MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

by Rev. Florence Caplow

Change and continuity, continuity and change. I have been thinking recently about how helpful it is, in many life situations, to have both an openness to change and a willingness to stay for the long haul.

For instance, a long marriage must have room for change, but both partners must also be willing to stick around when life together gets dull or disappointing. This is what I’ve heard from those who have been partnered for a long time. (I have also heard that a sense of humor is tremendously helpful in maintaining a long-term marriage!)

The same is true of being part of a church or any religious community. On April 15th we will honor and hear from those who have been members of this congregation for fifty years or more. I can’t even imagine how many changes a fifty-year member of UUCUC has seen. And I can’t even imagine how many times a long-time member must have chosen, again, to stick around, when it might have been very tempting to walk away.

In this culture, we don’t generally honor continuity. We are all about the newest, shiniest thing around. And yet, without continuity, we would not have the cathedrals of Europe, which took generations to complete. We would not have complex understandings that take time to develop. We would not have wisdom.

As a new minister here, I want to hear the wisdom of those who have been here a long time, even as I know that I represent another wave of change in this congregation’s long history. I so look forward to stories and insights we will hear this month.
UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, March 1, 2018
“Easter Sunday: Seeds!”
Rev. Florence Caplow

Every Easter we celebrate renewal: renewal of the land, renewal of hope, renewal of life. This Easter will be dedicated to the promise of seeds. Rev. Caplow will draw on her long experience as a botanist to tell stories about seeds and their miraculous powers. The UUCUC Choir and the CrUUners will be singing. Easter hats are welcome!

Sunday, April 8, 2018
“In a Dark Time, the Eye Begins”
Scott Russell Sanders, Guest Speaker

Scott Russell Sanders is an author, essayist, Professor Emeritus from Indiana University, and a member of the UU Church of Bloomington Indiana. His eighteen books include Hunting for Hope, Staying Put, A Private History of Awe, Divine Animal, and several children’s books

www.scottrusselsanders.com

In this multi-media sermon, Scott Russell Sanders will share stories evoking ordinary wealth and everyday beauty, both outward and inward, to show our capacity for kindness, compassion, cooperation, playfulness, and peacefulness, countering the dominant culture—especially our political culture—that dramatizes our capacity for violence, deceit, cruelty, selfishness, and corruption.

There will be a book-signing after the service. The UUCUC Children’s Choir will be singing.

Sunday, April 15, 2018
“In Praise of Continuity”
Rev. Florence Caplow and 50-year+ Members of UUCUC

We have met many new members of UUCUC in the last year. This service will celebrate our most long-term members, those who have been members for fifty years or more. Come here stories and learn what has kept them coming back for all these decades. The UUCUC Choir will be singing.

Sunday, April 29, 2018
“#MeToo”
Rev. Florence Caplow and Julie Laut

The #MeToo movement has been a powerful and unexpected force for change in the last year. It has also re-awakened past traumas for many people. In this service we will honor the courage of this movement, and acknowledge the damage of sexual violence and coercion, with story, ritual, and blessing.

This service may not be appropriate for younger children or for those who may be triggered by this material, although there will be no sexually explicit stories. Volunteer counselors from RACES will be present to provide support after the service.
RACES is our area’s resource for survivors of sexual assault and child sexual abuse. We help the survivor, and their significant other if appropriate, begin to heal while working to provide safety and support at the emergency rooms of local hospitals and through the court system.

Each year hundreds of victims receive counseling and support through advocacy, and thousands of children, teens and adults attend age-appropriate presentations on healthy relationships and intentional consent for intimate relations. For the survivor, in the aftermath of what is often the worst day of their lives, RACES provides understanding, a promise to listen and believe, and help as they take the first steps towards healing.

https://www.cu-races.org/

Exploring Whiteness Class – The class will meet on the first four Mondays in April (2, 9, 16, 23) from 6:30-9 pm in the Children's Chapel at UUCUC. Group size will be limited to 20. We encourage people to commit to all 4 meetings if you wish to join the class.

Please email ExploringWhitenessUUCUC@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

The class will focus on a variety of educational and personal exploration activities related to whiteness and the institutional systems that favor whites and reinforce inequality. Opportunities to take action related to broad racial justice topics will be offered.
A UUANI Justice Event

*Living our UU Values Beyond Our Doors*

A gathering of Central and Southern Illinois Unitarian Universalists working to build beloved community in the world

**Join us:**

**Saturday April 14**

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

**Abraham Lincoln UU Congregation, Springfield**

YOU, the congregations of Central/Southern Illinois – Urbana, Decatur, Springfield, Bloomington, Peoria, Quincy, Macomb, Alton, Mt Vernon and Carbondale – are invited

Come and share ideas and best practices with leaders in the fight for income equality, racial justice, immigrant rights, and environmental justice.

**Clarify issues:**
- Environmental justice
- Faith in Place
- Racial and restorative justice
- UU Prison Ministry of Illinois
- Immigrant Justice
- C-U Friends Assisting Immigrants and Refugees
- Economic justice
- Fair Tax Campaign for Illinois

**Develop strategies for action:**
- Integrated voter engagement
- Faith Coalition for the Common Good
- Building relationships with (lobbying) legislators
- Working hands-on
- UU Prison Ministry of Illinois
- Bringing home the New Poor People's Campaign

Register [HERE](https://uuani.org) or at [uuani.org](http://uuani.org) “Calendar”

Your Urbana contact: Pam Richart

Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois (UUANI)

[www.uuani.org](http://www.uuani.org)    [www.facebook.com/UUANI](http://www.facebook.com/UUANI)
Each year on the first Sunday in May, our congregation meets to do the important business of the church. This year we will consider changes that will help us put the “action” in social action.

Some of the items on the agenda:

- The budget for the coming fiscal year that will call us to boldly use our funds toward advancing congregational goals.

- A proposal to include social impact when making investment decisions for our church funds. You’ll have opportunities to learn more about the Socially Responsible Investing proposal in the coming weeks. Watch the eNews for more information.

- Two-Year Social Action Initiative proposals are being submitted and we will choose where to focus our attention and intention in the coming two years.

- Nominations for individuals to serve on the Board of Trustees and other important roles.

We hope you’ll attend the meeting on Sunday, May 6th at 11:45 am ready to vote on these important issues. You’ll receive the meeting notice, agenda, and annual report towards the end of April.

**Board of Trustees and Elected Officers 2017-2018**

- **Julie Laut** – Chair
- **Jenny Hunt** – Vice-Chair
- **Jennifer Livingston** – Clerk
- **Gail Schiesser** – Treasurer
- **Amy Robison** – Financial Secretary
- **Brian McDermott** – Moderator
- **Jenny Hunt** – Leadership Committee Liaison
- **Marcy Joncich** – Membership Committee Liaison
- **Wendy Graves** – Personnel Committee Liaison
- **Johnny Robinson** – Property Committee Liaison
- **Carol Veit** – RE Committee Liaison
- **Ben Joselyn** – Social Action Liaison
- **Randy Locke** – Governance Assessment
- **Clifford Singer** – Finance Liaison
BE THE FACE OF SUNDAY MORNING:
JOIN A HOSPITALITY TEAM

Hospitality Teams are in charge of Sunday morning hospitality (e.g. bell ringing, welcoming, ushering, providing decorations and refreshments) for two months during the year. Hospitality Teams are a great way to meet people and serve our congregation in a fun and important way. All members and friends are encouraged to join a Hospitality Team. Each Team has 30-35 members so you do not need to help on every Sunday assigned to your Team. Stop by the Hub table on Sunday mornings to sign up for a Hospitality Team (or to find out if you are already assigned to a Team.)

Questions? Contact Peggy Patten of the Membership Committee.

Thanks Hospitality Team F

Thanks to Trisha Locke and Tamara Ducey, Hospitality Team Leaders for the month of March. Thanks to all the Hospitality Team F volunteers who assisted Trisha and Tamara each Sunday during the month.

Library Available During Hospitality

Those looking for a quieter spot for conversation are invited to use the Library off of Fellowship Hall during our Hospitality Hour. Thanks to members of the Adult Discussion Group for their flexibility in considering a separate meeting space and time.

Peggy Patten, Membership Committee Chair
mspeggypatten@gmail.com

Sherry Bohlen, Membership Coordinator
membershipcoordinator@uucuc.org
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF URBANA-CHAMPAIGN (UUCUC)

Join us for one of our next Pathway to Membership Classes!

    Sunday, April 29, 12:30-3:30 pm
    or
    Monday, April 30, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: UUCUC Children’s Chapel

A light meal will be provided at each class and child care is available.

In this fast-paced and interactive class for those considering membership with UUCUC, you'll learn about the principles and foundation of the Unitarian Universalist Church. You'll also learn about the governance of UUCUC, activities and opportunities available to our church community, our social action mission, religious education offerings, and the role you can play as a supporter. Anyone age 14 and up can become a UUCUC member.

At the completion of this class, you'll have an opportunity to "sign the book" and become a member of UUCUC. Please indicate whether you're signing up for the Sunday or the Monday class.

For questions and to sign up, email Sherry Bohlen at membershipcoordinator@uucuc.org or (217) 417-1148. There will also be a sign-up sheet on the HUB table in Fellowship Hall throughout the month.
MAKING CONNECTIONS WITHIN UUCUC
By Sherry Bohlen, Membership Coordinator

Making connections....
Building community...
Finding kindred spirits...
Creating collective of like-minded people...

These are among the reasons people often tell me that they’ve come to UUCUC.

Why did you come to our church community? Have you found what you’re looking for? Is there something that you’re seeking that’s not yet offered?

UUCUC staff and leadership strive to respond to the ever-changing needs of our congregants. Just within the past few months, we’ve added these groups:

- **New Member Covenant Groups** -- Within this group, new members gather to reflect on and discuss issues relevant to newcomers to our church community.
- **Moving Forward Group** -- This group is intended for those who are divorced or separated and want to discuss common issues provide support.
- **Widows & Widowers Group** -- Those who are widows or widowers are invited to gather together with this group for support and to share issues of concern.
- **Co-Housing Exploration Group** -- Join this group of people interested in creating a co-housing community within CU.

Take a look at our most recent “Connect with Us” listing (see next page) of our current groups and committees. Contact people for each group or committee are listed. Connect with them for further information. They’ll love to hear from you and will welcome you to join them.

Please survey our current list, and if you see a need that isn’t being filled, contact me at MembershipCoordinator@uucuc.org and let’s talk about creating a group to meet that need. I’m always pleased to see a new group coming together.

Our “Connect with Us” offerings are not static. They are ever-changing and expanding. Let me hear from you about offerings that you’d like to see created.
 CONNECT WITH US
by joining one of our Committees!

Please consider joining and becoming a working member of one of our committees. Our church community relies on volunteers to carry out the mission of our committees to assure programs and projects are effectively realized.

**Care Core Committee**  Care Core works with the minister to support and assist in meeting pastoral care concerns and coordinates our “Caring Congregation” network of volunteers to help in that endeavor. If you need help or you’d like to volunteer, email: carecore@uucuc.org or call the church office (217) 384-8862.

**Denominational Affairs Committee**  Join the Denominational Affairs Committee and learn about the wider world of UU congregations. Contact David Gross: DLGgeology@aol.com and Claudia Gross: Claudia44@aol.com.

**Finance Committee**  The Finance Committee serves the church through monitoring our financial resources. Chaired by Tanja Hodges: thodg01s@gmail.com.

**Mediation Committee**  Join this committee and help resolve issues of congregational safety and behavior. Contact krobbins513@hotmail.com.

**Membership Committee**  Become a part of this vital committee and help assure our church community welcomes our visitors and new members and provides ways for newcomers and ongoing members to deepen connections and develop a sense of community within the congregation! Contact Peggy Patten: mspeggypatten@gmail.com.

**Music Committee**  The Music Committee would welcome you to help facilitate music-related activities within the Church. Chaired by Tanja Hodges: thodg01s@gmail.com.

**Partner Church Committee**  The mission of the Partner Church Committee is to develop long term mutually supportive relationships with our fellow UUs in Transylvania, Romania and the Khasi Hills of India. To join the work of this committee, contact Chair Brigitte Piekke: brighttepieke@hotmail.com.

**Personnel Committee**  The Personnel Committee recommends policies to the Board of Trustees in accordance with UUA standards and guidelines. Chaired by Dave Sharpe: dmsharpe13@gmail.com.

**Property Committee**  Join this committee and become a part of managing the upkeep of the church building, furnishings, equipment, and grounds. Led by Jerry Carden: jcarden@illinois.edu.

**Religious Education (RE) Committee**  Support the Religious Education programs of the church by joining the RE Committee. Committee Chair position is open. For information, Contact: re-director@uucuc.org.

**Social Action Committee**  Take action on timely social justice issues and support community service activities for the church by joining this and ongoing members to deepen connections and develop a sense of community within the congregation! Contact Pam Richart prichart@ecojusticecollaborative.org or Kate Mayer: kate.mayer42@gmail.com.

**Stewardship Committee**  Join this committee and help to manage development and congregational giving. Contact Emily Laugesen: emilyslaugesen@yahoo.com.

**Worship Committee**  Arrange a Sunday worship service once a month from September to June and work collectively to arrange summer worship services. Contact: Sam Beshers at beshers@life.illinois.edu.
CONNECT WITH US
by joining one of our Groups!

UUCUC offers many Group opportunities designed to bring our Members and Friends together into closer community.

COVENANT GROUPS / CHALICE CIRCLES

Caregivers Chalice Circle  Connect with and support fellow caregivers for aging or ailing people of significance. Contact Tim Temple: templetim@hotmail.com.

Living with the Loss of a Life Partner Covenant Group  Those who are widows or widowers are invited to gather together for support and to share issues of concern. Email MembershipCoordinator@uucuc.org for details.

Moving Forward  If you are divorced or separated, join this group to discuss issues common to this group and to provide support. For questions, contact Snaps at rmhouse1@gmail.com.

New Member Covenant Groups  New members gather to reflect on and discuss issues relevant to newcomers to our church community. For information, email Sherry Bohlen at MembershipCoordinator@uucuc.org.

Reflective Writing Chalice Circle  Create and share with other writers in our congregation. Led by Pat Nolan: pnolan96@aol.com.

AFFINITY GROUPS

Adult Discussion Group  Join members openly and informally discussing a wide range of topics of mutual interest as part of our religious experience. Led by Stu Foltz: sfoltz1@jhu.edu.

Bridge Group  Learn, play, and enjoy with others of every skill level! Led by Barbara Mann: barber_mann@yahoo.com.

Death with Dignity Study Group  Join this group to explore issues related to death and dying. Led by Karen Retzer: karenfooteretzer@yahoo.com.

Feminist Book Group  Join other women of all ages and backgrounds to read and discuss works by female authors whose writings are particularly relevant to women's lives. Led by Karen Folk: foxandfolk@gmail.com.

Gastronomical Society  Gather with members of the congregation for monthly potluck dinners and fellowship. Contact Terry England englandba@comcast.net.

Green UU’s  Seek to inspire action and spiritual renewal as we work to respect the interdependent web of existence on our planet. Led by Andy Robinson: greenuu@uucuc.org.

Happy Hour  Make friends and enjoy an age-appropriate beverage at different locations around C-U! Contact Russ Rybicki: russadr@fastmail.fm.

Mindfulness Meditation Group  Join us in a morning meditation every Sunday before worship. All are welcome. Contact Marie McEnroe: reezlebee@gmail.com.

Retirement Group  Retirees or those contemplating retirement gather together to share ideas and concerns relevant to retirement. Contact David Gross: DLGgeology@aol.com and Claudia Gross: Claudia44@aol.com.

Thursday Meditation  4:30-5:30 pm at Channing Murray. Join Rev. Florence Caplow as she leads a weekly meditation. All are welcome and no registration is necessary. For more information, contact Rev. Caplow at minister@uucuc.org.

Young Adult Group  Meet twice a month or more to socialize and participate in discussions. Anyone ages 18 to 35 is invited to join. To join the listserv, email: amandaowings@gmail.com.

MUSIC GROUPS

Adult Choir  Make music and make your voice heard! Build community through the power of song during church services. Led by Matthew Sheppard, Choir Director: mgs5055@gmail.com.

Children’s Choir  Join fellow grade school-aged children to make music for the church! All boys and girls are welcome to participate. Led by Dana Antonelli: danaantonelli@gmail.com.

Youth Choir  No previous experience is required, and all youth from 6th through 12th grade are invited to participate. Contact Matthew Gladden: matt.gladden@gmail.com.
**Our Caring Congregation**

Do you or someone you know have Pastoral Care needs? Help is just a phone call or email away! Our Caring Congregation is a network of caring volunteers among our church family who are ready to assist you. Our Caring Congregation is the vehicle by which we share our concerns as well as invite you to deepen your connection to our church family through reaching out, pitching in and stepping up to be there for each other.

Care Core is the coordinating committee which meets monthly to consider pastoral care needs, share concerns, and develop ways for our volunteer network to help our church community. Our volunteers have made meals, provided rides, company, child care, and moving muscle among other services. We have sent cards, made home visits, and hosted memorial services. If there is some way we can assist you please email: carecore@uucuc.org, or call the church office (217) 384-8862 or you can call any member of our steering committee (see the church directory). If you would like to join our network of Caring Congregation volunteers, please also email: carecore@uucuc.org.

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Care Core Steering Committee: Phil Abruzzi, Sally Babbitt, Chuck Cooper, Maryly Crutcher, Jennifer Greene, Sandy Hannum, Holly Jordan, Deedy Marble, Marilyn Ryan, Florence Caplow and Cindy Loui (chair)
### Religious Education Upcoming Calendar

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CCS - Children’s Choir Singing; On CCS Sundays, children and youth begin in Worship Service.

Note: Check eNews and Order of Service for any changes to the calendar.

### Church Calendar - April 2018

**Dates to note on your calendar! For the most up-to-date calendar, please visit our calendar on our website or visit our events page for details of our events.**

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The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism

1st Principle
The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

2nd Principle
Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

3rd Principle
Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

4th Principle
A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

5th Principle
The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

6th Principle
The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

7th Principle
Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.