



# 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 Oct. edition of the Pathfinder is **Sept 17th**. 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](mailto: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](https://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: Activism

*“There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.”*

Elie Wiesel

#### August 6

Kim Myers, Worship Leader  
Maylan Dunn-Kenney, Assistant

#### August 13

Rev. Julia Jones, Worship Leader  
Dorothy Coleman, Assistant  
*UUFD Summer Music performance*

#### August 20

Maylan Dunn-Kenney, Worship Leader  
Diane Johns, Assistant  
*UUFD Summer Music performance*

#### August 27

Dorothy Coleman, Worship Leader  
Vanstrom Dracul, Assistant  
*UUFD Summer Music performance*

### September Theme: Beauty

*Beauty is an intrinsic good that enhances our well-being. It is a relationship between our senses and reality that soothes, elevates, and charms. Our enculturation, however, can restrict our ability to see beauty in other cultures and expressions.*

#### September 3

Maylan Dunn-Kenney, Worship Leader  
Kim Myers, Assistant

#### September 10

Rev. Julia Jones, Worship Leader  
Diane Johns, Assistant  
*UUFD Choir Performance*

#### September 17

Ed Miguel, Worship Leader  
Dorothy Coleman, Assistant

#### September 24

Kim Myers, Worship Leader  
Maylan Dunn-Kenney, Assistant  
*Special Musical Performance*

### CONTACTS:

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*In case of an emergency, call Board Past President Kim Myers, or President Beth Schewe.*

## Minister's Thoughts

Greetings Dear Friends!

I am thinking of you all as I travel, as I rest, as I study, and even as I play. I am so grateful for our community. I am so grateful for your commitment. And I am grateful for travel, rest, study, and play. It is my dearest hope for each of you that the summer is providing some of whatever it is that you need for balance, for joy, for restoration, and for motivation.

You each deserve all of that.

In Faith,

Rev Julia



### Joys and Sorrows



Julie Lamb passed away on June 15, 2023. She was an integral part of our congregation for many years and a strong social justice leader. She will be missed. Julie's memorial service will be held here at UUCD on Friday, Sept. 22, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Julie's memory to Hope Haven in DeKalb or the DeKalb County Community Gardens.



*Do you have a joy, sorrow or milestone to share?  
Please email Kathryn at [office@uufdekalb.org](mailto:office@uufdekalb.org) and we'll include your joy or sorrow in the next Pathfinder.*

### UUFDF Staff News

#### Minister's "office" hours:

Rev. Julia will be in DeKalb Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will be working remotely Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please feel free to email, text, or call to schedule an appointment to meet with her. Her phone number is 301-717-8509, and her email address is [minister@uufdekalb.org](mailto:minister@uufdekalb.org). Please note that she is a part-time employee and therefore may not respond to e-mails immediately. For urgent pastoral care needs, please call her on her cell phone and leave a message if you do not reach her directly. Thank you.



## Mark Your Calendar For These 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

Rev. Julia's Virtual Drop-in Lunch via Zoom – Summer hiatus, will resume in September

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

Craft & The Craft – Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.—ON HIATUS FOR AUGUST, will resume in September

Restorative Meditation – Fridays 6:00 p.m.

UUCD Breakfast Club – 3rd Fridays 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Lincoln Inn

Buddhist Study Group via Zoom – 1st & 3rd Sundays 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](mailto:dochoward00001@gmail.com).*

### August 2023

Aug 15 – Hope Haven Meal – 6:30 p.m.

Aug 20 – Board Meeting – 11:45 a.m.

Aug 26 – Drive-thru WE Pantry – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

### September 2023

Sept 06 - Campus Meets Community - 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sept 19 – Hope Haven Meal 6:30 p.m.

Sept 22 - Julie Lamb Remembrance Service - 4:30 p.m.

Sept 23 - UUCD Club 53 and Milestone Harvest Celebration - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sept 30 – Drive-Thru WE Panty 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

September board meeting TBA. Watch the eNews for details.



### Name Change Update!

We voted to change our name — now what? We're in the process of updating our state paperwork, and the name change will be official soon. Watch for a new look in our next Pathfinder — and in the eNews, Sunday bulletin, and our new Locust Street sign, coming soon!

We're so grateful to local graphic design Sophia Varcados, who offered us a beautifully updated logo to go with our new name. By the way... if you would like to be involved in a new redesign of the Pathfinder, please contact Beth Schewe ([beth.schewe@gmail.com](mailto:beth.schewe@gmail.com)).

**The worship theme for August is Activism; 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](http://uufdekalb.org/touchstones) (or pick up a copy at the table by the magazine rack) and hope it will lead to deeper discussions!

## UUCD Club 53 and Milestone Harvest Celebration ! Saturday September 23rd , 2023 6-9pm



### What is Club 53 or Who Is Club 53?

A few years ago, several members discovered they were all born in 1953.

### What is the Birthday Milestone Celebration?

The members of Club 53 (Dave and Teri Diaz, Barb Cuppett, Diane Johns, and Dan Kenney) decided back in our "Frisky 50'S" that when we turned 70 we would hold a big joint celebration.

### All with a Milestone this year?

So, the Club 53 group has also decided to open this celebration up, as well, to anyone who has had a milestone this year. Some have had high school graduations, some have had promotions, or retirements, taken long planned trips abroad, or even one has a book being published. We all have much to celebrate in 2023. So, please let us know if you are willing to have your milestone included in this celebration.

Many plans are still underway. However, we do know that Misspent Youth will be playing music, and Craig Mathey will be performing as well. We are looking for another musician or musical group for the final hour. If you know someone please get in touch. We anticipate card games. There will be food, either catered or potluck, there will be decorations.

### The UUCD Board of Trustees has approved holding it at UUCD!

Get in touch with me if you want your milestone, or your son or daughter's milestone included, or musician or band, or want to be involved in the planning and the evening.

Send me a text at 815-793-0950 or email at [dkenney53@hotmail.com](mailto:dkenney53@hotmail.com)

Dan

## Hope Haven News!

June and July are always difficult months for UUCD to provide a complete meal due to the many vacations and events people have planned (including my own family emergency). Five days before the June meal, we had over half of the volunteer sheet still open to be filled. On top of that I had to back out and leave town unexpectedly.

What happened? Sharon Blake to the rescue! Sharon suggested we use our Hope Haven account funds to just order fried chicken and sides. I was easily able to place the order and Sharon did the pick-up and delivery to Hope Haven! Thank you Sharon.

Mary Von Zellen and Beth Schewe also took two open spots each, Maylan Dunn-Kenney jumped in for an open spot, Gretchen and Charles Sigwart filled two of them and our ever-faithful Virginia Wilcox provided the weekly staples.

In July we had similar challenges with open spots a week before the meal and Maylan Dunn-Kenny having to leave town for her own family emergency at the last minute. We rallied though and helped each other out. I covered the buns for 60, condiments and desserts and Beth Schewe took my spot for hot dogs and provided hot dogs for 60. Florence and Peter Gerlach also stepped in at the last minute and provided baked beans for 30. Other volunteers included Donna Jones-Ilsley, Sheryl Nak, Sharon Blake, Gwen Gregory, Rev. Linda Slabon and Toni Tollerud (who provided sliced watermelon for 60!), Virginia Wilcox and Mary Von Zellen!

Thank you all! It Takes a Village!



### *Notes from the Podium*

*from Elisa Woodruff, UUCD Music Program Director*

THANK YOU to everyone for showing such strong enthusiasm for the UUCD Music Program this past year. Your participation, feedback, and support has truly made our return to in person worship a lively and visceral experience. I just wanted to give four important updates regarding the next few months and how you can get involved in our efforts to express our spiritual journey, regardless of your experience or ability.....

1. Save the Date!! The afternoon of August 5th, from 1pm to 2:30pm, a few choir members and I will be conducting the first of two 90 minute "Church Music 101" workshops. If you are interested in learning some very basic elements of music notation that will make it easier for you to follow along with hymns or even feel more comfortable joining the choir or playing a solo, you do not want to miss this!! We will use a few familiar UU hymns as examples to learn the "roadmap" of music -- including how to follow verses, repeat signs, first/second endings, and the basics of meter and key signatures. Please email me at [elisa.woodruff@gmail.com](mailto:elisa.woodruff@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending, so I know how many to expect. Please note that this initial workshop will be geared toward adults. Future music education will be available to children in the RE program at a different time/date.
2. I've heard many of you say you are interested in getting involved in the music program but may be having a hard time knowing where you would best fit. If you are interested in having a 30-minute Individual Music Strengths Assessment, please reach out to me individually. Please note that these are not auditions -- just opportunities to have a professional musician (me) listen to you sing or play your instrument, identify your vocal range, give you tips on how to build on your strengths, and help you determine how you might become involved in our program. In the past, I have done individual vocal coaching for upwards of \$100 per hour, so this is a great opportunity to get some professional, strengths-based feedback for free!!
3. Please save the date for Sunday August 13th when we will be hosting the Second Annual Music Program Picnic after coffee hour. Please join us at the gazebo as we come together joyfully to eat, play musical instruments, and learn a few fun songs to sing at church the following Sunday. All are welcome. More details coming soon!!
4. Finally, some thank yous and one last pitch. Our summer music calendar is off to a great start. Thank you to Ashley, Gretchen, Toni, Reverend Linda, Beth, Maggie, Gabriel, and Ariana for stepping up to provide special music this summer while Bonnie and the choir are on break. We still have a few slots available for a soloist or ensemble to perform -- on July 23 and August 6. All are welcome!! Please email me at [elisa.woodruff@gmail.com](mailto:elisa.woodruff@gmail.com) if you are interested!

Please note that the UUCD Music Program is built on principles of inclusion, strengths-building, and mutual encouragement. There are no auditions for participation in the program, and people with all abilities, skills, and backgrounds are welcome.

*mUUsically yours,  
Elisa Woodruff (she/her)  
Director, UUCD Music Program*

## Hospitality Hosts Needed!

With the summer moving on, we thought it is time to get ready for fall. We need to bring back our greeters! We have just been filling in as we go, but we need to get back to our greeting protocol. Not sure what that is?

If you sign up for a week, I will partner with you so that you know exactly what to do!

There will be detailed instructions provided as well. Think about it, you are needed and appreciated.

And, speaking of hospitality, don't forget there is a sign up sheet already out for coffee hour hosts. There will be a new instruction sheet out for that too, so please check the sign up sheet and help us out to be welcoming to all. I was just thinking last week how much people seemed to be enjoying their time together after the service!

Questions about coffee hour? Ask the coffee hour host any Sunday morning! We will be happy to partner you up with a seasoned veteran to get you started.

*Thanks for considering making our time together on Sundays even better and more welcoming!*

*Sharon Blake*

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