

OCTOBER 2017 Newsletter

Theme: *Living in Tension*



DuPage
Unitarian
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Church



From Our Community Minister, Rev. Myriam Renaud

I often hope that those who are willing to participate in interfaith conversation have mastered the art—or at least the basics—of respectful listening and speaking. And yet, I have attended several events over the years that have proven me wrong. Again. And again. I was reminded recently that some representatives of given religions use their public platforms to exult in the superiority of their faith in ways that border, or even verge into proselytizing. Also, perhaps because they usually interact with like-minded people, they don't always realize how some of their views may appear offensive to others.

This is especially problematic, I find, for the Abrahamic traditions, each of which claims to have “superceded,” or replaced the one that came before it. What do I mean? Imagine that, invited to speak to a mostly Jewish audience, the Christian minister selects the tale of the good Samaritan to illustrate how her faith tradition understands compassion. Having explored this beloved tale many times with members of her own tradition, she has failed to register that it might seem offensive to Jews. She also adds commentary (to which her usual Christian audience may not have objected) explaining the Jews in the story would not help their wounded brethren because of their purity laws (nothing in the passage suggests this).

As a student of religion, I know that the Christian scriptures are replete with anti-Jewish passages. Early Christianity emerged from Judaism but needed to establish why it was different and better. Still, why did the minister choose this story to share and not another?

Her choice illustrated for me, the pitfalls of spending most of one's time with one's “people.” When you do encounter others with a different worldview, that worldview doesn't register or perhaps it even seems too radically different to try to comprehend. For Unitarian Universalists, most of whom are converts from Christianity, a hurdle to interfaith conversation can be the view that Unitarian Universalism has “superceded,” or replaced Christianity.

Some Unitarian Universalist converts find it difficult to understand why anyone of sound mind and body believe ideas that they themselves abandoned because they came to seem silly or outrageous or harmful or unscientific. This view is common enough that when someone makes a snarky comment about Christians or Christianity—in my experience anyway—many Unitarian Universalists laugh or nod in agreement. It can be difficult then, to remain open and respectful when speaking with Christians, especially conservative Christians.

Is this the “blind” side to which we must be attentive when engaged in interfaith conversation? And, because of the love we have for our tradition, another “blind” side may be the seductive appeal of preaching the superiority of our beliefs in ways that border, or even verge into proselytizing.

I encourage you, then, to engage members of other faith traditions in conversation as often as possible. And practice, practice, practice listening and speaking respectfully. You'll make missteps—I've made dozens. But surely the effort is worth it. The interfaith event that Rev. Tom helped organize on Sept. 17 focused on love of neighbor—a valiant effort worthy of support. Please don't assume, as I did, that anyone, including Unitarian Universalists, are post-interfaith-dialogue. Much good work remains to be done.

As ever your Community Minister,
Myriam

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Sunday Services

Sunday, October 1 @ 9:30 & 11:15am

How Welcoming are We? By Kelley Trombly-Freytag and Jenny Hobbs

Our congregation was certified as a Welcoming Congregation over 20 years ago and the work to be Welcoming is never done. Being Welcoming is a spiritual practice - it takes constant doing and stretching for our welcome to grow. Learn how Welcoming Congregation has evolved since our certification and how we can stretch to be welcoming to all individuals. Here is a link for you consider about what it means to be Welcoming: <http://www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program> There will a time in the service to share Joys and Concerns.

Sunday, October 8 @ 9:30 & 11:15am

Yom Kippur by Reverend Tom Capo and Steve Cooper, DRE

We will be exploring the Jewish holy day Yom Kippur. The name "Yom Kippur" means "Day of Atonement". It is a day set aside to "afflict the soul," to atone for the sins of the past year. This is a service for all ages. There will be a Special Collection for PADS during the service. DuPage PADS is the largest provider of interim and permanent housing, coupled with support services in order to help individuals work toward becoming self-sufficient. Individuals receive case management and life coaching, employment support such as GED courses and job coaching, as well as engagement with employers—effectively stopping the cycle of homelessness. If donating by check, please make payable to DUUC, with DuPage PADS noted on the memo line. Thank you for giving generously!

Sunday, October 15 @ 9:30 & 11:15am

Logic/Rational and Emotional/Spiritual in One Person by Reverend Tom Capo

Decisions are an integral component of our daily lives. Each decision is based on both the logical/rational part of our brain and the emotional/spiritual part of our brain. How do we weigh these two parts as we move through our lives? Bonnie Brewster, Karen Campbell, and Karen McGinty will perform during the service. There will a time in the service to share Joys and Concerns.



Sunday, October 22 @ 9:30 & 11:15am

Light and Dark, Black and White, What about Gray? By Reverend Tom Capo

It is easy to move through a world of black and white, right and wrong, light and dark. Decisions can be based on values like stealing is bad, honoring our parents is good, etc. But the world is not always black and white, most often there is much more complexity. So how do we make the moral decisions we face in our lives? The DUUC Choir will be performing in the service. They will be performing *Shades of Gray* by Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil and *Adiemus* by Karl Jenkins. And Jim Wharton and company will be performing *Walking on a Wire* by Lowen and Navarro.

Sunday, October 29 @ 9:30 & 11:15am

The Problem of Evil for Unitarian Universalist by Reverend Tom Capo

Evil is usually perceived as the dualistic antagonistic opposite of good. Many people in our world tend to believe evil is something external to them. For instance, many people view certain people, like mass murder Adolf Hitler or serial killer Ted Bundy, as evil, bad. There is also the concept of evil and good being present in all of our hearts. Many UUs struggle with any concept of evil. Let's explore how evil might be a useful spiritual concept for Unitarian Universalists.

Sunday Morning Forums - 9:30am in the Learning Center

Sunday, October 1—SCIENCE SUNDAY. We've talked about the origin and evolution of life. We've talked about zombie species that humans are trying to bring back from extinction. Now, let's talk about life's great survivors. You likely have heard about the coelacanth - the supposedly extinct primitive fish discovered in 1938. But the coelacanth is not the only survivor from ancient days. Join other science-lovers to learn about others, as Scott Thompson leads this exploration!

Sunday, October 8—SOCIAL JUSTICE. The DuPage Clerk of the Circuit Court, Chris Kachiroubas, will be our speaker at our Sunday Forum, October 8th, in the Learning Center at 9:30 am. Mr. Kachiroubas will be speaking about how the money bail/bond bills were evaluated in Springfield this year and how the final bill was determined to present to the legislature. Many of you know that we have been involved with this issue for the past year. New legislation was recently passed. For nonviolent misdemeanors or low-level felonies, bail shouldn't be monetary. Other options include electronic home monitoring, curfews, drug counseling, stay-away orders and in-person reporting. This is being done so people who commit a minor offense are not forced to languish in jail because they are unable to post bail. As long as money is a factor in who is incarcerated and who is released pending trial, our criminal justice system in punishing people for being poor. Please welcome Mr. Kachiroubas to our forum.

Sunday, October 15—SCIENCE SUNDAY

Sunday, October 22—SPIRITUAL FORMATION. The Gnostic Christian movement Valentinianism by Michael Martin

The first few centuries of Christianity were a time of diverse interpretations of the Jesus story. The Valentinians were a "Gnostic" sect who believed the material universe to be an imperfect imitation created by a deficient God. Salvation was obtained through the esoteric teachings of Jesus, divine knowledge of the true God.

Sunday, October 29—The Co-Presidents Invite the Congregation of DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church to participate in a one hour Town Hall Forum. It is our attempt to reinvigorate the Strategic Plan by hosting this forum on October 29th, in the Learning Center from 9:30am to 10:30am. We want to hear your thoughts and ideas on potential projects DUUC could engage in. We the Co-Presidents will answer questions regarding new procedures - We the Board have implemented more recently.

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From the Director of Youth Religious Education, Steve Cooper

Wear your Halloween costume to church on Sunday, October 29th! We will have a **Halloween party** during both coffee hours. There will be games, prizes and fun surprises.

Third through sixth grade youth that would like to be a **Chalice Lighter** for services on Sunday mornings, I will lead a training workshop on Sunday, October 29th from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Sophia Fahs classroom. Lunch will be provided. A parent must attend and participate with the youth. Please let me know by October 24th if you will be attending so that I have enough workbooks and food. Childcare is available if needed.

Sleep Out Saturday will take place on November 4th. Youth (and adults) from our church will sleep out in cardboard boxes in our back yard to raise awareness of homelessness in our community and raise money for Bridge Communities Transitional Housing. Money collected will go towards the family that our church is sponsoring. Pledge donations can be made to particular youth or to the group. There are two ways to donate to the group; on Sundays up to the event there will be a collection table in Kreves Hall or you can go online anytime to www.SleepOutSaturday.org/dupageuu and press Pledge Now. The website will accept Visa and Master Card. Be sure to select our church or we won't get credit for the donation.

We allow youth of any age to sleep out. However, youth that are in fifth grade or younger must have a parent sleep out also. Please see me to pick up a pledge form and Sleep Out information.

See you next Sunday!
Steve Cooper



From the Congregational Life Coordinator, Mary Law

Hi friends! The church year here at DUUC is in full swing. Here are a few activities that you might be interested in:

Been attending a few times and want to learn more about DUUC and what being a Unitarian Universalist is all about? The **Pathway to Membership** classes for the fall are on Oct 8th and 15th from 12:40-3:30 pm. Lunch is included and child care is available if needed. We hold these classes 3 times a year, so if you are unable to attend the classes in October, there will be other opportunities.

Face 2 Face is on Oct 29th after 2nd service from 12:30-2 pm. Face 2 Face is open to both members and visitors. You will engage in deeper meaningful conversations based on a list of prompt questions. See the blue Sign Up sheet on the kiosk in Kreves Hall.

DUUC Goods and Services Auction is on Saturday November 4th. This year's theme is Dr. Who. Dress up as your favorite Doctor or character. There will be great parties that you can bid on. Last year I co-hosted a Bourbon Tasting Party and a viewing party of *Spaceballs*. Check out the page <https://dupageuuchurch.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/GoodsServicesAuction2017/tabid/881727/Default.aspx> for more information about this years auction. Hope to see you there!

We are busy working on the selfie directory which will be available soon. Feel free to contact me with any questions at membership@dupageuuchurch.org.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Social Justice News

Social Justice now has its very own space in Kreves Hall. Please visit the New Social Justice Table in front of the office. It has information on the SMILE Project; check this out. Also on the lower shelf of the table is a group of books that we would like to donate to women who are incarcerated. These books have been supplied by Social Justice committee so you have the opportunity to purchase one or more of them, then move them to the "Donated Books" bag/box. Cash accepted, as well as a check made to DUUC with Social Justice in the memo line. The Women's Prison has requested specific types of books and

these books meet their criteria, so select any that appeal to you. Many are in Spanish. Thanks for your donations!

Jesus Seminar Book Club will meet on **October 15 at 3 PM**. We are reading articles from *The Fourth R* magazine. Get with Reverend Tom at revcapo@gmail.com for copies of the articles.

Conscious Aging

Conscious Aging will meet **Thursday, October 19, 7 PM**. We continue to explore the psychological, emotional, and spiritual aspects of aging.



Unitarian Universalist Bible Study

Reverend Tom wants to gather with members of DUUC who are interested in a Bible Study. If you are interested in reading, studying, and reflecting on books and passages from the Christian Bible from a UU point of view, please join us. We are reading *Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals*, by UU minister Rev. John Buehrens. Ask Reverend Tom for details. We will meet on **Sunday, October 22 at 3 PM**. Bring your preferred Bible.



New in the DUUC Library

Recommended by Jean McCollum, *An Inconvenient Sequel Truth To Power*, the 2017 sequel to Vice President Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*. It is an action handbook which promotes and explains how each of us can personally act to "change the course of fate" of climate change. Recommended by Janine Webbles, *Kindred* by Octavia E. Butler, is a classic of science fiction. It is story of a modern black woman snatched abruptly from her home and transported into slavery in the antebellum South. And recommended by Rev. Tom, *Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals*, by UU minister Rev. John Buehrens, is written to help empower skeptics, seekers, nonbelievers, and those of a liberal and progressive outlook to reclaim the Bible from literalists.

Revisiting Welcoming Congregation—October 15 @ 12:30pm

Did you know that our congregation was certified as a Welcoming Congregation over 20 years ago? But our work for staying a Welcoming Congregation is never done! Being Welcoming is a spiritual practice. It takes constant doing and stretching for our welcome to grow. New information and classes have continued to be added and Welcoming Congregations can learn more about how to be truly welcoming to all people by renewing their commitment. We are assembling a team to explore how we practice being welcoming according to the UUA Welcoming Congregation Program and creating a blueprint for refreshing our Welcoming Congregation status. If you are interested in learning more about this, please attend an informational meeting on **October 15 at 12:30pm** in the Learning Center. Questions? Contact Jenny Hobbs at jenny.hobbs8@gmail.com or [630-730-3484](tel:630-730-3484).

Beginningless Mind: An Exploration of Tibetan Buddhism in the Mahayana Tradition of the Dalai Lama Lineage

The Tibetan Buddhism Study Group will start on **October 5, weekly on Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.**, in the Founders Room on the 1st, 2nd, 4th Thursdays, and in the Learning Center on the 3rd Thursday.

The focus of this Study Group will be to explore the teachings and meditation practices of Tibetan Buddhism in the Mahayana Tradition, of Dalai Lama lineage, using the text of the Lam-Rim as translated from the original Tibetan, and related readings, to engage in Analytical Meditation, which the Lam-Rim describes as "the exercise of eliciting experiential realizations by contemplating a particular topic from every standpoint using sharp reasoning and dharma teachings.

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Pessimism and optimism are slammed up against each other in my records, the tension between them is where it's all at, it's what lights the fire.
~Bruce Springsteen, musician

The Wider Circle

Please join us on the **first Friday** of the month from **7:30 to 9:00pm** for a support group for parents and caregivers of those with special needs. We are a small meeting of parents available to hear your stories and give you a safe place to share. There are no age or diagnosis requirements. There is room at our table for everyone. Cookies provided depending on how our days went, train delays and random life events. Questions? Please contact Karen (karen@karenworks.com) or Lori (lmelhart@yahoo.com)

Youth Mental Health First Aid Class to be held at DUUC Saturday Dec 2, 2017.

Youth Mental Health First Aid USA is an 8 hour public education program which introduces participants to the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, builds understanding of the importance of early intervention, and teaches individuals how to help an adolescent or young adult in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge. Mental Health First Aid uses role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to assess a mental health crisis; select interventions and provide initial help; and connect young people to professional, peer, social, and self-help care.

This course will be hosted at DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church, Learning Center from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. Coffee and bagels, and box lunches will be provided. Cost is \$30 per person for books, food, and beverages. Send your name, address, phone, email to Sheri Regalado along with a \$30 check payable to DUUC with "Dec 2 YMHFA" in the memo line to hold a place in the class. If you have any questions, contact: Robert Skrocki at bpskrocki@comcast.net or [630.802.0769](tel:630.802.0769). Scholarships are available in case of financial need.

**Congressman Bill Foster Speaks about
Life as a Scientist in Congress**
Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 7:30 pm
1828 Old Naperville Road in Naperville
(Off 88 at Naperville Road & Diehl)

Congressman Foster will share his experience as the only scientist currently serving in the U.S. Congress. He'll speak about his background in science, and how and why he left the laboratory to pursue public office. Q & A will follow.

Free and Open to the Public. Free parking adjacent and across from the Venue: the DuPage Unitarian Church. Directions at 630/505-9408. Sponsored by Humanists of West Suburban Chicagoland -- 630/420-4233.

More on Meetup, Facebook and HumanistsWestOfChicago.org.
Everyone is welcome to attend and speak with Representative Foster.



**DuPage
Unitarian
Universalist Church** **Fall Membership Classes**

Interested in learning more about becoming a member of DuPage UU Church? Our Fall classes will be on **Oct. 8th and Oct 15th from 12:40-3:00pm**. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Sign-up sheet located on the kiosk in Kreves Hall. If you have any questions see Mary Law or email at membership@dupageuuchurch.org.

So what does a good teacher do? Create tension - but just the right amount.

~ Donald Norman,
director of The Design
Lab at University of
California, San Diego.



Church Cleanup
Cooperative Cleaning in Beloved Community
Saturday, October 21, 2017
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. Email: cleanup@dupageuuchurch.org.

Brush Clearing Workday
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 9:00 a.m.

In order to maintain our beautiful grounds and preserve the shrubbery that we have invested in, annual clearing of invasive growth from the neighboring properties is needed. Calling all persons in possession of chain saws and loppers as well as persons willing and able to bundle branches and haul them to a designated area. Please respond to Grounds Chair Pat Clancy at pjclancy41@gmail.com or 630-886-5405.



CELEBRATION OF THE HUNTERS MOON

WEDNESDAY 10/04, 6:30pm

Lead: Andrea Gustafson

Andrea has been focusing on the different elements when leading the Full Moon Celebrations. This month her focus will be Fire. Our Celebration will be held in the Sanctuary, by the windows overlooking the Labyrinth.



DRUM CIRCLE

THURSDAY 10/05, 7pm

Co-Hosted by Martha Capo and Andrea Gustafson

This is not a DUUCKIES-specific event, although several of our Kindred do attend. BYODrum, although several will be available to borrow. Dancing feet are always welcome!

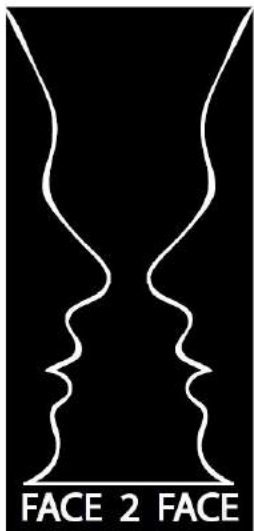
SAMHAIN/ALL SOULS CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY 11/01, 6:30pm

Lead: Karen Lindebrekke

The third and final of the Harvest Festivals, Samhain offers us an opportunity to reflect upon the cycles of death and rebirth. Ancestors are typically honored at this time. Look for more information about this year's Samhain/All Souls Celebration in the coming weeks.

NOTE: Karen is looking for some folks to help co-lead! Please contact her, klmc617@gmail.com, if you'd like to be part of this Celebration!



spirituality and social action

Face 2 Face

Join us for our fall Face 2 Face meeting on **Sunday, October 29th from 12:30 to 2:00 pm in the Learning Center**. Lunch and childcare will be provided. To help foster connections within our ever growing community, we encourage all members, friends and visitors to participate in this one-on-one opportunity for creative exchange. After being paired with an individual in the group, you will have time to talk using your own or provided conversation prompts, then you will switch roles and listen. You will not be asked to commit to anything, just to sit down and talk with someone for 30 minutes. At this meeting, you will have time for two one-on-one conversations. This simple interaction leads to greater connection and understanding of each other and deepens our community. Sign up will be posted in Kreves Hall. If you have questions, please contact Laura Wilmarth Tyna at laura.wilmarth@gmail.com or any member of the Visitor Relations Committee.

Corruption of Our Democracy Study/Action Group

The October meeting will be **Sunday, October 1 at 12:30 in the Learning Center**. We will finalize our Study/Action presentation to be shared with the DUUC congregation. The group e-mail list will receive the presentation draft prior to the meeting. Please come with thoughts on the group's conclusions and action recommendations. If you are new to the group and would like to view the presentation and attend the meeting, please e-mail Donna Limper (dleelimper@aol.com).

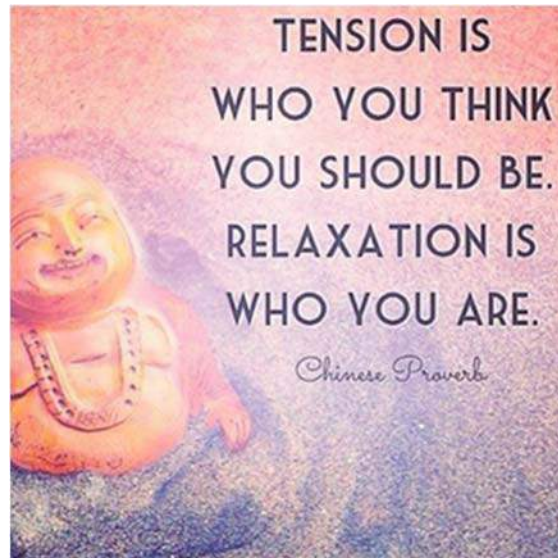
Meditation

Reverend Tom offers this meditation/prayer by Unitarian Universalist minister, Reverend Richard Gilbert.

When we are overwhelmed with the world
And cannot see our way clear,
When life seems a struggle between tedium and
apathy
Or frenzy and exhaustion;
When today seems a punishment and tomorrow
a torment,
May we find the courage of patience.
May we recognize courage in ourselves and our
companions
That is not dramatic, that elicits no fanfare;
That commands little notice by the world,
That is forgotten and taken for granted.
May we learn how to cope
Like those who live one day of pain at a time,
Who see the long path of suffering and do not
despair,
Who inspire us by their patient courage,
When we are impatient and afraid.
May we know such courage
And quietly celebrate its presence among us.

Spiritual Practice

Being open and welcoming to all your experiences is a basic Buddhist practice. Go for a walk and see how you react to everyone you meet, especially strangers. Do you feel attraction, aversion, or indifference? Share your experience with a friend.



**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the **NOVEMBER** newsletter is **Monday, October 16th @ 9AM**. Please email your submissions to Sheri Regalado at office@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 Sheri at office@dupageuuchurch.org



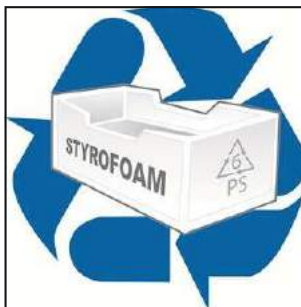
The Goods and Services Auction is just around the corner! The theme this year is Dr. Who, so get ready to board our TARDIS and have some fun! The event will be on **November 4th** this year and begins at 4:30pm. Dinner will be served and childcare is provided.

Buy your tickets and get your donations in early! [Click here](#) or go to:

<https://dupageuuchurch.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/GoodsServicesAuction2017/tabid/881727/Default.aspx>

to visit the website to purchase your tickets and enter your donations. If you are donating an event or party, make sure to check out the online calendar to find out a good date for your event. And the sooner you enter your donation, the sooner you will have that date locked in for your event, so donate early and often!

Questions? Email: auction@dupageuuchurch.org



The Next DUUC Styrofoam Collection is October 1st

Please leave your clean Styrofoam, this date only, in the church foyer. Separate food use foam, such as coffee cups and meat trays, packaging material, such as that which cushions computers and TVs, and packing peanuts into different bags—clear if possible. No Styrofoam with labels, and no foam insulation either. Green Sanctuary members and friends transport the Styrofoam to *Dart Industries* in North Aurora. Packing peanuts are dropped off at local *UPS* stores. Of course you can take your own expanded polystyrene, and that of your friends and neighbors, if you happen to live near North Aurora.

See: <https://www.dartcontainer.com/environment/ps-foam-recycling/>. Packing peanuts are accepted by many local stores that do shipping if you're inclined to

drop off a bag yourself.

Why bother?

Styrofoam is a convenient and inexpensive twentieth-century material, unfortunately its production can be hazardous to workers, and petroleum is its raw material. It doesn't biodegrade and it is estimated to take at least 500 years to decompose in a landfill. The best option is to reduce your use of the stuff; recycling is better than trashing it though.

NON-CHURCH SPONSORED EVENTS

The League of Women Voters of Wheaton and Cantigny Park will be presenting a three part program, "Making Our Democracy Work through Civic Awareness," beginning in September. They will be held at 7 PM at the Cantigny Park Visitors Center. Program and parking are free. Register to reserve a place; seating is limited. DUUC's Corruption of Our Democracy group recommends attending at least the last session "Money in Politics: How Much is Too Much" on **November 17 at 7 p.m.** Check out the offerings at: <http://www.wheatonlwv.org/civics-awareness.html>
<http://www.wheatonlwv.org/civics-awareness.html>



Special Sunday Service Speaker—Michael Dowd November 5, 2017, 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church



The Rev. Michael Dowd (<http://michaeldowd.org/>) is a bestselling evolutionary storyteller, eco-theologian, and pro-future evangelist whose work has been featured in The New York Times, LA Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Newsweek, Discover, and on television nationally. His book, *Thank God for Evolution: How the Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World*, was endorsed by 6 Nobel Prize-winning scientists, noted skeptics, and religious leaders across the spectrum. Michael and his science writer, evolutionary educator, and fellow climate activist wife, Connie Barlow, have spoken to more than 2,200 groups throughout North America since April 2002. Michael has delivered two TEDx talks and a program at the United Nations. His commitment to his colleagues' legacy has resulted in two online conversation series: "The Advent of Evolutionary Christianity" and "The Future Is Calling Us to Greatness", and recording nearly 1,500 hours of, what he calls, "deep sustainability scripture." Dowd's passion for proclaiming a prescience message of inspiration — what he calls "the gospel of right relationship to reality" — has earned him the moniker Rev. Reality, as he speaks prophetically in secular and religious settings about our responsibility to future generations.

DUUC FALL RETREAT FOR ADULTS 2017

DATES: Friday evening to Sunday noon, October 20-22, 2017

WHERE: Pilgrim Park Conference Center, Princeton, IL. The facility is located about 10 miles southeast of Princeton on 155 acres of beautiful hardwood forest and prairie. Marked trails and open areas afford opportunity for walking, wildlife viewing, and quiet meditation.

THEME: Using your “moral imagination” to cultivate empathy

FACILITATORS: Caroline Bailey, Bev Becker and Pat Lichtman with development assistance from Mollie Hibbard

COST: \$155 per person for DUUC members; nonmembers \$175 (includes 2 nights lodging and 6 meals)

HOUSING & MEALS: Large, clean rooms with 2-3 comfortable double beds and bathrooms (linens provided) along with six bountiful, home-cooked meals from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch.

CONTENT: Our book this year is: **Cultivating Empathy”: The Worth and Dignity of Every Person – Without Exception.** The author, Nathan C. Walker, is a UU minister and Executive Director at 1791 Delegates in Washington, D.C., where he consults on issues of religion and public life. In November 2016, Publishers Weekly listed **Cultivating Empathy** at the top of “six books for a post-election spiritual detox.” They say: “**Cultivating Empathy** presents a collection of essays about the author’s wrestlings with personal and cultural conflicts and his commitment to stop “otherizing”—which occurs when we either demonize people or romanticize them. Walker’s remedy... is to employ the moral imagination as an everyday spiritual practice. He introduces a creative and compassionate way to develop empathetic responses. Throughout the book he endeavors to find connection with skinheads, murderers, homophobic preachers, privileged 1 percenters, and Monsanto executives.”

During our weekend together, participants, as they are comfortable doing so, will respond to questions prepared to encourage self-reflection. There will be time for private journaling, discussions of themes from the book, and one-on-one sharing of life stories, as well as drumming, walks in the woods and meditation. On Saturday evening we will enjoy socializing, playing games and singing around a campfire (weather permitting). Our book, **Cultivating Empathy**, is available through Amazon.com. and through the UUA bookstore. Reading the book before the retreat is ideal. Questions? Contact Caroline Bailey (630-851-5044 or cjbbailey@comcast.net) or Bev Becker (630-886-5622 or tovah04@yahoo.com).

Registration is limited to 24. To register, mail or deliver the form below to the DUUC office by Wednesday, October 7th. Include a check for \$55 deposit per person or for the full amount, made out to DUUC and clearly marked "Fall Retreat". Additional detailed information, including directions, will be sent to you after you register.

2017 DUUC FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION

(turn in at the office or mail to DUUC Fall Retreat, 1828 Old Naperville Rd., Naperville, IL 60563)

Name: _____

Roommate(s): _____

Phone: _____ **email:** _____

Request vegetarian meals? _____

A check for _____ payable to DUUC is enclosed. (write Fall Retreat in the memo line)

(deposit is non-refundable after Oct. 6)

*Understanding Islam in a Challenging
Environment:
An Interfaith Workshop*



Sundays, October 1 and 8, 2017

2:00 p.m.

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In order to be able to work effectively with one another across faiths, we need to not only understand Islam, we need to be able to understand religions in its social/political environment. The purpose of this **two session workshop** is to provide strategies for engaging in deep, meaningful interfaith dialogue.

Azam Nizamuddin will facilitate this workshop. Mr. Nizamuddin is an attorney and Adjunct Professor in the Department of Theology at Loyola University Chicago where he teaches courses on Islam, and History of Islamic Thought. Mr. Nizamuddin has lectured extensively on Islamic theology and law, and on Islamic civilization to churches, synagogues, civic organizations, and federal agencies across the country. After September 11, he has attended conferences in Denmark, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Jordan, and Turkey to discuss East-West relations, and inter-religious dialogue.

Calendar of Church Events-October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:30am Science Sunday Forum 9:30am & 11:15am Sunday Service 10:30am Rehearsal 12:30pm Corruption of our Democracy group 12:30pm Trio Rehearsal 12:45pm Companions 2pm Interfaith Presentation 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12pm UUWA Brown Bag Lunch 7pm Mindfulness Meditation</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4:30pm Tai Chi Chuan 7pm COM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30pm DUUCKIES Full Hunters Moon Celebration 7pm Visitor Relations Committee</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7pm Congregational Life Committee 7pm Drumming Circle 7pm Sunday Services Committee 7pm Tibetan Buddhism Study Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30pm AIM Task Force 7:30pm The Wider Circle</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10am Genealogy group 1pm Social Justice Mentoring Program</p>
<p>8 All Ages Worship 9:30am Social Justice Forum 9:30am & 11:15am Sunday Service 10:30am Rehearsal 12:15pm Public Ministry Committee 12:30pm Fellowship Committee 12:30pm Pathway to Membership 12:30pm Trio Rehearsal 1pm COA w/ Mentors 2pm Interfaith Presentation 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30pm Covenant Group 7pm Mindfulness Meditation</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:30pm Tai Chi ChuanU</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7pm Youth RE Committee</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7pm Tibetan Buddhism Study Group 7:30pm Men's Growth Group</p>	<p>13 Anima Retreat ———</p>	<p>14Anima ———> Retreat</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30am Science Sunday Forum 9:30am & 11:15am Sunday Service 10:30am Rehearsal 12:30pm Endowment Committee 12:30pm Pathway to Membership 12:30pm Welcoming Congregation 12:45pm Companions 3pm Jesus Seminar Book Club 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p> <p>12pm UUWA Brown Bag Lunch 7pm Mindfulness Meditation</p>	<p>17</p> <p>4:30pm Tai Chi Chuan 6:30pm Board Meeting - Executive Session 7pm Board Meeting 7pm Bridge Team</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30pm Facilities Enhancement Committee 7:30pm Congressman Bill Foster Speaks - Life as a Scientist in Congress</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7pm Conscious Aging 7pm Tibetan Buddhism Study Group</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Adult Fall Retreat 7pm FIRE/Spark</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Adult Fall Retreat 9am Work Session & Window Cleaning</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Adult Fall Retreat 8:15am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Spiritual Formation Forum 9:30am & 11:15am Sunday Service 10:30am Rehearsal 12:30pm Harvest Potluck 12:30pm Social Justice Committee 3pm UU Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7pm Mindfulness Meditation</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:30pm Tai Chi Chuan 6pm Auction Committee 7pm Covenant group 7pm Pastoral Ministry Associates</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10am Elder Circle 6pm Covenant group</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7pm Tibetan Buddhism Study Group 7:30pm Men's Growth Group</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10am Bookstore/ Library Committee</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30am & 11:15am Sunday Service 10:30am Rehearsal 10:30am & 12:15pm Halloween Party 12:30pm Face2Face 1pm Chalice Lighter Training 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7pm Mindfulness Meditation</p>	<p>31</p> <p>4:30pm Tai Chi Chuan</p>				



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