

Possibility



DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church

January 2019 Newsletter

Sunday Services

January 6, 2019 @ 9:30am & 11:15am

The Possibility of You by Steve Cooper, Director of Religious Education

A little round white lima bean which I can hold in my hand has the possibility of being a whole plant with roots and leaves and even more beans to give us food. What is in you? Do you have a whole plant with roots and leaves? No, but you do have a whole person with a heart and a mind and a spirit, who will grow and be the best you that you can be. Let's discover together the Possibility of You.

January 13, 2019 @ 9:30am & 11:15am

Impossible Possibilities—Ubuntu: the call to be human by Reverend Karen Mooney

Ubuntu is Bantu word describing a classical southern African humanist philosophy. This philosophy focuses on how we live within the allegiances and relations we have with others. Living with/in ubuntu we are asked to remember the impact of our life as part of a community along with affirming who we are as individuals. What riches could we embrace if we acknowledge the life that exists in this ambiguous tension.

January 20, 2019 @ 9:30am & 11:15am

Possibility and Change by The Rev. Patrick Price

While change is the very essence of the reality we live in, making or creating the changes we want is often difficult. Why and how do we become more of the possibility we desire and need?

The Rev. Patrick Price currently serves as the Interim Co-Minister to the Geneva UU Society, along with his wife, the Rev. Jennifer Innis. The Rev. Price was ordained by DuPage UU Church in 1995 after being the ministerial intern in 1994. Since he has served congregations in SC, WI and TX.

Our **Special Collection** will benefit the **Tom Galloway Scholarship Fund**. This fund supports African American students attending College of DuPage who have financial need. The scholarship was founded by Tom Galloway before he passed in 2000. Tom was DUUC's first African American Board president. He contributed his time and his many talents to the congregation and the greater community. Thank you in advance for giving as you are able to this wonderful scholarship! Checks can be made payable to DUUC, with Tom Galloway Scholarship on the memo line.

January 27, 2019 at 9:30am & 11:15am

The Possibility of Being Wrong by Reverend Myriam Renaud

Rev. Dr. Myriam Renaud, DUUC's Community Minister since 2013, will share some of her struggles with humility and forgiveness and their costs. Raised a Unitarian Universalist, she will also explore various other traditions whose teachings about humility and forgiveness challenged and enriched her own experiences and understandings. She will attempt to offer her remarks with all due humility and hopes for your forgiveness should she fall short.

Sunday Morning Forums

Forums are held on Sundays at 9:30am in the Learning Center.

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Science Sunday

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Social Justice

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Science Sunday

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Congregational Life

News & Events



Animal Ministry

"All beings tremble before violence. All fear death. All love life. See yourself in others. Then whom can you hurt? What harm can you do?"-**Buddha**

ANIMALS

Do you have passion for helping all animals? Do you want to create a better world by taking action to build justice and compassion for them? Our Animal Ministry works to build and enlighten our community through educational presentations, vegan potlucks, and other fun events, in order to further the cause of animal liberation. Would you like to learn more? Join us for our quarterly meetings on the first Sunday of the month starting January 2019, from 10:30-11:00 in the Lower Annex room (beneath the sanctuary). If you have any questions, you can contact Matthew Taylor, Head of Animal Ministry, at matthew.taylor319@gmail.com.



SUNDAY FLOWERS

Thank you to all who donated flowers for Sunday Services this fall! We are currently looking to fill dates in January through May of 2019. We are especially in need of donors for January and February. There are three ways to donate flowers:

1. Have Sunday Flowers order flowers for you. The cost to reimburse DUUC for an arrangement from Phillip's Flowers is \$35. (Please write "flowers" in the memo line.)
2. Bring in your own arrangement from your garden or favorite flower shop. Flowers must be brought to the sanctuary by 9:15 a.m.
3. On select dates in May, 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 all cases, your dedication will be printed in the order of service, and the flowers are yours to take home after the second service. Please contact Kristen Tang at flowers@dupageuuchurch.org for more information and to request a date. Thanks!

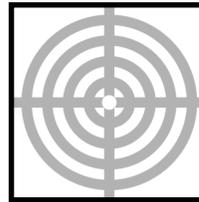


SAVE THE DATE!

Recharging Yourself

Creating A Toolbox for Self Care
Saturday, February 2, 9am-1pm

Join us for a morning of nurturing activities and recharge you body, mind and spirit for the New Year!
Sponsored By PMA. Childcare Provided.
Details to follow!



Have you noticed the chairs in the Sanctuary with arms?

AIM, the Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry, is happy that these new chairs provide greater accessibility in the Sanctuary for those who might need assistance getting up and down from a chair.



COFFEE WITH THE BOARD!

On **Sunday, January 13, 2019**, please grab a cup of coffee and join the Board during both Coffee Hours in the Founders Room. Chat informally with Board Members, learn more about exciting projects going on in the church, get your questions answered or just connect with the Board and other church members! This is a drop-in event, so there's no commitment to stay for the whole time period and no RSVPs are necessary. We hope to see you there! Can't make this one? No worries! Coffee with the Board will be held during both Coffee Hours on the 2nd Sunday of the month through May. Questions? Email Jenny Hobbs at community@dupageuuchurch.org

From the Public Ministry Committee

On Sunday, November 18, 2018, **\$1,163.02** was collected for Riverwalk Adult Day Services in Naperville. Thank you for your generosity! In an effort to foster collaboration, please send an email to Pubmin@duuc.org if there is something the Public Ministries Committee can do to help in the work of your committee.



Next Styrofoam recycling is January 6, 2019

Thanks for your interest in Styrofoam recycling at DUUC. As you can imagine, over the years we've diverted countless¹ cubic meters of that packaging from landfills. Our next collection will be January 6th; we collect every 4th month on the 1st Sunday, except the rare special event at church that precludes collection. Leave your clean foam in the entrance foyer that day only; if you've ever seen the collection it's a bit of an eyesore and it blocks the foyer which can be an inconvenience for some of our less mobile members.

To aid the Styrofoam Soldiers, who transport the stuff to Dart Industries in North Aurora, bag packaging foam, e.g., the packing that comes with a new computer monitor, separate from food use foam—egg cartons, meat tray, take-out containers, etc. Styrofoam peanuts must go in a separate bag because we bring them to different locations. Use clear plastic bags if you happen to have them—but don't buy them special—that's just so we can see what's in the bags. The plastic bags are recycled at Dart. Styrofoam is expanded polystyrene (#6) but not all polystyrene is Styrofoam. Please look carefully—some packing material can fool you. If it's not #6 Styrofoam, reuse it, bring it to a shipping store, or trash it.

As has been publicized previously, eliminating the use of Styrofoam altogether is our goal, but if you can't avoid it, at least recycle it. This message is from your friends in the Green Sanctuary committee. Questions to Susan at sfc1939@comcast.net

¹ we haven't counted it :-)



book of the
Month

DUUC Library and Book Store January Featured Books of the Month

A departure from our typical featured books, this month we feature two fiction books to cozy up with to read on a cold January day. From the DUUC Library is Gabriel Garcia Marquez's One Hundred Years of Solitude. This PBS Great American Read Top 100 Pick tells the story of the rise and fall, birth and death of the mythical town of Macondo through the history of the Buendia family. From the DUUC Book Store is from the Olympia Brown Mystery series by UU minister Rev. Dr. Judith Campbell, A Deadly Mission. When professor and college chaplain Olympia Brown discovers that one of her freshmen is being recruited by a shadowy religious cult, she and a priest colleague join forces to infiltrate the group and rescue the girl before she becomes another victim of their deadly mission. As a bonus with the purchase of A Deadly Mission is a FREE jar of Penzeys Hot Chocolate Mix to enjoy with your new book.

January Green Things to Do from Green Sanctuary

January 6 - bring your Styrofoam to church for our quarterly collection. Bag clean food-use foam, separately from packaging foam. Peanuts must be in bags by themselves since they don't get dropped off at Dart Industries.



January 6 Attend Science Sunday at 9:30 in the DUUC Learning Center. Rick Knight, Research Coordinator for Citizens' Climate Education, will be our guest.

January 26, 27 Siberian Husky sled-pulling and skijoring demonstration at The Morton Arboretum. See the Arboretum website:

<http://www.mortonarb.org/events/husky-heroes>

Also check out the **Wildlife Photography Show**
11am-4pm in the Sterling Morton Library

January 31 The Environmental Pulse of DuPage County - A Summit 8am - noon at the Naperville Campus of Northern Illinois University. Topics include: water quality, restoring our natural areas, adapting to climate change and the use of more sustainable technologies. Registration and exhibit area open at 7:30am featuring organizations working on various projects throughout the region. Free and open to public, registration required

<http://theconservationfoundation.org/event.php?EventID=188>

Jurica-Suchy Nature Museum It's cold outside, so stay warm inside this gem of a museum at Benedictine University in the Birck Hall of Science. Winter break ends January 15th, and their hours return to Monday - Thursday 1-5PM and Friday - Sunday 2-4PM <http://www.ben.edu/museum/visit.cfm>

Interested in browsing **used books and records for sale** on a cold wintry day? Visit SCARCE in Glen Ellyn 9am-12pm most Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays in January. See their website: <https://www.scarce.org/events/2019-01/>

Throughout the month enjoy the beauty of winter on **cross-country skis or snowshoes**. Find places to go and equipment rental info at the DuPage County Forest Preserve website <https://www.dupageforest.org/things-to-do/get-outdoors/winter-in-preserves>



MAKE ANOTHER DUUC CONNECTION!

WHO: All members, visitors, and friends of DUUC

WHEN: Sunday, January 20, 2019
12:30 to 2:00 pm

WHERE: DUUC Learning Center

Face-to-Face is an opportunity to get to know friends in our ever-changing community. Pair with an individual in the group and, using your own or provided conversational prompts, take time to talk.

Sign up on the sheet provided in Kreves Hall, or email Lyndi Sprietsma at LRSprietsma@gmail.com, to register.

Pizza lunch and childcare will be provided. This is hosted by the Congregational Life Committee.



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