



DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church

May 2018 Newsletter

Theme: *Play*



From Reverend Tom Capo

I am very excited about what we are starting in September of this year. We will begin **Whole Church Ministry!** What the heck is that? Well each month, the whole church, all the groups, all the committees, the worship team, and religious education will explore a theme together. And we will have resources for all the chalice circles, the covenant groups, the spiritual direction groups, the conscious aging group, the men's group, all the groups in the church to use to explore a single theme. There will be resources for

families to take home to use to explore the theme. And there will be a piece of art representing the theme in the church each month. There will be no doubt that someone, visitor or friend or member, coming into our church will know what theme we are exploring. There will be questions offered each week to consider about the theme. We, together, as a church will deeply engage each theme, young and old, every demographic of the church will have an opportunity to reflect on the theme; there is

intentional thought of full inclusion (ages, beliefs, ability...) for all programming; support material and content available for all programming in the church. Mary Law, our Congregational Life Coordinator, and Steve Cooper, our Director of Religious Education, and I have been busy looking at content, working on strategy, and sharing our vision with committees and groups within the church. We will start engaging various components over the summer and kick it off officially the first Sunday in September.

If you would like to know more about Whole Church Ministry or want to know how you can help please reach out to me, Mary Law or Steve Cooper. The Water Communion will be August 26, so remember to gather water from your meaningful experiences this summer. Then on September 2nd, together we begin this journey of Whole Church Ministry together.

*~Blessings,
Reverend Tom*

Below are the themes for 2018-2019 with a reflection on how to conceptualize these themes. The ideas about how to think about these themes is offered by some of the 200 UU churches from across the country who have been participating in this Whole Church Ministry.

September: Vision - *The practice of intentional imagination*

October: Sanctuary - *The practice of finding sacred space within & ensuring welcoming space for all*

November: Memory - *The practice of honest remembrance & honoring the shoulders on which we stand*

December: Mystery - *The practice of embracing life with humility and awe*

January: Possibility - *The practice of personal unfolding and prophetic vision*

February: Trust - *The practice of commitment and faith in a love that won't let us go*

March: Journey - *The practice of pilgrimage, courageous growth and patient change*

April: Wholeness - *The practice of repairing what is broken and knowing we are enough*

May: Curiosity - *The practice of moving from fear to open-heartedness*

June: Beauty - *The practice of savoring life's gifts*

Sunday Services & Forums

May 6, 2018 @ 9:30 and 11:15 AM

Playfulness by Reverend Tom Capo and Gemma Guenther, Ministerial Intern

When was the last time you really played? Unstructured, spontaneous, improvised play? Most of us don't make the time for this in our lives, unless we have small children. During the service, Rev. Tom and Gemma will provide some opportunities or you to play and will also share their thoughts about what play is and how it can be useful on your spiritual and ethical journey through life. Bob Bahrey, John Brubaker & Carolyn Atkin will be performing PDQ Bach. **There will be Joys and Concerns during this service.**

Sunday Morning Forum @ 9:30 AM

SCIENCE SUNDAY. Come learn about virtual reality technologies at this week's Science Sunday.

Religious Education: Last class meeting of semester

May 13, 2018 @ 9:30 and 11:15 AM

Flower Communion by Reverend Tom Capo

The Flower Communion is an annual uniquely Unitarian Universalist ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community. Originally created in 1923 by Unitarian minister Norbert Capek of Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Flower Ceremony was introduced to the United States by Rev. Maya Capek, Norbert's widow. In this ceremony, **everyone in the congregation brings a flower.** The congregation and minister bless the flowers, and they're redistributed. Each person brings home a different flower than the one they brought. Remember to bring flowers for the service. The DUUC Choir will be performing. **There will not be a time in the service to share Joys and Concerns.**

Our **Special Collection** will benefit National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) DuPage. NAMI DuPage provides support, advocacy and education in order to improve the quality of life of individuals with mental illnesses and their families. Checks can be made payable to DUUC, with NAMI noted on the memo line. Thank you for giving generously! www.namidupage.org

Sunday Morning Forum @ 9:30 AM

Social Justice Forum. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Paul Scott to the Social Justice Forum on Sunday, May 13th at 9:30 am in the Learning Center. Paul is a member of the DuPage County NAACP, and works on the DuPage County police department outreach program, Unity Partnership, assisting with establishing and rebuilding trust between the police department and citizens from marginalized, disaffected, and misunderstood communities.

Religious Education: Service for All Ages (no classes)

May 20, 2018 @ 9:30 and 11:15 AM

Religious Education Sunday

Steve Cooper, Director of Religious Education

Our children's religious education program encourages children to think for themselves and to have respect for the values and beliefs of the larger community. We'll honor our graduating seniors and celebrate our religious education program and the people involved (young and old.) This will be a whole church service and the Youth Ensemble and Children's Choir will be performing.

There will not be a time in the service to share Joys and Concerns.

Sunday Morning Forum @ 9:30 AM

SCIENCE SUNDAY. Do you have a science or engineering topic you'd like to spend 10 minutes talking about? If so, contact Mike Winter or Scott Thompson to be put on the agenda for this year's Science Slam. If you don't have a topic to talk about, come hear a variety of short presentations about science.

Religious Education: Service for All Ages (no classes)

May 27, 2018 @ 10:00 AM ONLY

Like Prairie Wind and Sunsets

By Gemma Guenther, Ministerial Intern, and Rev Tom Capo

(From Gemma) This year, I have spent time reflecting on life through the practice of spiritual journaling. Included are tales of gratitude, mishap and other adventures as I navigated the world and our faith community.

I want to share my appreciation for all that this congregation has meant to me. We will also explore the practice of meditative journaling, or writing/drawing a spiritual geography.

This is my last service as the ministerial intern here at DUUC. Love and peace, Gemma

There will be Joys and Concerns during this service.

A Forum will not be held this day.

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/UCKRJMfX-dZ3LsZQ0zU-zI5A?amp=&ab_channel=DupageUUCChurch

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 the Director of Religious Education, Steve Cooper

You may have started to hear some buzz around the church about "Whole Church Ministry". This is a new initiative that Rev. Tom, Mary Law and I are pursuing to engage all of the demographics of the congregation into one ministry that builds a connected and missional community. The staff will lead a program designed to build Whole Church Ministry. This initiative will use monthly themes throughout the church for faith development, outreach and interconnections. We will be working with leadership at all levels to intentionally consider inclusion throughout congregational activities.

So, what does this mean for you? And what does it look like?

Think of a church where the whole community will be deeply engaging with the same message; there is intentional thought of full inclusion (ages, beliefs, ability...) for all programming; support material and content available for all programming in the church; monthly themes and weekly topics that everyone hears and experiences; weekly resources provided for parents to bring church home; experiential social justice for all ages.

When is this happening?

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been busy looking at content, working on strategy, and sharing our vision with committees and groups within the church. We will start engaging various components over the summer and kick it off officially the first Sunday in September.

If you would like to know more about Whole Church Ministry or want to know how you can help please reach out to Rev. Tom, Mary Law or me.

See you next Sunday!

Steve Cooper



From Congregational Life Coordinator, Mary Law

A friend of mine has been raving about a resource that their fellowship has been using for a few years. Frankly, I've been a little jealous. So, during a staff meeting, when the topic of potentially using this particular resource in creating our own Whole Church Ministry, I don't think I let the other person finish talking about it before agreeing that it would be a great thing to do here at DUUC.

By now, you have probably already read what both

Reverend Tom and Steve wrote about Whole Church Ministry. I'll tell you what I'm excited about.

I'm excited that when Reverend Tom, Steve and I held a meeting with several of you, there was excitement. I'm excited that the Small Group resources will tie in with the monthly theme.

I'm excited that our whole congregation working together on each month's theme.

I'm excited that each week, all members of your family will be able to have conversations about the same topic that was discussed at church that day.

I'm excited that the resources we will get also include a social media piece that we can use to help with marketing.

Can you tell I'm excited? I hope you are too.

Meditation or Prayer

Reverend Tom offers you this forceful responsive reading from Unitarian Universalist seminarian Tori Jameson with help from other UUs Tori Jameson Earl Rogers, Kevin Mann, and Cyn Burnelle:

Leader: May the force be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

L: Lift up your lightsabers

C: We lift them up to the Rebellion

L: We cast away the spirit of Jar-Jar, bringer of mindless chatter and unnecessary anecdotes. We call forth the spirit of Obi-wan Kenobi, patient teacher and speaker of riddles.

C: Come, spirit of Obi-wan Kenobi, come.

L: We call forth the spirit of Yoda, ancient teacher of wisdom.

C: Come, spirit of Yoda, come.

L: We call forth the spirit of Padme, strong and fierce leader of nations, and mother.

C: Come, spirit of Padme, come.

L: We call forth the spirit of Han Solo, determined friend and defier of odds.

C: Come, spirit of Han Solo, come.

L: We call forth the spirit of R2-D2, humble in service and great of heart.

C: Come, spirit of R2-D2, come.

L: The force is truly with us. In a sign of community and mutuality, let us share a sign of the force with one another.

Forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair. -Khalil Gibran, Lebanese American writer and poet

Spiritual Practice

Spend an hour with a person under the age of 4. While engaged with this person, let them lead the activity and the discussion.



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.

Obituary for Reverend Eugene W. Kreves

Eugene William Kreves died on December 11, 2017 at 96 years old. Eugene was a longtime humanist and Unitarian minister. In 1942, he married Corrine Strong, his beloved wife. They met at Ohio Wesleyan University, where Eugene earned his Bachelor of Arts in English. He later went on to receive a Bachelor of Divinity degree, and along with Corinne, founded the DuPage Unitarian Fellowship in Naperville, Illinois.

Eugene dedicated his life to humanist values. He was renowned for his passionate preaching on behalf of liberalism and social justice, and served on the Board of Directors of his local American Civil Liberties Union, as president of the DuPage Valley Peace Center, and as publicity chair

of Arkansans for Peace. He was an additional singer of the second Humanist Manifesto, and a committed member of the Humanists of West Suburban Chicagoland, an American Humanist Association chapter. He is survived by children Tim Kreves, Dawn Kreves, and Joy Kreves Yavelow; grandchildren Seth Kreves, Anthony Nagiel, Amy Nagiel, and Ivia Sky Yavelow; and great-grandchildren Leon Nagiel and Lily Nagiel. He was pre-deceased by wife Corrine.





Ruth Will Be 100!

Ruth Barr, a long time member of DUUC, will be 100 years old on **May 10th**. Ruthie at almost 100 is not up to celebrating with all of us, however we thought DUU Church members could give her a Birthday "Card" Party. Between now and the end of May, please take a few minutes to send Ruthie a birthday card at:
Ruth Barr, 120 Riverview Court, Oswego, IL 60543

Ruth, who loves to read and recite poetry, will enjoy all our efforts - those made by hands small and large, as well as those bought especially for her.



Sunday, May 20th

May 20th is the Religious Education Sunday Service and Potluck. The Youth RE Committee will provide a baked potato bar. Bring a side dish to share.



I told somebody I was a Unitarian once, they said "hey, isn't that that thing in the science museum with the stars in the ceiling and-" "No that's a planetarium." -Leanna Balloffet



With hearts full of gratitude

for all who contributed to make the dream of this memorial bench a reality, the family of Robin Sprietsma, invites each person to sit on this bench for a moment of reflection and appreciation of the gift of life. Sitting on this bench under the newly leafing ginkgo tree (planted in memory of Richard Sprietsma) reminds us that each winter is followed by a blossoming of new life, that the grief of loss gives way to restorative treasured memories.



RESERVE YOUR MEETING ROOM!

Please email Sheri at 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!

Elders Circle is held every 4th Wednesday from 10AM until noon at DUUC. Our next meeting is **May 23**. This year, we are viewing a DVD series of lectures by Dr. Thad A. Polk from the Department of Psychology at the University of Michigan. Following each 30 minute lecture, we consider several questions that encourage discussion. Find out what science has to say about how your brain changes over time and what you can do to "age well". Bring a sack lunch and join us for a noon meal. Questions? Contact Ruth Schoenfeld at **630 785-6889** or rmscho@att.net.



Together we can!
Make your pledge today!

2018-2019 Pledges

If you have not submitted your pledge for the next church year (June 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019), please do so by completing a pledge form. Forms are available on our website or in the church office. You may email your completed pledge form to Sheri at office@dupageuuchurch.org or drop it off at the church office.

Your financial contributions make the work of DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church possible. Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Treasurer, Chris Cable treasurer@dupageuuchurch.org.



Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 3, 2018

JUST VIEWS

Friday, May 11, 2018 at 7:20 pm: The Business of Doing Good.

Rescheduled from February due to weather cancellation

Providing disaster relief, fighting poverty and promoting development in "Third World" countries have been key roles played by the USA and other "First World" countries of the West. Tonight's film examines how the global aid system has become a wide-ranging, multi-billion dollar constellation of enterprises – spanning US agricultural inputs, clean water facilities / sales, dam and other huge corporate construction contracts, bulk shipments of used apparel, international adoptions . . . This probing documentary uses a case studies approach and is based on over 200 interviews in over 20 countries. Winner of dozens of international film festival honors, it reveals that results have been mixed, and in some cases catastrophic for recipient peoples. Some places in Africa are said to be "held captive by the donor community". Leaders in the developing world are growing increasingly vocal in calling for change. Part of the fix is a shift to a partnering approach -- supporting people in disadvantaged areas to do for themselves. Following the viewing, the audience will critique and explore all of these issues with our invited experienced resource panelist, Paul LeFort. We'll also learn about some innovative domestic as well as international initiatives. Bring your inquiring mind and, if you choose, bring friends too. Questions? Please call Just Views Director Stephanie Hughes at [630-420-4233](tel:630-420-4233) or Associate Director Carol Tritschler at [630-961-0106](tel:630-961-0106).

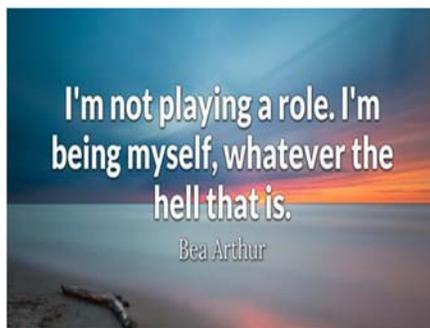
Humanist Group

Join the Humanists for a discussion about secular parenting during our monthly Humanists meeting on **Wednesday, May 9 at 7:30 PM**



Special Presenter:
Reverend Myriam Renaud,
DUUC Community Minister
and UU Theologian
At the Jesus Seminar Book
Club on May 20 at 3 PM

Reverend Renaud will discuss the book: *The Face of the Deep: A Theology of Becoming* by Catherine Keller. This book is a groundbreaking, highly original work of postmodern feminist theology from one of the most important authors in the field. The Face of the Deep deconstructs the Christian doctrine of creation which claims that a transcendent Lord unilaterally created the universe out of nothing.



Conscious Aging

Conscious Aging will meet **Thursday, May 17, 7 PM**. We are exploring the questions posted in the book *The Spirituality of Aging: A Seeker's Guide to Growing Older* by Robert Weber PhD and Carol Osborn, PhD

Unitarian Universalist Bible Study

Reverend Tom is leading a UU Bible Study. If you are interested in joining him, please read the book of Genesis. And during our session we will watch a section of the PBS series *Bill Moyers Genesis: A Living Conversation*. Then we will discuss each section of the book of Genesis. Ask Reverend Tom if you have any questions. We meet on the fourth Sunday of the month and our next meeting is **Sunday, May 27 at 3 PM**. Bring your preferred Bible.



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the **JUNE /JULY** newsletter is **Monday, May 14, 2018 @ 9AM**. Please email your submissions to 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.



The neighborhood cat enjoying a drink of water from the Kissing Whales in the DUUC Memory Garden.
Photo courtesy of Vickie Hellyer.

The creation of something new is not accomplished by the intellect but by the play instinct acting from inner necessity. The creative mind plays with the objects it loves. -Carl Jung



Saturday, May 12th @ 7:00 pm
ROCK AND ROLL SHOW
FUNDRAISER FOR THE S.M.I.L.E PROJECT



Come rock out to the music of the Rolling Stones, David Bowie, The Who, Elton John, The Cranberries, Rhianna, Sara Bareilles, Carole King, The Beatles, Garth Brookes, The Police and More.....

Performed by DUUC talented Musicians: Becca Johnson, Joanne Allen, Karen Campbell, Jim Wharton, Josh Falk, Tom Law, Pat Clancy, Allan Morgan, Cal Morgan, Mary McGinty, Becky TF, Martha Kirby Capo and more.....

And special guest Curt Johnson will be joining in the fun(draiser), performing some special hits. Join in the Rock and Roll in the DUUC Sanctuary



Endowment Fund Grants Awarded

Thank you goes to the Endowment Fund committee for its wise management of investments.

This year DUUC's Endowment Fund donated money to the board of trustees to be used for one-time projects or start-up costs for new endeavors.

The board approved funding for the following projects:

- ◆ Facilities Enhancement: armchairs for the sanctuary, evacuation chairs, banquet tables, accessible patio
- ◆ Laurel Spahn: reusable cocktail napkins
- ◆ Media Services: partial funding for a replacement soundboard
- ◆ Youth RE: wireless intercom system
- ◆ DUUC Ministry Team: Soul Matters curriculum

Thanks again to all who submitted funding proposals. And again, thanks to the Endowment Fund committee for their wise and fruitful stewardship.



Non-Church Event

West Suburban Humane Society

Petals for Pets!

May 12th and 13th

Spring Flowers from West Suburban Humane Society



Come for a blooming good time and purchase your spring flowers all while helping the animals at the West Suburban Humane Society at Petals for Pets!

We'll be hosting our annual plant sale on **May 12th from 9am to 3pm and May 13th from 9am to 3pm**. The event will be held at the shelter located at **1901 Ogden Ave, Downers Grove**. Hope to see you there!

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13th...Flowers make great gifts!



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YOUNG SINGERS OF GREATER CHICAGO



\$10 *Benefit concert—all proceeds to benefit Bridge Communities.*

Sunday, May 6

3 – 4 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at DuPageUUevents.com

Our Neighbors, Our Friends: presented by Anima – Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus and Emily Ellsworth, Artistic Director

Proceeds from this beautiful and diverse program will benefit Bridge Communities and the DuPage UU Church Bridge Communities families



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 4:30pm Tai Chi Chuan 7:00pm COM	2 7:00pm Visitor Relations Committee 6:00pm Band Rehearsal	3 7:00pm Sunday Services Committee	4 6:30pm AIM Task Force 7:30pm The Wider Circle	5 10:00am Genealogy group 2:00pm Fellowship - Auction party - Cinco de Mayo 6:00pm Band Rehearsal
6 9:30am Science Sunday Forum 9:30am & 11:15am Sunday Service 12:30pm Creating Your Own Theology 3:00pm Bridge Concert 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00pm Nominating Committee 7:00pm Mindfulness Meditation	8 4:30pm Tai Chi Chuan 7:00pm Spiritual Direction (closed group)	9 6:00pm Band Rehearsal 7:00pm Congregational Life Committee 7:00pm Youth RE Committee 7:30pm Humanist Group	10 6:00pm Band Rehearsal 7:00pm Drumming Circle 7:30pm Men's Growth Group	11 6:00pm Band Rehearsal 7:20pm Just Views	12 8:00am Men's Chalice Circle 7:00pm Rock & Roll Fundraiser for DUUC SMILE project
13 8:15am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am & 11:15am Sunday Service 12:15pm Public Ministry Committee 12:30pm Fellowship Committee	14 6:30pm Covenant Group 7:00pm Mindfulness Meditation	15 1:30pm Spiritual Direction (closed group) 4:30pm Tai Chi Chuan 7:00pm Board Meeting 7:00pm Bridge Team	16 6:30pm Facilities Enhancement Committee	17 7:00pm Conscious Aging	18 7:00pm FIRE/Spark	19 8:00am Facilitators' Council 9:00am Work Session
20 9:30am Science Sunday Forum 9:30am & 11:15am Sunday Service 12:30pm Youth RE Potluck 3:00pm Jesus Seminar Book Club	21 7:00pm Mindfulness Meditation	22 4:30pm Tai Chi Chuan 7:00pm Covenant group 7:00pm Pastoral Ministry Associates	23 10:00am Elder Circle 6:00pm Covenant group	24 7:30pm Mens Growth Group	25	26 10:00am Bookstore/Library Committee
27 10:00am Sunday Service 12:30pm Social Justice Committee 3:00pm UU Bible Study	28 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00pm Mindfulness Meditation	29 4:30pm Tai Chi Chuan 6:30pm DUUCKIES Full Flower Moon Celebration	30	31		



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are simply meant
for playing
- mary anne radmacher -



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