

# Newsletter

*September 2021*

## Welcome to the Month of Embracing Possibility!



### Possibilities

“Possibility” will be a theme of our work together over the next year. Even as there is sadness that reopening the building is delayed beyond what had been hoped, what is possible now? Even though there is disappointment that your ministerial search did not result in a match for your congregation this year, how will we productively use this year together, as the search for your next settled minister resumes?

Your Board of Trustees has described this as a “bonus” interim year. What will we do with this “bonus” year? In conversation with the Board, the Transition Team, and the Search Committee, a series of playshops (more fun than workshops!) is being developed to help you move forward as a congregation.

“Looking Back, Looking Forward” is scheduled for Sunday, November 14, 3:00-5:00 pm by Zoom. This will be an opportunity to capture your experiences at DUUC and your hopes for the congregation’s future, in increments of six words.

“Unfinished Business?” is scheduled for Sunday, December 5, 3:00-5:00 pm by Zoom. This will be an opportunity to share your thoughts and feelings about ministers who have departed. Are there things you wish had been different? Appreciations you wish you could have expressed?

“Focus on Social Justice” is scheduled for Sunday, January 16, 3:00-5:00 pm by Zoom. This will be an opportunity to focus the congregation’s social justice and social service work based on community needs and the congregation’s passions and capacity to make a difference.

“Creating a Covenant of Engagement” is planned for February-March, with date(s) to be determined. This will be an opportunity to articulate aspirations about how to engage with each other and with the congregation as a whole, to enhance congregational life.

In the meantime, please join me for Social Time each Sunday beginning September 5, 11:30-noon by Zoom. You’ll be assigned to an automatically-generated “breakout room” for a half-hour of conversation with a small group of people. I’ll provide a discussion question related to the service. The Zoom link is: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/bl99323877416>.

Please be in touch if you have questions about any of this or anything else.

Looking forward,

Connie  
Rev. Connie Grant  
[minister@dupageuuchurch.org](mailto:minister@dupageuuchurch.org)

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## (Online Only)

**In response to Coronavirus and with concern for the safety and health of our members and visitors, all Sunday services, Forums, and large meetings will be held online only.**

**Click here to join our live stream  
Service and Forum on Sundays!**



**September 5, 2021 @ 10:30am**

**“Forgiveness and Atonement”**

We all make mistakes. We accidentally break things or hurt someone’s feelings. When that happens, it can feel like things will forever be broken. But our faith reminds us that something magical happens when we find the courage to say, “I’m sorry” and then work to repair what we’ve broken.

As we approach the Jewish High Holidays, an exploration of how forgiveness and atonement open new possibilities in our lives. A multigenerational service led by Steve Cooper, Director of Religious Education, and Rev. Connie Grant. With music by Jim Wharton and Vera Pelin.

**September 12, 2021 @ 10:30am**

**“Gathering In”**

Whether or not you’ve been “away” lately, we’ll celebrate the gathering in of this community on the Sunday after Labor Day, as usual! What gifts and needs do you bring to this community? Bring a vial of water to the front door of the church on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> between noon and 2pm to pour the water into the fountain and say a few words about what you bring to our community. We will video record you to be included in the service on the 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are not able to do this in person on the 5<sup>th</sup> you may email Rev. Connie ([minister@dupageuuchurch.org](mailto:minister@dupageuuchurch.org)) a few words about the gifts and needs you

bring. A multigenerational service led by Rev. Connie Grant and Steve Cooper, Director of Religious Education. Vera Pelin, piano.

**September 19, 2021 @ 10:30am**

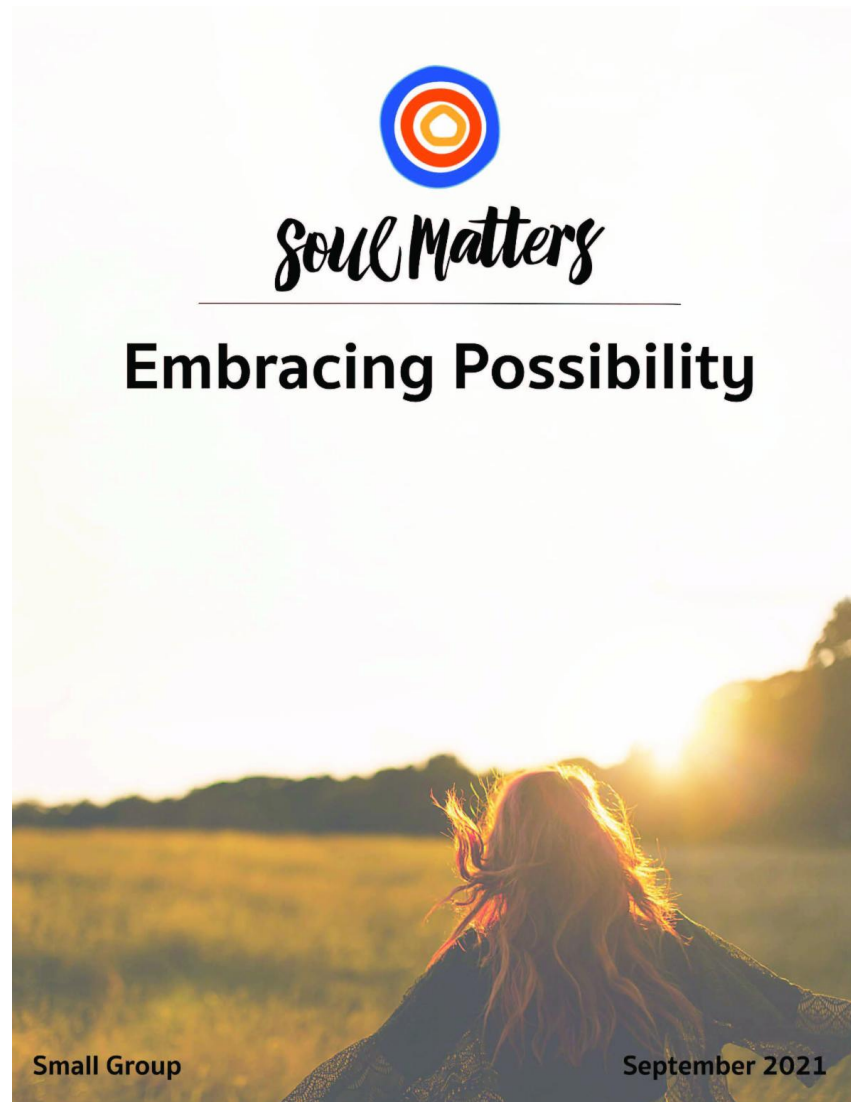
**“Building a Better World”**

What can we do, individually and collectively, to help build a better world? Rev. Connie Grant speaking. Time to Gather by Steve Cooper, Director of Religious Education. Caroline Bailey, Worship Associate. Vera Pelin, piano.

**September 26, 2021 @ 10:30am**

**“Metaphors Be with You”**

Our metaphors determine and reflect how we position ourselves in relation to each other and to ultimate reality. The writer Robert MacFarlane suggests that “The metaphors we use deliver us hope, or they foreclose possibility.” An exploration of metaphor and what I call “metaphorical theism.” Rev. Connie Grant speaking. Time to Gather by Steve Cooper, Director of Religious Education. Jo Linsley, Worship Associate. Vera Pelin, piano.



What does **EMBRACING POSSIBILITY** mean? Click [HERE](#) to find out.



*Front row (left to right): Diane Gelder, Katie Hay, Jenny Hobbs, Lyndi Sprietsma, Ann Arellano  
Back row (left to right): Kelley Trombly-Freytag, Pat Lichtman, Karen Peck, Linda Zetterberg, Rev. Connie Grant*

### **Come Zoom with Your Board!**

Join your Board of Trustees on Zoom the **first Sunday of every month at Noon** for conversation and connection. We'd love to have you join us!

Every month on the First Sunday at Noon.

<https://zoom.us/j/91029983070?pwd=ekNzVTICTUQ2ODk0MUFSRzF1NFppQT09>

Or dial +1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 910 2998 3070

Passcode: 272229



SCIENCE  
SUNDAY

### **Science Sunday will be back in the pulpit at DUUC starting Sunday, September 5th at Noon via YouTube**

We are still under social distancing restrictions, but up to 8 fully vaccinated members can, **with prior approval**, show up and be our studio audience if you would like! Scott and I perform well in front of a live participating audience, we feel!

**To receive approval, please contact Mike Winter at [19mike55@comcast.net](mailto:19mike55@comcast.net).**

**On September 5th**, we will welcome in the beginning of a new year of Scientific pursuits and discussions! Some really compelling issues are on the agenda, so please make it a point to log in on the DUUC website, click on the YouTube banner, and participate! The topic to start the year off will be Relicts, Travels in Nature's Time Machine. What are Relicts, (why is the T there), and what can we learn from studying creatures or ecosystems that fit the description of a Relict? As we all age, maybe some of us are starting to think of ourselves as Relicts! Is that scientifically accurate and are there similarities between how we might think of Relicts and how they are viewed by Science. Come meet some interesting stories from the past and learn the importance of age-old distant ancestors!

**September 19th @ Noon via YouTube**

What in the world are UFOs, UAP, LGM? Are visitors from other worlds living among us? Are they taunting our military? Once again, as happens every few years, UFOs are the talk of the town. Breathless commentators speculate about their alien origins, or talk about their "impossible" maneuvers. Do the world's scientists feel worried, enthusiastic or bemused by the recent news about UAP? Should we be worried about an alien invasion? Scott Thompson will discuss these topics, and reply to your questions and comments Sunday, September 19th. Be prepared for an out-of-this-world Science Sunday (but leave the tinfoil hats alone)!

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### **Sunday, September 12 @ Noon - PICNIC**

Congregational Life is hosting a picnic in the church backyard at noon - weather permitting. So, bring a lunch and come picnic with us!

We were hoping this would be a welcome-back celebration to in-person services - we'll just have to postpone that celebration a little longer. But in the meantime, let's get together for lunch.

We won't be able to use the kitchen, so make sure your lunch is good to eat as is. If you have lawn chairs, bring them along, too.

Questions? Reach out to us at [conglife@dupageuuchurch.org](mailto:conglife@dupageuuchurch.org)



### **Virtual Social Time**

#### **Each Sunday, 11:30-noon by Zoom**

Bring your coffee and join us following the service for Social Time hosted by Rev. Connie Grant. You'll be assigned to an automatically-generated "breakout room" for a half-hour of conversation with a small group of people. A discussion question related to the service will be provided. The Zoom link is:

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## **Special Collection**

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Our **September** special collection recipient is Youth Outlook of Naperville. Our September 19th Sunday Service will include a video highlighting the organization's work.

Youth Outlook is the first social service agency in Illinois solely dedicated to the support of LGBTQ+ youth, offering drop-in centers for youth, parent support, and community education. Drop-In Centers meet weekly and are a social setting for youth to meet other LGBTQ+ young people and talk about a variety of topics that really matter to them. Whatever the topic, Youth Outlook's Drop-In centers provide a place for LGBTQ+ youth to feel safe, supported, and celebrated. All groups welcome youth ages 12-20. This is a truly unique organization in our area. It provides a support network for LGBTQ+ youth and for parents. Participants can feel safe and supported in an environment that lets them express their feelings and be themselves, as well as have fun and be social. More information can be found at their website <https://youth-outlook.org>.

To make a donation, please click [here](#). Thank you for giving generously.



**Attention users of the Vanco GivePlus Mobile app**



Vanco, the eGiving provider behind DuPage UU Church's GivePlus Mobile app will be sunsetting the GivePlus Mobile app. It is being replaced with their new, free **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app**.

Vanco will stop supporting GivePlus Mobile after **September 30, 2021**. You will not be able to make new donations to DuPage UU Church through GivePlus Mobile after this date. (All recurring gifts currently scheduled will be made.)

You are encouraged to download the free **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app** today! And it's easy for you to use:

- Your GivePlus Mobile log-in credentials stay the same in **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app**. No need for a new user ID or password.
- If you have recurring gifts set up, they will continue to be made as scheduled.

**Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app** is available in the [Google Play](#) store and the [Apple App](#) store now. Download it today.



**Vanco  
Mobile Faith  
Engagement  
app**

Remember, download the **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app** **before September 30, 2021**.

**If you have never used Vanco and would like to, please follow these simple steps.**

1. Download the free **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app** from the [Apple app](#) store or [Google Play](#).
2. Search for *DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church*.
3. Create an account.
4. Sign in to the account.
5. Donate!

*Thank you for your generosity!*



ENDING HOMELESSNESS  
ONE STEP AT A TIME

10K & 5K Run, 5K Walk

**Greetings from the PADS task force!** Our mission to support DuPage PADS continues, even though DUUC and seventy other churches that provide overnight interim housing are unable to do so at this time. DuPage PADS is currently housing clients at area hotels. Here's a fun way to continue supporting PADS either virtually or in person: the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Virtual or In Person Run/Walk 4 Home will take place from September 15<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration is \$35 per individual. The In-Person walk will take place on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at the College of DuPage outdoor track from 12pm – 5pm. Participate virtually any way and anywhere you like. If you would like to walk as a group on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, please contact Leslie Arno at [larnocat@aol.com](mailto:larnocat@aol.com) or 630-244-0987. Register at <https://dupagepads.org/run-4-home-2021/>. Thank you for supporting DuPage PADS!

#### **Community Outreach Update**

During July \$669 was given in support of Sharing Connections in Downers



Grove. Sharing Connections brings together community members by enabling families and businesses to share their gently used furniture, household items and clothing with families needing assistance. Thank you for your generosity.

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**Please consider making a donation to support  
DuPage UU Church and all of its programs ~ thank you!**

**Donate**



**Auction 2021 - Change of plans!**

Our plans for a hybrid Auction have been dashed by the fact that Covid-19 restrictions remain in place and the broad re-opening of our Church for Sunday services and large gatherings is difficult to predict.

So ... We will carry on with Year 2 of an **all-online Auction on and around November 6**, replicating the activities that were successful last year. Look for more information soon, but it's not too early to begin crafting your ideas for submission!

Contact [auction@dupageuuchurch.org](mailto:auction@dupageuuchurch.org) with questions.



**Tie Dye Picnic and Campfire**

**Saturday, September 18 5 to 8pm**

Bring chairs, items to tie-dye and a picnic for your family. We'll provide the dyes, campfire, roasting sticks and s'more packets. Questions? Please contact Steve Cooper, [dre@dupageuuchurch.org](mailto:dre@dupageuuchurch.org).

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**Sunday Flowers Needed.** Celebrate a person or event by



providing flowers for a Sunday service during the church year, this September through May. While services are held remotely, the primary way to provide flowers will be to request that Sunday Flowers order a \$35 standard arrangement for you from Phillip's Flowers. However, *if you are already scheduled to take part in the service that day*, you may choose to bring in your own arrangement from your garden or favorite flower shop. Your dedication will be printed in the email with the link to the on-line version of the Order of

Service. The flowers are yours to take home after the service. If you are not participating in the service, you will need to pick up your flowers either on Sunday 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., or contact Sheri, [office@dupageuuchurch.org](mailto:office@dupageuuchurch.org) or (630) 505-9408, to make arrangements for a contactless pick-up during office hours. Remember, masks are required to enter the church. Payment may be made by sending a check made out to DUUC for \$35 to the church office (write "flowers" on the memo line), through the DUUC Payment Portal (select "other" under donation, and write in "flowers"), or VANCO (select "flowers fund"). Contact Kristen Tang at [flowers@dupageuuchurch.org](mailto:flowers@dupageuuchurch.org) or (630) 305-7771 for more information and/or to request a date. Thank you!



Please join us for our semi-monthly Elders Circle meetings! We meet using **Zoom** on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. On the second Wednesday, we just check in and chat; on the fourth Wednesday, we have a discussion topic. All are welcome regardless of age, and non-church members are welcome too!

To be on the email notification list, please notify Bob Harris at [oofyprosser@outlook.com](mailto:oofyprosser@outlook.com). He will send you notifications and the Zoom link for each of the meetings.



### **Mindfulness Meditation Mondays 7:00pm - 8:45pm**

This mindfulness meditation group is open to anyone who has interest in meditation from beginners to more advanced. Our time together consists of sitting meditation, walking meditation (when we meet in person), a short teaching and responsive group sharing.

For more information, go to our website:

[www.presentmomentsangha.org](http://www.presentmomentsangha.org), or contact Mary Kullman, at [spiritmk7@gmail.com](mailto:spiritmk7@gmail.com) or Elaine Waite, at [elaineawaite@gmail.com](mailto:elaineawaite@gmail.com).

**Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87909200423?  
pwd=Y0FUNEMrVHIWUEZsTmhoNHJjRWJRQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87909200423?pwd=Y0FUNEMrVHIWUEZsTmhoNHJjRWJRQT09)

Meeting ID: 879 0920 0423

Passcode: 401647

Or dial 1 312 626 6799 and use the appropriate Meeting ID and Passcode.



### **Gods of Ancient Egypt Part 2 Sun Sept 26 3 PM (Via Zoom)**

The gods of ancient Egypt are so fascinating that they deserved a Part 2. Join us as we discuss more deities from the land of the Pharaohs. Attending the first part is not necessary, though the document from that session is available upon request.

Questions & for Zoom info, please contact Michael Martin at [seraphmichael@hotmail.com](mailto:seraphmichael@hotmail.com).



### **Church opening for limited groups of 10 or less**

The church is open for groups of ten or less. All meetings must be scheduled and confirmed through [calendar@dupageuuchurch.org](mailto:calendar@dupageuuchurch.org). If multiple meetings are taking place during the same time frame, we will stagger the start and end times so there is less cross traffic. Impromptu meetings are not allowed inside the building. **Masks will be required for entry into the building.** A supply of disposable masks will be available at the front door for those who do not bring their own.

Four meeting spaces are available and will have only ten chairs in the room with floor markings to indicate their proper distance. The rooms available are Founders, Learning Center, Kreves Hall and the rear corner of the Sanctuary. We will have disinfectant supplies and hand sanitizer available in each meeting room, restrooms, and the elevators. All fabric chairs will be removed from meeting rooms and replaced with hard surface chairs allowing for more effective disinfecting.

The following Group Expectations and Guidelines will be posted in meeting spaces and sent to group leaders:

- For the safety of your group, other groups and church staff please enforce our safety measures within your groups.
- Please ask members of your group to refrain from attending if they show signs of illness (coughing, fever, sore throat).
- Arrive no sooner than five minutes early and leave no later than five minutes after scheduled ending time.
- No community food or drinks to share.
- Wear facemask while traveling through building.
- If seated and socially distanced facemask may be removed if all parties are agreeable.
- Wipe chair surfaces using disinfectant wipes after use.
- Group leader ensures any other surfaces used during gathering are disinfected before exiting.
- Consider disinfecting your chair upon arrival. Use disinfectant wipe and allow a few minutes to air dry.
- If using elevator, wipe buttons with disinfect wipe after selection
- If using restroom, disinfect touched surfaces after (and before) use
- No congregating on sidewalk or public spaces after or before meeting
- Individual impromptu meetings can take place on benches in backyard.

We do encourage individuals or families to visit the church property and enjoy our prairie, gardens and labyrinth at any time (no reservation required).

If small groups would like to meet in the backyard for a social gathering or meeting, it should be scheduled through [calendar@dupageuuchurch.org](mailto:calendar@dupageuuchurch.org) to avoid conflicts.

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See what's happening on our social sites:

