



Weekly News March 16, 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 A.M. Our beliefs celebrate the uniqueness of each individual, and we are committed to serving the community with love and compassion.

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:

03/16 - 980 108 028#

03/23 - 189 942 450#

03/30 - 387 793 906#

Monthly Services

03/16/25 - Beverly Feldt - **"Begin Again"**

- Feeling stuck? Spring shows us that everything is always transforming. How do we jump into the river of change?

03/23 - Jeannie Owen - **"Little Known**

Women of the Bible" - In honor of Women's History Month, I will revisit a service presented in September of 2021, which begs us to consider the sometimes unnamed, sometimes unmentioned women of the Bible. According to Jewish myth, Adam had a wife before Eve! What in the world was Lot's wife thinking? Job's wife had a few thoughts of her own, too.

And, there was Gomar, Hosea's unfaithful wife, who forgave her more than once.

Hear a poem from the Prodigal Son's mother after his second return home.

Learn about the real Mary of Magdalena and the Gospel of Mary to discover why it was excluded from the Canon.

03/30 - Treibh na Tintean



Clara Barton Guild – 3/13 at 12:00 P.M.

C & T Committee – 3/13 at 6:30 P.M.

Full Moon Ritual – 3/13 at 6:30 P.M.

Gender Explorers – 3/13 at 7:00 P.M.

Private Rental – 3/15 at 11:00 A.M.

Queer Political Group – 3/15 at 7:00 P.M.

Mindfulness Meditation – 3/16 at 8:45 A.M.

Adult Book Group – 3/16 at 9:00 A.M.

Build Your Own Theology–3/16 at 11:45 A.M.
MMDT Rehearsal – 03/16 at 12:30 P.M.

Calendar Online

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 March, our Split the Plate collection will be going to the International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

For C&T concerns, please contact Grant Prellwitz.

LAY MINISTRY

MEMBERSHIP

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are looking to get the Children's RE Program up and running. If you are interested, please contact the office.

For safety reasons, we ask that children only be in the RE classrooms with an adult present. When they are done for the day, please be sure that toys and items used are picked up and placed back in the proper place.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. there will be a meeting to organize a group to research political issues related to LGBTIA+ people.

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 is currently reading and discussing Toni Morrison's *Song of Solomon*. If you would like to view an online description of the book, see [How to Read Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison](https://youtu.be/FrEDYUv4E88?si=aNCZnva6linNjDHD) at <https://youtu.be/FrEDYUv4E88?si=aNCZnva6linNjDHD>

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 two 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

The rededication of the Peace Pole Garden will be Sunday, April 27th at 1:00 P.M. More information will be forthcoming.

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.

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.

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

Mindfulness meditation with Nic Bellegarde and Rose Dombrow is meeting at 8:45 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. before the church service. Join us in the practice of watering seeds of peace in the present moment through walking and sitting meditation. Those who may wish to meditate on the floor are encouraged to bring a mat, towel, cushion, etc. from home.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Hello Congregation!!

Thank you to everyone who brought in pies last Sunday. We were able to donate \$60 to NHBW which is a local community service.

This Sunday we are having corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots. 🍀🍀🍀🍀🍀

We are asking you to provide rye and Irish soda bread. There will be chicken strips and fries for those who don't favor corned beef. Bring your own green beer and stay to enjoy a

delicious meal with each other!!! 🍀🍀🍀🍀🍀

Saturday March 29th! Back by popular DEMAND! Come out for another Open Mic Night (adults only) and let off some steam. Sing karaoke, read your poetry, perform a skit, whatever you want! Email Jessica at jroper@uujoliet.org if you have any questions.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

For Building and Grounds concerns, please contact Richard Wachenheim.

SCOUTING

Our Scouting Troop (Cub Scouts & Scouts) meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month at 6:00 P.M. Scouting is open to all youth age Kindergarten - 20 years old. For more information contact Rich Carroll.

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

On Saturday March 22 the UUCJ pagan group, Treibh-na-Tintean will be observing the Spring Equinox also known as Ostara in the Covenant Woods (weather permitting). What is Ostara you ask and what does it have to do with the Spring Equinox. Ostara marks the Spring Equinox. Many modern pagans mark Ostara as a time of renewal and rebirth. At the beginning of spring Ostara is a good time to literally and figuratively to plant seeds for the future. Ostara is also a good time to freshen up your home and life. Take time to do some spring cleaning. Take time to declutter and clean up areas where you spend a lot of time, like your car, your computer (delete those old emails!) or your work office.

For this ritual, we will be working with deeper emotions. For this reason, we are respectfully making this event *adults only.*

Treibh-na-Tintean will gather in the Covenant Woods (weather permitting) at UUCJ on Saturday March 22, start gathering at 6:30 P.M., and the ritual will start at 7:00 P.M.

FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

Spring is coming and it's time to look forward to everything that Spring brings. Growth, renewal, celebrations and of course, our futures.

Ever wonder why we keep "hopping" along? We have all come from different places to join together as a community here at UUCJ.

On Saturday, April 5th at 9:27 A.M. please join with our community for a Pancake Breakfast. Along with wonderful food and great company, we'll be talking about why and how we continue to be a presence in the greater Joliet area.

So, don't be an April Fool - RSVP to the office by email (uucjoffice@uujoliet.org) or by phone (815-744-9020) by April 1st and then "hop on in". We'll start serving at 9:27 and finish at 11:32 A.M.. We're also looking for help to set up and take down the tables and chairs and clean up. **We look forward to seeing all of you!!**



It's murder mystery dinner theater time!!!

Performances are on Friday, May 23rd and Saturday, May 24th
Doors open at 6:30pm with the performance starting at 7:00 P.M.

Tickets are on sale now!

Early Bird – through March 23rd are \$45.00/each

Regular Price – March 24th thru May 15th - \$55.00/each

Last minute tickets from May 16th to May 24th are \$70/each

Tickets may be purchased after Sunday services, through our website [here](#) or by contacting Cathy Coss at 815-439-8934 or your favorite Mystery dinner player!



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