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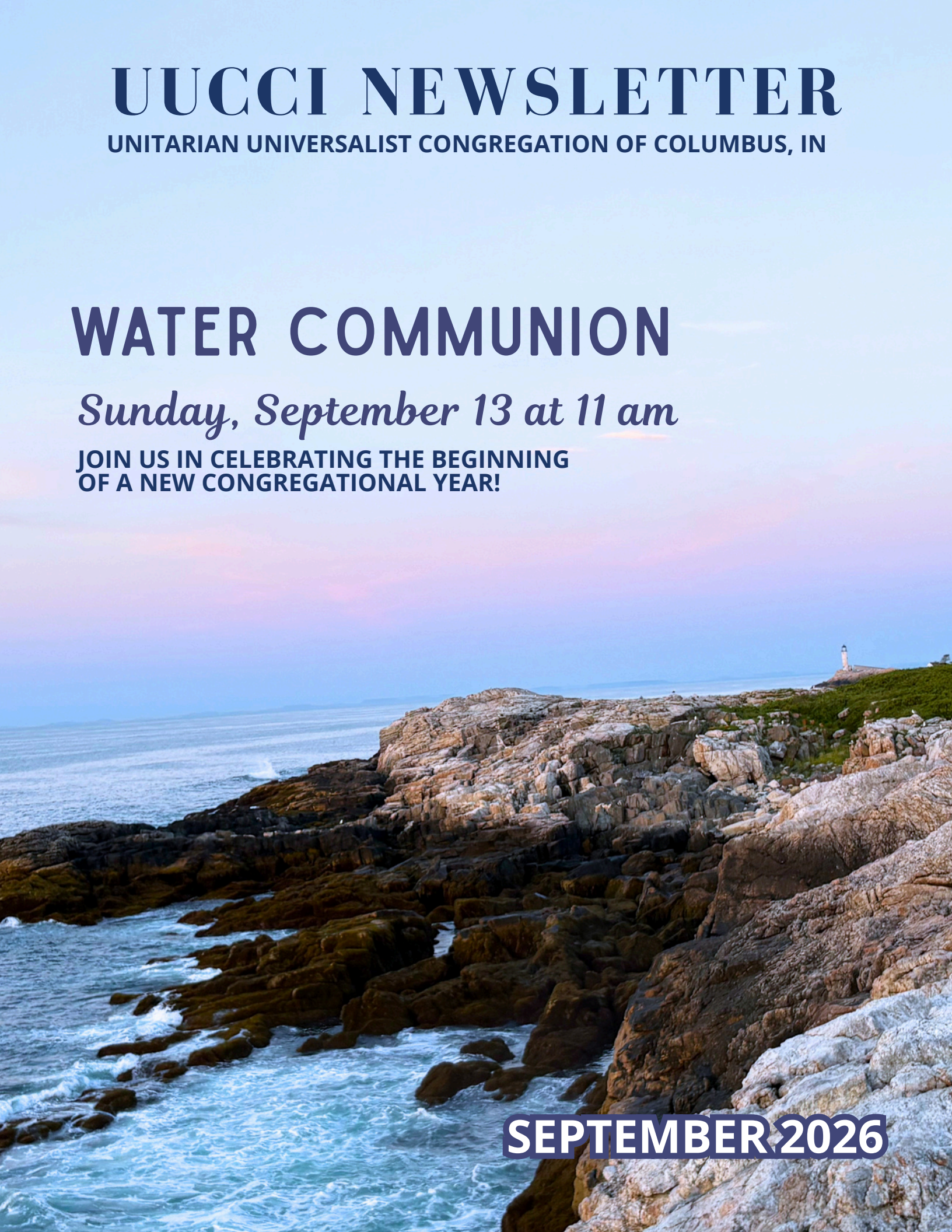
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF COLUMBUS, IN

WATER COMMUNION

Sunday, September 13 at 11 am

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE BEGINNING
OF A NEW CONGREGATIONAL YEAR!

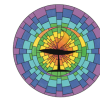
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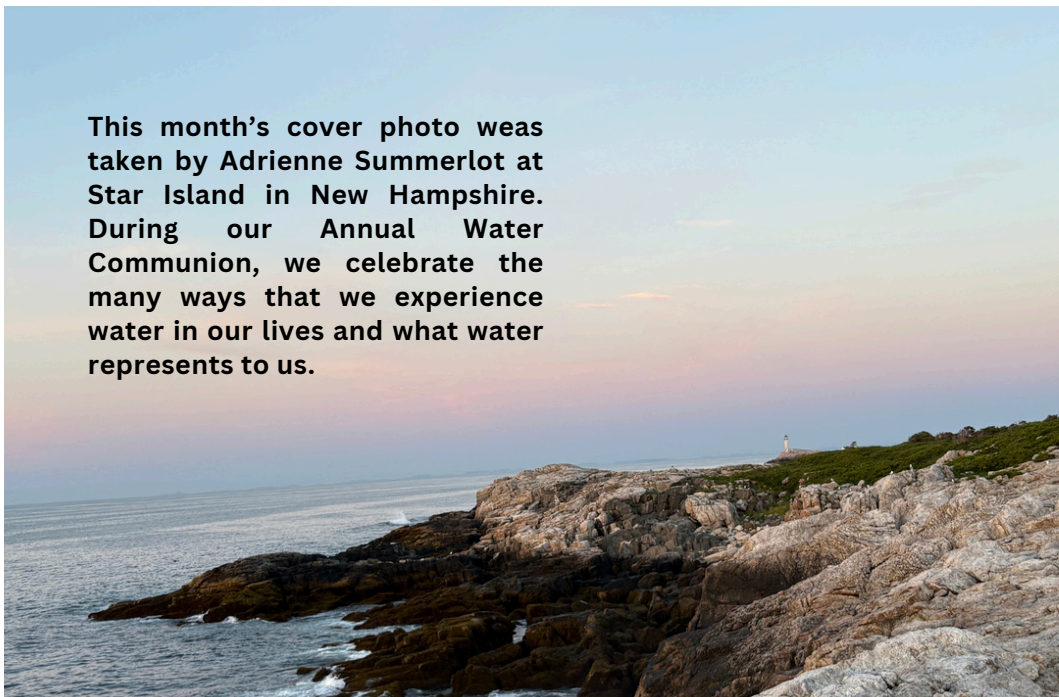
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This month's cover photo was taken by Adrienne Summerlot at Star Island in New Hampshire. During our Annual Water Communion, we celebrate the many ways that we experience water in our lives and what water represents to us.





Monthly Giving: The most efficient and effective way

Pledged donations help us to accurately anticipate our funding for each year. It is never too late to pledge a monthly gift to help fund the community events and resources at UUCCI.

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Support



We are thrilled to support Columbus, IN Pridefest and share information about UUCCI as a welcoming, inclusive, and affirming community for our LGBTQ+ friends and neighbors. If you would like to volunteer for a 2 hour shift between 12pm-6pm, please contact Adrienne Summerlot children@uucci.org or click on the sign up link above.

Like people, but not crowds?
Enjoy coffee, but not sitting still?

JOIN THE KITCHEN CREW ON SUNDAYS!

These are some of our
"behind the scenes"
workers who play vital
roles in making our
Sunday services happen.

If you see them, say thanks and/or
offer to lend a hand. Anyone interested
in serving as greeter or volunteering for
coffee hour should contact Brittany Phillips,
uuccu@uucci.org. Anyone interested in
providing flowers should contact Lissa
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DEAR COMMUNITY,

Happy September! I hope this Newsletter that is filled with wonderful information and ways of connecting and learning this month provides you with lots of encouragement on your journeys. You are not alone! You have chosen community! We are in this together. As we grow and change as a congregation, as we try new things and experiment with how we gather on Sunday mornings, I hope you will join me in seeing the opportunities that come with taking the road less traveled.

I'm looking forward to Judson being back for his second year with us as Intern Minister. He'll bring good messages for the Sunday Service on both August 30 and September 6, and I know he is eager to see you all. Judson is a great example who has spent the past year or few years really experimenting with new things, listening to his call to ministry, and choosing to pursue a Master of Divinity on his journey toward professional ministry. This year will be one of great transformation, an important value for us as Unitarian Universalists. I hope that we can all be a great support to him as he grows and changes, just as we each and collectively will this year.

As we've been discussing for about four or five months, after Labor Day we will try something new on Sunday mornings with offering another type of service at 9:30am. The Open Table will focus on connection and conversation, sharing and learning in a more informal setting and format. The 45 minute service will be in the Fellowship Hall and we will gather around tables. If you come a little early, beginning at 9:00am, you will enjoy music from our various musicians in the congregation. After they warm up the room, the Open Table will begin at 9:30am with a welcome and chance to see who's in the room or at your table. Then, along with a Sunday Service Team member we will enter into a time of reflection and sharing. First, the SST member will share their personal reflection which I know is one of the most meaningful parts of the Sunday Service each week. I am so glad this reflection will be shared in both services!

Following the reflection, I will frame the conversation we will have that morning with a meaningful question that we will begin to have at each of our tables. Around the top of the hour, we will transition to sharing in the large group, which I know will surface some really interesting insights. Then around 10:15am, the Open Table will conclude with a. Simple one- word "check out" for how we are feeling as we end our time together.

Now some of you may be interested in trying out the Open Table and some may not find this very appealing and would like to continue attending the Sunday Service which will begin at 11:00am. While an hour later may be hard to adjust to, I hope the change opens up more possibilities for connection and learning, not just for having room for the Open Table earlier in the morning, but also for more people who may benefit from the extra hour to get to UUCI on Sunday. After all, we are a regional community with many people driving upwards of 30-45 minutes to be in community each week. Additionally, I have heard from numerous people of different ages and life situations who say they would appreciate the extra time to get up and going on Sunday.

Ultimately, I think we are in an exciting time as we approach our 60th Anniversary next year! What a big milestone and a great opportunity to celebrate the growth and vitality of our community and the bright future that is before us.

I look forward to all the learning and growing, connecting and transforming, we will be doing in the year ahead.



With Gratitude,
REV. NIC CABLE

UUCI Minister

A NEW SUNDAY MORNING RHYTHM

COMING SEPTEMBER 13TH: THE OPEN TABLE

SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

Choose your rhythm; there's room for everyone.

9:00am - 9:30am	Open Jam and Live Music	Fellowship Hall
9:30am - 10:15am	Open Table Children and Youth Activities	Fellowship Hall Makerspace and Nursery
10:15am - 11:00am	Transitional Time	UUCCI
11:00am - 12:00pm	Sunday Service Children and Youth Programming	Sanctuary Everywhere
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall

Questions That You Might Have:

What is the Open Table?

An informal, conversation-style service in the Fellowship Hall with no hymns, sermon, or traditional elements; focused on stimulating topics, conversation, connection, and many voices. The weekly theme matches the Sunday Service, just in a different format.

What about live-streaming the Sunday Service? Whatever happened to that?

Live-streaming of the 11:00am Sunday Service restarts September 13, but the Open Table will not be live-streamed.

Which one should I attend?

People are welcome to attend whichever service feels right; come early for a discussion-style service, or sleep in for the later service with sermon and rituals.

Can I come early or stay later?

Absolutely! In fact, this format offers various engagement options, and ways to volunteer on Sundays without missing the service.

How will the current Sunday Service change?

The only change will be it will start an hour later at 11:00am. Other than that the same service structure and its varieties on special Sundays remains unchanged.

Are we dividing the congregation? Will I still see my friends?

The congregation is growing and changing, but Sunday morning is not the only time to connect; overlapping times and weekday programs still create opportunities to meet.

Will we ever hold a single service on Sundays?

Yes! The two service format runs from the Sunday AFTER Labor Day until the Sunday BEFORE Memorial Day (about 3.5 months). Then from Memorial Day to Labor Day Weekends, Sunday Services will return to one service in the Sanctuary at 11:00am.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

**“The golden-rod is yellow;
The corn is turning brown;
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bending down.”**

From “September” by Helen Hunt Jackson

The above opening words from Jackson’s “September” begins a poem that beautifully captures the shift from summer to autumn with vivid imagery of yellow goldenrods, brown corn, and heavy apple orchards, capturing the essence of the changing season through vivid, nostalgic imagery of nature in transition.

Jackson could be describing UUCCI as we enter the new program year with excitement and wonder. We may all be wondering, what is it going to be like with two Sunday services? Our 9:30 “Open Table” service will be uniquely different than our traditional (soon-to-be) 11 am service. I imagine many of us will experiment by attending the 9:30 service, just to experience it. And in a month or two, each of us will settle on our own routine – whether attending the 9:30 or 11 am service...or both...while others may attend a service based on what they might be doing the rest of that day. Regardless on the path you take, as Rev. Cable has said “each Sunday becomes another chance to foster community in our growing and diverse community.”

“By all these lovely tokens September days are here, With summer’s best of weather, And autumn’s best of cheer.”

There is much to cheer about at UUCCI. We are in the middle of our UUCCI Community Capacity Campaign. All of the new AC units have been installed and the campaign to “replace, replenish and/or generate funds to support any necessary future capital initiatives” is underway.

Many thanks to all who have committed/contributed to the campaign. As I write this, we are at 60% of our goal. I’m so grateful for everyone’s support to accomplish this much in 20 days. We have until October 4 so, for those who haven’t committed/contributed, I hope you will. Any amount is greatly appreciated...our smallest contribution to date is \$10 and one or more persons donated \$12 cash...these gifts are appreciated. And remember, when you donate, thanks to two generous members, your contribution is doubled. That \$10 became \$20. And if you are uncertain about what this campaign is all about, there is information under the TV in Fellowship Hall or corner me at Coffee Hour.

We all cheer Judson’s return from his summer break. And lots of programming and activities, for all ages, are underway that will continue into the new year. Boy oh boy, are some exciting things going to happen in 2027. But I am getting ahead of myself... In 2026 we still have the annual auction which is always fun... and the Holiday Market (I overheard some planning for this prior to our recent board meeting). Checkout the soon-to-be published Program Guide that will highlight activities for the next few months.

And on November 1, the 60th annual UUCCI meeting will be held. At that meeting, there will be consideration to amend several sections of our Bylaws. If you would like to know more about the possible changes and provide input (besides attending meetings that have been scheduled with the next being Sept. 1 at 11 am; 3 pm and Sept. 3 at 4 pm; 6:30 pm), [click on this link](#).

Once 2027 begins, well watch out. Plans are being made for our 60th anniversary. And speaking of celebrating, not just our 60th, in May Nic and Judson finish up their degree programs. But that’s not all - at its recent meeting, the board and Nic discussed his next sabbatical that has now been set for the summer of 2027. While sabbatical planning is just beginning, some exciting things are being discussed and I look forward to a future announcement with more details.

Helen Hunt Jackson's "September" highlights the warmth of autumn alongside the lingering beauty of summer, perfectly capturing the month's specific atmosphere. Welcome to September!

Jackson's "September" has (what's been called) an "emotional gut-punch" – an unexpected personal twist at the end. Jackson was a Unitarian who called Emily Dickinson and Harriet Beecher Stowe friends.

***But none of all this beauty
Which floods the earth and air
Is unto me the secret
Which makes September fair.
'T is a thing which I remember;
To name it thrills me yet:
One day of one September
I never can forget.***

Mark Kevitt

President, Board of Trustees



2026 Bylaw Review and Proposed Amendments

UUCCI members, at the Annual Meeting on November 1, will be voting on several amendments to the Bylaws. A series of meetings are being held to share what's being discussed as well as generating ideas and conversation. Feel free to attend any session. While the sessions will highlight certain amendment topics, any of the proposed amendments can be discussed at the meetings. Additionally, for more detailed information [CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR code below.

Meeting dates are

Tues, Sept. 1 at 11 am & 3 pm;
Thurs, Sept. 3 at 4 pm & 6:30 pm



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Proposed Amendments**

SEPTEMBER 2026



"Disruption, Change, & The Spiritual Benefits of Not Playing It Safe" with Judson Webb and Sondra Bolte

Sunday, September 6, 2026

This Sunday, we'll hold our final 10am service as we prepare to offer our two service format next week. Why this change? Do we feel good, bad? Should we be excited, worried? This week's service will explore the benefits and pitfalls of strategically upending the applecart.



"The Waterways of Love" with Rev. Nic Cable and Adrienne Summerlot

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Our Annual All Ages Water Communion Service will feature a mingling of the waters of our community. Each person is welcome to bring some water from their home or a special place in their lives (water will also be provided) to a common bowl and together we will reflect on the ways love can hold us as one community.



"Cloud, Paper, Community" with Rev. Nic Cable Vivianne Leland

Sunday, September 20, 2026

You may have recall the children's game, "Rock, Paper, Scissors," but have you ever heard of "Cloud, Paper, Community"? With the help from the late Buddhist monk, Thich Nhat Hanh, we will explore the interdependence of all existence. We will consider whether life is a game and a zero sum game, or whether the world we dream about is one where we can all thrive together.



"I Need You To Survive" with Rev. Nic Cable and Chris Kevitt

Sunday, September 27, 2026

While Interdependence is one of the shared values of Unitarian Universalism, it is sometimes seen as a worldview rather than a call to action. Rev. Nic will invite us to consider shifting from "We Are One" to "We Are Many" and, as Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto says, affirm "All of us need all of us to survive."

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CHECK OUT SOME PAST SERVICES

Visit us on Youtube
@UUCOLUMBUS to see
past services and get
to know our members





OPEN MIC AND UU REVUE

SUMMER LEARNING: Although UUCI choir and band members stopped performing over the summer, several musicians continued rehearsing and learning through the summer months. Six musicians enrolled in a music fundamentals course over the summer months to improve their music reading and become stronger choir or band members.

OPEN JAM: The Open Jam, a gathering of folk-style musicians, met weekly through the summer months to learn and share more songs. In July, Rev. Nic presented them with a new challenge. Could they provide music for casual listening as people arrive for the new 9:30 AM service, called OPEN TABLE. Beginning on September 13, we all have the option to hear members of Open Jam from 9:00 to 9:30 as we gather for the early service.

OPEN MIC: Something else brand new on the music and performance scene at UUCI will be our Open Mic nights. Anyone young or old, experienced or beginner, is invited to show up for these nights, the first Wednesday of each month. Sing, play an instrument, read a poem, tell a story, or whatever your particular talent is. Open Mic is a place to develop skills and confidence. The first Open Mic will be at 7:30 Wednesday, September 2, in the sanctuary. The audience will be small and encouraging. Please join as a performer or as a supportive audience member.

FRIDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENT: For about five years the music department has presented family-friendly variety shows on certain Friday nights.

They have been called Coffee Houses or Cabarets. The same shows will go on this year with a new name: UU REVUE. That is not a misspelling. A revue is a live stage presentation of disconnected music and other acts by several performers. This year's first UU Revue will be on Friday, October 23. The theme is "Darkness and Light." A 6:00 pitch-in supper will be followed by a 7:00 performance by UUCI's proven star performers.



Louise Hillery
Accompanist

Children And Youth Ministry



SWIMMING IN IT!
Sunday, September 6th
All Ages Learning Kindergarten-6th grade
Makerspace.



For our last Sunday of our Summer Art and Activism Learning series. We will expand our understanding of the impact of microplastics on our water sources and marine life. Together, we will work to sort through the donations for our bottlecap recycling initiative and dabble in water colors to help bring awareness to the environmental concerns affecting some of our favorite marine life.

All Ages Water Communion- Sunday, September 13th **TWO SERVICE OPTIONS!**

9:30am-10:15am- Open Table

Children, youth, and families are welcome and encouraged to gather together around the tables in Fellowship Hall for deep connection. Makerspace will also be available for K-12th for creative exploration. Childcare available for infants-preschool.

11am-12:00pm- All Ages Water Communion

This annual time for our children, youth, and families to come together with the entire congregation and intentionally celebrate returning to community. Time for singing, dancing, story, and our beloved water communion ritual. Plan to stay after for our Fall Friends Festival with pitch in lunch, backyard games, and more!



As September begins so does a new church year for our children and youth. Things may look a bit different this year, but we want to emphasize that we are expanding what is being offered and hope that it meets busy families, children and youth where they are. **You can choose your own adventure. If 9:30am works better one week and 11am the next, we are thrilled to have you join us.** One of the biggest gifts we can give children, youth, and families is to hold space. We see this most in our check in of joys and sorrows or sweet and sour as our kids sometimes do more than one round. Where else in their daily life do they engage in a ritual like that? In our Makerspace, kids are often surprised to find that something they started a week or two ago, is still safely stowed away with their name on it for them to continue working on if they wish. The space to not be rushed in your creativity and to take your time is huge!

Our programming for our children and youth starts on Sunday, September 20th!



Adrienne Summerlot
Children's Ministry Coordinator
children@uucci.org



Seedling and Sprouts (infants-preschool) meet every Sunday in the Earth Room with our caregivers. With the help of our friend, Ellery Churchmouse, young children gather to explore spiritual vocabulary and aspects of church life. During their time together, they will sing, play, explore stories, and play games. ***Our Childcare Team is available 9:15am-12:15pm starting September 13th.***

September 6-Parachute Play- We Can Do It Together

Through a collaborative parachute activity, a reading of We're Better Together, and open-ended play, children experience how their actions affect others and learn the value of teamwork and belonging.

September 13- Yarn- We Are Connected

Through interactive yarn activities, reading The Mitten, and open-ended play, children physically experience how their actions travel through a group and learn that everyone is connected.

September 20-Train Tracks- Everything Connects

By building a shared wooden railroad, reading Freight Train, and engaging in free play, children discover how individual pieces work together to create a larger, connected journey and community system.

September 27- Intrument Play- The Sound We Make Together

Through exploring simple instruments, reading The Listening Walk, and free play, children practice listening and discover how their unique sounds build a shared, collaborative community experience.

Spirit Play (PreK- 2nd graders)

11am Roots and Wings Classroom

Spirit Play is a Unitarian Universalist program of religious education that evolved from a long line of Montessori-based religious education programming.

It is based on story and ritual, play and creativity. Spirit Play gives children the tools to make meaning of their lives within the container of Unitarian Universalism. In Spirit Play, children are introduced to the stories of our faith in a concrete way where they can wonder about them at their own level of maturation, intelligence, and creativity, Spirit Play allows our them to learn the language for talking about their faith in a non-dogmatic way.

[Learn more here!](#)

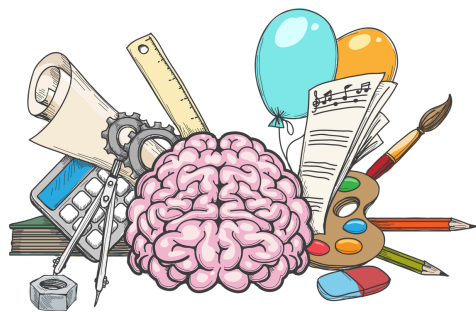


September 20- The One Great Web of Life

We have all wondered how we are all connected and we will use this time together to explore the mystery of oneness.

September 27- Our Community and How We Are Connected

We will work collaboratively create our own story boxes that help us imagine how we all are part of big global community here on earth right on down to this community here at UUCCI within this congregation.



MAKERSPACE

**Open Studio with Supervision K-12th Grade
9:30am-10:15am
Woven Faith for 3rd-5th Grade Sundays at 11am**

Our Makerspace is by far one of our favorite spaces for all of our kids!

On Sunday morning, during our Open Table Service at 9:30am, our studio will be open with adult supervision so that kids in Kindergarten-12th grade can tinker, create, and have their own community time. During our 11am Service, our kids in 3rd-5th grades learn that creativity is a pathway to meaning-making and connection. Through art, building, storytelling, and other creative experiences, children express their ideas, explore UU values, and contribute their unique perspectives to the community.

September 20- We Are Part of the Web of Life. We will explore natural elements, learn about the Tree of Life and consider what we give and what we receive from the Earth. We will try our hands at weaving, discover how we can build an altar with natural objects, and more!

September 27- Every Generation Matters. We will use collage materials to celebrate our diverse communities and how wisdom can be found in every generation and every person has gifts to share.

Additionally, we often provide Kids Care in our Makerspace so that kids who have aged out of childcare have a space to connect and explore when their adults are attending programming.



**9:30am- attend Open Table or Makerspace
11am- Youth Group in the Youth Room
6th-12th Grade**

**YOUTH WILL ATTEND THE 11AM ALL AGES SERVICE TOGETHER
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
THEN MEET FOR FOORD, FELLOWSHIP, AND GAMES AFTERWARDS!**

This month in youth group we are challenged with these questions:

"Where does our value of interdependence come from?"

"Why does it matter to Unitarian Universalists?"

September 20- Heart and Nature. We will explore interdependence through Transcendentalism, highlighting Mary Moody Emerson. We will venture outside to connect with nature, collaborate on a folding poem, and find a special rock for meditation.

September 27- Spaceship Earth. Unitarian Universalism Interdependence through astronaut Dr. Laurel Clark's story and space exploration kids will reflect on Earth as a shared spaceship, share personal and UU artifacts, and complete creative "Made in Space" design projects.

We register children and youth annually for our programs at UUCCI so that we have the most accurate information to share news, programming, etc with parents/caregivers, ensure communication, and to provide support to those we serve.

Register for this year!



"Faith development is all we do.
Unitarian Universalism is the faith we teach.
The congregation is the curriculum."
-Connie Goodbread

Here at UUCCI and with our use of Spirit Play and Woven Faith we utilize The C.A.R.E. method which is a purposeful framework for creating environments that support belonging, growth and meaningful connection. Inspired by the Montessori method's prepared environment and Unitarian Universalist values, C.A.R.E. encourages us to see the physical space as an active part of the learning and spiritual experience. The purpose is to transform everyday spaces into places where people feel valued, supported, inspired and connected.

C: Cultivate Welcome - How do people know they belong here?

We cultivate spaces where every person is seen, valued and invited into the community.

A: Arrange with Intention - What does the environment teach before anyone speaks? A thoughtful space invites participation, curiosity and independence.

R: Reflect and Respond - What is this space saying? What are we learning from the people within it? A meaningful environment is not static. It grows through observation and listening.

E: Engage Spiritually - How does this space help people connect, create and grow? The environment should support more than activities. It should nurture relationships, imagination and spiritual exploration.



One of our goals here at UUCCI is to foster intergenerational connections between adults and our growing children and youth ministry program that over 70 children and youth call home. We invite you to consider how you might deepen your own spiritual journey by supporting our Children and Youth Ministry program. Would you love to have space held for you to engage with story and contemplative practices? Perhaps you miss the time to tinker and create? Maybe you love to cook or help engage kids with social justice learning opportunities. Do you have a special passion, spiritual practice, or family tradition to share?

Our children's chalice lighting words are:

**We are Unitarian Universalists
with minds that think,
hearts that love,
and hands that are ready to serve.
We help the world and each other.**

If you are interested in learning more,
you can either click on the volunteer link here
or contact Adrienne Summerlot, Children's
Ministry Coordinator children@uucci.org for more information.



Children And Youth



Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education

Our amazing team of trained OWL facilitators will be leading our 8th & 9th graders through this comprehensive sexuality education course this year. We ask for folks to be aware that due to the sensitive nature of the class content and privacy of participants that no other events happen when OWL is meeting on Sunday afternoons starting in August!

Any questions about OWL, please contact Sunny Carrier youth@uucci.org

Parents as Sexuality Educators

We are hoping to offer this program for Unitarian Universalist parents and caregivers who seek support and skills to be effective sexuality educators of their children.

This program invites adults to ask themselves:

How can I embody my role as my child's primary sexuality educator in a way that expresses my UU values and faith?



Of course, children pick up information and attitudes from sources beyond the home: peers, popular culture, social media, other adults. Many Unitarian Universalist children will participate in Our Whole Lives (OWL), the lifespan, holistic, values-based sexuality education program, and they may also receive sexuality education in school. However, OWL encourages, and this program aims to nurture, parents and caregivers in their role as their children's primary sexuality educators. Trusted adults carry extraordinary power to influence their children's attitudes and values around sexuality. Many adults struggle to wield that power with intentionality, grace, and confidence. These sessions invite parents and caregivers to find support, insight, and courage with one another.

While the small group ministry format provides a spiritually grounded space, the program's approach to sexuality is secular and grounded in science, in tune with the OWL lifespan sexuality education programs on which it is based.

The sessions are designed to meet the needs of adults raising children of a wide age range, from elementary through high school. Like OWL workshops, these sessions build comfort in talking about sexuality-related topics and offer skill-building activities. The sessions address topics also provided in OWL sexuality education for youth ages 12-14 (grades 7-9), but these sessions focus on these participants' needs as parents and caregivers. Participants are invited to engage deeply with their hopes and fears, their values and practices. Where the OWL junior high program delivers a great deal of important knowledge, this program emphasizes the adult's ongoing adult responsibility to share accurate, current information, as needed, with their child or youth.

Like OWL programs, this program conveys a holistic view of sex and sexuality, encompassing sensuality, intimacy, sexual health and reproduction, sexual identity, and societal sexualization. Participants identify their hopes, examine their concerns, and frame both in the context of their children's lives, acknowledging that their children face different circumstances and pressures than did earlier generations. These sessions also help adults build skills for healthy family communication. Communication is the foundation of this program, just as it is the foundation of healthy relationships within and beyond families. The program provides twelve 90-minute sessions that invite participants into learning, reflection, sharing, and skill building.

If you are interested in Parents as Sexuality Educators, please take this survey so we can determine the learning group, meeting time, and if we will meet online or in person.

Interest Form



General Questions about OWL and Parents as Sexuality Educators can be directed to Adrienne Summerlot, OWL Facilitator and Children's Ministry Coordinator children@uucci.org

BOTTLECAPS TO BENCHES PROJECT 2.0

Our children and youth are working again to reduce the amount of plastic that goes to a landfill or doesn't get recycled and partnering with Green Tree Plastics in the the ABC Promise Partnership which will transform plastic lids and caps into a bench or table for us all to use at UUCI. Starting Sunday, August 2nd we will have a collection bin in Fellowship Hall on the counter. Please see the criteria below and make sure all caps and lids are clean and dry.

Acceptable LIDS & Flip Top LIDS

All Lids must be Under 8 inches



Cottage Cheese

Pringle

Yogurt

Coffee

Butter



Whipped Cream

Mayonnaise

Cream Cheese

Peanut Butter

Ice Cream

Fast Food & to go lids (Must have the Recycle numbers 2,4, or 5)

No Containers of any kind



Green Tree Plastics LLC
ABC Promise Partnership



Acceptable CAPS & Flip Top CAPS

Medicine PILL bottle CAPS (cardboard, & paper packets removed)

Condiment Caps (Ketchup, Mustard, BBQ, Starbucks Creamer)

Milk & Creamer Caps

Broth Caps

Sport Drink Caps

Soda & Tea Bottle Caps

Water bottle/Jug Caps

Juice (OJ, Apple juice, ETC)

Juice & Applesauce Pouch

Spice Caps

Whipped Cream

Baby Food

Laundry Detergent

Ointment Tube

Hairspray

Deodorant

Shampoo

Conditioner

Spray Paint Caps (No shiny or glitter)



Look for
the recycle
number!

	Mon 8/31	Tue 9/1	Wed 9/2	Thu 9/3
9am				
10am		STAFF MEETING 9-11 AM		
11am		BYLAWS DISCUSSION 11 AM - 12 PM		
12pm				
1pm				
2pm			PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEETING 2-3 PM	DEATH CAFE 2-4 PM
3pm		BYLAWS DISCUSSION 3-4 PM		
4pm			MENS GROUP 3-5 PM	BYLAWS DISCUSSION 4-5 PM
5pm				
6pm				
7pm		COMMON THREADS CRAFT GROUP 6-8 PM		PEACE PRACTICE GROUP 6-8 PM
8pm			OPEN MIC NIGHT 7:30-9PM	BYLAWS 6:30 PM

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Pastoral Care Team

Our Pastoral Care Team helps us to stay connected with the members of our congregation.

Common Threads

Bring Your Own Art Project!
Come be human with us.
This is a low-pressure,
come-as-you-are creative
space for anyone who
wants to make something—
or simply be around others
who are. Bring whatever
you're working on (or
nothing at all): crochet,
journaling, sketching,
writing, coloring, collaging,
or just a book of poetry to
read aloud. There's no
agenda, no expectations,
and no need to be "good"
at anything. This is about
creating with love, sharing
space, and remembering
that we don't have to do
life alone.

Peace Practice Group

We will work with
meditation, embodied
mindfulness exercises, and
group discussion

Peace Walk at the Courthouse

People of all faiths, traditions, backgrounds, and orientations are invited to participate, and those planning to participate should arrive 15 to 20 minutes early for a short introduction

	Mon 9/7	Tue 9/8	Wed 9/9	Thu 9/10
9am		STAFF MEETING 9-11 AM		
10am				
11am				
12pm				
1pm				
2pm				
3pm				
4pm				
5pm				
6pm		COMMON THREADS CRAFT GROUP 6-8 PM	CHOIR 6 PM	PEACE PRACTICE GROUP 6-8 PM
7pm			EAT FILM NIGHT 6:30 PM	
8pm			OPEN JAM 7:30 PM	
			WIND BAND 7:30 PM	

Spiritual Living Circle
Spiritual Living Circle meets the 2nd Monday of each month from 11:00 am until 12:30 pm 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.

Building And Grounds Team Meeting
Our Building and Grounds Team meets each month on the third Tuesday at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to join!

Wind Band Practice
For more information, contact music@uucci.org

Open Jam
For more information, contact music@uucci.org

	Mon 9/14	Tue 9/15	Wed 9/16	Thu 9/17
9am		STAFF MEETING 9-11 AM		
10am				
11am				
12pm	SPIRITUAL LIVING CIRCLE 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM			
1pm				
2pm				
3pm			MENS GROUP 3-5 PM	
4pm				
5pm				
6pm		COMMON THREADS CRAFT GROUP 6-8 PM	CHOIR PRACTICE 6-7:30 PM	PEACE PRACTICE GROUP 6-8 PM
7pm			OPEN JAM 7:30-9 PM	BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM
8pm				

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	Mon 9/21	Tue 9/22	Wed 9/23	Thu 9/24
9am		STAFF MEETING 9-11 AM		
10am				
11am				
12pm				
1pm				
2pm				
3pm				
4pm				
5pm				
6pm		BUILDING AND GROUNDS TEAM MEETING 6:30 PM	CHOIR PRACTICE 6-7:30 PM	PEACE PRACTICE GROUP 6-8 PM
7pm		COMMON THREADS CRAFT GROUP 6-8 PM		
8pm			OPEN JAM 7:30-9 PM	WIND BAND 7:30 PM

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	Mon 9/28	Tue 9/29	Wed 9/30	Thu 10/1
9am		STAFF MEETING 9-11 AM		
10am				
11am				
12pm				
1pm				
2pm				DEATH CAFE 2-4 PM
3pm			MENS GROUP 3-5 PM	
4pm				
5pm				
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7pm				
8pm		WOMENS GROUP 6-8 PM	OPEN JAM 7:30-9 PM	
			WIND BAND 7:30 PM	

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Events

Stay in the Loop

Use our Google Calendar to keep up with services, programs, meetings, and special events. You can also add events to your own Google Calendar, too!



Our Google Calendar is the easiest way to see what's coming up.



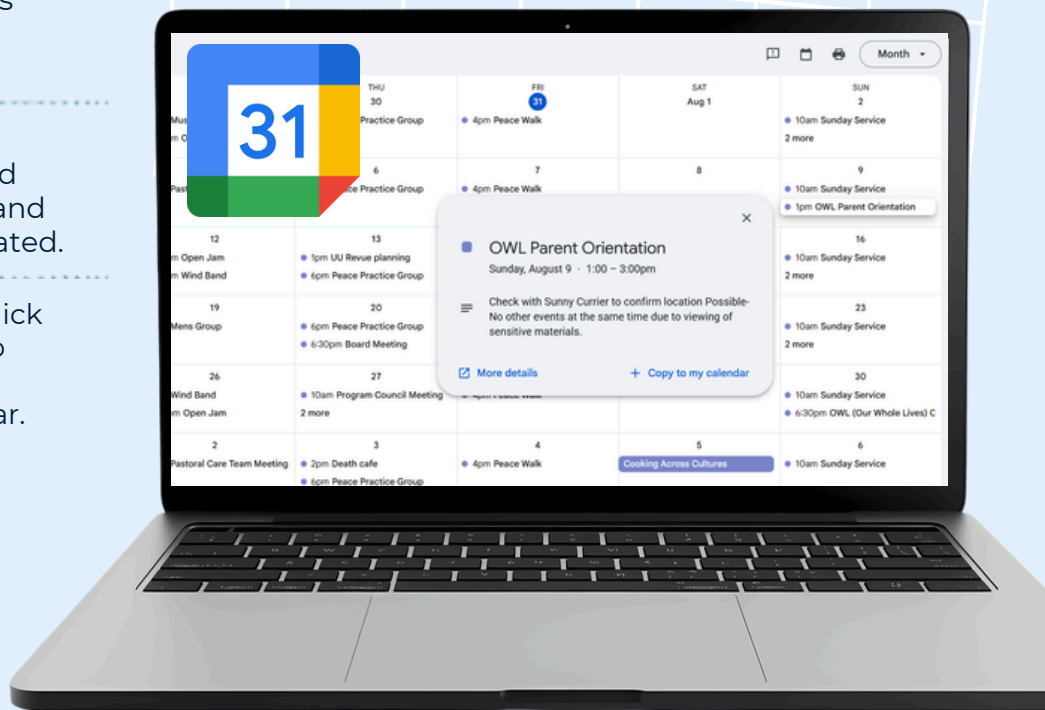
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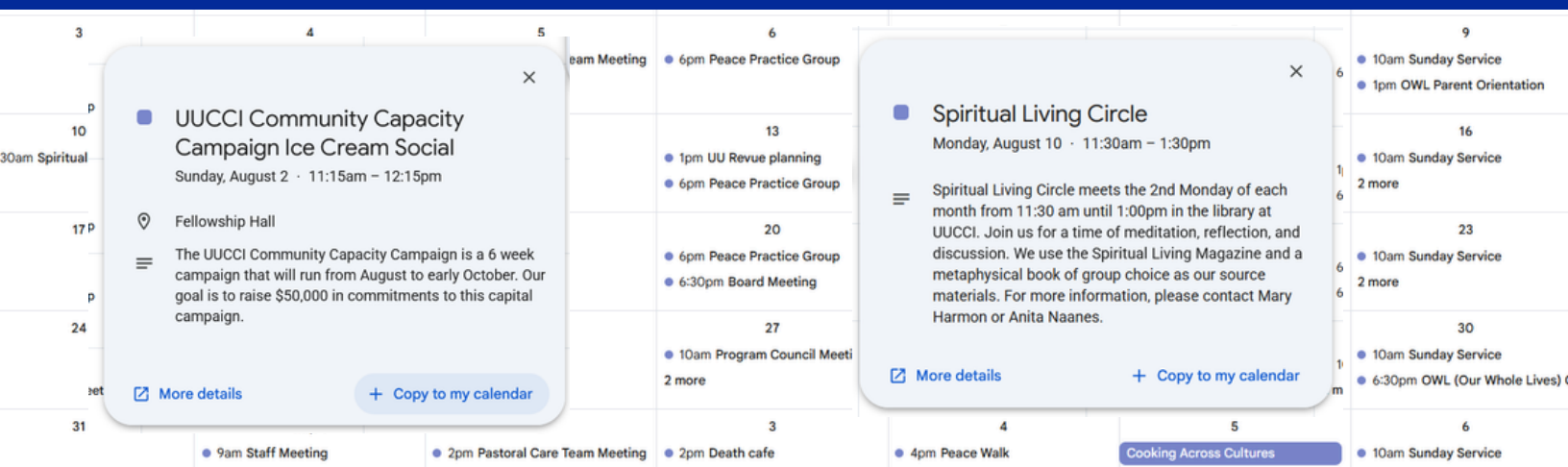
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UUCI CALENDAR



STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED.



COMING TO UUCCI IN OCTOBER



Let's Get Ready for the UUCCI Auction

Mark your calendar

Saturday, Oct 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Silent Bidding

Friends and Food

Live Action Laughs and Excitement

New Ideas Welcome!

Ask Questions and Volunteer to Help

1 Call or Email
Cynthia Scott
812-764-9826
clscottsworld@gmail.com

2 Or check the Auction box in your Breeze profile

UU REVUE:
Darkness & Light

FREE NIGHT OUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

FREE ADMISSION

6PM: PITCH-IN SUPPER

7PM: FAMILY-FRIENDLY PROGRAM FEATURING UUCCI'S STAR PERFORMERS

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF COLUMBUS

OPEN MIC NIGHT
OCTOBER 4TH
AT 7:30 PM

BYLAWS TOWN HALL MEETING
OCTOBER 18TH
AT 12 PM

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
OCTOBER 25TH
AT 12 PM

UUCCI OUT IN THE COMMUNITY IN OCTOBER

AMERICAN RED CROSS

BLOOD DRIVE

OCTOBER 5TH
FROM 1-6 PM
AT UUCCI



The League of Women Voters, Brown County/Bartholomew County, (LWVBC)

LWV

MEET THE CANDIDATES
BECAUSE YOUR VOTE MATTERS

OCT 5 & 6
AT 7 PM

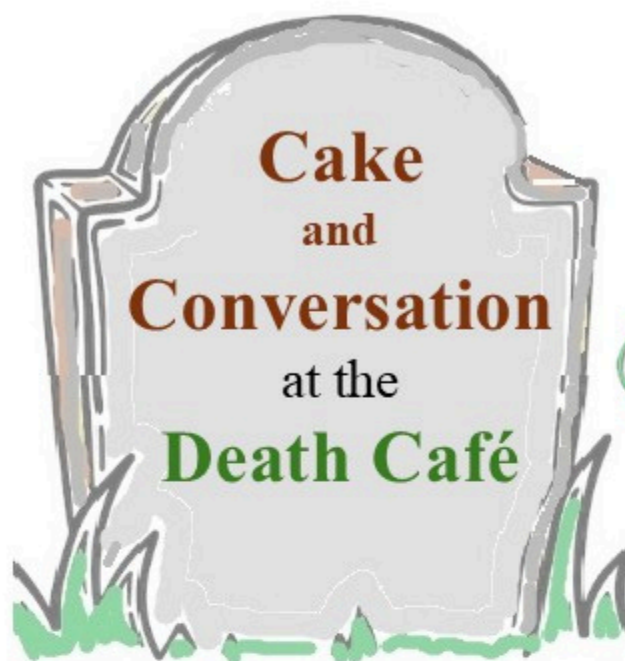
Columbus Interfaith Campus
7850 W Goeller Blvd,
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 **COLUMBUS INTERFAITH** 

REGISTER TO VOTE AND CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION AT **VOTE411.ORG**

This is a nonpartisan event. We do not support or oppose any candidate or party. All Columbus municipal candidates on the 2024 ballot are being invited to attend.



Serving free
cake and
coffee or tea.

You are invited to the Death Café, an informal gathering of people, discussing death from different perspectives. The goal is to frame awareness of death and dying as a normal part of life, and to help people make the most of the time they have left.

When:

**First Thursday
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5,
Dec. 3

Where:

UUCI
7850 W Goeller Blvd
Columbus IN

For more information:

Cate Hyatt
camhart@icloud.com,
or text 812.322.4344
Sandy McCoy
sandra44mccoy@gmail.com

Death Cafe



Let's Talk About Death

Attendee Comments:

- *"Inspiring"*
- *"Informative"*
- *"Thought-provoking"*
- *"Life affirming"*
- *"Motivated to get my final plans finished"*

Local sessions
hosted by:





Join Faith in Place for the 2026 Annual Environment & Spirituality Summit

About the Summit:

The 2026 Annual Environment & Spirituality Summit explores the theme Grounded Resistance, with four sessions focused on how we engage the world from a place of deep grounding, collective support, and sustained resistance. Find our entire agenda on aes-summit.org.

Featuring Keynote Speaker:

Bill McKibben

Bill McKibben is an author, educator, and environmentalist, who helped found 350.org, the first global grassroots climate campaign, and who has recently helped found [Third Act](https://thirdact.org), to build a progressive organizing movement for people over the age of 60.

He will deliver a keynote drawing on decades of organizing, writing, and movement-building to ground the Summit's theme of Grounded Resistance in the moral and spiritual stakes of the climate crisis. You'll be invited to harness the power of organized people of faith to confront the fossil fuel industry and advance climate and environmental justice.



Join us for a Watch Party!

A Watch Party is a community gathering where local attendees come together at your site to watch and discuss the Summit's keynote address featuring Bill McKibben — live via Zoom.

Date, Time, & Location:

Tuesday, September 29

6:00 - 9:00 PM

with **Pitch-In Dinner** at 6:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church

512 7th St. Columbus, IN 47201

Contact:

Eric Riddle

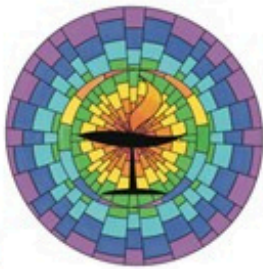
eric@faithinplace.org | 812.344.0185



Scan the QR Code or
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for free.

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