

# EAST BREEZE



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## Connections

What a weekend we've just had! I got to have almost all of the people I love in one place, for the ceremony and party around ordaining me into the UU ministry and installing me as your minister. This was a day that was a long time coming for me, made all the sweeter by the deep knowledge that I am in the right place at the right time. This has been affirmed for me over and over this past year, as you have given me the space to grow into ministry with you and supported the work I've found myself called to in our community. And it was affirmed for me this weekend, as many of you expressed gratitude and joyful anticipation for our shared ministry.

Several people have asked me if I feel any different after being ordained and installed. The answer is both no and yes. I don't feel any more your minister than I have since I arrived, although I do feel that I've grown into this relationship – but that has been more of a process, and less the result of a single ceremony. I do, however, feel the power of that role a bit more strongly. You have given me a stole and you have sealed its meaning in the laying on of hands ceremony. The stole is the “mantel of ministry,” a symbol of both authority and accountability. Wearing it now, and not before ordination, is a reminder of the covenant we made to each other in our sacred space. The act of having it placed on my shoulders embodied that covenant, and wearing it recalls the power of the connection we made during the laying on of hands immediately afterward.

May we share that connection throughout a long and fruitful ministry!

In faith and love,  
Rev. Karen



## June 10 AM Sunday Services

- 6/7 “Flower Communion”**  
**The Rev. Karen Quinlan**  
Our June theme is blossoming. This morning we'll share nature's blossoms as we reflect on the gifts we bring and receive in community. Please bring a flower to this worship service. Rachel Avery will provide the music.
- 6/14 “Growing Home”**  
**The Rev. Karen Quinlan**  
In many ways, building beloved community is like tending a garden. This morning we'll explore what feeds our garden, what is blossoming, and what else we might grow. Rachel Avery and the JRUUC Choir will provide the music.
- 6/21 “BUUdhism”**  
**Barbara Whitney**  
This morning we'll reflect on how the Buddhist and Unitarian Universalist traditions can support one's search for meaning and community engagement.
- 6/28 “Bearing Witness to Black Lives Matter”**  
**Patricia Schneider**  
Sharing reflections on a moral response to this burgeoning racial justice movement.



## President's Column

This feels odd to be writing my last column as the President of JRUC Board of Trustees. I accepted this position as an act of spiritual practice, a service to the Beloved Community. I wanted my yes to be sacred as it had been preceded by many, many sacred nos. As often happens when we serve, I have gained more than I have given. I am walking away more nourished, more enlightened, more humble, and more inspired than I could have predicted. I am so very grateful. I could not have done this without the love and support of my husband and son, the leadership of our minister, and the fellowship and patience of the Board of Trustees. I would also like to thank Elizabeth Barrett, our Office Administrator, who has regularly assisted me in dozens of tasks and requests and done so with compassion and grace.

Our congregation will be starting the next fiscal year with a balanced budget that reflects what we do. And while we did not meet all of our ambitious budget's goals, we did show solid financial commitment to our mission. We moved ourselves forward, stretched our comfortable edges, and stayed true to our values. We are paying our staff fair share wages, have increased the hours of four of the five positions and plan to continue increasing wages yearly to match the cost of living. We are offering benefits to two of our staff. We have increased our giving to UUA and MidAmerica Region. We are also putting money into savings this year. And so much more.

There were two highlights for me from the Congregational Meeting. First was the creation of the Art Hackett Award for Going Above and Beyond as an acknowledgment of our appreciation for the service Art Hackett has provided to his spiritual home, JRUC, for well over 20 years. Look for a plaque in our lobby, coming soon, that will hold the name of this year's three recipients Kelly Kearns, Mary Anglim and Rachel Avery. If you missed the meeting, please see Virginia Harrison to receive your candle sticker and chalice as a gift to acknowledge your service of Time and Talent.

The second was the way in which we had difficult conversation around the items on this year's agenda. Many were able to speak their truth and felt that their voices were given freedom to express their agreement, disagreement and concerns. Folks remained respectful and supportive. We passed the Statement of Conscience with some amendments. And we moved to put a hold on voting on the Move to Amend so that we could research, share and discuss this topic more. Thank you to everyone who committed to living our Covenant of Right Relations.

We ordained and installed our beloved minister, the Reverend Karen Quinlan. This was a joyous occasion filled with spiritual enthusiasm, deep love and tremendous pride. From our children and youth to our oldest congregants, we worked together to provide food, building preparations, music, decorations, flowers, champagne toast, photography, housing for our out of town guests, stipends and joy. Thank you to the Ordination and Installation Task Force and many volunteers.

I was told by several ministers that this was one of the most profound ordination and installation ceremonies that they have attended. And many felt that they were rededicating themselves to Unitarian Universalist Ministry. They were deeply touched by the heart and spirit they felt in our community and went out of their way to share this with me. I too, am deeply touched and honored to share this with you. We are truly a Congregation of Great Strength. This is our spiritual home, together. Whatever we have, it will be what we built together. There is no other way.

Kim Reain, President

**Meet and Greet, Sunday June 14**  
**New and return Visitors are invited**  
**To spend some time in conversation** with  
Each other, Membership Committee  
members, and the Rev. Karen Quinlan,  
Over coffee or tea and some special treats.  
We'll gather near the piano at 11:30.

## Financial Update

	<b>April</b>	<b>Year to date</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$13,303	\$128,629
<b>Expenses</b>	\$11,422	\$112,741

Because the BOT meeting was a week early the Finance Committee was not able to meet in May. Income for the month of April was \$13,303.37 against expenses of \$11,422.24 for a positive cash flow of \$1,881.13. For the year to date the Congregation is ahead by nearly \$18,000. In percentage terms, YTD is seven percent ahead of budget and expenses are seven percent below.

I did an end of year budget projection which I forwarded to outgoing President Kim Reain. It appears we will end the year with a substantial surplus. Income will be greater than anticipated in the final months of the fiscal year because several people have started their auto withdrawal pledges for the next fiscal year early.

This means that we will be able to build up our reserve again! I've been doing this for a long time and I don't ever remember our being in this good a financial shape as we approach the end of the fiscal. It is an amazing turnaround from last year when we ended the year in the red. Thanks to all responsible.

Art Hackett, Treasurer

## Children's Religious Education

Once school is out JRUUC goes into summer mode. For Religious Education this means that all of the children and youth (except for the nursery) have one shared classroom each Sunday. This is an excellent opportunity for congregation members and friends that have not been teachers to get to know the kids by teaching or assisting on just one Sunday for the whole summer. The RE Committee is seeking one-time teachers. Contact Mary Anglim at [re@jruuc.org](mailto:re@jruuc.org) if you are interested. The curricula we will be using for the summer is "Keepers of the Earth: Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children." Each week will focus on activities, stories and the culture of a particular Tribe or Nation of Native Americans.



## JRUUC Solstice

### Picnic Potluck

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 4-6 PM

At "Hippo Park"

(aka Wirth Court Park)

2801 St Paul Ave

The membership committee wants to celebrate new members from 2014-2015, and what better way to do that than with ALL members!

Date Coincides with Make Music Madison, So there should be live music to enjoy!  
**Please bring a picnic item to share, Plate/utensils and chairs or a blanket**

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/parks/park.s/park.cfm?id=1385>

There is a small shelter at the park  
Bathrooms are close by at the Goodman Center. For more information Contact Jocie Luglio at 442-8814  
Day of the picnic, contact Megan at 217-2022



## JRUUC Mallards Game Sunday, July 12 4:05 pm

The Membership Committee  
Invites you to enjoy a  
Baseball game at the  
Duck Pond at Warner Park for  
"Princess Night" as the  
Madison Mallards take on the  
Battle Creek Bombers.

Don your tiara or ball cap  
And join us!  
Tickets are \$10 each  
On Sale in the Narthex each  
June Sunday  
Bring cash or check

## Justice at JRUUC



MADISON ORGANIZING IN STRENGTH, EQUALITY AND SOLIDARITY

**MOSES**

### Update from MOSES

JRUUC is a congregational member of MOSES -- an interfaith coalition working to increase justice in our state. From numerous angles we are working to decrease the Wisconsin prison population. We are also exploring the idea of expanding our work to include immigration and transportation issues.

MOSES Advocacy resulted in improved Criminal Justice and Jail resolution 556 being passed by the Dane County Board. <http://mosesmadison.org/>

## Sustainable Saturdays

The Fourth Sat. each month

**June 27th at JRUUC**

3:30 pm: Action-taking

5:30 pm: Potluck set-up

6 pm: Eat Dinner

**7pm: Musical & Poetic Open Mic**

**Bring your own instruments and**

**Spoken word poems!**

Everyone is welcome

For more information, contact

Tim Cordon at 608-630-3633

## The Peace, Justice, & Sustainability

**Group** (PJS – pronounced “pea-jays”) meet the second Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be 7 pm June 8<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to participate. Questions? Email Barb at [bwhitney@chi-squared.org](mailto:bwhitney@chi-squared.org)

## Local Food Social Justice June 13<sup>th</sup>!

**Please sign up now!**

For many years, JRUUC has participated in the Community Action Coalition's Farmers Market Collection at the **Saturday Dane County Farmers Market** on the capitol square. We meet at **11:50 am** at the white CAC truck on the East Washington side of the capitol building, and collect left-over food or plants for about 60-90 minutes. The food is then distributed to local food pantries and shelters for meals. It is rewarding and fun! We need 8-12 people each Saturday; friends and kids are all welcome to help. The next dates are **September 12<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>**.

Mark your calendars and sign up early.

Contact Jocie Luglio [jocie.jruuc@gmail.com](mailto:jocie.jruuc@gmail.com) or 608-442-8814.

## Recent Share the Plate Totals

The Boys and Girls Club of Dane County	\$303.00
The River Food Pantry	\$295.00



## From the Office

What a Might May we've had! I've heard that the Annual Congregational Meeting went very well as y'all voted for a robust 2015-16 Operating Budget. I will be proudly working half-time (20 hours a week) and receiving pro-rated benefits for the first time in my seven-year tenure here. It is terrific to be an employee at such a social-justice-oriented congregation.

Karen Quinlan's Ordination & Installation service was absolutely amazing! I love any event that causes UU ministers to robe, so have been to a number of ordinations and installations. The Rev. Karen's service surpassed them all in authenticity, compassion, and love. Plus, getting to sing Jason Shelton's "Life Calls Us On" again was absolutely sublime. Thousands of UUs sang this at two General Assemblies -- 2012 in Phoenix and 2014 in Providence. I even had my hands in the air at the end of that song, completely forgetting that an Administrator would maintain a professional demeanor at all times. ☺

Yours in growing faith,  
Elizabeth J. Barrett, Office Administrator



### **SAVE The DATES:**

Saturday Sept. 19th- Sunday Sept. 20th

**JRUUC Campout  
Lake Farm County Park  
More details to follow!  
Hope you all can make it!**

Questions? Contact Sarah Elmore  
sselmore@sbcglobal.net or 257-2712



## **UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **June 24-28**

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting, conference, convention, and Celebration of our UU Living Tradition.

**Watch it on a computer near you!**

<http://www.uua.org/ga/virtual/2015>

**Many events will be live-streamed**

Of course, Portland is on Pacific Time, two hours behind Madison. Here are a few highlights, Madison time:

**Opening Celebration** 10 pm Wed. June 24

**Service of the Living Tradition** 9:30 pm

Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

**Soul-Full Worship** 9:45 am Friday morning

**Synergy Bridging Worship** 9:30 pm

**Ware Lecturer Dr. Cornel West** 10 pm

Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday Morning Worship** 11 am

You'll be able to watch all of these events and more after GA as well.





**Madison Pride Parade  
August 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm**

We will again march as  
**STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE**

Along with First Unitarian Society and  
Prairie UU Society folks

**We will form a UU Planning Team  
for participation in this.**

**If you want to be part of the planning,**  
please alert Elizabeth Barrett  
[office@jruuc.org](mailto:office@jruuc.org) or Becky Schigiel  
[beckys@fusmadison.org](mailto:beckys@fusmadison.org)

All marchers, including cars and floats,  
will gather at noon between the  
500 and 600 blocks of State Street.  
The march up to and around Capitol Square  
will begin at 1 pm.  
A rally will follow at approximately 2 pm.  
The area has been reserved until  
5:00 for entertainment.  
Vendors and food carts will be available  
<http://lgbtoutreach.org/>



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