



The Pathfinder



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OUR MISSION

Together as a religious community, we put our liberal faith in action, striving to nurture our families and our spiritual lives, protect the earth, eliminate poverty, and stop oppression, while offering love and hope for all.

(UUFD mission statement adopted May 17, 2009)

DEADLINE

The deadline for the June edition of the Pathfinder is **September 18th**. Please note that this is the third Sunday of the month. Submissions are to be sent to the church office via email: office@uufdekalb.org.

Hybrid In-person & Online Worship

UUFD is holding in person worship services at our usual time – Sundays at 10 a.m.

We will also share the service via Zoom. Join the service each Sunday at uufdekalb.org/live or in person. Zoom access for Sunday services begins at 9:30 a.m. and service will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Services: Service 10:00 A.M. till 11:15 A.M.

August Theme: Ambiguity & Paradox *No Special Collection Jun-Aug*

We could insist on straight lines, alternative facts, unchanging clarity, and comforting deceit to hold back time and change, and everything else that induces fear and anxiety in the world. Instead, we live with ambiguity and embrace paradox because this leads to truth, even if tentative, and wisdom instead of certainty. All of the above helps us. All of the above encourages us to continue to repair the world.

Aug 7

Dave Becker, Worship Leader
Ed Miguel, Assistant

Aug 14 – It Depends

Maylan Dunn-Kenney, Worship Leader
Kim Myers, Assistant

Aug 21

Ed Miguel, Worship Leader
Vanstrom Dracul, Assistant

Aug 28

Dorothy Coleman, Worship Leader
Maylan Dunn-Kenney, Assistant

September Theme: Awakening Special Collection: WE Pantry

You live like this, sheltered, in a delicate world, and you believe you are living. Then you read a book (Lady Chatterley, for instance), or you take a trip, or you talk with [someone], and you discover that you are not living, that you are hibernating... Monotony, boredom, death. Millions live like this (or die like this) without knowing it. They work in offices. They drive a car. They picnic with their families. They raise children. And then some shock treatment takes place, a person, a book, a song, and it awakens them and saves them from death. ~Anais Nin

The breeze at dawn has secrets to tell you.
Don't go back to sleep.
~Rumi

In September, we are planning to welcome our new minister. Watch the eNews and website for more information! The September schedule will be completed as soon as the new minister is on board.

Sep 4
Sep 11
Sep 18
Sep 25

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In case of an emergency, call Board Past President Ed Miguel, or President Kim Myers.



Mark Your Calendar For These UUFD Events



We're beginning to have more in-person events, but things may still change in response to the current COVID situation. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more updates. And please reach out to the church office to subscribe to the weekly electronic news if you haven't already done so.

Ongoing Events

Yoga with Ed Miguel – Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

Restorative Meditation – Cancelled

Buddhist Study Group via Zoom – 1st & 3rd Sundays at 11:45 a.m.

Zoom links are sent to everyone on the Buddhist Group mailing list. If someone not on our mailing list would like to join us, please contact Howard Solomon at dochoward00001@gmail.com.

The Gazebo Gang, a.k.a. Ordinary Folk Musical Gathering – 2nd & 4th Sundays at 2 p.m.

Beautify UUFD – Saturdays 9:30 a.m. (weather permitting)

August 2022

Aug 16 – Hope Haven Meal – 6:30 p.m.

Aug 21 – Board Meeting – 11:30 a.m.

Aug 27 – Drive-Thru WE Panty 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

September 2022

Sep 18 – Board Meeting – TBD

Sep 20 – Hope Haven Meal 6:30 p.m.

Sep 24 – Drive-Thru WE Panty 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



We got started on several projects, but realized that there was much more that needed to be done. We have decided to meet **every Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m.** for perhaps the next few months, weather permitting, to get a handle on all that needs to be done. We are inviting anyone who's interested to join us. We really want to spruce up the place.

If you would like to be a part of Beautifying UUFD, please contact Carey for more information, 815-614-5527.



The worship theme for August is Ambiguity & Paradox; for September the theme is Awakening.

The worship leaders will use these themes to guide their services throughout the month. We encourage you to take a look at the Touchstones Journal on our website at uufdekalb.org/touchstones (or pick up a copy at the table by the magazine rack) and hope it will lead to deeper discussions!

Hope Haven News!



The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of DeKalb, along with many other congregations around the DeKalb County area, provide meals once a month to the residents and visitors of the Hope Haven

Hope Haven's mission is to provide shelter, meals, & life skills programs for homeless individuals & families while preparing them for re-housing. Hope Haven will advocate for the rights of the homeless, and those at risk for becoming homeless, while working in collaboration with others to end homelessness in DeKalb County.

The June and July UUFD-sponsored Hope Haven meals are in the books!

June: In June UUFD volunteers provided a hot dog bar with all the fixings and sides. Thank you to Bonnie Anderson, Sharon Blake, Rev. Linda Slabon, Sheryl Nak, Charles Sigwart, Beth Schewe, Maylan Dunn-Kenney, Toni Tollerud, Gretchen Sigwart, Virginia Wilcox, Ashley Ford (who filled two spots!)

July: July's entree was a meatless option, Zucchini Stuffing Casserole. The thought was that Zucchini would be in abundance near the end of July. However, those of us preparing the main dish found that this was not the case. There were limited supplies at the stores and even DeKalb County Community Gardens was out (their crop was infested by vine borers). Maylan Dunn-Kenney, Beth Schewe, myself and Mary Von Zellen (who saved the main dish by volunteering at the last minute) had to get creative, but we made it work! Sharon Blake, Sheryl Nak, Steve and Donna Veeneman, Charles Sigwart, Virginia Wilcox, Gretchen Sigwart and Toni Tollerud and Rev. Linda Slabon helped complete the meal.

Sign up for upcoming August and September Hope Haven meals!:

The August and September Hope Haven sign-up sheets are ready for volunteers! Thank you in advance:

- **August Meal - Tuesday, the 16th: August 2022 Haven sign-up - Cheesy Burrito Casserole**
- **September Meal - Tuesday, the 20th: September 2022 Hope Haven Sign-up - Crunchy Beef Casserole**

Main dish recipes are linked in the sign-up sheets

I shared this in a July e-news, but it bears retelling. Volunteering to help with the Hope Haven meals is more than just checking a box. It leads to community and human connection. Those of us who volunteer regularly often share tales of our meal prep exploits, along with ideas and tips. We occasionally commiserate about challenges that crop up as well.

I ran into Donna and Steve Veeneman (who drove their Rhubarb dessert all the way from Genoa) as we dropped off dishes at Hope Haven in July and we had a lovely chat in the kitchen with one of the HH volunteers that we carried out into the parking lot. I hadn't seen them in person in probably well over a year (maybe two or more)! They reminded me of how wonderful human connection is, and how much of it we've missed out on these past couple of years. It was great to catch up and talk about the recipes we made and some of the recipe's we've shared in the past, among other things.

Maylan, Beth and I shared our experiences via text with the Zucchini Casserole we had never made before and how easy it was and how yummy it smelled.

I chatted with Rev. Linda via text and scolded her and Toni for trying to volunteer to fill the two cooked corn spots we still had open two days before the meal, after just returning from abroad and suffering from injury and illness. Linda couldn't resist and still filled the remaining open fruit spot.

That's how dedicated our UU family is to serving our community! If you have any ideas for improving our meals, process or anything else, please contact me!

Please contact me if you have questions or suggestions for meal themes: Danica Lovings @ 815-901-4625
or danica855@gmail.com.

Joys and Sorrows



- ◆ It's a bittersweet time as we say goodbye to Rev. Allen Harden and prepare to welcome a new minister. Thank you, Rev. Allen, for your faithful service to UUFD during such a difficult time. We will miss you!
- ◆ Beth Schewe's mother-in-law, Linda Sharp, passed away on August 3. Maw Maw, as her grandchildren affectionately called her, experienced numerous health issues in recent years but now is finally at rest. A certified nursing assistant who worked in nursing and elder care homes, Linda gave much loving comfort and tender care to many people throughout her almost three decade career. Her favorite activities were reading, playing with her dogs, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Do you have a joy, sorrow or milestone to share?

Please email Kathryn at office@uufdekalb.org and we'll include your joy or sorrow in the next Pathfinder.



We are pleased to announce the schedule of **Special Collections for 2022-2023** approved by the Social Justice Committee, and including the worship themes set by the UUA for each month.

Please note: One of these can be bumped or reshuffled to accommodate any emergency relief needs the SJC wishes to address.

2022-2023 Special Collections:

September - *Awakening*: WE Pantry

October - *Awe*: Northern Public Radio (WNIU/WNIJ FM)

November - *Remembrance*: UUSC/Guest at Your Table

December - *Joy*: Minister's Discretionary Fund

January - *Wintering*: The Nature Conservatory

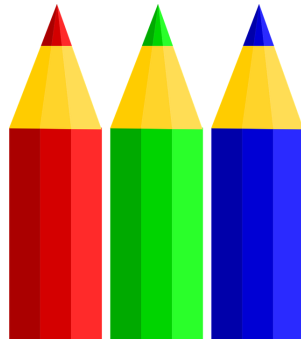
February - *Resilience*: UUANI

March - *Trust*: The Barn on the Baseline Animal Shelter

April - *Grief*: DCCG

May - *Reconciliation*: Safe Passage

Special collection recipients must have non-profit status and have missions and operations in harmony with the seven UU Principles.



UUFD/CRMS Annual School Supply Drive!

Every year UUFD has been such a wonderful partner to Clinton Rosette Middle School with your donations of school supplies. So many kids in our building don't always have what they need to succeed in school, so any contributions are always appreciated!

The most needed items are regular pencils, colored pencils, markers, and folders. You can drop off your contributions in the box on the volunteer table in the Fellowship Hall, if you are coming in person, or you can give a cash (or check) donation to me and I can do the shopping for you.

As always, thank you for your support of the students at CRMS! I am always so grateful for the support of our congregation and so are all the staff and students at Rosette! You are appreciated!

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the light that came to lucille clifton

the light that came to lucille clifton
came in a shift of knowing
when even her fondest sureties
faded away. it was the summer
she understood that she had not understood
and was not mistress even
of her own off eye, then
the man escaped throwing away his tie and
the children grew legs and started walking and
she could see the peril of an
unexamined life.
she closed her eyes, afraid to look for her
authenticity
but the light insists on itself in the world;
a voice from the nondead past started talking,
she closed her ears and it spelled out in her hand
"you might as well answer the door, my child,
the truth is furiously knocking."

by Lucille Clifton, 1980

