspiring stories of vigilant resistance, the protest songs, and the profound examples of courageous witness to fortify our spirits. May this solidarity inspire us as we remember that it requires years to topple empires, and that we are the ones who keep each other on the path of a faithful NO. No, not my neighbors. No, not the corruption of my values. No, not the children. No, not the erasure of democracy. JUST NO. Not in my name. Our acts of faithful dissent are a foundational way that we show up for communal care and, when carried out in community together, these acts can be healing and inspiring, strengthening and renewing.

Many of us have been showing up for democracy and for our neighbors. So much is beyond our reach in the nation and in the world. We are able to live what we say we believe here and now. I am inspired by the ways we are bringing people together this month. At the congregational meeting, we will decide on the social impact projects that will focus our efforts for the coming year. We will explore more of Universalism, how we talk about Love, and how to understand difficult religious history. We will share a soup lunch to benefit others, break bread as part of worship, and then relish a Thanksgiving meal at church.

I also have good news. Our new office manager is Elizabeth Velikis! She started at the very end of October. Her background includes years of retail management. She is the spouse of member Erik Brubaker. Please say hello and give her some time to get to know the church office. Her first priority will be to learn the financial systems that our dedicated volunteers have been managing for three months with minimal staff support. We will resume Monday through Friday office hours in November.

*Bowing to the Light Within,
Reverend Jennifer*

Sunday Services

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, November 8, 10:30am
"Humanism and Universalism: A Theological Tango"
Rev. Jennifer Innis

Universalism is based on God's Love. Humanism is about the power of the people. And yet, they have been dancing together for a long time. How do they meet and move today? The fall congregational meeting is at 12:15pm.

Sunday, November 15, 10:30am
"Looking for Love in a Garden of Good and Evil"
Rev. Jennifer Innis

In recent years, Unitarian Universalism has doubled down on how we center Love in all things. As we wonder what becomes of the nation after the election, what is the place of Love?

Sunday, November 22, 10:30am
"Sharing Our Daily Bread"
A New Member Welcome & All Ages Bread Communion

Celebrate new beginnings and the joy of belonging as we welcome new members to UUCP. Together we will share in the ritual of breaking bread, and remind ourselves that we are nourished by the love, care, and connections we offer one another. All ages are all invited to this celebration of community and welcome.

Sunday, November 29, 10:30am
"Holy Hurt"
Rev. Jennifer Innis

A traumatic religious past sets the stage for so much of our lives. As we move from November's theme of Healing to December's theme of Awe, we pause to tend to wounds that keep us from living fuller lives. Rev. Jennifer welcomes your stories as she prepares this service.



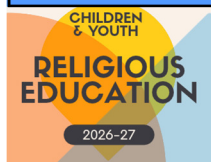
Sunday Worship

Bring Bread or a Story

November 22nd

Do you have a special bread that your family makes together or one with a special memory tied to it? Something that feeds your soul as well as your body. Is it something someone made for you by a loved one or something that you have made for others or yourself? You are invited to share your bread and/or offer a brief reflection to the congregation during worship. Contact Jesi Laughlin, DLRE@peoriaUChurch.org to volunteer. Bread donations should come with complete ingredient lists. **The last date to volunteer to offer a reflection is November 16th.**

Religious Education



REGISTER TODAY!

CYRE Teacher Lunch & Learn: Sharing, Supporting, and Learning Together

Sunday, November 29th, Noon

All Children & Youth Religious Education volunteers are invited to a Lunch & Learn after church as we check in about how classes are going, celebrate what's working well, and share ideas for navigating challenges together. Volunteers do so much to create, welcoming, meaningful experiences for our children and youth. This is a time to fill your cup as we explore practical strategies and resources to add joy to your time in UUCP classrooms. Bring your questions, experiences, and ideas—and come ready to learn from one another! Lunch and childcare will be provided.

The Winter Pageant is Coming!

Rehearsal, November 29th, during Religious Education

Rehearsal, December 13th, before Worship

Winter Pageant, December 13th, during Worship

Every December UUCP Children & Youth Religious Education presents a winter holiday pageant during a Sunday worship service. This year it will be our version of "The Lattke Who Couldn't Stop Screaming," by Lemony Snickett. If you would like to be an adult part of the team that helps make the magic happen we would love to have you! Positions available for script development, costuming, scenery, logistics, and actor support. Children and youth actors and readers should plan to be at church during the rehearsals or reach out to Jesi Laughlin, Director of Lifespan Religious Education for more information at DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

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.

November Donation Drive - Neighborhood House Critter Meals on Wheels

This November we will be supporting Neighborhood House's Critter Meals on Wheels program. A program that now delivers supplemental pet food twice a month to over 100 beloved pets whose owners participate in the Meals on Wheels program. These animals provide comfort and companionship, and most importantly, help combat loneliness and isolation. Through these donations we can ensure both seniors and their companions in our community stay healthy and cared for. Bring wet or dry dog or cat food to UUCP throughout November or see their website (<https://bit.ly/4yJtxkT>) for other ways to support the program by purchasing from their wishlist or donating directly to them.



November Share the Plate ~ Peoria Grown/Market 309

Peoria Grown is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving access to affordable, healthy food in underserved communities. Through Market 309 and nutrition education programs, we help families experiencing nutrition insecurity access fresh produce, build healthy habits, and strengthen long-term community health.

The Haunted Forest Had High Spirits!

Our annual Haunted Forest was a wonderful night! We had over 400 people at the event, and we brought in a solid financial return for the church. Your generous donations of decorations, candy, and activities set the scene for a colorful and fun night. Changes to the flow of how people lined up and moved through the end of the trail truly improved everyone's experience. The new feature of a Black Carpet Fashion Show as hosted by Steve Fairbanks kept up the energy as folks waited to enter the woods. At least 40 people assisted during the big night, plus everyone who supported the preparations. Volunteers included: Mike & Karen Zichterman; Sadie, Piper, Chris, and Amanda Franklin; Judah, Penny, Ben, and Mary Keuster; Emily, and William Smesrud; Sara, Bowie, Justin McAlexander; Jessica and Nora Spelman; Lynn Benson; Bekah & Jesse Laughlin; Greg Barta; Katie Jones; Steve Fairbanks; Mary Mulholland-Kafar; Panda Simmons; Cate, Claire, Abe & Alan Kaufman; Nate, Abbie, & Patrick Price and Reverend Jennifer Innis; Dobbins Family; Bec Wilson; Hudson Alexander; Hollye Green; Zach Peterson; Renee Shaw; Erin Roberson; Aaron Comte; Gaia Gunter; Lazarus Jameson; Molly Hicks; Mary McMullen; Edward Flint; Tim Herold; The Time Warp Dancers. A special thank you goes to the Haunted Forest Subcommittee Chairs: Evan Stubbs, electrical prep; Jennifer Stubbs, coordination; Anna Nokes, Children's Area; Regina Stanley, Time Warp Dance Team; Lindy Peterson, Concessions; Tony Huerta, Ancestor Table. And an eternal thank you to Justin and Sarah McAlexander for providing the high quality lights, the black plastic screens, and countless hours of labor. Happy Halloween!

Message from the President - Committee Help Needed

There are several groups that keep our church operating on a day-to-day basis. There is the Administrative team, the Board of Directors, and multiple Committees – each dedicated to a specific function, for example Caring, Worship, Property and Land Stewardship.

In September, we held a Connections Fair where members were able to chat with each of the different committee chairs and find out what each committee did to support the church. I am pleased to say that this event resulted in many members signing up for different committees. However, the effort does not stop there.

Committees are always eager to welcome additional members, and we still have two committees that could use some additional support. The first is the Property Committee. If you understand thermostats, AC/heating and dishwashers, we could use your help. If you have leadership skills or want to develop leadership skills that would be even better.

The second committee is our Finance/Personnel committee. As the name implies, this committee is responsible for monitoring/managing the overall finances for the church and also oversight for our employee benefits administration. We have one member who has been on this committee for many years and would like to retire.

If you are interested in helping with any committee, please contact me (571) 263-1430 or Reverend Jennifer or Regina Stanley. --from Roy Seabolt, UUCP Board President

Activities & Announcements



Youth Con Spring 2027 Let's Start Planning *Sunday, Nov. 1st 12:15pm, Conf. Room*

We need you to help us plan for youth con 2027! Let's meet to pick a date, a theme, and start groups to work on base groups, workshops, food, worship,

and more. I'll bring lunch, you bring ideas!
Email dlre@peoriauuchurch.org for more info.

Young Adult Connection Circle *November 4th, 6:00pm*

YEA Deep Connections is now the Young Adult Connection Circle! Young & Emerging Adults (ages 18-39) are invited to explore spirituality at the genesis of adulthood in an open conversation with peers. Email Erin Roberson at embregan@gmail.com for more information.

Post-Election Reflection *November 4th, 6:00pm*

Join Rev. Jennifer for a time of music and meditation in the sanctuary on the day after the November 3 election. The sanctuary will be open for quiet contemplation at 5:30pm.

Date with Death *First Saturdays, 9:30am - 11:30am* *Starting November 7th*

Do you hope to face our human mortality with less fear and more curiosity? With less euphemism and more reality? With less conformity and more creativity? If that sounds like you or who you hope to become, Welcome to Date with Death Club. We'll explore topics of aging, death, and dying. Attend One, Some, or All sessions. Sign up to be on the mailing list for this ongoing series by emailing Jesi Laughlin at DLRE@peoriaUUchurch.org

Seeking Musicians for Service

Help us add variety to our music in worship! Rev. Jennifer is creating a new list of people to provide special music on occasion during service. She welcomes your recommendations for area musicians.

New to UUCP? Join Our Newcomer Welcome Circle!

Sunday, Nov 1st, 12:00, Library

Are you curious about Unitarian Universalism or interested in getting to know the Universalist Unitarian Church of Peoria a little better? We invite you to join our Newcomer Welcome Circle on Sunday, November 1 at noon in the Library! This informal, small-group gathering is a chance to meet others, learn more about our UU tradition and congregation, and share questions and reflections in a relaxed, welcoming setting. Whether you're just beginning to explore UU or have been visiting for a while, you're welcome here. We look forward to getting to know you!

Contact Regina Stanley at membership@peoriauuchurch.org with any questions.

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

In Search of a Choir Director

Our new choir director did not work out as we hoped. Rev. Jennifer is open to suggestions for a choir director and for our music program in general. Thank you to the choir for being open to a new leader after such a lengthy hiatus.

Soup Lunch for Christmas! *After Service on November 15th*

Our annual Soup Lunch supports the students at Pleasant Valley Middle School by funding weekly bags of food for 35 families. Funds raised at this year's lunch will help sponsor Christmas gifts for some of the families. See Bernie Humphrey 309-360-4199 or Susan Bopp 910-547-0143 if you can make a soup or can assist with set up and clean up.

New Member Sunday *Sunday, November 22nd*

The congregation will welcome its new members during service on Sunday, November 22. If you're ready to become a member, please contact Regina Stanley at membership@peoriauuchurch.org to complete the membership steps, and plan to join us on this day.

Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner *Thursday, Nov. 26* *Noon setup, Fellowship Hall*

Enjoy the holiday tradition of a turkey dinner with your church friends, family, and guests on Thanksgiving Day. We need folks to set up, bring food, and help clean up. We start setting up at noon, and we eat at 1pm. Please bring a dish to contribute. There will be a contribution basket to defray the cost of additional supplies. Sign up at the table in the foyer or contact the church office at office@peoriauuchurch.org or 309-688-5608. If you miss your chance to sign up in advance, please come at noon to help set up and bring a dish to share.

ACORN Equality Fund **Annual Family Breakfast** *Saturday, Dec 5, 9:00am, Embassy Suites* *100 Conference Center Dr., East Peoria*

The Acorn Equality Fund invites UU members and friends to a family-friendly celebration Honoring scholarship and grant recipients—and the donors who make this important work possible. Together, we help strengthen LGBTQ+ people and allied organizations throughout downstate Illinois. Tickets are **\$50.00 per person**, reserve your seat now by contacting Tim Herold at herold1961@gmail.com or text (309) 251-7801. Can't attend? Support future scholarships and grants by visiting www.acornequalityfund.org/donate-1

Worship Committee Meeting *Third Wednesdays, 6:30pm* *Next November 18* *In-person & Zoom*

Want to be part of creating worship at church? The Worship Committee brings together the minister, staff, and volunteers to plan for the Sunday services. See Rev. Jennifer for information.

Join Us for Peoria Rivermen Hockey! *Sunday, Nov 22, 3:15pm, Carver Arena*

Enjoy an exciting afternoon of hockey, fun, and fellowship with friends from our church community! **Tickets are \$19.50 each**, but if we get **more than 10 people**, the price drops to just **\$16.50 per person!** Please reserve your tickets by **Thursday, November 19**, so Tim can have your tickets available for pickup at church on Sunday, November 22, before the game. Carpooling is encouraged! Consider meeting at the church and riding together to the game. If you're looking for a ride or have room for others in your car, post a message on our church [Groups.io](https://www.groups.io) to coordinate. Everyone is welcome, so invite your family and friends! To reserve your tickets, email or text Tim Herold by November 19:
Email: herold1961@gmail.com
Text: 309-251-7807

Help the Holidays Happen at UUCP *Sunday, November 29th, Noon*

Bring your gloves and help get holiday décor out of storage, build a tree, and fluff the poinsettia. Many hands will make this holiday task a breeze!

Save the Date! Deck the Halls *Saturday, December 5, 2:00pm - 4:00pm*

Save the date for this all ages UUCP holiday tradition. We will craft ornaments to hang on our tree, make the world's longest paper chain, sip hot cocoa & sing carols.

NOW HIRING - Part-Time RE Assistant

We are pleased to announce that we are adding a six hour a week RE Assistant to the staff team at UUCP. See the complete Job Description and learn how to apply on our website <https://peoriauuchurch.org/job-openings/>

Recurring Groups

Keepers of the Great Grove ~ CUUPs

Wednesday, November 4, 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, Vicki Huerta will lead a class on the making of Fire Cider and Fire Honey in preparation for the coming colder weather. CUUPs stands for Covenant of UU Pagans. All are welcome.

Life Force Tai Chi ~ 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sundays, Nov. 1 & 15, 9:30am, Meet in Foyer

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

Amethyst Circle: An Addiction Recovery Group Following UU Values

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 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, Nov 8 & 22, 1-3pm, Fellowship Hall

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

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

Nov. 19, 11:30am, Hickory River Smokehouse 5101 W. Holiday Dr., Peoria

Join us for a delicious experience. The hand-rubbed BBQ is infused with hickory smoke and served with hearty sides. Please RSVP to Carlette at 309-258-5890.

Fork YEA! Group Lunch ~ 4th Sundays

Sunday, November 22, 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, November 27, Noon

Childers Eatery, 3312 N University St, Peoria

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



Mugs & Musings
Thursdays at 10am
Intuition Coffee + Juice
734 Main Street
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 send healing wishes to Stephen Peterson, who began cancer treatment in October.

♥ We send wishes for health to Mary Pirrello's daughter Erica. Erica is hospitalized due to concerns during her pregnancy with baby Grace. Please send care for the rest of Erica's family, her husband Brian, and their children Emma, Allison, Liam, and Jimmy, as they get through this critical time.

♥ We send healing wishes to Kathy McNeil as she recovers from injuries to her shoulder after a recent fall.

♥ We send birthday joys to Rand Hugh as he celebrates another successful trip around the sun!

♥ We offer wishes for peace to Gail Russell and her brother Bill. Gail is caring for Bill at home in the last days of his life.

♥ Happy Anniversary to Tony and Vicki Huerta! They celebrated their 13th anniversary in October. To take a cue from the movie, "The Princess Bride", it is "Wuv, true wuv!"

♥ We have a note of joy and hope from the Spelman family. The Spelman family welcomed baby Zoey Luna this week. Baby Zoey came into the world much earlier than expected and is currently in the NICU at OSF. The family asks for your warm wishes & support as Zoey grows and they find their footing in this new and tender chapter as a family of five. ♥ We send healing wishes to Panda's mother Katy. She is recovering well from surgery.

♥ Congratulations to Hollye Green and Connor McManis as they settle into their new home. Thank you to everyone who assisted with their move.

♥ We offer our condolences to those who knew Michelle Kirsten Miller. Michelle and her husband Kris Johnson were part of the congregation from 2001 until they moved to Texas in 2017. She was very active in the church, including teaching children in religious education and founding Meals on Wheels for the church. See her obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/michelle-miller-obituary?id=62750894>

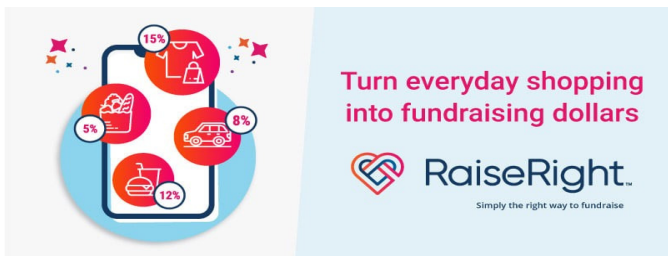
The Caring Committee helps our congregation in personal transitions. We publish "In Our UU Family" in the Builder, organize volunteers while someone is ill, and coordinate visits, cards, and calls to those who need them. Please email caring@peoriauuchurch.org, call the office (309-688-5608), or talk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

\$WIN - \$WIN THIS HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON

Raise funds for our church by buying gift cards from RaiseRight to pay for your everyday shopping and spending year-round. Groceries, dining out, home improvement, and everything in between.

This is an easy way to raise money for our church!

Scan the QR code below to get started, or visit raiserright.com and use this enrollment code: 388AYIFM6QH3. Contact Regina Stanley at membership@peoriauuchurch.org if you have any questions or would like some help getting started.



Church Life

Book Sale - October 9th - 11th



Haunted Forest - October 24th



Time Warp Dancers



Calendar of Events - November 2026

Sunday, November 1

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	Newcomer Welcome Circle	Library	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
12:15 PM	YouthCon Spring 2027 Planning Mtg	Conference Room	dlre@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00 PM	PRC Practice	Sanctuary	Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com

Monday, November 2

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
6:30-8:30 PM	Connection Circle	RE Meeting Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Tuesday, November 3

11:00 AM	Connection Circle	Library	Jeanette Gruber, 309-383-3111
6:00-8:00 PM	Young Adult Connection Circle	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, November 4

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 PM	Post-Election Reflection	Sanctuary	revjennifer@peoriauuchurch.org
7:00 PM	UU History 101	Virtual	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

Thursday, November 5

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Intuition Coffee + Juice	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
2:00-4:00 PM	Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle	Junior High Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Saturday, November 7

9:30 - 11:30 AM	Date with Death Club		dlre@peoriauuchurch.org
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Sunday, November 8

8:45-10:00 AM	A Course in Miracles	Conference Room	Suzette Boulais, zetter3@comcast.net
10:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall	
12:15 PM	Fall Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary	
12:15 PM	Caring Committee Meeting	Conference Room	caring@peoriauuchurch.org
1:00-3:00 PM	Mah Jongg for UUs	Fellowship Hall	Char Rickey, spinwool7@aol.com

Monday, November 9

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
6:30-8:30 PM	Connection Circle	RE Meeting Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Tuesday, November 10

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

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
7:00 PM	UU History 101	Virtual	DLRE@peoriauuchurch.org

Thursday, November 12

10:00 AM	Mugs & Musings	Intuition Coffee + Juice	membership@peoriauuchurch.org
2:00-4:00 PM	Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle	Junior High Room	sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Saturday, November 14

7:30 PM	Heartland Festival Orchestra	Sanctuary	
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Sunday, November 15

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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	Soup Lunch for Christmas		Bernie Humphrey, 309-360-4199 or Susan Bopp, 910-547-0143
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, November 16

12:00-2:00 PM Mah Jongg for UU's
 1:00 PM OLLI Practice
 6:30-8:30 PM Connection Circle

Peoria Heights Library
 Sanctuary
 RE Meeting Room

Char Rickey, spinwool7@aol.com
 Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com
sgm@peoriauuchurch.org

Tuesday, November 17

11:00 AM Connection Circle
 6:00 PM Finance/Personnel Committee
 7:00 PM Humanist Discussion Group

Library
 Library
 Virtual

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

Wednesday, November 18

9:00 AM Private Homeschooling Group
 1:00 PM Administrative Team
 6:30 PM Worship Committee
 7:00 PM UU History 101

Conference Room
 Conference Room
 Virtual

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Thursday, November 19

10:00 AM Mugs & Musings
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 2:00-4:00 PM Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle
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 Junior High Room
 Conference Rm & Zoom

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Saturday, November 21

12:00 PM D.I.YEA!

RE Commons

Erin Roberson, embregan@gmail.com

Sunday, November 22

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 12:00 PM Fork YEA! Group Lunch
 1:00-3:00 PM Mah Jongg for UUs
 3:15 PM Rivermen Hockey Game

Conference Room
 Sanctuary
 Fellowship Hall
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 Peoria Civic Center

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Monday, November 23

12:00-2:00 PM Mah Jongg for UU's
 1:00 PM OLLI Practice
 6:30-8:30 PM Connection Circle

Peoria Heights Library
 Sanctuary
 RE Meeting Room

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Tuesday, November 24

7:00 PM Humanist Discussion Group

Virtual

Harry Elger, 309-682-9717

Wednesday, November 25

9:00 AM Private Homeschooling Group
 11:45 AM *Builder* Deadline
 1:00 PM Administrative Team
 6:30 PM Board Meeting

Conference Room
 Conference Room

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Thursday, November 26

10:00 AM Mugs & Musings
 1:00 PM Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner
 2:00-4:00 PM Thursday Afternoon Connection Circle

Intuition Coffee + Juice
 Fellowship Hall
 Junior High Room

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Friday, November 27

12:00 PM Retired Men's Last Friday Lunch

Childers on University

Bill Keefner, wkeef84@gmail.com

Sunday, November 29

8:45-10:00 AM A Course in Miracles
 10:30 AM New Member Sunday Service
 11:00 AM RE Winter Pageant Rehearsal
 11:30 AM Coffee Hour
 12:00 PM CYRE Teacher Lunch & Learn
 12:00 PM Help the Holidays Happen
 12:15 PM Social Impact Committee Meeting

Conference Room
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 RE Commons
 Fellowship Hall

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Monday, November 30

12:00-2:00 PM Mah Jongg for UU's
 1:00 PM OLLI Practice

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Happy Birthday!

December 2 Gail Hintze
December 2 Elaine Howell
December 2 Mary Mullholland-Kafar
December 5 Regina Stanley
December 8 Leila McCrea
December 11 Bob Swanson
December 14 Jessica Spelman
December 15 Phyllis Close
December 15 Stephen Peterson
December 16 David Koehler

December 17 Aaron Enns
December 19 Martha Diebold
December 20 Carol Johnson
December 21 Jim Johnson
December 21 David Yaeger
December 23 Ed Murphy
December 23 Naomi Shepherd
December 27 Joyce Rosenberger
December 30 Tom Crow



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

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NEXT BUILDER

Deadline: Wednesday, November 25

Submit to: office@peoriauuchurch.org

Mailing: Wednesday, December 2

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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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- ~ On Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/uupeoria>
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