

# Universalist Unitarian Church of Joliet ScUUP

**April 13, 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](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:

04/13 - 775 169 637#

04/20 - 213 132 165#

04/27 - 984 122 698#

## Monthly Services

04/13 - Denise Tracy - **Living New Englandly: The Ecstasy of Emily**

**Dickenson** - What might this poet have to teach us in living joyfully?

04/20 - Bev Feldt - **Movable Feasts** - Today is Easter and also the last Day of Passover. How have these two spring holidays interacted over the centuries, and what do they have in common?

04/27 - Cathy Coss - **Peace**

## Calendar Online



C & T Committee – 04/09 at 6:30 P.M.  
B & G Meeting – 04/09 at 7:30 P.M.



Clara Barton Guild – 04/10 at 12:00 P.M.  
Murder Mystery Practice – 04/10 at 6:30 P.M.  
Gender Explorers – 04/10/2025 at 7:00 P.M.  
Yard Sale – 04/11 & 04/12 at 9:00 A.M.  
Full Moon Ritual – 04/12 at 6:30 P.M.  
Mindfulness Meditation – 04/13 at 8:45 A.M.  
Adult Book Discussion – 04/13 at 9:00 A.M.

## 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 Arab American Family Services

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

## More about our STP recipient

### BOARD INFO

The next board meeting is Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. All are welcome to attend. Please remember, if you would like to speak at the meeting or have a topic for the board to consider, please submit it to the office so it may be added to the agenda. **Committee Chairpersons, your monthly report is due to the office by 8:00 A.M. on Monday, April 14th.**

Mark your calendars to attend one or both of the Budget Town hall meeting: May 4th and May 18th after coffee hour (12:00 P.M.).

Our 189th Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, June 8 at 12:00 P.M. 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.

### COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

For C&T concerns, please contact Grant Prellwitz.

### LAY MINISTRY MEMBERSHIP

New Member Sign Up Day will be Sunday, April 20th. Please contact Charlotte Droogan for more information.

### 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, children should only be in RE classrooms with an adult present. Please pick up all toys and items, and put them back in their proper places

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

The Book Discussion Group meets both in-person/online at 9:00 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](#) at <https://youtu.be/FrEDYUv4E88?si=aNCZnva6linNjDHD>

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UUCJ's library is in the Dicken's Room. 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**

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

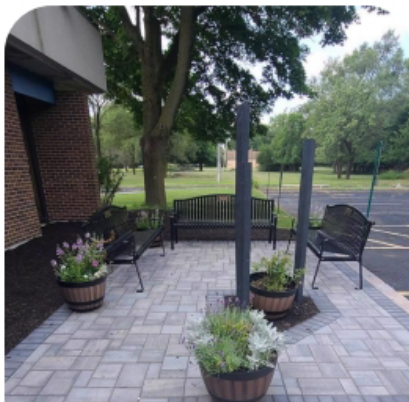
Any requests for work to be done by the Office Administrator requires a pink sheet or email. Please use the **PINK** sheets on the office door and place in her mailbox in the Dicken's Room. Emails may be sent to [uucjoffice@uujoliet.org](mailto:uucjoffice@uujoliet.org).

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

**CLARA BARTON GUILD  
PEACE POLE GARDEN**

**Celebrate with Us**

On Sunday, April 21, 2002, UUCJ. dedicated a Peace Pole Garden, at the main entrance of the Church, in the aftermath of the attacks on September 11, 2001 (9/11) to bear witness "to the cause of understanding and justice and peace".



**Join us around  
the Peace Pole!**

Now, twenty-three (23) years later, we will rededicate the Peace Pole Garden on Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 1:00 P.M. "to all people who have suffered the effects of violence".

**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**

Hi Everyone!!!

Hospitality would like to thank all who came out last Saturday to enjoy breakfast at Canvass Kickoff. The food sure was good! 😊. Finishing up the leftovers Sunday was a plus too. Another thank you to all of you who bring in items for Sunday coffee hour much much appreciated as is everyone who help setting up and taking it down. Great team work!

Hospitality will continue to provide coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juices and ice water. Unfortunately our budget cannot absorb the cost of the various soft drinks. We are asking you to provide your own or occasionally donate some. Let's please veer away from plastic containers. Aluminum cans are a better choice to recycle than plastic. The monetary donations to keep coffee hour going is also greatly appreciated. We all are aware of the uncertain times as far as finances go right now, so we will continue to do the best we can with what we have. We all see how enjoyable it is to spend some time together after service on Sunday. 😊🌻☕.

Please keep June 1st open for the Congregational Picnic following service. 🌻🌻🍉  
🍓🍌🍔🥗🍰☕🥤 Bring your family and some friends too. More information will be provided soon.

Any questions, suggestions or concerns regarding hospitality, feel free to text Becky Studer at 815-922-2716 or email [studerb3@gmail.com](mailto:studerb3@gmail.com) Thank you ☕

### **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

For Building and Grounds concerns, please contact Richard Wachenheim.

### **SCOUTING**

Our Scouting Troop is currently on hold. For more information contact Rich Carroll.

### **GREEN AT UUCJ**

Effective April 5, 2025, aluminum bottled water will no longer be provided for the church. The special recycling program that was started in 2019 is changing and winding down. **I am no longer able to offer a variety of recycling options for the church members** as I have done in the past. Most of the offerings that have been posted on the recycling flyer will no longer be available. An updated flyer with descriptions of free programs that church members can take advantage of will be forthcoming soon, which will include local recycling opportunities not associated with the church program. I have updated the current flyer to reflect the limited recycling effective April 1 through June 30, 2025. Here is the updated flyer for recycling:

[Updated\\_Recycling\\_flyer\\_March\\_11\\_2025.pdf](#)

### **TREIBH NA TINTEAN**

#### **April Full Micro Moon Ritual with Treibn-na-Tintean**

The full moon in April is called the Pink moon. See: [Pink Moon: Full Moon in April 2025 | The Old Farmer's Almanac](#)

Come celebrate the Full Pink micro moon with your pagan Treibh on Saturday April 12. Gather at 6:30 P.M.; ritual starts at 7:00 P.M. In Covenant Woods weather permitting.

See: <https://joliettn.org/> for further info.

## FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

Greetings to the Members and Friends of UUCJ,

The following is an update from the treasurers. The treasurers of UUCJ are taking this opportunity to give you a brief update on some of the financial matters of the church.

As of April 9, 2025, the mortgage balance is \$57,907.61.

The March Split the Plate Donations is the International Conference of UU Women (ICUW). A check for \$600.49 was sent on March 31, 2025.

Other checks that were sent in March for previous split the plate recipients and other donations were as follows: Joliet Pride Network (\$279.50); NHBW, Inc. Joliet Chapter (\$105.00); World Central Kitchen, Inc (CA Wildfire Collection - \$636.00); The Spanish Center (Food Pantry - \$200.00); Queen on Apostles (Food Pantry - \$200.00).

The Split the Plate recipient for April is Arab American Family Service.

The church has three CDs. The total invested in CDs is \$94,306.48.

The Board has decided to take some of the money from our CDs and invest the money in Credit Union that is located in the Chicagoland area. This investment is intended to help out this new Credit Union

There were no capital expenses for March.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Juraco and Jeannie Owen

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Our Canvass Kickoff Pancake Breakfast was great. People shared their stories of how they found UUCJ and what our congregation means to them. We've also received pledges towards funding our next year.

The Canvass packet will be sent out this week and pledges are due by the end of April.

There are cards on the entry table next to our Pledge Box and you can also email your pledge to [Finance@uucj.org](mailto:Finance@uucj.org)

Thank you for your continuing support!



It's murder mystery dinner theater time!!!

Performances are on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

Doors open at 6:30 P.M., with the performance starting at 7:00 P.M.

Tickets are on sale now!

Meal Choices are Chicken, vegetarian, and Gluten Free.

Regular Price – thru May 15<sup>th</sup> - \$55.00/each

Last minute tickets from May 16<sup>th</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup> 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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**SALE**

**Fri April 11 / Sat April 12**  
**9 am – 1 pm**

**Unitarian Universalist Church**  
**3401 W. Jefferson St.**  
**(corner of W. Jefferson & Houbolt)**



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