



DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church

February 2019 Newsletter

Sunday Services

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

Trusting Each Other (Our Promises) by Steve Cooper, Director of Religious Education

When we agree to follow the rules we make together, we are covenanting with each other. A covenant is a promise to each other about what we are going to do, and how we are going to behave. Covenants can be made on the playground. They can be made by people in families and by students and teachers in schools. They can be made in religions too. Our Unitarian Universalist religion has a covenant. We are going to explore the history of our UU covenant, the Seven Principles, and see how they relate to each other and to us. The Children's Choir will sing for us.

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

Offering Our Trust by Robert Grillo

Mutual offering of trust defines our relationships; yet, when most of us do not live on farms, how can we navigate trust in our relationships with the animals we raise for food and the people who sell it to us? This is a journey that will require courage and humility, but when we work together and are open to new ideas, we can find new inspiration on ways to eat mindfully and live out our values at the dinner table.

Robert Grillo is an activist, author and speaker for all species rights. He is also the founder and director of [Free from Harm](#), a non profit dedicated to helping end animal exploitation. As a communications professional for over 20 years, Grillo once worked on large food industry accounts where he acquired a behind-the-scenes perspective on food branding and marketing. His recent book, [Farm to Fable: The Fictions of Our Animal-Consuming Culture](#) explores the powerful narratives driving our culture of mass animal consumption.

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

Trusting Revelation by Mandie McGlynn

This morning, we will explore together the many ways in which we can and do enter into conversation with the Holy, seeking and finding Divine Truth in every aspect of our lives. The DUUC choir will sing for us.

Mandie McGlynn believes that all stories are sacred. She is the Intern Minister at North Shore Unitarian Church of Deerfield, IL and a candidate for UU ministry. She will receive her Master of Divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary in May.

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

Trusting Ourselves by Reverend Scott Aaseng

The world is in need of our many hands doing the work of justice. But what is it that we are building as we work? A pile of bricks, a wall, or a cathedral? And why is trust in ourselves important when we seek justice?

Scott Aaseng has been a leader in organizing efforts since his early days as an activist on college and seminary campuses in the U.S. and South Africa in the 1980s. Rev. Scott Aaseng is Executive Director of the Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois (UUANI), a statewide network of Unitarian Universalist congregations working to strengthen the movement for justice, beloved community and a healthy planet through relational, intersectional, values-based organizing. *There will be a special collection for UUANI.*

Sunday Morning Forums

Forums are held on Sundays at 9:30am in the Learning Center.

Sunday, February 3, 2019

Science Sunday: The Apollo Lunar landing project's successful effort to transport humans to the moon and back is approaching its 50 year anniversary. The general public has no idea of the size and scope of the project. Dean Karafa was a member of the launch team for the Saturn V/Apollo project at Kennedy Space Center. His presentation focuses on the Saturn V launch vehicle and the launch operations for the Apollo project. He will bring with him the actual countdown document for the Apollo 11 mission. In addition he has several photographs of the launch pad taken immediately following the launch of the Saturn V. He will share a number of "inside" stories relating to the activities associated with the launch preparations and actual launch of the Apollo missions. There will be a good deal of time reserved for your questions and to review the historical documents and photographs. I hope you can come and participate!

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Social Justice: Join us for this Social Justice Forum when we welcome Ian D. Wagreeich, Attorney, HUGHES SOCOL PIERS RESNICK DYM, LTD. Ian Wagreeich will continue the discussion from the January forum on immigration and will look at the employment side of things. Ian's practice concentrates in the areas of immigration and nationality matters. These include family-based immigration issues, naturalization, asylum, U visa, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival applications. This is a wonderful opportunity to help us understand immigration issues and encourage us to continue our commitment to justice.

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Congregational Life

Annual Canvass/Pledge Drive Kick-off Pot Luck

Please join us on **Saturday, February 23 at 6 p.m.** at our church to share a pot-luck style dinner and great conversation. Our goal for the evening is to discuss in small groups what it means to "do church well for everyone". As we look to the future with all of the possibilities before us, let us share together "how we can do church well for everyone." What would that look like? We will use our latest technology to help us share this information in real time as well as provide opportunities to contribute for those who cannot be there in person. We will be using the information gathered to help us set priorities and reconnect all of us together share vision for our future.

Please RSVP online at

www.tinyurl.com/2018duccanvass or by calling Ann Hahn-Baiyor at 630.362.3557.



Pathway To Membership Classes March 3rd and March 10th

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

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Budget Preview

Financial Review and Budget Preview

On **Sunday February 17**, Chris Cable will lead two sessions to review current financial

performance and preview a preliminary budget for next year. Sessions will run from 10:30 - 11:15 and 12:30 - 1:30. Your questions and comments are more than welcome!

We are Here to Help You!



Pastoral Ministry Associates (PMA)

are selected church members who extend care to our church members who are experiencing a crisis or struggling with a difficult time. We provide a ministry of support through one on one care and helping activities.

If you or your family are experiencing life changes, or if you are concerned about another member of our church who is experiencing life changes and would like assistance, please contact PMA Co-Chairs:

Sue Gately

630-653-3171 suemgately@icloud.com or

Sarah Baldwin

630-797-8588 baldwinsarah60@gmail.com,

or **Mary Law**, Congregational Life Coordinator

630-505 9408

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COFFEE WITH THE BOARD!

On **Sunday, February 10, 2019**, please grab a cup of coffee and join the Board during both Coffee Hours in the Founders Room. Chat informally with Board Members, learn more about exciting

projects going on in the church, get your questions answered or just connect with the Board and other church members! This is a drop-in event, so there's no commitment to stay for the whole time period and no RSVPs are necessary. We hope to see you there! Can't make this one? No worries! Coffee with the Board will be held during both Coffee Hours on the 2nd Sunday of the month through May. Questions? Email Jenny Hobbs at community@dupageuuchurch.org

From the Public Ministries Committee

On Sunday, December 9, 2018, **\$1,908.98** was collected for PADS. Also, on Sunday, January 20, 2019, **\$1,916.00** was collected for the Tom Galloway Fund. Thank you for your generosity! In an effort to foster collaboration, please send an email to Pubmin@duuc.org if there is something the Public Ministries Committee can do to help in the work of your committee.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

PASTORAL MINISTRY ASSOCIATES (PMA) INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

RECHARGING YOURSELF: CREATING A TOOLBOX FOR SELF CARE

Saturday, Feb 2nd 8:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.
at DuPage UU Church

Sign Up on Kiosk in Kreves Hall
Or email Holly Harris at hollyahj@yahoo.com

Come for Mindfulness, Journaling and Movement



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SAVE THE DATE! **HALF-DAY OF MINDFULNESS** **SATURDAY MARCH 2ND**

Naperville's Present Moment Sangha Meditation Group is offering a Half Day of Mindfulness on Saturday, March 2nd from 8:30 to 12:30 at DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church in the Learning Center.

Mary Kullman, MS, Mindfulness Meditation Teacher, looks forward to helping you experience a day of peace and renewal.

The theme for the day is: [Finding Inner Calm.](#)

All are welcome—old, new and non meditators. More information to follow soon in Weekly Updates and Orders of Service.

Contact: Mary Kullman, spiritmk7@gmail.com or sign up on the sign up sheet on the kiosk in Kreves Hall.



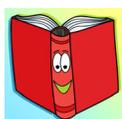
Circle Suppers Are Back!

Interested in getting to know DUUC people over dinner at someone's home or at a local restaurant? Dinners will take place in February and March. If there is interest,

there can also be family circle suppers that include kids. Sign up or ask questions in Kreves Hall during coffee after both services through Feb 4th. You may also sign up by emailing Leslie Morgan. Lesliem320@yahoo.com Or call 630-476-6374



Sunday Flowers. Only 7 open dates left! Please consider providing flowers for Sunday services on one of the following dates: February 24, March 3 or 24, April 7, 14, 21, or 28. Contact Kristen Tang flowers@dupageuuchurch.org for more information and/or to request a date. Thank you!



DUUC Library and Book Store **February Featured Books of the Month**

DUUC Library: [The Selma Awakening](#) by UU

Minister Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed is an analysis of our denomination's civil rights activism in Selma, Alabama in 1965. He reviews the history of racial justice in our denomination in the prior decades and explains how Selma became a turning point for us.

DUUC Book Store: [The Voice That Challenged A Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights](#) by Russell Freedman is the Newbery Honor and Sibert Medal-winning nonfiction account of the life of the great African American vocalist who was both a talented and determined artist who left her mark on musical and social history. While written for young readers, this carefully researched, expertly told, and profusely illustrated with contemporary photographs can be enjoyed by and be inspiring to all.

Animal Ministry: Upcoming Just Views Friday and Sunday Sermon Programs

Join us for both events or as many as you can.

JUST VIEWS: Free & Open Film & Discussion Program: Friday, February 8, 2019 – Snacks: 7 pm / Program: 7:20 pm – End of Meat. This program is co-sponsored with the DuPage UU Animal Ministry, DuPage Animal Rights and Welfare Initiative, and VegFund; we'll view an exciting, upbeat, new documentary called "The End of Meat". The filmmaker Marc Pierschel embarks on a journey to discover what effect a post-meat world would have on the environment, the animals, and ourselves. The film reveals the hidden impact of meat consumption; explores the opportunities and benefits of a shift to a more compassionate diet; and raises critical questions about the future role of animals in our society. Before the film, there will be light vegan snacks available. After the film, we'll have informal panel discussion about the social justice impact of treating non-human animals as resources. We welcome active participation and all points of view. Just Views Director is Stephanie Hughes 630-420-4233; Associate Director is Carol Tritschler 630-961-0106. We also encourage you to return to DUUC on **Sunday, February 10th at 9:30 or 11:15 AM services for sermon by Robert Grillo of Free From Harm**, a non-profit animal rescue, education, and advocacy organization (<https://freefromharm.org/>). DuPage UU Animal Ministry arranged for this informative, inspiring speaker.



AIM, the Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry

Sometimes accommodations can be little things too. AIM, the Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry, worked with DUUC

Facilities and Grounds Maintenance Committees to install signage indicating restroom access for all gender identities, cane hooks and purse shelves installed in restrooms at the request of church members who self-identified needs.



Sacred Origins: A Class on Creation Myths **Sun Feb 24 at 3:00pm - Founders Room**

Most of us are familiar with the Genesis story of creation but nearly every culture and religion has it's own account of how our world came to be. These beliefs have helped to shape cultures and how people see themselves in relation to the universe. This multi-session, interactive class will examine a variety of myths and what we can learn from them.

February Green Things to Do

In the month of love, read a book about nature and our natural environment. Some suggestions from Green Sanctuary members and friends; find them at your local library, used book store or the shelves of a chum.



A Place on Earth, Wendell Berry (2001): fictional recounting of life in small agricultural town in Kentucky, with land stewardship as central theme

Arctic Dreams, Barry Lopez (1986): Lopez's journey across our frozen planet is a celebration of the Arctic in all its guises: hostile landscape of ice, freezing oceans and dazzling skylines. He captures the magic of the Arctic – the essential mystery and beauty of a continent that has enchanted man's imagination and ambition for centuries.

Biophilia, E.O Wilson (1984): an eminent biologist, Wilson reflects on the natural human relationship to the world that surrounds us in this book of essays.

Desert Solitaire, Edward Abbey (1988): recognized as an iconic work of nature writing and a staple of early environmentalist writing

High Tide in Tucson, Barbara Kingsolver (1995):

With the eyes of a scientist and the vision of a poet, Barbara Kingsolver explores her trademark themes of family, community and the natural world. Defiant, funny and courageously honest, High Tide in Tucson is an engaging and immensely readable collection from one of the most original voices in contemporary literature.

Immense Journey, Loren Eiseley (1957): Eiseley conveys his sense of wonder at the depth of time and the vastness of the universe. He uses his own experiences, reactions to the paleontological record, and wonderment at the world to address the topic of evolution.

Pilgrim at Tinker Creek, Annie Dillard (1974): classic meditation on nature and its seasons—a personal narrative highlighting one year's exploration on foot in the author's own neighborhood in Tinker Creek, Virginia.

Recollected Essays, 1965–1980, Wendell Berry (1981): recalls past camping trips, reminisces about people from the author's childhood, and considers issues about conservation and the quality of life in the United States

The Edge of the Sea, The Sea Around Us, and Under the Sea Wind, Rachel Carson, (1955, 1951, 1941): a marine biologist, Rachel appreciated nature and rallied for its protection. She was able to bridge science with poetic, sensory language in her writings.

The Invention of Nature: Alexander Von Humboldt's New World, Andrea Wulf (2015): great story about an amazing scientist who inspired the likes of Charles Darwin.

The Sand County Almanac, Aldo Leopold (2001): the classic collection of essays, advocate Leopold's idea of a "land ethic", or a responsible relationship existing between people and the land they inhabit.

The Tallgrass Prairie, Cindy Crosby (2017): an introduction to the astonishing beauty and biodiversity of this American ecosystem--part field guide and part natural history.

The Wild Trees: A Story of Passion and Daring, Richard Preston (2007): Preston's amazing account of scientific and spiritual passion for the tallest trees in the world, the startling biosystem of the redwood canopy, and those who are committed to the preservation of this astonishing and largely unknown world.

The Year of the Whale, William Scheffer (1969): A year in the life of a sperm whale, science interwoven with story.

And so many other books! Here's one source for more: <https://www.goodreads.com/genres/nature>



SMILE Project

Students, Mentors, Internship with Local Employers

DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church Social Justice Committee

Coming Summer 2019

This project matches students with mentors in a work place environment where the student has the opportunity to learn from their mentors, and the mentors are given the opportunity to give back to the community. SMILE Project 2019 will start June 24th through July 28th.

Our Mission

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

Contact

Maggie Kivisto, Chairperson

✉ DUUCSMILEPROJECT@GMAIL.COM

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



SMILE PROJECT

DuPage UU Church, Cheryl Clayton Co-Chair, Ken Koresch

Co-Chair, DUUC Social Justice Committee. In Partnership with Proviso Township Ministerial Alliance Network

The 4x4x4 Plan

4 weeks work experience

4 days per week

4 hours a day.

The project is self funding with the support of local churches, business partners and the generosity of individuals and the community.

How you can help:

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



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