March 2019 Newsletter

Sunday Services

Sunday, March 3, 2019 @ 9:30am & 11:15am

Hero’s Journey by Steve Cooper, Director of Religious Education
What do Harry Potter, Katniss Everdeen, Moana and Frodo all have in common with the heroes of ancient myths? What if I told you they are all variants of the same hero? They are all about the hero learning and discovering who they are and being brave enough to be who they really are. That’s why they are so popular and why we love to hear stories like these.
Embedded deep in the human psyche lies the narrative of what Joseph Campbell called the hero’s journey. This is more than just a mere mythological narrative. This is a deep truth that applies to every human story. This is a journey about self-discovery, living a fully realized life or as Campbell would simply state “following your bliss.”

Sunday, March 10, 2019 @ 9:30am & 11:15am

Journey of Justice: “For Such a Time as This” by Rev. Misha Sanders
A low-pressure call to whatever action your heart is guiding you to take to make the world just a little bit better. Or maybe to save your whole nation, who knows? Let’s explore the Hebrew scriptural story of Esther, and see if we find ourselves anywhere in it.
Rev. Misha Sanders is mostly a mom, but also a hospital chaplain in Barrington, and an affiliated community minister with the UU church in Rockford. She believes that the whole world is built and rebuilt by the stories we tell ourselves and each other. She lives in Woodstock with her teenage son, 2 fat hamsters, and 3 spoiled cats who run the show.
There will be a special collection for DUUC’s SMILE Intern project.

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Sunday, March 17, 2019 @ 9:30am & 11:15am

Journey Beginnings
We celebrate membership in DUUC by recognizing the 40 members of our congregation who have membership anniversaries this year. This service is presented by the Congregational Life Committee and the choir will be singing.

Sunday, March 24, 2019 @ 9:30am & 11:15am

Art as a Journey by Stephanie Lewis Robertson
Whether we are making, exploring or appreciating a work of Art, the colors, textures, patterns begin to reflect our personal journeys and the stories of our lives.
Stephanie Lewis Robertson is the Chair of Fine Arts at Ivy Tech Community College, An Artist, and a founding member of Sacred Path Unitarian Universalist Church in Indianapolis IN.

Sunday, March 31, 2019 @ 9:30am & 11:15am

Letting Go To Let In by Reverend Mooney
Each of us is made up of a rich loam of life. Through stories and people and beliefs we grow into the beings we are. Spring invite us into tend to our ground, opening up and letting go to let in the new.
Please bring a picture or representation of something/someone you wish to remember in this fertile time of new beginnings.
Bio: Rev. Mooney works with the Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministries of IL as they seek to bringing UU faith and worship to incarcerated people. She is honored to offer circles of care for those living in prisons and jails and supporting all those affected by incarceration. Karen is a life-long Unitarian Universalist who learned the art of church from her very involved parents She has been educated far and wide working and playing, listening and walking with people. She loves that UU communities are places where you find people who are alive and seeking throughout their lives. She has worked as a chaplain, a congregational minister and a web platform manager. Each one was a joy and difficult for different reasons.

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Update on DuPage UU Church ministerial transition activities
The Board of Trustees is grateful for Lisa Presley’s visit January 18-20 and the conversations she had with church leadership and members. As Congregational Life Consultant for the MidAmerica region of the UUA, Lisa will help guide and support us throughout the transition to an interim minister. We received two summaries from Lisa last week; we encourage you to review them. The reports are posted under Resources in the Members area of the church website: Summary Report to the Congregation and Why a Two-Year Interim Period is Suggested for DuPage UU Church. (Not registered on the Members site? Register for access and create your log on credentials at members.dupageuuchurch.org. Keeping this information available to registered members and friends helps us provide important and sensitive information during the transition period.)
In addition, the interim search committee activities are proceeding on schedule. The committee’s members (Kelly Trombly-Freytag, Paul Sellnow, Becky Trombly-Freytag and Sarah Ruban), selected by the Board of Trustees per the process outlined in the church constitution, will follow the UUA guidelines and choose from the list of interim ministers available to begin in late summer. The committee will weigh their skillsets and our needs to find a good match to guide us during the interim timeline.
Sunday Morning Forums
Forums are held on Sundays at 9:30am in the Learning Center.

This is the first in a series of talks by long-time Science Sunday contributor Scott Thompson. This series will concern a "scientific disposition," exploring means by which not just a knowledge of science, but the cognitive tools of a scientifically trained mind can better make sense of reality and navigate life.

In Plato's "Republic," Plato presents the allegory of the cave. In this cave, people are bound by chains and forced to stare at shadows on the wall in order to gain any information about what is, in truth, a larger and more complex reality.

The shadows are a kind of 2-dimensional projection of a much richer, more colorful and more nuanced reality, one hidden from the unfortunates bound within the cave. Plato argued that it was the job of the philosopher to turn away from the shadows and behold the richer 3-dimensional world only hinted at by the interplay of shadows. We might assert that it is the job not just of the philosopher, but also of the scientist. Indeed, a clearer perception of a richer reality is a skill everybody can develop.

During today's Science Sunday, Scott will explore with you the topic of over-simplification, and also present some multi-dimensional frameworks or models for considering some interesting issues. Much of this content derives from Scott's original thinking. He will present distinct frameworks for considering the following complex issues:

- Responses to existential threats ("Beat them or join them")
- Relationships and Disposition ("Love it or leave it")
- Human Sexuality ("Gay or straight?")
- Mental Incivisiveness ("Smart or dumb?")

Other common one-dimensional continuums and polarities (e.g. liberal / conservative, freedom / equality, etc.) will be discussed as well to explore the potential benefits of "higher dimensional" conceptualization of the associated topics.

Sunday, March 10, 2019: Social Justice Forum—Cristobal Cavazos from Immigration Solidarity DuPage will be our guest at the March 10th Social Justice Forum. Cristobal is a co-founder of Immigrant Solidarity DuPage, the largest Latino advocacy organization in Chicago's western suburbs. Its mission is to educate, unite and mobilize the community around the rights and struggles of Latinos in DuPage County and has allied with other groups on immigrant rights at the Southern border. The group recently launched its "DuPage Solidarity with the Caravan Project" to collect food, clothing, tents, blankets and other items that will be delivered in March to Brownsville and El Paso to help migrant families seeking asylum. DUUC participated as a collection site and is grateful for all who donated. Please join us in the Learning Center at 9:30am.

Sunday, March 17, 2019: Science Sunday—A Scientific Disposition Pt. 2 - Practiced Humility
During this Science Sunday, we leave behind the safety of Plato's cave and consider what it means to confront the universe with our eyes and minds open.

However, lest we get too full of ourselves and our newfound powers of observation and discernment, it's prudent to consider our limitations and failings.

Scientists typically learn to subordinate their preconceptions, preferences and wishful thinking to those few conclusions which can be justified by appeals to evidence.

A scientific disposition accommodates the fact that even our best answers are provisional. It recognizes that guesses and intuitions are insufficient arbiters of truth; that revelation and dogma are far off in the brambles, far away from the path toward knowledge.

Importantly, a scientific disposition is a disposition of humility. It encompasses an explicit recognition that you (or I) might be wrong, and often are. It acknowledges that others might have something interesting and relevant to say. It concedes that we have fallible minds and senses, beset by impulsive and self-serving emotions.

During this Science Sunday, Scott Thompson will discuss his notion that humility is an acquired character trait, one that can be taught and learned, and practiced.

We will consider some examples of humble and non-humble pronouncements and announcements from the history of science; from Albert Einstein who would feel "sorry for the lord" if general relativity weren't true, to Albert Michelson who opined in 1894 that all that remained for physicists to do was calculate a few extra decimal places; from cold fusion to faster-than-light neutrinos.

Join us to explore how a practiced humility can better prepare one to face reality more, well.... realistically.

We can all learn a character-building lesson from scientists concerning humility. We can be more humble about our opinions, about what we think we know, about what other people can contribute, and what we can learn from evidence and nature.

This lecture will be a sequel to next month's discussion of "A Scientific Disposition Pt. III - Honesty."

Sunday, March 24, 2019: Congregational Life forum—How would a single-service Sunday work for you? The Board of Trustees wants your input on the pros and cons of one worship service each Sunday. Share your thoughts on efficiencies, concerns, considerations, timing and logistics regarding Sunday morning worship, forums, religious education and coffee hour as the Trustees weigh the question and your comments.

Sunday, March 31, 2019: Thoreau and the development of a Uniquely American Form of Spiritual Practice
Robert Skrocki and Caroline Bailey will present some highlights of their weeklong workshops led by UU Minister Bruce Johnson at Camp Unistar last August on Thoreau's contributions to a uniquely American form of Spiritual Practice. The material was based on Barry Andrews' book "Thoreau as Spiritual Guide". Cultivating one's inner self through practices such as reading, conversation, simplicity, sauntering, religious cosmopolitanism, and social transformation will be discussed.
Interim Info
Our congregation is currently looking for an interim minister. Having an interim minister is a normal part of Unitarian Universalist congregational life, serving between our settled ministers, helping to ease the shift from the past to the future.

What is an interim minister?
An interim minister is a minister who will be with the congregation for a predefined, short term—in our case, 2 years. Their job has a different focus than a regular settled minister; they are here to assist us in moving beyond our last ministry and to equip us to focus on the new, upcoming ministry. This includes helping the congregation deal with emotions left from the previous ministry, looking at practices and attitudes that may be hindering us, connecting us to resources that we may need, and helping us to set our sights towards our future. If everything goes to plan, our new interim minister will join us this August.

What is the process to find an interim minister?
Our Board has chosen to follow the process suggested by the UUA, a method that is much more streamlined than the search for a settled minister. The first step is to create an Interim Search Committee—our DUUC Interim Search Committee consists of Karen Seymour-Ells, Sarah Ruban, Paul Sellnow, Becky Trombly-Freyytag and Kelley Trombly-Freytag. The next step in the process is for the Interim Search Committee to complete a detailed questionnaire about the job, our church, its history, and our community. This is the step our Search Committee is currently working on together. After the questionnaire is completed, this information will be published for review by those interim ministers in search of a congregation. Then, at the end of April, they will contact our Interim Search Committee if they are interested in working with us. The Committee then undertakes an interviewing and vetting process, and ultimately recommends to the Board which interim minister they believe best fits our needs. (This process can go through a few iterations, if the best match can not be found right away). If all goes well, we should have a match by the beginning of June.

Have you heard of the UUA Breakthrough Congregations?
DUUC has been recognized by the UUA Congregational Life as a Breakthrough Congregation for the SMILE Project. DUUC’s SMILE Project will be honored at GA this summer and will be featured in the UU World magazine later this year. Congratulations DUUC and the SMILE Project!

Last September the Social Justice Committee submitted the SMILE Project story to the UUA for consideration as a Breakthrough Congregation. The UUA Congregational Life revamped the Breakthrough process this year to focus less on congregational growth, per se, and more on highlighting stories, like SMILE, of leading changes that lend vitality to congregations and the communities they serve—stories that other congregations can learn from. In particular they were looking for breakthrough examples of serving groups of people who are currently underserved, clearly identifying their needs, and describing what a congregation has to do differently to meet those needs. The SMILE Project met this focus, while also incorporating 5 of our 7 principles.

A copy of the SMILE Project Story that was submitted to the UUA, is available at the Social Justice table in Kreves Hall. Come celebrate this achievement, with a slice of cake and a cup of coffee in Kreves Hall following each service on Sunday, March 10th. There will also be a special collection on that day for the SMILE Project. Please be generous.
Canvass Kickoff Kudos!

The Annual Canvass kickoff potluck and small-group discussion on February 23 was a success! Thanks to the 80 attendees who provided great food and even greater conversation in discussing "how to do church well" for all at DuPage UU Church. Be part of the continuing conversation! Participate, peruse guidance for the 2019-2020 budget, pledge by April 1 via email (office@dupageuuchurch.org) with the online form (www.dupageuuchurch.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/DUUC%20Pledge%20Form%202019.pdf) or at church. Watch for dates and times for additional small-group conversations and budget reviews in March. Your Trustees are gathering the feedback and highlighting takeaways to share and to help shape a strong path forward for this beloved community. And by the April 1 pledge deadline, the finance team will draft a proposed fiscal year budget to be approved in June. Own it!

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HALF-DAY OF MINDFULNESS
SUNDAY MARCH 2ND
Saturday, March 2, 2019, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
@ DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church

FINDING INNER CALM: This is an opportunity to learn, understand and experience Mindfulness Meditation and the many benefits that it can bring into your day-to-day life. Both new and seasoned meditators are welcome.

Details & Registration:
Bring a healthy snack to enjoy at the break, as we will be engaging in mindful eating
Tea and water will be provided.

Time/Date: Day begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 2nd.
Please arrive no later than 8:15. The day ends at 12:30.
Wear comfortable clothing. If you use a meditation cushion or bench, please bring it. Chairs are provided. Note that much of the half day will be conducted in Noble Silence.

Facilitator: Mary Kullman has practiced meditation since 1996 and is co-founder and co-facilitator for the past 8.5 years of Present Moment Sangha in Naperville. Currently, she is participating in a two year Mindfulness Meditation Teacher Certification Program with nationally recognized teachers, Tara Brach and Jack Kornfield.

REGISTRATION: Sign up at the church on the posted sign up sheet or email/phone Mary Kullman: spiritmk7@gmail.com / 630-388-9409

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SUICIDE PREVENTION: Restoring Hope and Inspiring Action.
Sunday, March 3 from 2 pm-4pm
The Learning Center @ Du Page Unitarian Universalist Church. Limited to 25.
Sign-up Sheet on Kiosk in Kreves Hall
Contact Pat Lichtman boston7419@aol.com with questions. Childcare provided.

QPR (QUESTION, PERSUADE and REFER). Three Steps that anyone can learn, to help save a life from suicide. Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to Question, Persuade and Refer. Participants will be actively involved in the presentation and Mrs. Bryant will also address the important issue of dealing with children when a suicide of a loved one or friend has occurred.

Presenter: Sherry Bryant is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Mrs. Bryant has retired from private practice and was also a school social worker for 22 years. She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the American Association of Sociology. Ms. Bryant is the survivor of her son’s suicide in 1993 and is the founding past president of the Board of Directors of Suicide prevention Services in Batavia. Currently she is the Co-founder of the Suicide Prevention Ministry.
The Critical Study of Religious Texts Book Club
Sunday, March 17 at 3pm
Join us as we discuss a few articles on the subject of religion (Please contact for the articles via email: Seraphmichael@hotmail.com or rcwunderlich@comcast.net and decide what book we will read next. While we have remained on the subject of Christianity we are looking to expand beyond. If you have a book idea feel free to bring it.

Sacred Origins: A Class of Creation Myths
Sunday, March 24 at 3–4:30pm
Session 2: Islam and Gnosticism
Like Judaism and Christianity, Islam recognizes the same God. While similar, the Qur'an's story of creation has a variety of differences. On the other hand, the creation stories of the Christian Gnostic sects known as the Valentinians and the Sethians were extremely different from the tale that most of us know. Join us as we learn about and discuss these myths and the people who follow/followed these teachings.

JUST VIEWS: Free & Open Film & Discussion
Election results have been called into question in certain areas in recent times since 2000. But insight into the problems has been spotty. Hence solutions to insure the transparency security and accuracy of our elections have not been uniformly embraced and implemented. Katie Couric is the Executive Producer of this incisive film: I Voted? written and directed by Jason Grant Smith. See www.ivotedmovie.com/. The filmmakers’ in-depth examination of voting system, tabulation and reporting issues proceeds to show how individual paper ballots and careful post-election audits are important parts of the solution. We’ll identify other key parts, as well.
With us for our audience discussion following the screening will be Co-Chair of Illinois Ballot Integrity Project, Melisa Urda, a leading expert in the field. She will provide additional information about our election systems in DuPage County, strengths and weaknesses, and improvements needed and changes already underway here. Bring your family and friends, questions and comments to this interactive program. Your knowledge and participation matters! Just Views Director is Stephanie Hughes 630–420–4233; Associate Director is Carol Tritschler 630–961–0106.

From the Public Ministries Committee
On Sunday, February 24, 2019, $891.00 was collected for UUANI—Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois. 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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
The deadline for the April newsletter is Monday, March 25, 2019 @ 9AM. Please email your submissions to office@dupageuuchurch.org.

NON-CHURCH SPONSORED EVENT

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will host an Interfaith Dialogue

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION
“Sabbath / Shabbat / Holy Day Observance - How it Blesses Our Lives”

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH - 2PM–4PM
1329 Ridgeland Ave, Naperville, IL
Interfaith Dialogue and Round Table Discussion

ALL FAITHS WELCOME
No Cost and No RSVP. Refreshments will be served.
Elders Circle meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. until noon in the Founders Room at DUUC. For the meetings on March 27 and April 24, we will be viewing the film, Raw Faith, which will be shown in 30 minute segments, with discussion following each viewing. The film touches on issues of retirement, aging and renewal. Please join us; you won’t be disappointed! Contact Bob Harris, oofyprosser@outlook.com, to be put on the email list for notifications. Some people like to bring a lunch from home to eat alongside others after the meeting ends at noon, so feel free to bring your too.

Pastoral Ministry Associates (PMA) are selected church members who extend care to our church members who are experiencing a crisis or struggling with a difficult time. We provide a ministry of support through one on one care and helping activities. If you or your family are experiencing life changes, or if you are concerned about another member of our church who is experiencing life changes and would like assistance, please contact PMA Co-Chairs:

Sue Gately  
630-653-3171  suemgately@icloud.com or  
Sarah Baldwin  
630-797-8588  baldwinsarah60@gmail.com, or  
Mary Law, Congregational Life Coordinator  
630-505 9408  
membership@dupageuuchurch.org

SMILE 2.0 has finally arrived! The very popular internship program that DUUC sponsored last year will again be the featured project from the Social Justice team. We hope to spread it to the wider community this year, so we offer several opportunities for you to be a part of the important support.

1) Consider asking your current employer to make a donation; we are happy to meet with any company leader who is interested.
2) Fill out a pledge card for your personal donation; cards are available on the Social Justice table in Kreves. Return cards to Maggie Kivisto, Ken Koresch, or Cheryl Clayton.
3) Register with the DuPage Human Race to be a fundraiser; the event this year is on April 27. You can walk, run, and encourage your friends and neighbors to make donations. Additional details on the SJ table.
4) Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities: the special collection for SMILE will be on March 10; Jim Wharton’s famous rock concert is in May; and help build a brick pathway from the patio with your personalized bricks! More details to come – as Rachel says “Watch this space.”

Pathway To Membership Classes  
March 3rd and March 10th  
Are you interested in learning more about what exactly is Unitarian Universalism? Want to know what it is like to be a member of DuPage UU Church? Our Pathway to Membership class will be held Sundays, March 3rd & 10th from 12:45-3:30 pm. Lunch will be provided and child care will be available. Look for the green sign up sheet on the kiosk in Kreves hall. If you have further questions contact Mary Law at membershipduuc@gmail.com.

Coffee with the Board!  
On Sunday, March 10, 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

Got disks?  
Are you looking to reduce your collection of CD, DVD or Video Game disks? First, you might try a resale shop such as Frugal Muse in Darien. They may give you store credit for your items: https://frugalmusebooks.com/contact/. Goodwill will also accept media. If you think your items are recycle-ready, bring them to church in March and put them in the box underneath the Green Sanctuary table (in the coat hallway). A local recycler utilizes the plastic for car parts. Although the cases are not accepted, we’ll take them elsewhere. If you are interested in the disk recycling process, click on the link below to watch a video shot at a company where you can mail disks and their cases http://www.cdrecyclingcenter.com.  
From your Green Sanctuary friends, celebrating a Year of Green.
Nominations for Special Collections

Each year the Public Ministry Committee (PMC) asks the congregation to nominate local non-profit organizations to be part of our special collection effort. We are now beginning the process for 2019-2020. The PMC reviews the nominations and selects 7 to be part of the program for the next year. Once a month, an organizations is featured in a Sunday service and receives the loose change and checks collected in the offering plate that service. It is now time to think about organizations that you volunteer with, utilize services, or just know do good works. We are asking that you fill out the Nomination form (available on the members’ section of the website and in the PMC Mailbox) and email a completed form (http://www.dupageuuchurch.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/Nomination%20Form.pdf) to pubmin@duuc.org or return a hard copy to the PMC mailbox by April 28, 2019 at 12:30pm. We look forward to learning about the organizations you think deserve our support.

Introduction to Using Zoom (teleconference) for Meetings

Are you interested in learning how to use Zoom to participate in meetings? Are you a Committee Chair looking to offer a Zoom option for your meetings? Look no further! Come join your friendly local tech guys, Justin Hobbs and Steve Cooper in the Founders Room on April 14 from 12:45-1:45pm to learn how to set up and use Zoom. Zoom can help make your meetings more efficient, inclusive and accessible to more potential volunteers. Bring your laptop if you have one, and they will help you get all set up. They will also demonstrate how to get your desktop PC set up, so even if you don’t have a laptop, still come. Please RSVP to Jenny Hobbs at jenny.hobbs8@gmail.com, or if you have questions.

DUUC’s AIM

The Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry has been working hard to complete Phase II of UUA’s AIM Certification Process. This Phase’s activities include:

- conducting assessments of our congregation’s current level of inclusion, social justice and accessibility
- determining priorities for our work
- proposing a plan how we will increase our level of inclusion and accessibility
- submitting the Phase II Packet to the UUA

The first three activities have now been completed and the Phase II Packet is nearly complete and will be submitted this month to the UUA.

Humanist Meeting

On Wednesday, March 13th at 7:30 PM the Humanists will be showing the film “The Life of Brian” during their monthly meeting in the Learning Center. There will also be a discussion about the role and impact of this film in relation to the secular community. Free popcorn and hot chocolate will be served. Bring your own alternative beverage as you wish (no hard liquor).

Cooperative Cleaning in Beloved Community

Saturday, April 20th

9AM to Noon.

RAIN OR SHINE. We will start with window cleaning, then move on to cleaning other parts of the church. Children are welcome to help in the company of a parent or caregiver. We are seeking new volunteers who are comfortable on short or tall ladders. We can always use a few long-handled dusters and a few extra short ladders (less than 6 feet tall) and kitchen stools. We provide ample supplies of cleaners and cleaning implements. If you are wondering about something, just ask! Please sign up on the kiosk in Kreves Hall, or contact Jo Linsley or Roy Gelder to let us know you will be there.

DUUC Library and Book Store

March Featured Books of the Month

DUUC Library: The Epic of Unitarianism by David Parke is a collection of writings spanning the 16th through the 20th centuries that provides a rich portrait of early Unitarian thought. Included in this collection is Michael Servetus’s On the Errors of the Trinity.

DUUC Book Store: Out of the Flames: The Remarkable Story of Michael Servetus and One of the Rarest Books in the World by Nancy and Lawrence Goldstone tracks the history of The Christianismi Restituto, examining Michael Servetus’s life and times and the politics during the 16th century. The writings of Servetus influenced the beginnings of the Unitarian movement in Europe and were so radical at the time that all copies discovered were destroyed. The Goldstones offer both a portrait of an important but neglected Renaissance humanist and a testimony to the power of books to shape minds and hearts.
Things to Do in March to Celebrate a Year of Green

March 1-10 One Earth Film Festival, multiple sites and times: https://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/films-by-date/

March 2, 3 & 4 (and more dates) Maple Sugaring, Kline Creek Farm, 1-4 pm. For more info: https://www.dupageforest.org/calendar-of-events/?i=2

March 16 Weather and Climate Forum, Naperville Municipal Center, auditorium, 9-11:30 am. Doors open at 8:30, seating is limited. Carpool as parking in downtown Naperville can be a challenge. Tom Skilling will give a keynote address to be followed by a moderated panel discussion with other weather and climate experts. Organizations representing energy and the environment will be available after the presentations for information and discussion.

March 23 Sustainable Saturday, Lisle, 9 am-noon, Benedictine University. Annual recycling extravaganza. https://www.villageoflisle.org/430/Sustainable-Saturday-Recycling-Event. If you don’t live near Lisle, your community may be having its own event. Check out: https://www.dupageco.org/recyclingevents/

March 30 Pathways to Clean Energy for Faith Communities, DUUC, 10 am-noon. Speakers will present topics on the need to act now to preserve the planet, the economic benefits of energy efficiency, and funding options for clean energy resources through the IL’s Future Energy Jobs Act. Our solar panels will be highlighted. Register at https://www.faithinplace.org/events/pathways-clean-energy-faith-communities

March 30 Earth Hour Turn off your lights for 1 hour at 8:30 pm. Take a walk, play a game by candle light—be creative! Now the world’s largest grassroots movement for the environment, this event began as a symbolic “lights out” event in Sydney, Australia in 2007, to inspire people to take action for our planet and nature. We are just one part of Earth’s vast web of life. Celebrate our mother earth and all her gifts. www.earthhour.org

May 18 DuPage River Sweep Not in March, but plan now! During this annual event, volunteers will help “sweep” DuPage rivers clean by picking up debris in and along local waterways. More info here: http://www.theconservationfoundation.org/page.php?PageID=10
Prairie View ARTS INVITATIONAL
APRIL 5 AND 6, 2019
Featuring 25 regional artists selling their freshest new work for spring. Admission is free!
FRIDAY, APRIL 5
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Free public champagne reception and live music while you shop the show, food truck on site!
SATURDAY, APRIL 6
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Soup dinner fundraiser
- Art raffle to support Youth Outlook
Part of the proceeds from this event support Youth-Outlook.org.

DuPage UU Church, 1828 Old Naperville Rd., Naperville, IL • prairieviewarts.com
Find us at #PrairieViewArts
Coming Summer 2019
This project matches students with mentors in a work place environment where the student has the opportunity to learn from their mentors, and the mentors are given the opportunity to give back to the community. SMILE Project 2019 will start June 24th through July 28th.

Our Mission
The DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church SMILE Project takes steps toward our mission of mentoring local youth. Our goal is to prepare and assist students to realize their potential, develop a work ethic, and to make positive choices for their futures. By working together, participants in the SMILE Project can achieve the goal of creating positive change for themselves and for their community.

Contact
Maggie Kivisto, Chairperson
MAIL TO: DUUCSMILEPROJECT@GMAIL.COM

If you are interested in partnering with us as a sponsor, or by becoming a mentoring/work site, or to request a student internship application please contact Maggie Kivisto at DUUCSMILEPROJECT@GMAIL.COM. We appreciate the support!

The 4x4x4 Plan
4 weeks work experience
4 days per week
4 hours a day.
The project is self funding with the support of local churches, business partners and the generosity of individuals and the community.

How you can help:
1. Sponsor one student for 1 week with a donation of $148.00, or 1 student for 4 weeks for $592.00.
2. Speak with your local pastor or community group or organization about starting a SMILE Project Fund to help raise money to sponsor 1 or more students.
3. Submit your business as a mentoring/work site for 4 weeks.
4. Recommend a student who you think would benefit in participating in this project.
5. Attend fundraisers in support of the SMILE Project.

SMILE Project
DuPage UU Church, Cheryl Clayton Co-Chair, Ken Koresch
Co-Chair, DUUC Social Justice Committee. In Partnership with Proviso Township Ministerial Alliance Network