

# EAST BREEZE



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## Connections

This has been an intense year of exploring equity and inequity, and we've become really engaged in this conversation. This has been in the context of fierce unrest in our community and nation, as we witness expressions of brokenness: the Black Lives Matter Movement and the backlash against it, dehumanization and violence against immigrants, fear and exclusion of our Muslim and transgender siblings, deep polarization and hate-filled rhetoric in public discourse. We need some time to embrace healing. Like all our monthly themes, June's theme was chosen as we began this year together, and we placed it here, at the end of the church year, so we can close our conversation on equity by considering how we heal.

Equity and healing are deeply connected. At its heart, equity is a work of healing – the healing of the world through the revolutionary acts of seeing each other, knowing each other, and taking care of each other. We are here, I believe, to support each other as we grow a more just and peaceful world. There is much pain to heal – most of which we humans have caused each other, intentionally or not – and our principles of inherent worth and dignity and respect for the interdependent web call us to create that healing in ourselves and each other.

This is the pastoral part of our ministry, and there are several ways we engage in that ministry. We share our joys and sorrows with each other in worship every week, letting each other know what's going on for us so that we can offer support. We can call on the Caring Tree to help us with specific needs that arise out of our hard times. And I want to remind you that I'm just a call or text away, too – please let me know when you need to talk with your pastor.

In faith and love, Karen

## June 10 AM Sunday Services June Theme: Healing

Wounding and healing are not opposites. They're part of the same thing. It is our wounds that enable us to be compassionate with the wounds of others. It is our limitations that make us kind to the limitations of other people. It is our loneliness that helps us to find other people or to even know they're alone with an illness. I think I have served people perfectly with parts of myself I used to be ashamed of. -- Rachel Naomi Remen

### 6/5 “The Healing Journey”

**The Rev. Karen Quinlan**

There are many kinds of healing, and they all take time and effort. This morning, we'll explore the intertwined journeys of healing ourselves, providing space for each other to heal, and healing our world. We'll also thank our religious education teachers for their work this past year.

### 6/12 “Toward Collective Liberation”

**The Rev. Karen Quinlan**

The work of racial justice is based on the idea that the liberation of the oppressor is bound up with the liberation of the oppressed. This morning, we'll explore how healing it could be for all of us to be free from internalized supremacy and oppression.

### 6/19 “Flower Communion”

**The Rev. Karen Quinlan**

The original flower service was created by Rev. Norbert Capek, as a way to bring ritual to the Unitarians of Prague. Bring a flower to offer to our community bowl, and take home a flower that symbolizes a gift brought by someone else.

**6/26 “Acceptance and Grace”**

**Sarah Cook**

We'll reflect on the meaning of grace in our lives, and how it relates to accepting and feeling accepted.

**Check-in question:** What physical, emotional, spiritual, social, or ecological healing do you long for?



**Minister's Office hours for June**

Wednesdays, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, at JRUUC

Thursdays, 12:30 – 2:30 pm, at Café Zoma on Atwood Ave.

Evenings and Saturdays by appointment.

**There will be no office hours starting the week of June 20; office hours will resume the week of August 8.**

**Minister's Summer Schedule**

Rev. Karen will be out of the office from June 20 through August 4. Details on her availability:

**June 20-28:** Rev. Karen will be at Ministry Days and General Assembly. She can be reached by email, phone, or text during this time.

**June 29 – July 14:** Rev. Karen will be out of town for vacation. Please call Marla McFadden or Cindy Rudd for pastoral care emergencies during that time, and they will contact the minister on call.

**July 15 – August 4:** Rev. Karen will be on study leave, or in Chicago for a leadership training. She can be reached by email, phone, or text during this time.

**August 22-28:** Rev. Karen will be in St. Paul for staff leadership training and the Mosaic Makers Conference. She can be reached by email, phone, or text during this time.



**Need Help?**

**Call the JRUUC Caring Tree!**

The Caring Tree is one of the ways we take care of each other. Our pastoral and parish care system is here for all of us, it's made up of all of us, and it's managed by Marla McFadden, Cindy Rudd, and Rev. Karen.

Many Reebers have signed up to provide services you might find yourself needing:

- We make and deliver meals in times of need
- We provide rides when you're stuck
- We run errands when you can't do them yourself
- We send cards to acknowledge times of celebration and condolence
- We visit you at home or in the hospital, and provide respite care
- We provide emergency child care
- We provide mental health support and education

**See here for more details:**

<http://www.jruuc.org/caring-tree>

Please call us when you need help!

Marla: 608-279-0785

Cindy: 608-469-5269

Rev. Karen: 219-221-3371



## President's Column

### Year in Review

Inspiring worship services, meaningful social justice work, lasting connections among friends, nurturance of spirit and soul, the joy of witnessing our children and youth on their journeys, thoughtful planning for the short and long-term health of our congregation....

It's been a good year to be Board President at JRUC, and I have a lot of people to thank for that. First, a shout-out to last year's Board President, **Kim Reain**, who laid the groundwork for the operating budget process that we relied on this year to great success. Next, thanks to **Charlie McNulty**, incoming Board President, for his know-how and sensitivity. All of you are in for a great leader and role model in him. Gratitude to **Rev. Karen** for showing me that there are many ways to learn and grow in a faith community. Finally, endless thanks and love to my family — **Melissa and Ellie** — for supporting me and understanding about all the evening meetings over the past two years of Board work and Search Committee work before that.

I am truly honored to have been a benefactor of your trust and respect during these past few years of leadership and service to our Beloved Community. I look forward to enjoying some downtime this summer, then continuing to be actively involved in the work, mission, and depth of heart of this amazing congregation.

Blessed Be,  
Virginia

Virginia Harrison, Outgoing Board President



## Financial Update

	April	Fiscal year to date
<b>Income</b>	\$14,640	159,355
<b>Expenses</b>	\$12,291	\$134,588

We had a positive cash flow in April, thanks to a successful rummage sale and other fundraising efforts. We still look to be in good shape for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Jeanne Lydon, Treasurer

## Children's Religious Education

Milestones in the RE Program: summer is almost here, and with it a new curriculum for our Religious Education Program. We hope that our children will enjoy what we have planned — a series on science, nature, UU values, and some outdoor time.

“Wonder-full Summer” will run for eleven weeks, starting June 26<sup>th</sup> and ending September 4<sup>th</sup> with a party for new and returning kids to kick off the fall semester.

All the children (except the nursery crowd) will be in one classroom, an arrangement that most kids and adults especially enjoy. Each week we will need a teacher and at least one, preferably two or three, assistants. Anyone can volunteer for one Sunday: you need not be a regular teacher or assistant during the school year. This is a great chance to teach about something you know (or want to learn) and to spend some time with our young people. For more information, ask the RE coordinator before or after Sunday service.

Here is the schedule:

- June 26 You Are Made of Star Stuff!
- July 3 Our Six UU Sources & Mystery and Wonder
- July 10 Celestial Recycling
- July 17 Maria Mitchell – The Wonder of the Heavens
- July 24 Joseph Priestly – The Wonder of Oxygen & Soda Pop
- July 31 You're Saved by Something Green
- Aug. 7 Poop and Pee and Dead Stuff that Roots
- Aug. 14 If There Were No Bugs To Bug You

Aug. 21 Born With a Bang  
Aug. 28 The Ancestor of All Your Ancestors Was Invisible  
Sept. 4 End of Summer Party

**We also have a few openings for the much-coveted role of RE Committee member!** Parents are especially invited, but anyone is eligible. If you are interested in teaching and learning about religious themes, love details, planning, or the big picture, your help is needed. Contact Stephanie Thurow [athenaprintz@gmail.com](mailto:athenaprintz@gmail.com), Mary Anglim [mtanglim@gmail.com](mailto:mtanglim@gmail.com), or Caroline Hardin [carolinedhardin@gmail.com](mailto:carolinedhardin@gmail.com) for more information.

As May ends, we will say good-bye to **Sara Goodman**, who has been our Director of Religious Education (DRE) for almost two years. Sara brought experience, energy, and many ideas, especially in the programs for our youth, building on the work of her predecessor, Caroline Hardin. Sara was recently ordained to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry and will welcome a new baby in early June!

June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will welcome our new DRE **Alice Mandt**. Please extend best wishes to Sara when you see her, and welcome Alice to our beloved community.

Mary Anglim, Religious Education

## **We Have a New DRE!**

The DRE Search Committee invites you to welcome **Alice Mandt to the JRUUC community as our new Director of Religious Education**. A lifelong, Madison UU, she has a “strong grasp of the importance of faith development throughout the stages of early life...” She has extensive experience with the UUA, beginning with youth of color leadership training with DRUUMM (Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries). It was the unanimous decision of the Search Committee that she would be a great asset to our RE program and to JRUUC as a whole. Alice will begin June 1 and will receive short-term assistance from Sara during the transition.

Mary Wagner for the DRE Search Committee:  
Sarah Elmore, Caroline Hardin, Larry Orr and Virginia Harrison



## **Music Matters**



Thank you choir for another great month of special music, bonding and sharing! I appreciate the support you reached out to me with during my mother's hospitalization.

The theme for June is healing, and I would like to acknowledge how healing it has been for me to make music with all of you and sometimes just to listen to your music. I've been healed by observing your sharing and thoughtful ways with each other as you move toward a strong choir covenant. You do not just talk about doing it, you do it!

Sometimes it spreads through the room like a wave. Sometimes it shines out as a form of energy in your faces and voices while you're singing and sometimes it is just quietly and assuredly understood in the room amongst you. Maybe you do not realize you are healing each other and sending healing vibrations out into the congregation.

Looking forward to “What a Wonderful World” and “If I Can Stop One Heart From Breaking” June 5<sup>th</sup>. June will include Flower Communion on the 19<sup>th</sup>. This particular white rose (above) provided me with healing this past month, as does the outburst of nature's beauty and cultivating growth in my garden. It is wonderful to see the healing power of spring, showing up on peoples' faces and in their gait.

Sarah Hallas, Amanda Werhane and Becca Everett are preparing a lovely trio with William Wordsworth's poem “I Wandered Lonely As a

Cloud.” And I want to officially welcome our two new choir members, Craig McComb and Rand Hill. Thank you for joining us!

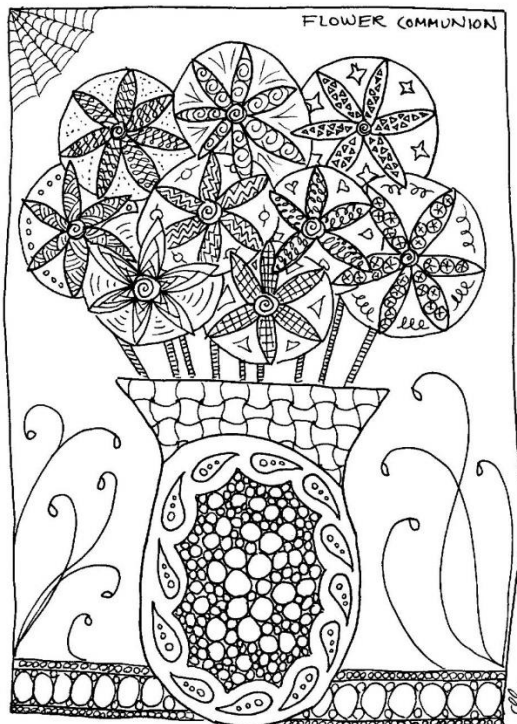
Finally, a piece that I have been wanting to do for a very long time, The Native American Prayer, set to music by Nolan Schmit.

*“Make me always ready . . . with clean hands and straight eyes”*

Heather Yonker, Music Director JRUUC

## **Help the Many Hands Coalition 9 AM - 1 PM Saturday, June 11**

It is time to wax the floor in our Sanctuary! We need people to help move all the chairs, mop the floor, spread the wax, and move the chairs back. Please let Paul Quinlan know if you can come or if you have any questions. 608-469-2164 or paul\_quinlan@att.net



## **Justice at JRUUC**



### **Updates 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 -- and advocate for other change in Wisconsin, too.

**Saturday monthly meetings:** Socializing with coffee and cookies starts at 9:30 am; the meetings usually run 10 am – 12 noon.

**June 4<sup>th</sup>** at First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>** Here at Reeb

### **The Peace, Justice, & Sustainability Group (PJS)**

We meet the second Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be 7 pm June 13<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to participate. Questions? Email Barb at bwhitney@chi-squared.org.

### **Sustainable Saturday Night**

**June 25th is the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

**Potluck at 6pm. Program starts at 7pm.**

**"Responding to Hate with Love and Solidarity"**

Our guest speakers will be Grisel Tapia, Madison organizer for Voces de la Frontera's new Madison chapter; and Armando Ibarra from the Latino Workers Project (LWP) Fact-Finding Delegation. Armando will highlight the most recent report, "Struggling for a Better Life," and present recommendations to stop the abuse and exploitation of Latino workers in Dane County.

Grisel will discuss how the Latino immigrant and refugee communities in Dane County are responding to the new wave of ICE raids and deportations against Central American refugee women and children asylum-seekers in the current era of fear and hate. Join us for this exciting presentation!

## Membership Committee News

Members and friends, plan to join in some FUN events planned by the Membership Committee. Jocie Luglio, newly elected JRUUC Board Member, is leaving as our Committee Chair, but she's left some great traditions for us to carry on. Please **save these dates!**

### **June 21, Tuesday at 5:30 pm**

#### **Summer Solstice Potluck Picnic in the Park**

Join us at Wirth Court Park (aka "Hippo Park") with a dish to share. This park is one of the sites of Make Music Madison  
<http://makemusicmadison.org/>

We plan to have some live music to enjoy as well as each other's company. The park is located behind Goodman Community Center.

**August 10, Wednesday at 7:05 pm:** Our annual "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" event. A group of Mallards tickets will be available for purchase in July. More info to come.

**September 17, Saturday:** Our JRUUC Campout at Lake Farm County Park. If you've never attended before, you're welcome to set up camp in our Group Camp Site or just come for the fun of a hike in the woods or to breathe in some fresh autumn air before enjoying a roaring campfire complete with good food, songs and stories.

#### **Other Membership News:**

- New in 2016: Aurelia and Tim Sanders have signed the book. Welcome to them and daughter Amara!
- In early September, we will host a Greeters Training for Greeters, both old and new. If you've never greeted before, but want to help us to create a friendly Sunday morning experience, please consider joining a once-a-month greeter team.
- Questions about membership, talk to Rev. Karen or new Membership Chair Peggy Haack, [peggyhaack@gmail.com](mailto:peggyhaack@gmail.com) or 244-8428.



## Stewardship Stirrings

**Thank you corner: Religious Education!**  
Every month the Stewardship Team thanks volunteers who help make our various programs run smoothly when they donate their time and talent. For June, we're highlighting our Religious Education (RE) teachers, assistants, committee members, and facilitators.

Many Sundays our children and youth learn and grow together via RE classes. Additionally, a group of youth recently completed the Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality program, and now some of them are engaging in a Coming of Age program. All of this is coordinated by our great RE committee. Huge thanks to the RE Committee Chair, Stephanie Thurow, and our DRE for the last two years, Sara Goodman! (If you want to get involved, email [re@jruuc.org](mailto:re@jruuc.org).)

Folks who have volunteered (some in multiple capacities!) this church year include:

Andy Soth  
Anna Rue  
Aurelia Sanders  
Beth Esser  
Brian McNurlen  
Carin Bringelson  
Caroline Hardin  
Charlie McNulty  
Chris Glad  
Cindy Rudd  
Dan Reain  
Danyelle Okesanjo  
Derek Peterson  
Erik Saynisch  
Grant Dobbe  
Jessica Romick  
Jocie Luglio  
Julia & Mike Cechvala  
Kelly Kearns  
Larry Orr  
Laura Yin  
Marla McFadden

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Megan Barry-Luglio  
Paul Quinlan  
Peggy Hack  
Rene Simon  
Sarah & Steve Elmore  
Shaili Pfeiffer  
Stephanie Thurow



**From the Office**

June means the end of another Reeb year! 2015-16 has been exciting and exhilarating. It started out a little scary as we discovered a budget deficit last July. Many of you generous members and friends made extra pledges to make up the deficit. And here we are going into 2016-17 with a total pledge amount of \$156,256 from 96 Reeb households. Thanks to all for your generosity and commitment!

I also thank Sara Goodman for her service here. I met Sara when she was the 2013-14 ministerial intern at First Unitarian Society (FUS). In that capacity, she worked with all ages and graced us with her many talents for just that one year. It has been a pleasure to work with her again. Sara's April Ordination was quite special, as JRUC merged with FUS -- Reeb members plus Rev. Karen and Heather Yonker were there along with FUS members and UU ministers from our MidAmerica Region.

As many of you know, June 22-26 is General Assembly (GA) in Columbus, Ohio. Seven Reeb members, Rev. Karen, Alice Mandt (our new Director of Religious Education), and I are registered for this fantastic annual meeting, conference, convention, and celebration of Unitarian Universalism. If you cannot attend this year, I invite you to watch the live-streaming of some events and worship services here:

<http://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2016>.

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



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