



## Weekly News Jan. 12, 2025

Welcome to the Universalist Unitarian Church of Joliet! We are dedicated to creating a welcoming and inclusive community where all are embraced.

Whether in person or virtually, we invite you to join our weekly service on Sundays at 10:30 AM. Our beliefs celebrate the uniqueness of each individual, and we are committed to serving the community with love and compassion.

### Monthly Services

While we love for everyone to join us in person, we understand sometimes you just can't, in those situations, please feel free to join us online. Go to our website [www.uujoliet.org](http://www.uujoliet.org) to join us online. Service starts at 10:30 A.M. Please be sure to sign in using your first and last name. We would like to be able to see who is fellowshiping with us (our members, friends, and guests).

If the link does not work, you may use the following example to type into the browser bar: <https://bit.ly/UUCJ-2025MMDD> If you go back to the UUCJ website, you will see another button that will bring you to the coffee hour.

For those of you who join our services by phone call use the following code to dial in use the phone number (309) 248-0704:

01/12 - 895 519 424#  
01/19 - 742 779 300#  
01/26 - 476 650 237#

01/12 - Cathy Coss - **"History"**

Fundamentally, mindfulness is about living in the present, accepting the moment and not being controlled by the past or restrained by perceptions of the future. But what about history? Join us as we reflect on our individual and collective history both past, present and future.

01/19 - Beverly Feldt - **"The Voices**

**Inside Us"** Walt Whitman wrote, "I contain multitudes." He's not the only one! Many of us have inner critics who track all our mistakes, or self-frighteners who constantly warn us of danger. What do these voices want from us?

01/26 - February Sky - **"Now Old Winter**

**Starts to Fail"** Imbolc symbolizes the beginning of spring and the halfway point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. Even though there may still be snow on the ground, even if it's freezing cold outside, we are beginning to feel the very earliest hints of spring rising in our spirits. At harvest time, we give thanks for good things past. At Imbolc, we give thanks for good things yet to come.



## Upcoming Services



Choir Meeting - 01/12 at 12:15 P.M.  
Full Moon Ritual – 01/13 at 6:30 P.M.  
Peace Pole Garden - 01/14 at 1 P.M.  
Scout Planning Meeting – 01/14 at 7 P.M.  
Board Meeting – 01/16 at 7 P.M.

Clara Barton Guild – 01/09 at 12 P.M.  
Gender Explorers – 01/09 at 7 P.M.  
Adult Book Group – 01/12 at 9 A.M.  
Drum Circle – 01/12 at 12:15 P.M

## Calendar Online



# Scouting America™

UUCJ is starting up a new Cub & Boy Scout troop. We will be having two (2) organizational meetings to answer questions, establish leaders and volunteers, and prepare for this adventure. If you are a former scout, troop leader or just looking to volunteer or help with this troop please attend one of the meetings. If you are a parent, relative, or guardian of a child between Kindergarten and age 20, who might be interested in participating please also attend one of the meeting. Our troop will be open to members of the community as well. If you have questions or are unable to attend please contact Rich Carrol at [rccarrol@gmail.com](mailto:rccarrol@gmail.com) for more information.

**Join us at UUCJ, 3401 W. Jefferson St on Tuesday, January 14th at 7 P.M. and Tuesday, January 28th at 7 P.M.**

Scouting invites every youth to a safe, fun place to learn, explore, and grow. The

Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is chartered by Congress to serve our nation's youth by instilling the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The BSA aims to prepare young people for lives of impact and purpose. We welcome, at every level of our movement, youth and families who wish to live such a life of impact and purpose, guided by the Scout Oath and Law. The BSA is committed to creating a welcoming, safe environment where Scouts can freely express themselves, share their experiences, and become the best version of themselves by learning from and respecting each other. The BSA is non-partisan. The National organization, Local Scout communities (councils), and units will ensure that their decisions, public statements, relationships with third parties, activities, and events are consistent with our non-partisan nature and maintain the welcoming and supportive nature of Scouting. ( <https://www.scouting.org/>)

## Supporting a Noble Cause

Learn about our commitment to supporting noble causes by splitting all donations in the collection plate 50/50 to help our chosen monthly recipient. Be a part of this meaningful effort.

During the month of January the Split the Plate collection will be going to the Joliet Pride Network.

## More about our STP recipient

### BOARD INFO

Any recommendations of organizations for donation of the monthly plate collections to, please send the information to the office at [uucjoffice@uujoliet.org](mailto:uucjoffice@uujoliet.org) or place a list in Michelle's mailbox in the Dicken's room.

Our next board meeting is Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 7 P.M. **Committee and Group Chairs please have your Monthly Report turned into the office no later than Sunday, January 12, 2025.**

### COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

For C&T concerns, please contact Grant Prellwitz.

**LAY MINISTRY  
MEMBERSHIP**

Member Lois Pedersen has indicated that she would like to receive some short visits. Maybe a half hour in the afternoons. It is recommended that you call first to ensure she is not in rehab or having another visitor during the time. She is at Alden Estates, 710 W. Black Road, Room 220, Shorewood, IL 60404. Her phone number is 815-230-8700. Build Your Own Theology will resume meeting, Sunday January 19, 2025.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

We are looking to get the Children's RE Program up and running. If you are interested, please contact Ray Thom (rthom@uujoliet.org) or the office.

**Children may NOT be in the RE or Nursery classroom without an adult present with them the ENTIRE time they are in there.** When they are done for the day, toys and items used must be picked up and placed back in the proper place.

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVIE NIGHT ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

The Book Discussion Group meets both in-person/online at 9 A.M. To join us online, go to <https://bit.ly/UUCJAdultDiscussion>. You may also join through our website.

The Adult Discussion Group continues with "On Tyranny" by Timothy Snyder.

#### **OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are trying out a new format for the ScUUp, using some of the AI options available for us. **Please let me know what you think. You can send comments to uucjoffice@uujoliet.org**

Building Use Forms and Office Administrator Work Request forms are available on the office door. You may place filled out forms in the Office Administrator mailbox in the Dicken's Room.

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8 A.M. - 12 P.M.

#### **CLARA BARTON GUILD PEACE POLE GARDEN MUSIC & WORSHIP**

Choir will meet this Sunday, January 12th at 12:15 PM. All current choir members and any interested singers are encouraged to attend. We will be working on planning a path for the choir for 2025.

Anyone who plays an instrument, or sings, please let the office (uucjoffice@uujoliet.org) or Sandy G. (sgriffin@uujoliet.org) know. We are looking to make a list of people who may be willing to occasionally provide special music during a service.

#### **DRUMMING CIRCLE**

Please join our eclectic drum circle for all paths and faiths. No experience needed. Instruments provided or bring your own. All ages welcome. We meet the second Sunday of every month at 12:15 P.M.

#### **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

WOW!! We had a wonderful Holiday Dinner/ Potluck! Thanks to the congregation. The food was fabulous as was the atmosphere and attendance. Everyone participated, all who brought food, all who helped setting up and putting the Sanctuary back together after. All who helped clean up. Special thanks to Cheryl for decorating the tables. Awesome!

Thank you to everyone who donates food items and/or money for coffee hour. It is so nice to see everyone enjoying coffee hour after service. The donations are greatly appreciated as are the individuals that set up for and take down after. Thank you too Riley M. We consider you on the hospitality team.

#### **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

For Building and Grounds concerns, please contact Richard Wachenheim.

#### **GREEN AT UUCJ**

We are asking anyone who takes a bottle of water out of the small fridge to consider making a donation so that the church may buy additional cases to supplement those that are donated. Please place \$1 (or whatever you are led to donate) in the locked purple box on top of the fridge.


## TREIBH NA TINTEAN


January Full moon ritual will be on Monday January 13, in the Covenant Woods weather permitting. If it is too cold or mucky, we will be inside the church.

Gather at 6:30 p.m.; ritual starts at 7:00 p.m.


Jan. 13 brings the year's first full moon, dubbed the Wolf Moon. This one is special because it will pass over Mars in a phenomenon called occultation. Most people in the U.S. will have a chance to watch the red planet disappear behind the moon and then reappear.

## FINANCE





 **2025 MLK**  
**Brunch & Celebration**  
Saturday, January 18, 2025  
D'Amore Banquets, 113 Republic Ave., Joliet, IL  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
10:30am - Doors open • 11:00am food is served




**Theme:**  
*After the Dream; Mobilizing Unfinished Business*

**Moderator:**  
 **Bonnie Winfrey**  
CEO of Kallen & Kyler Enterprises

**Panelist:**

-  **Emanuel "Chris" Welch**  
Speaker, Illinois House of Representatives
-  **Rolonda V. Mitchell**  
Will County Associate Judge
-  **Michael Simelton**  
CEO of Housing Authority of Joliet (HAJ)
-  **Natalie Mantley**  
Illinois State Representative of the 98th District

 **AFRICAN AMERICAN**  
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

**Tickets: \$45 (Includes Brunch) \$60 (Includes Brunch and VIP Seating)**  
Ticket sales will end on January 14th, 2025 or while supplies last.  
Visit us on Zeffy to purchase tickets.  
For more information, please reach out to AABA, NAACP, or NHBW.

 **40th Annual**  
**Dr. Martin Luther King Ceremony**

**WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**  
MLK's Legacy. OUR Lessons.

**Keynote Speaker**  
**DR. MICHAEL ERIC DYSON**  
Renowned Professor & Best-Selling Author



**MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025**  
6 PM  
East Aurora High School  
500 Tomcat Lane • Aurora, IL 60505

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
[www.aurora-il.org/MLK2025](http://www.aurora-il.org/MLK2025)



*By the Time I Get to Memphis:*  
*King's Last Year*  
*Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>*  
*7:00 - 8:30 pm Romeoville*

 **White Oak**  
Library District

 **Village of Romeoville**  
Where Community Matters



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