



Weekly News February 9, 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 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:

02/09 - 349 609 607#

02/16 - 454 263 113#

02/23 - 322 507 257#

Upcoming Services

02/09 - Rev. DeAndre Robinson -

"Knowing the Past to Guide the

Future" A Black History service featuring a look at local history and a Christian look at How God's grace through faith has guided us in the past and continues to guide us into the future anchored in the Love of God. (Eph. 2:2-9)

02/16 - Beverly Feldt - **"Our Best Home, Part 1"** With anger and fear all around us, how do we find our way home to peace of mind? According to legend, the Buddha himself taught his monks a meditation he called "the only protection you will need." In this two-part service, we'll experiment with the Brahma Vihara contemplations, sometimes known as Metta. We might need this practice more than ever right now.

02/23 - Beverly Feldt - **"Our Best Home, Part 2"**





C & T Committee – 02/12 at 6:30 P.M.
Full Moon Ritual – 02/12 at 6:30 P.M.
B & G Committee – 02/12 at 7:30 P.M.
Clara Barton Guild – 02/13 at 12:00 P.M.
Gender Explorers – 02/13 at 7:00 P.M.
Adult Book Group – 02/16 at 9:00 A.M.

Choir Practice – 02/09 at 12:15 P.M.
Drumming Circle – 02/09 at 12:15 P.M.
Choir Practice – 02/09 at 12:15 P.M.

Calendar Online

A look at Black History in the Unitarian Universalist Church:

<https://library.harvard.edu/collections/black-empowerment-and-unitarian-universalism>

<https://www.uuteachin.org/copy-of-teachin2-education-child-yo>

<https://www.uuworld.org/articles/selmas-challenge>

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 February, our Split the Plate collection will be going to the National Hook-up of Black Women, Joliet Chapter.

Please write NHBW on your envelope or in the memo section.

More about our STP recipient

In addition to our monthly Split the Plate recipient we are currently collecting donations for World Central Kitchen, an organization providing food and meals to those affected by the Wildfires. To donate please write CA FIRES on your memo line or check for donations to go to those who have lost their homes, businesses, churches and more. We will be collecting money through the end of February.

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 or place a list in Michelle's mailbox in the Dicken's room.

The next meeting is Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. **Chairpersons, Please turn in your monthly report to the office by Friday, February 14, 2025.**

COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

For C&T concerns, please contact Grant Prellwitz.

LAY MINISTRY

This Friday, February 7th, is the second meeting of our mutual aid network, still organizing to share the gifts and meet the needs of our community in tough times. This event is open and welcoming to ALL church members and members of Treibh na Tintean. Please come and help us set up support networks where we share our knowledge and abilities, and our needs with each other. These two overlapping communities have much to give in helping each other in difficult, even dangerous days. Let us lean on each other so everyone is cared for and supported.

MEMBERSHIP

Member Lois Pedersen would still like to receive some short visits. 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. Please continue to call, visit or send cards to encourage her along her way.

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 book discussion group should wrap up *On Tyranny* by Timothy Snyder this Sunday.

The next book in line for discussion is Toni Morrison's *Song of Solomon*.

UUCJ's library is in the Dicken's room. Wintertime is an excellent time for reading. Please feel free to borrow any book(s) on the north wall shelves and return them when you are finished. No sign out is necessary.

OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proper procedure for Building Use Requests:

1. Requestor fills out form (online or green sheet) - recommended 2 weeks in advance when possible.
2. Form is submitted to the Office Administrator
3. Administrator will review and request any additional information.
4. Form is submitted to members of Building Use Committee
5. Any additional information requested will be communicated from Office Administrator
6. When approved, requestor will be notified and date added to calendar.

Please note, that when using the building you agree to return all rooms used to "Service Ready" and cleaned and organized. You agree to all other guidelines as set by the Board and Building Use Committee.

Building Use sheets are the GREEN ones on the office door, or online at <https://uujoliet.org/events-2/submit-an-event/>

Any requests for work to be done by the Office Administrator requires a pink sheet or

email. Please use the **PINK** sheets on the office door and place in her mailbox in the Dicken's Room. Emails may be sent to uucjoffice@uujoliet.org.

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

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

With the increase in various viruses and infections in the area, if you feel a little safer to wear a mask, please do so. We do have masks available for those wishing to mask up. Also please remember to wash your hands often. We also have hand sanitizer located near the front door, in the bathrooms, and near the food table. If you have a fever or other illness, please consider staying home and joining us online.

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
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

February Full moon ritual will be on Wednesday February 12, 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..

February's full moon is known as the Snow moon since traditionally February was the snowiest month of the year. Alternatively, there are other names such as Bear moon, Raccoon moon and Groundhog moon.

See more:

[Snow Moon: Full Moon in February 2025 | The Old Farmer's Almanac](#)
[Treibh Na Tintean | Pagan community proudly serving the Joliet area since 1994 \(jolietnt.org\)](#)

FINANCE

Candidate Forum

Meet Joliet City Council At-Large Candidates

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Joliet Public Library, Ottawa Street Branch
Burnham Room 201 (2nd Level)
150 N Ottawa St, Joliet, IL 60432**

Co-hosted by

Nonviolent Cities Project-Joliet, Speak Up

and the League of Women Voters of the Greater Joliet Area

Candidates that will be on the ballot are confirmed (below) and write-in candidates are welcome to participate:

- Joe Clement
- Juan Moreno
- Jan Quillman
- Glenda Wright-McCullum
- Damon Zdunich

Constituents may submit questions for candidates in advance to nvcjoliet@gmail.com or on-site.

Nonviolent Cities Project-Joliet



nvcjoliet.org

The Nonviolent Cities Project not only envisions cities that could become nonviolent, it is working to make this vision a reality across the US and the world.



SpeakUpWillCounty@yahoo.com

SpeakUp works to advocate for individuals facing difficulties, especially while navigating the justice system, whose voices need to be amplified. We work to bring partnership and fairness to the local, state, and federal level.



The League is a political grassroots network and membership organization that believes the freedom to vote is a nonpartisan issue. For more than a century, we've worked to empower voters and defend democracy. As a women-led organization, we encourage everyone to take part in our democracy.

Open to the Public; on-site registration

Questions (or to submit questions for candidates in advance): Contact Doug Kasper at 815-608-1867 or nvcjoliet@gmail.com.



Heartsaver



March 8th from 8am-12pm

Joliet Fire Station #1

101 E Clinton St Joliet IL 60432

To Register : Please call 815-724-3500

Or email: tchaplin@joliet.gov

**The first transgender
suicide hotline is now
up and running in the
U.S. You can reach
Trans Lifeline at
877-565-8860.**

**Bingo del Mes de la
Historia Negra**

Black History Month

BINGO

Black Road Branch - Sucursal Black Road

Wednesday, Feb. 12 · miércoles, 12 de febrero, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Ottawa Street Branch - Sucursal Ottawa Street

Thursday, Feb. 20 · jueves, 20 de febrero, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

During Black History Month, join us for a few rounds of bingo.

Durante el Mes de la Historia Negra, únete a nosotros para algunas rondas de bingo.



jolietlibrary.org
815-740-2660



New Counseling Walk-In Clinic at Daybreak Center!

📍 611 E. Cass St., Joliet


⋮ Open to the public for:

- ✓ Mental Health Assessments
- ✓ Open Hours to Talk to a Therapist
- ✓ Crisis Interventions

📅 The second Monday of each month starting February 10

🕒 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

No appointment needed!

 We accept: Medicaid, Medicare, Commercial Insurance,
Sliding Scale (bring proof of income: pay stubs, income letter,
or bank statement for sliding scale). Bring photo ID and insurance card.

Take the first step toward better mental health.



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