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# UUCI NEWSLETTER

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**SNEAK PEEK  
AT PEACE CAMP**

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*Walking On  
Shifting Ground*

By Louise Hillery

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# SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday Mornings at 10 am

## MAY 7 *"A Homecoming Celebration"*

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*With Louise Hillery*

In this music service, we focus on what "home" means to all of us, as we welcome the Rev. Nic Cable home to our pulpit after his four-month sabbatical leave.

## MAY 14 *"Sabbatical Reflection Part 1"*

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*With Rev. Nic Cable*

On this Sunday, Rev. Nic Cable returns to share reflections from his sabbatical journey.

## MAY 21 *"Sabbatical Reflection Part 2"*

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*With Rev. Nic Cable*

Join us for the second part of Rev Nic Cable's reflections from his sabbatical journey.

## MAY 28 *"Special Service With Dennis McCarty"*

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*With Rev. Dennis McCarty*

*Our Minister Emeritus, Rev. Dennis McCarty, will return to share a special service.*

# SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

*Hello Friends!*

As the Board looks forward to Rev. Nic rejoining us this month, here are some things we are working on.

## Denominational Affairs

The Board is pleased to appoint Chris Kevitt to serve as our second delegate to June's UUA General Assembly. Chris will be attending virtually for the business portion of GA. Chris joins Cynthia Scott will be attending GA in Pittsburgh, PA. The Board voted last month to direct our two delegates to support the election of the Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt as President of UUA, effective the summer of 2023 for a six-year term. The Board also voted to support the continuation of the work of the Article II Study Commission for the coming year. If you have any input or questions about the Article II Study Commission work, please engage with Cynthia or Chris. I am sure they would welcome your interest.

## Fiscal Matters

Operating fund pledges and the Sunday Service offering both provide monetary resources to meet our mission and are the foundation of our income. Another funding source approved by congregational vote in the 2023 budget was a number of fundraising events. While these events provide significant dollars for the congregation's work, it is not solely for the funds they generate that we do these events. Our upcoming June 2-3 Yard Sale, August 19 Auction and early December Holiday Market are all opportunities for us to be in community together, with each one of us offering the talent and skills that have created a proven track record of past successes. You will hear more about these events in the coming months and I ask that each of you think about what you can offer to create a rewarding event.

## Annual Congregational Survey

May is the month that we conduct our annual survey. The Ends Committee, led by Vice President Lori Swanson, has been working hard to prepare for this. Look for further communication from this team and respond promptly as recognition of the importance of this key gauge for how the congregation is faring.

Linda Iwamuro  
Board President



## **COMPLETE CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!**

In 2019, UUCCI crafted an Ends Statement describing our goals as a congregation. Each year we provide a survey to our adult members and friends measuring how we are meeting those ends.

Simply click on the link below, complete the questions and submit your survey for a chance to win a Viewpoint Books gift card! The sooner you complete the survey, the more chances you will have to win.

Winners drawn May 14th, 21st and 28th.

Thank you for your participation.

**[CLICK HERE FOR CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY](#)**

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# COURAGEOUS ACTION COUNCIL

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## Walking on Shifting Ground

by Louise Hillery

convener

In Rev. Nic's absence for Sabbatical Leave, the members of Courageous Action Council continue to examine how to address the changing needs of our community and the larger society. Present members of the council are:

- Sondra Bolte, Welcoming Congregation
- Dick Boyce, Green Sanctuary
- Cathy Caldie, Global Action
- Kathleen Leason, Racial Justice
- Patti Wade, Food Insufficiency (Hot Meals)

The Council is studying how to adequately respond to changing needs that fall outside of their traditional areas. These needs include immigrant justice, reproductive freedom, economic justice, homelessness, new challenges in environmental action despite many successes, voting rights, gun safety, and gender issues such as rights of trans and non-binary people.

The Council considered ways to approach these new challenges

- Combining forces to work on emerging issues as they pop up – how do we stay up-to-date and keep the congregation informed?
- Focusing on issues being addressed by the state legislature – but what about local and federal government?
- Focusing on a few selected issues each year – but how do we determine the interest of congregation members, and keep up with community needs?
- Incorporating our goal of becoming a multi-faith community to work toward common goals – are there opportunities to hook up with other faith groups?
- Maybe we should focus our energies on working with those agencies we have already identified as partners through our Split-the-Plate Decisions – can we look more deeply into their needs?

Courageous Action Council meets in odd-numbered months. Split-the Plate decision-making will be concluded at the May meeting. Members are welcome to share their ideas on the above questions with the people mentioned above.

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# SUNDAY SERVICE TEAM

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## Refreshing the Team

**by Louise Hillery**

Acting Music Director

The Sunday Service Team consists of six volunteers who serve three-year terms. In normal times, the team is led by Rev. Nic, while I sit in as a mostly-silent observer. But during the past year I have had the privilege of convening this dedicated team during Rev. Nic's two absences: first for Parental Leave, and currently during his Sabbatical Leave.

Everyone has opinions about worship services: what's good, what's bad, what's missing, what's too much. This team is no exception. When I ask a question, I will not see shoulder shrugs or timid silence. Every discussion is spirited, open-minded, and creative. These people care deeply about the quality of our Sunday services, and they bring their skills and passions to the congregation every week.

Each year the two longest-serving members roll off the team, and two new members are invited to replace them. The team for the current year has included:

- Class of 2023: Steve Jasper, Kevin Altevogt (veteran Peggy Sabau served as Kevin's temporary sub, September through December)
- Class of 2024: Cynthia Scott, Chris Kevitt (replacing Amanda Roggow)
- Class of 2025: Skye Nicholson, Liz Nolan-Greven

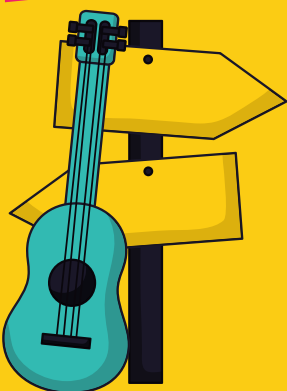
At our June meeting, it is traditional that we roast the two departing members – just kidding! We share our deepest thoughts and feelings about their contributions to our mission and require them to sit silently and absorb the praise. Then they are given the opportunity to respond.

They know their traditional next assignment will be to present their own spiritual journey the following summer. We will all look forward to hearing again from our recent “graduates.”

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# Interfaith PEACE Camp



**FUN & CREATIVE  
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES  
FOR CHILDREN  
5-12 YEARS OLD**

Week of  
**JUNE  
12-16TH**

**9AM-4PM**

Fee  
**\$50**

## Activities

- ✓ Music
- ✓ Outdoor Nature Exploration
- ✓ Art Activities
- ✓ Collaborative Games
- ✓ Mindfulness Practices

**Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation of Columbus, IN**

7850 W. Goeller Blvd  
Columbus, IN 47201

**Register here!**

<https://bit.ly/3GKt5ei>



**More Information**

[children@uucci.org](mailto:children@uucci.org)





Join us for a Celebration

Rev. Nic's  
Homecoming  
and  
Beltane

Sunday, May 7th



Lunch, Music, Dancing,  
Games and more fun  
for All Ages!

**ALL AGES WELCOME!**



# UCCI CAMPOUT



**FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH**  
**FAMILY FRIENDLY CAMPOUT**

**CAMPING • SM'ORES • GAMES**  
★ **ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES** ★

**JUNE 16**



**NO COST**

**7850 GOELLER BLVD COLUMBUS, IN**  
**CHILDREN MUST HAVE A PARENT PRESENT**

# UUTH GROUP

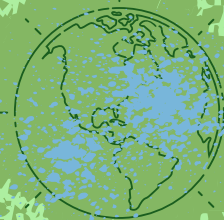
## 4TH - 8TH GRADERS

### SPRING 2023 ACTIVITIES

March 5	Goal Toss & Game
March 19	Spring, Get-to-know you
April 2	Mini World Terrariums, Nature Crafts
April 10	Hot Meals
April 23	Service Project, Earth Day
May 7	Beltane Activities
May 21	Outdoor fun, game

### JOIN US DURING SERVICE IN THE YOUTH ROOM!

We are so excited to have a great group of caring youths and fun-loving adult volunteers! Our UUTH group will offer a balance of activities throughout the year—including fun, leadership opportunities, spiritual exploration, and social justice. Activities will be non-competitive, not focused on skill with a shared goal of group building and creating a caring community.



# UUCCI PROGRAMS

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MAY 2023

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There is always something happening at UUCCI! Many of these events repeat each month, so you can often catch the next one if you can't make it this time around!

## Circle of Song

**Thursday, May 4 at 7 pm**

The purpose of Circle of Song is to get together as friends and sing just for the fun of it. Some people like to sing, but don't feel that choir performance is the thing for them. We'll sing a few hymns, a few folk songs, and whatever songs people request. With Sondra Bolte's guitar to help us, and Louise at piano for songs that are not guitar-friendly we can sing most any song you can think of.

## Sunday Service Team Meeting

**Friday, May 5 at 10:30 am**

Members of our Sunday Service Team will gather to discuss and organize the exciting upcoming services for this month.

## Cooking Across Cultures

**Friday, May 5 at 10:30 am**

Our May 5th Cooking Across Cultures will be hosted by Karin Duro featuring vegetarian Brazilian dishes. Karin will demonstrate a few simple recipes and have food for us to share. We will gather at 6 pm at UUCCI in the Fellowship Hall and kitchen. Space is limited, so please register with Kathleen Leason soon! Donations are collected to defray costs.

## Homecoming Celebration & May Day

**Sunday, May 7 at 11:30 am**

Join us after service for lunch, music, dancing, games and more fun for all ages!

## Our Whole Lives (OWL)

**Sunday, May 7 at 4 pm**

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a comprehensive, holistic sexuality education for grades 7-9. For more information, contact Sunny Currier at [youth@uucci.org](mailto:youth@uucci.org)

## Spiritual Living Circle

**Monday, May 8 at 12:30 pm**

Spiritual Living Circle meets the 2nd Monday of each month from 12:30pm until 2:00pm in the library at UUCCI. Join us for a time of meditation, reflection, and discussion. We use the Spiritual Living Magazine and a metaphysical book of group choice as our source materials. For more information, please contact Mary Harmon or Anita Naanes.

## Chalice Circle

**Wednesday, May 10 at 10:00 am**

Chalice Circles gives participants an opportunity to get to know others while developing a deeper self-knowledge by sharing their lives in small, facilitated groups. The spirit of community radiates outward, fostering a sense of kinship and increasing connection to the congregation as a whole and to the larger community.

## Racial Justice Team Meeting

**Thursday, May 11 at 6:30 pm**

Monthly meeting of the UUCCI Racial Justice Team. The Racial Justice Team seeks to educate and energize the congregation around racial justice issues. We are an active group of dedicated people and would love to have a few more team members. Contact Kathleen Leason, [kmleason@gmail.com](mailto:kmleason@gmail.com), if you're interested. We are meeting via Zoom on 2nd Thursdays of the month, 6:30-8:00pm.  
**Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us>**

# UUCCI PROGRAMS

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## **Board Meeting**

**Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 pm**

The Board of Trustees meets on the second Thursday of the month in the Elsie Weekly Room.

## **Crone Circle**

**Sunday, May 21 at 11:30 am**

New May Date and Time for Crone Circle! Join our Crone Circle on May 21st, 11:30-1, in the UUCCI Sanctuary. Yoga instructor and sister Crone, Lynette Farless, will lead us in gentle Stretch and Balance exercises. Both chair and floor exercises will be presented. Yoga mats at church or bring your own. We can all probably benefit from a little stretching and balancing in our lives (both literally and figuratively)! We welcome all women over 50 years old. Questions? Contact Lori - [loriswanson.cmt@gmail.com](mailto:loriswanson.cmt@gmail.com) or Nancy - [nlolson52@gmail.com](mailto:nlolson52@gmail.com).

## **Building & Grounds Team Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 24 at 5 pm**

If you're wanting to volunteer, this is a great place to start! If you are interested in joining the Building and Grounds team or lending a hand, please contact Donna Stanley at [dstan52@frontier.com](mailto:dstan52@frontier.com), Jon Fischer at [farmbrewer@gmail.com](mailto:farmbrewer@gmail.com), or Michael Greven at [mgecosourceinc@gmail.com](mailto:mgecosourceinc@gmail.com)

## **Yard Sale Set Up Begins**

**Wednesday, May 31**

Have you started your spring cleaning yet? Remember our Annual Yard Sale takes place June 2nd and 3rd. We especially appreciate useful items such as: sporting equipment, furniture, small appliances, gently used books and games. No clothes or shoes please. Unfortunately, we don't have the space to store things, so if you could set items aside at home for now and bring to UUCCI a few days before the sale, it would be greatly appreciated. Questions about the sale or to volunteer to help, please contact Donna Stanley [dstan52@frontier.com](mailto:dstan52@frontier.com).

# COLUMBUS INTERFAITH

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## EVENTS AT UUCCI INTERFAITH CAMPUS

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### **Columbus Interfaith Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 10 at 6 pm**

#### **Columbus Interfaith**

Each month, the guiding members of Columbus Interfaith meet to discuss upcoming events, organize the shared calendar for the campus space, and share support.

### **Full Moon Celebration**

**Friday, May 12 at 5 pm**

#### **Tree of Knowledge Indiana**

On this special day, we will be celebrating the Flower Moon. There will be fun activities for all ages and a Full Moon ritual for the adults. For questions, please contact Brittany Phillips at [admin@gmail.com](mailto:admin@gmail.com)

### **Group Meditation**

**Sunday, May 14 at 2 pm**

#### **Open Mind Zen Indiana**

Open Mind Zen Indiana (OMZI) is a community dedicated to self-discovery through the practice of Zen. Our practice modalities include traditional and contemporary teachings, various styles of meditation, koan study, dharma talks, workshops, retreats, and group discussions. As a lay sangha, we are committed to the flourishing of Zen as realized and expressed in everyday life. Please contact Ann Beattie if you have questions at [anndbeattie@gmail.com](mailto:anndbeattie@gmail.com)

### **Red Tent Women's Circle**

**Saturday, May 27 at 6:30 pm**

#### **Tree of Knowledge Indiana**

Each month, we gather to heal and celebrate each other. This month will be hosted by Angela Strehl, and we will be discussing the Hawaiian goddess Pele, honoring ourselves by doing a discussion on how to let go that of which no longer serves you. We will also have a bonfire with s'mores and hot dogs!

All women are welcome! You may wish to bring a side dish to share and something comfortable to wear. If you have questions, please reach out to [admin@uucci.org](mailto:admin@uucci.org). For questions, please contact Brittany Phillips at [admin@gmail.com](mailto:admin@gmail.com)

### **Group Meditation**

**Sunday, May 28 at 2 pm**

#### **Open Mind Zen Indiana**

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# UUCCI CLASSIFIEDS

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## FREE-CYCLE

### FREE COLD LAMINATOR

We have a large cold laminator and plastic sheets that go with it. If someone would like to give this a good home, please stop by the office and pick it up! Brittany will help you carry it.

## COMMUNITY

### PLANNING AN EVENT?

Spring is here, and there are a LOT of events happening. Spring and Summer are especially busy seasons for rentals. We want to ensure that the members of our congregation are able to have their choice of dates, times, and locations for their meetings and events before we start receiving the seasonal rental requests. If you are planning an event at UUCCI, please contact our admin to add your event to the online [Breeze calendar](#). Send an email with event details to Brittany at [admin@uucci.org](mailto:admin@uucci.org) or fill out this [Calendar Request Form](#)

### PEACE CAMP 2023

We are so excited to bring back Peace Camp! There are only 16 openings left. [Click here](#) to register your child or contact Adrienne at [children@uucci.org](mailto:children@uucci.org)

## UUCCI YARD SALE

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## HELP WANTED

### VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

Volunteers for Sunday morning greeting and making coffee are being recruited for the month of May. Volunteers for making coffee are needed on April 16, 23 and 30. If you can help, reach out to Marcia Walker at [mwalker@epowerc.net](mailto:mwalker@epowerc.net) or 812-521-1825. There is also a sign up sheet and information posted on one of the bulletin boards in the fellowship hall.

### VOLUNTEER TO PLAY!

If you are curious about Peace Camp and would like to lend a hand, contact Adrienne at [children@uucci.org](mailto:children@uucci.org) to learn how you can get in on the fun!

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LOST & FOUND

Have you seen our new Lost & Found box? It's above the coatracks across from the nametag shelves by the sanctuary. When this box gets full, we will donate the contents to San Souci, so be sure to check to see if it is housing any missing sunglasses, water bottles, or tupperware of yours.

### SEE YOUR CLASSIFIED HERE NEXT MONTH!

This is an opportunity to make connections within the UUCCI community. Are you looking for a dog walker? Connect with the friend looking for a work-out buddy! Do you have a box of scrap fabric to get rid of? Reach out to the sewing club. Want to lend a hand? Our "Help Wanted" section has some suggestions. Send your classified listing info to [admin@uucci.org](mailto:admin@uucci.org)