



# DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church

JUNE/JULY 2018 Newsletter

Theme for June/July: *Unity in Diversity*



## From Gemma Guenther, Ministerial Intern

Dear people of DUUC,  
Thank you for traveling with me and supporting me during my two years here as ministerial intern. My last service as your intern will be Sunday, May 27 at 10AM. There's so much I want to tell you!

First, you will still see me around. In most Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) internships, the intern does not attend church or talk to congregants for a year. This is so the congregation has an opportunity to get used to the current ministry team without a lot of crosstalk.

In my case, things are a little different. DUUC is my home congregation, and I am using a hospital residency to gain my ministerial credentials with the UUA, versus my internship here. So I have been given permission to remain at DUUC as long as I

take no leadership roles for at least a year.

I want to thank you for your grace, your support and your critiques. Many of my seminarian friends are seasoned worship leaders and long-time UUs. I came into this internship with my only parish experience being youth religious education in a Christian setting, and as a UU for four years. Rev Tom, Bonnie and my internship wisdom council mentored me and nurtured my growth in service planning. It was not easy, and I appreciate their guidance.

I have a new appreciation for parish ministers, staff and lay leaders. Building a faith community with so many different personalities and ideologies takes patience and strength. As a pagan, I appreciate that the UU world as a whole,

and our community, has opened itself up to people like me, who otherwise may not have a religious home. Being a small part of our DUUCKIES (DUUC Kindred In Earth-centered Spirituality) brings me great joy, and I'm forever grateful to Martha Kirby Capo and Andrea Gustafson for their leadership.

At the same time, I understand that my own cultural and personal lens puts me outside of the center of UU theology. Our principles, sources and covenant orient me as I work to strengthen my connections to others different than myself.

Thank you especially to staff Sheri Regalado, Mary Law, Vickie Hellyer, Bonnie Brewster, DRE Steve Cooper and Rev Tom Capo. You all have been so supportive and patient.

Thank you also to my internship wisdom

council. We wandered through the woods together and you carried me through – Susan Camasta, Kelley Trombly-Freytag, Karen Seymour-Ells, Mary Ann Peters, Tania Brown, and Revs Rudra Dundzila, and Russell Elleven.

I would also like to thank you. If I have helped you in your journey, even a little bit, I am grateful. If I have made a mistake or caused harm, I ask for your forgiveness.

I hope to see you around this summer. Next school year, I will still be in the area as a chaplain resident for a local hospital. I am so excited! Then, if all goes well, I should graduate next spring. This community will always be a part of how I became Unitarian Universalist, and how I became a minister. I love you.

Best wishes for an awesome summer!  
Gemma

# SUNDAY SERVICES

## JUNE

### **PLEASE NOTE—SINGLE SERVICE:**

**There is one service at 10:00AM only  
beginning June 10th through August 19th.**

**June 3, 2018**

### **Annual Business Meeting**

9:00am Casserole Breakfast  
10:30am Annual Business Meeting  
See page 8 for more details.

**June 10, 2018 @ 10:00 AM**

### **LGBTQ Pride by Reverend Tom Capo**

June is Pride Month and Reverend Tom wants to celebrate. He also wants to invite members of the congregation to participate in the first Aurora Pride Parade. In the present moment as many of dwell on the problems in our country, perhaps it is time we consider what we have accomplished and how to keep positive change moving forward.

**There will be a time in the service to share Joys and Concerns.** There will be a Special Collection for the Alive Center and a New Member Recognition Ceremony during the service.

**June 17, 2018 @ 10:00 AM**

**By DUUC Men's Group**

**There will be a time in the service to share Joys and Concerns.**

**June 24, 2018 @ 10:00 AM**

**By Mike Winters and Scott Thompson**

## JULY

**July 1, 2018 @ 10:00 AM**

**By the Green Sanctuary Committee**

**There will be Joys and Concerns during this service.**

**July 8, 2018 @ 10:00 AM**

**Jan Hus, a Unitarian?**

**By Bill Kovacs**

**July 15, 2018 @ 10:00 AM**

**Reflections on Theologian Paul Tillich**

**By Reverend Tom Capo**

Paul Tillich wrote: "We can speak without voice to the trees and the clouds and the waves of the sea. Without words they respond through the rustling of leaves and the moving of clouds and the murmuring of the sea." Join Reverend Tom as he explores some of the philosophy and theology of Paul Tillich. **There will be Joys and Concerns during this service.** There will be a Special Collection for the Boys and Girls Club of America during the service.

**July 22, 2018 @ 10:00 AM**

**By Caroline Bailey and Kat Gelder**

**July 29, 2018 @ 10:00 AM**

**By Steve Cooper, DRE**

### **How to get DUUC Livestreamed at Home:**

URL for the church's **website:**

<http://dupageuuchurch.org/>

URL for the church's **YouTube** page:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKRJMfXdZ3LsZQ0zU-zl5A>

[amp=&ab\\_channel=DupageUUChurch](#)

Go to the church's web page, the link for the YouTube page is on the right side of the page and it looks like this (light blue):

Or you can go straight to the church's YouTube Page with the URL above you and click LiveStream.





## From Reverend Tom Capo

This summer our services will be quite diverse. And so as I reflected on them, I realized that though they appear quiet diverse, there is a unity that holds them together—our Seven Principles. This summer you will hear services from our Men's Group, from the leaders of Science Sunday, and from our Green Sanctuary Committee. The topics will range from considering how we celebrate LGBTQ Pride, to whether Jan Hus was Unitarian to reflections on theologian Paul Tillich. As you listen to this wonderful variety of topics reflect on our

Principles (see Principles below), notice how they are woven in and through these topics.

I hope that you enjoy these diverse summer offerings, while Steve Cooper, DRE, Mary Law, our Congregational Life Coordinator, and I busily prepare for our Whole Church Ministry programming this fall. I will be preaching once in June and once in July, then back full time in August. If you need me this summer, send me an email or leave a message on the voicemail at the church. I will not be

keeping regular office hours in June and July, but will have regular office hours in August. Have a great summer!

Blessings, Rev. Tom

Peace is not unity in similarity but unity in diversity, in the comparison and conciliation of differences

-- [Mikhail Gorbachev, Russian and former Soviet politician](#)

The inherent worth and dignity of every person.  
Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.  
Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;  
The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.  
Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



## From Congregational Life Coordinator, Mary Law

Oh, Hi There!

Can you believe that it is already June???? I'm always amazed at how fast the church year seems to fly right by. It seems like it was just yesterday that we had our In-gathering service in early August.

Here is a few random items that I wanted to tell all the dear readers of DUUC.

I had to take a step back from a few of my responsibilities in the Fall and Winter due to some family matters. Things have improved this Spring and I am happy to say that I am now able to focus more on Congregational Life at DUUC. I want to say a special Thank You to those of you who were there for me when I needed it. It does take a village and I didn't feel so alone when the situation was occurring.

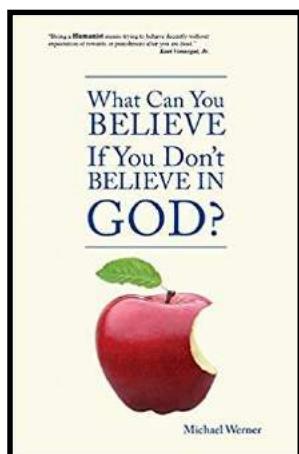
This Summer, Rev Tom, Steve and I will be busy getting Whole Church Ministry off and running. I will be delving into the Small Group portion and seeing how we can incorporate what we currently do with Covenant Groups and Chalice Circles with WCM. Are you interested in joining a Covenant Group? Or want to know more? Contact me.

I currently only plan on being out of town for GA in Kansas City from June 20th - June 24th.

I know that most members take the Summer off of Church. Did you know that we live-stream the services? You could watch Sunday service in the comfort of your own home.

Subscribe to the [DUUC YouTube Channel](#) to get email notifications once the live-stream has started.

See you Sunday!



## From the Director of Religious Education, Steve Cooper



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The Summer Youth RE Program will begin on Sunday, June 10 at 10:00 a.m. and go through August 19. Our themes during the summer will be: Blessing in June, Joy in July and Welcoming in August.

The Blessing topics will be:

June 10 - Blessing and Prayer - Ramadan  
June 17 - Blessing and Freedom - Juneteenth  
June 24 - Blessing and the Web of Life - Senses

Each week we will send parent and family resources relating to the theme and/or topic.



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## Former DUUC Member, Michael Werner published a new book:

"What Can You Believe If You Don't Believe in God?" By Michael Werner

This book is intended to help you live your life, and to shed some light on your own values and ethics, if you don't believe in God. More than just a primer on Humanism, but not quite a full-blown treatise on philosophy, it offers some answers to those crucial questions Socrates asked: What is true? And how shall we live our lives? Those of us who don't believe in the supernatural sometimes struggle to understand how we can ground ourselves ethically, and how to find truth, meaning, purpose and joy.

[https://www.amazon.com/What-Can-You-Believe-Dont/dp/0931779731/ref=sr\\_1\\_3? s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1525270231&sr=1-3&keywords=michael+werner](https://www.amazon.com/What-Can-You-Believe-Dont/dp/0931779731/ref=sr_1_3? s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1525270231&sr=1-3&keywords=michael+werner)

## **Meditation or Prayer**

Reverend Tom found this reflection by UU minister Reverend Erika A. Hewitt on the UUA Worship Web and wanted to share it with all of you:

"Share the good news at all times. If necessary, use words."

—St. Francis of Assisi, paraphrased

Ding-dong. When my friend Beth answered her door one day, she found a pair of earnest Mormon missionaries: young men wishing to chat with her about their religion.

Beth being Beth, she invited her visitors in, listened to what they had to say, and in response shared her "good news" — her beliefs about justice and inclusion; of being responsible for the most vulnerable among us; of countering oppression with love. The point wasn't to change their minds, and the missionaries must have realized that they weren't going to change hers. Beth's intention was to create a moment of connection beyond—or in spite of—opposing beliefs.

At the end of their visit, one of the Mormons asked, "Shall we pray together before we leave?"

"Yes," said Beth, "I'll go first." And so she said a prayer, and then the missionaries said a prayer, and they parted ways.

Days went by; the weather grew oppressively hot. Again one afternoon, Beth heard her doorbell. On her doorstep were the same missionaries, wilting in the harsh sun.

"Can we have some water?" one of them asked.

"Hello?," replied Beth. "'I was thirsty and you gave me drink!'" Of course: come in."

The young men drank their water, thanked her, and left. Beth never saw them again — but those missionaries have never left my mind, because their story forces me to examine my own heart and the way its doors sometimes stay stubbornly closed.

If you or I knew that a stranger was suffering from thirst outside our door, wouldn't we readily bring them water? But in order to offer that hospitality, we first have to identify ourselves — sometimes in inconvenient or uncomfortable ways — as helpers; as willing to offer kindness or connection to someone we might disagree with.

"I know there is strength in the differences between us. I know there is comfort where we overlap."

-- [Ani DiFranco, American Singer](#)

Of all the doors they'd knocked on, in all the neighborhoods in Beth's town, a pair of devoted Mormons sought help from Beth not just because she had embodied the religion of kindness, but also because she risked opening her door to them the first time they visited.

### Prayer

I never leave your current, Great Ocean of Mercy and Storm, and so we both know that I could be kinder to strangers, whom I am sometimes tempted to judge. Help me to demonstrate loving kindness to everyone I encounter, for my actions may speak louder than my words.

## **Spiritual Practice**

During this Summer, when you run across someone who seems very different from you, talk to them and try to find out what you have in common.

### **Here are a couple Summer Volunteer Opportunities:**

Northern Illinois Food Bank (age 8 and up), contact Molly Speckman, Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator 630-443-6910 ext 211, [msspeckman@northernilfoodband.org](mailto:msspeckman@northernilfoodband.org)

Feed My Starving Children (ages 5 and up), make reservations at <https://volunteer.fmsc.org/Register/Default.aspx#.Wvs6gKLiezW>

**JUST VIEWS: a Free & Open****Film & Discussion Program****Friday June 8, 2018, 7:20pm****Election Tabulation****Aggregation Vulnerabilities**

Digital and cyber security are issues generating angst in multiple arenas in these times. Since 2000, questions about elections hacking have been raised by at first a few and recently increasing numbers of systems experts and others. They are concerned about not just the potential for technical intrusion but some indications of interventions in 2002, 2004 and beyond. On this night, Melisa Urda, the head of Illinois Ballot Integrity, brings us filmed narratives and demonstrations of hacking through equipment financed by the federal Help America Vote Act and also filmed interviews with experienced experts. IBI will fill us in on how the Illinois Ballot

Integrity Act, HB 712 and SB 834, now pending in our state legislature could provide some protections for vote results integrity as soon as during the upcoming November elections.

**JUST VIEWS Doc & Discussion:****Friday July 13, 2018, 7:20pm****Oceans Away!**

We're heading for the beach this month -- to check out the health of our waters, sea life and human life. Plastics and other refuse decompose slowly or not at all. And huge amounts of these discards accumulate in our oceans, streams -- and blood streams -- polluting terribly. Come as you are in cool summer cut offs-- to wade with us into such problems -- and dive with us into the solutions. Just Views Director is sociologist Stephanie Hughes 630/ 420-4233; Associate Director is Carol Tritschler 630/961-0106.



**RESERVE  
YOUR  
ROOM**

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MEETING ROOM!**

Please email Sheri at [office@dupageuuchurch.org](mailto:office@dupageuuchurch.org) with your room requirements for the new church year (June 2018 -May 2019). Please include the following:

**DATE** - BEGINNING and ENDING dates;

**TIME** - START and END times;

**FREQUENCY**- every month, every other month;

**ROOM PREFERENCE**.

Thank you!



Join Members of DUUC as we walk in the First Pride Parade in Aurora. Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. Keep an eye out for details about when and where we will gather for the parade.

## **Summer Flowers Sign-up**

**Now Available!** The sign-up sheet is posted on the kiosk in Kreves Hall. Pick a date and neatly write your name and dedication as you would like it to appear in the order of service. There are two ways to provide flowers during the summer:

1. Bring flowers from your garden or favorite store.
2. On select dates only, Pat Clancy will make an arrangement for you with flowers from the church grounds. \$20 minimum donation to DUUC is required. (Please write "Flowers by Pat" in the memo line.)

In both cases, your dedication will be printed in the order of service, and the flowers are yours to take home after the 10:00 service. Please contact Kristen Tang at [flowers@dupageuuchurch.org](mailto:flowers@dupageuuchurch.org) for more information and/or to request "Flowers by Pat." Thanks!

## **Social Justice Meetings**

Join us for the **June Social Justice monthly meeting on Sunday June 24th following the 10:00 am service** in the Founders Room. The SMILE Project begins July 2nd though July 27th but there are still things that must be done, plans to be made. We need all of you to make SMILE a success, thank you all for your support.

Join us for the **July Social Justice monthly meeting on Sunday July 22nd, following the 10:00 am service** in the Founders Room. Get updated on how the SMILE Project is progressing, and the plans for the recognition celebration when the Project is completed.

## **Groups taking a break**

During the summer, some of our groups will be taking a break. Please check to be sure your group is still meeting.

Groups not meeting this June, July, and August:

- UU Bible Study
- Jesus Seminar Book Club
- Conscious Aging
- Spiritual Direction



**General Assembly** is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates. The 2018 General Assembly will be June 20-24 in Kansas City, Missouri. Most General Assembly events will be held in the Kansas City Convention Center.

### **GA Theme: "All Are Called"**

Board member Kelly Huggins will be the point person for people to contact if someone is going and if someone wishes to be a delegate (on site or online) at General Assembly.

## **Auction 2018**

The theme for the 2018 Goods and Services Auction will be "Give Peace a Chance". Please consider items you may wish to donate as you take your summer travels.



## **Newsletter Deadline**

A July newsletter will not be published. The deadline for the

**AUGUST** newsletter is **Monday, July 16 2018 @ 9AM**. Please email your submissions to

[announcements@dupageuuchurch.org](mailto:announcements@dupageuuchurch.org).

## **What goes in the Newsletter? What goes in the Weekly Update?**

Church related events will be included in the Newsletter and Weekly Updates. Any non-church sponsored community events will be included in the newsletter, if spacing permit. Please email your submissions to [announcements@dupageuuchurch.org](mailto:announcements@dupageuuchurch.org).

"It is easy enough to be friendly to one's friends. But to befriend the one who regards himself as your enemy is the quintessence of true religion. The other is mere business."

-- [Mohandas K. Gandhi, Indian Activist](#)



Dear DUUC Members and Friends,

Please join us at church on Sunday June 3 for our Annual Business Meeting. There will be a casserole breakfast starting at 9:00, followed by the meeting which will be at 10:30. In addition to approving the budget for the 2018/2019 church year, we will elect members to the board and committees. Anyone may attend. Only members in good standing who joined at least 45 days ago can vote. Childcare provided.

The **slate of candidates** proposed by the nominating committee is below.

- Board, Clerk : Karen Seymour-Ells
- Board, Community: Jenny Hobbs
- Endowment Committee: Soni Simpson
- Nominating Committee: Justin Hobbs & Jane Blumen
- Committee on Ministry: Anna Harcharik
- Public Ministry Committee: Heather Amwoza

We will also be voting on the below **amendment to our church constitution**.

Article V, Section 1 (Current)

Officers of the Church shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Clerk, a Controller, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected from the Congregation as prescribed in Article VI for a term of three years. Paid staff may not serve as elected officers. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms in any one of these offices.

Article V, Section 1 (Proposed)

Officers of the Church shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Clerk, and two Financial Officers. They shall be elected from the Congregation as prescribed in Article VI. President, Vice President, Clerk and Trustees at Large will have three year terms. Financial Officers will have a four year term, the first two years of which will be served as Controller and the second two of which will be served as Treasurer. A new Financial Officer will be elected every two years. Paid staff may not serve as elected officers. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms in any one of these offices.

We look forward to seeing you there!

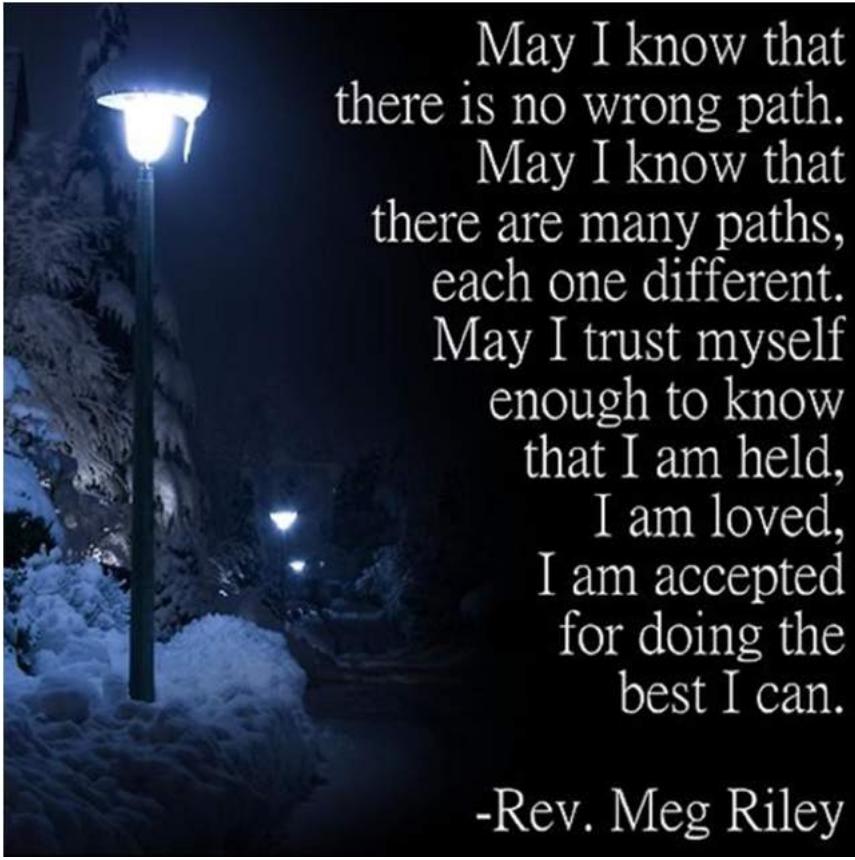
Sincerely,  
The Board of the DuPage UU Church

# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9am Breakfast 10:30am Annual Meeting	4 7pm Meditation	5 4:30pm Tai Chi	6 6:30pm Facilities Enhancement Cmte	7	8 7:20pm Just Views	9
10 10am Sunday Service 11:30am Fellowship Cmte	11 7pm Meditation	12 4:30pm Tai Chi	13 7pm Youth RE Cmte	14 7:30pm Men's group	15	16 9am Work Session Noon— Humanist Picnic
17 10am Sunday Service	18 7pm Meditation	19 4:30pm Tai Chi 7pm Board Meeting	20 General Assembly	21 General Assembly	22 General Assembly	23 6:30pm DUUCKIES Litha
24 10am Sunday Service 11am Social Justice Committee	25 7pm Meditation	26 4:30pm Tai Chi	27	28 6:30pm DUUCKIES Full Moon 7:30pm Men's group	29	30

# July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10am Sunday Service MUUSA	<b>2</b> 7pm Meditation MUUSA OFFICE CLOSED	<b>3</b> 4:30pm Tai Chi MUUSA OFFICE CLOSED	<b>4</b> 6:30pm Facilities Enhancement Cmte MUUSA OFFICE CLOSED	<b>5</b> MUUSA OFFICE CLOSED	<b>6</b> MUUSA OFFICE CLOSED	<b>7</b> MUUSA
<b>8</b> 10am Sunday Service 11:30am Fellowship Cmte	<b>9</b> 7pm Meditation OFFICE CLOSED	<b>10</b> 4:30pm Tai Chi OFFICE CLOSED	<b>11</b> 7pm Youth RE Cmte OFFICE CLOSED	<b>12</b> 7:30pm Men's group OFFICE CLOSED	<b>13</b> 7:20pm Just Views OFFICE CLOSED	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10am Sunday Service	<b>16</b> 7pm Meditation	<b>17</b> 4:30pm Tai Chi 7pm Board Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9am Work Session
<b>22</b> 10am Sunday Service 11am Social Justice Committee	<b>23</b> 7pm Meditation	<b>24</b> 4:30pm Tai Chi	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:30pm Men's group	<b>27</b> 6:30pm DUUCKIES Full Moon	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10am Sunday Service	<b>30</b> 7pm Meditation	<b>31</b> 4:30pm Tai Chi				



May I know that  
there is no wrong path.  
May I know that  
there are many paths,  
each one different.  
May I trust myself  
enough to know  
that I am held,  
I am loved,  
I am accepted  
for doing the  
best I can.

-Rev. Meg Riley



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