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Monthly newsletter for members and friends of Heritage Universalist Unitarian Church (HUUC)

June 2025

Celebrate Life, Create Community, Seek Justice

Worship Dates and Information

For worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. (or 10 a.m. during summer months) join us in the sanctuary at 2710 Newtown Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244, or click the Zoom link that appears in the service description at <https://huuc.net/worship-dates-and-information/> or at <https://huuc.net/> for the next upcoming service. The worship service and its attendees may be video recorded and appear later on various media. Recent service videos can be found at <https://huuc.net/worship-videos/> and on <https://YouTube.com>.

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## Congregation "Art Project"



**Sunday, June 1, 2025, 10:30 a.m.**

***The Worship Team leads this service.***

The June 1, 2025 Sunday morning worship service will be a time of affirmation of our strength and gifts as a community. The worship team will lead us in a service that considers our journey and calls us to reflect on the emergent beauty and meaning that we create together as our collective life unfolds.

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Pride and Pentecost - working title



Sunday, June 8, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Laci Lee Adams, DLFD leads this service.

Pentecost is often celebrated as the moment in which the Holy Spirit, the Divine Spark of Justice, fully becomes present in our world! What better way to encounter this Holy Havoc, then our celebrations of Pride, and other playful encounters with our World.

Today's All Ages service will be led by Laci Lee Adams, Director of Lifespan Faith Development. Steph Tacy will be Worship Associate. Music will be provided by Friction Farm.

(Please note the starting time of 10 a.m. not the previously standard time of 10:30 a.m.)

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## The Distance Between July 4 and Juneteenth



**Sunday, June 15, 2025, 10:00 a.m.**

***Rev. Mitra Jafarzadeh and Rabbi Jonathan Cohen lead this service.***

As we expand our compassion towards all of humanity; as we seek understanding and reconciliation with a rough and often brutal history, there are times we find ourselves falling short. We simply do not know what we do not know and we don't even know where to go to learn more, or learn better. Come [this Sunday](#) when Rev. Mitra and Rabbi Jonathan will explore the ways in which deep learning and compassion expand when we are gentle with our past selves and set high expectations for our future selves

Rev. Mitra Jafarzadeh, now retired from the UU ministry, focuses on using her skills in pastoring and coaching to help individuals and groups live with integrity and grace. Her company, Direct Light Consultation, uses individual coaching, group facilitation, and public speaking / teaching

to help people move from good to better.

Jonathan Cohen is an Israeli born scholar and rabbi who served as faculty member, director of an academic center, campus dean, and senior rabbi. Jonathan has been a board member of arts, social service, and denominational as well as interfaith organizations. He brings extensive experience in teaching and

mentoring, coaching, organizational consulting, governance support, fundraising and budgeting, human resources, project management, and community building and organizing.

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General Assembly Live Stream Service



Sunday, June 22, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Live streaming of the GA service in Baltimore, MD.

Following an abbreviated service featuring our HUUC traditions, the service will feature live streaming of the Sunday morning worship service from General Assembly.

The 2025 General Assembly Sunday Morning Worship will be broadcast live from the Baltimore Convention Center on [Sunday, June 22, 2025](#), from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET.

This year's service will be led by Rev. Dr. Nicole C. Kirk, the Rev. Dr. J. Frank, and Alice Schulman Chair of Unitarian Universalist History at Meadville Lombard Theological School. A gifted preacher and teacher, Dr. Kirk brings a deep grounding in UU tradition and a passion for our faith's global connections.

Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt shares her excitement in welcoming Dr. Kirk to the GA pulpit, "Nicole's work weaves together scholarship, storytelling, and a deep love for Unitarian Universalism. Her presence at GA will be both grounding and inspiring."

Image source: <https://www.uua.org/ga/congregations/promotional-resources>

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## Big Ideas Expressed at General Assembly



**Sunday, June 29, 2025, 10:00 a.m.**  
***Rev. Alice Diebel leads this service.***

Big ideas are expressed every year at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly (GA) — this year held in Baltimore, MD, June 18 - 22, 2025. This year's theme is "Meet the Moment," which is a repeat of a theme from a number of years back. What made them return to that phrase? What does GA do to help our faith tradition during these challenging times?

Rev. Dr. Alice Diebel is a community minister affiliated with Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. A community minister focuses on service outside the walls of a congregation. Rev. Diebel is called to serve people affected by the criminal legal

system. She leads Circles of Spirit, a small group ministry for women affected by incarceration. She is also involved in policy reform efforts through the Ohio Organizing Collaborative, and the Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio group.

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The Legacy of Marian A. Spencer



Sunday, July 6, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Dot Christenson leads this service

Marian Spencer, Ohio's most important woman leader of the 20th Century is best known in Cincinnati as the person who led the desegregation of Coney Island Amusement Park in 1952. That was only one of dozens of actions and activities she accomplished over her extraordinary 99 years. Where did this leadership come from? How did she change her high school in Gallipolis, OH, the University of Cincinnati, the City of Cincinnati, the State of Ohio, and introduce a City Ordinance that became state and national law?

Dot Christenson, author of *Keep on Fighting: The Life and Civil Rights Legacy of Marian A. Spencer*, will tell Marian's story and the importance of family to help learn patience, respect, and perseverance to become a good leader, and how and why she came to Cincinnati from tiny Gallipolis, OH, 150 miles up the Ohio River. Dot met Marian in 1970 just after Marian co-founded Housing Opportunities Made Equal. They served together in the League of Women Voters, Woman's City Club, and the Charter Committee. In 2012, over coffee, Marian related

the story of her grandfather who was a slave. This conversation triggered 16 weeks of interviews for Marian's biography published by Ohio University Press.

Dot Christenson has authored several books. She has served as Executive Director of the Better Housing League of Greater Cincinnati, and Director of Development with the Cincinnati Area Senior Services

Image caption: Dot Christenson

Image source: Dot Christenson

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## "Native Spirit"



**Sunday, July, 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m.**

***Mimi Sinclair, Louise Lawarre, and Tracy Jo Small will lead this service***

Today we turn to one of our faith sources, the earth-centered spiritual teachings of Native American peoples which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. AI describes Native American spirituality as not a single, unified religion, but rather a diverse collection of interconnected spiritual practices and beliefs

that vary by tribe and region. Common themes include a deep connection to the natural world, respect for ancestors, and the importance of balance and harmony. Many traditions also incorporate concepts like the Great Spirit, guardian spirits, and the sacred circle.

With stories that illustrate native belief systems, prayers and chants that call out to the sacred in and around all of us, we gather for healing and inspiration in community. Special music will be provided by Julie Lusk on the native flute. All are invited to bring a drum or shaker for accompanying chants.

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## Recent Worship Services

### Missed A Sunday Service?



It is not the same as attending in-person or viewing in real time on Zoom, but portions of most worship services are available for later viewing on the church website - HUUC.net. For personal security reasons, the Candles of Community portion of the service is removed. However, if you can't be physically or virtually there on a Sunday morning, you can still enjoy the music and reflections. A collection of recent Sunday worship service videos is available at <https://huuc.net/worship-videos/>.

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## Columns and Essays

### The President's Corner - June 2025



*(Editor's note: the author requested that the following be published without editor input or adherence to the standards of column/essay length considerations.)*

**by Jaime Castle, HUUC Board President**

Dear HUUC Family, it has been an honor to serve in the capacity of Board President for these last two church years. I pass the torch on to the very capable Susan Conley in July but will be there on the Board to support her next year. To wrap up my series on “Where to find Happiness,” I leave you with this article.

For this month’s article, I want to share the eulogy that I wrote for my sister Debby. She passed from this world on May 11, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. at the Adams County Regional Medical Center’s Hospice Care Unit. She had been battling an aggressive case of MS (multiple sclerosis) and in February was told that she also had ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, sometimes called Lou Gehrig’s disease), and the prognosis of time left was months to a year. The extended family gathered at her house for Easter this year. We thought we’d have more time with her. I share this here because many of you have been following her story through my writing and many of you have been so great in sharing your support and love.

Thank you to the many HUUC folks that came to her services, sent cards, and reached out to me. It does help to carry the pain when others help you to carry the weight of it! I also share this here because as parts one and two you will find touching, part three pertains to you specifically and offers advice regarding how you need to look at life and live life and find happiness!

**Debby’s Eulogy:**

Today I am going to speak to you in three-parts: In Part 1, I will tell you about my sister. In Part 2, I will tell you about the people that loved her the most, and in Part 3, I will share with you some perspective, inspired by Debby’s life, to keep in mind as you live the rest of your lives.

**Part One: My Sister:**

My sister is two and a half years older than I am and spells her name D-e-b-b-y. She used to spell her name D-e-b-b-i-e, but in wanting to be differentiated from the other “Debbies” in her elementary school class who went by the “ie” ending, she changed the spelling of her name henceforth. Everything that she did was always so cool to me and therefore, I also wanted to change the spelling of my name too... My mom said “no!” The thing that I didn’t understand at the time was that my name is not short for anything and therefore I didn’t have a nickname to spell in fun ways. I was, in my own little-kid-with-big-feelings way, devastated. But my sister comforted me by creating for me a long version “pretty” name: Jamisalina! (She still called me that name - shortened to Jamis – throughout our lives together – I saved voicemails with her calling me that!)

To be honest, I feel like our childhood did overlap here and there - with us playing together when I was allowed to tag-along with her and her absolute bestie, Melanie, - we’d go for a trip to explore the Winton Woods creeks, or dress up and dance to vinyl records, - but mostly I feel like I was watching her from a near distance in awe and in adoration. My sister with the most gorgeous red hair and the brightest of blue eyes - stood out along with her bright smile. I never remember being jealous of her though, only proud that she was my sister.

Debby had a solid group of friends that she kept in touch with throughout her life (some are here today). I remember their childhood sleepovers and giggles as I lingered on the fringes of their spaces. She was kind to everyone and when we went to Roger Bacon (our high school years overlapping) she was never one to demand or want to steal the spotlight, although it would often find her. She was a captain of the cheerleading team and was frequently elected by her peers as a homecoming and/or prom attendant.

Debby excelled at art - being identified as gifted in the second grade and placed in the gifted and talented art program, later earning an art scholarship to Roger Bacon High School and then, she earned a degree in graphic design from the University of Cincinnati's DAAP program. She got to travel for her internships and then returned home working in graphic design.

A fun fact about Debby is that she earned a recreational pilot's license, just for fun, during this time. She loved adventure!

I want to fast-forward here a bit and focus on the time in her life when she shined the brightest - motherhood.

When Baby TJ was born, a part of her was born - the part where she could completely focus her love. She confided in me, maybe a year ago, when MS had already beaten her down so heavily, that she feared that her children would only remember these hard times - seeing her helpless and needing so much care. She had been that mom that doted on her children - with baked goods, homemade costumes, and hand-painted murals on their walls. She'd taken up photography and lovingly documented their lives - dance recitals, baseball games, soccer portraits - she documented them until she couldn't.

She was a stay-at-home mom up until they were of school age and then took up substitute teaching. She loved that and would share stories with me as I'd been the one to go into teaching. She had been wanting to get her teaching license and teach art full time. But then she found herself too sick and one day subbing she had to bring along her walker. Then one day not too much later, the walker wasn't cutting it, and she had to stop working.

Debby held out for hope - she always was thinking about when science would catch up and she would regain her strength. The truth is, Debby was not a naturally brave and strong person. She was loving, and creative, and hopeful, but she got dealt the bad hand, the short straw and it is OK that she was angry and scared and so very sad. How can one be onslaught so fiercely and handle it with grace? She was so very real and very human. I will not romanticize or tell a story of resilience. Hers is a sad tale, and she was robbed of living her life to the fullest. She had dreams, plans, and people that she loved that she wanted to share her future with. In her sickness, she could physically feel everything - but had no control or agency over herself.

To watch yourself lose the ability to do, literally, everything is not something that is done with grace. She suffered, often asking loved ones and caregivers to help her to find comfort, to help "fix her body." She did not want to die, and she told us so. We couldn't fix her.

## **Part Two:**

What is the worst time in a person's life to lose a parent? What is the worst time in a person's life to lose their child? These are questions that provoke a lot of thought and feelings.

I want to hold up my parents at this time and point out that they lived literally a hop, skip, and a jump away from Debby's house. Upon retirement, my parents "bought the farm" - well, they bought *a* farm - *a* farmhouse in proximity to my sister's house which allowed for them to be there and be active as her kids grew up. This also meant that they had a front row seat to watch her physically decline.

My father became the bedrock of these times, managing her care and doing the grunt work of caring for her - from making her breakfast to lifting her when she could still be moved from bed to chair easier, to

being the one to be in charge of each next phase – lining up 24/7 caregivers – figuring out how do we care for her at each phase. My dad is a brave and strong person. I am positive that he does not wish to have had to be brave and strong, however. Happiness is when you never have to be strong - to have your strength tested - to plan a funeral for your child.

TJ, Daisy, and Emmy are going to feel this loss the hardest out of all of us. I think that at the ages that they are at, the loss of a parent stings the most severe. They are old enough to remember her love and old enough to know her as a person and have a bond, and they are young enough that they will miss out on key moments in their lives to come. Debby would want more than anything to be here for them, to celebrate them, and to cheerlead for them.

They are her ultimate love - what she loved most. They are - let's be real - such really, really good kids! They are such good people - they are Debby's legacy! I want them to know that they have all of us - we will follow them throughout their lives and be there for them and cheerlead them on. This is a big call to action for all of us!

### **Part Three:**

Continuing with calls to action, I find myself having an acute sense of gratitude as I measure everything that I navigate with a hyper-focused sense of relativity. Simply put, I cannot be mad or sad about *anything* in my life anymore because I realize how *very* lucky that I am! I do not use the word “blessed” because that would mean that my sister, or others with extremely hard lives, are “unblessed” and I do not believe in that kind of unjust thing. Sometimes bad things happen to good people for no reason at all. But here it is, I charge *each* and *every* one of us to live *every* day that we have left with a sense of wonder and appreciation for even the very littlest of things.

I wonder if Debby had one day to spend - without disease - how would she live that day? I imagine that she would rejoice in cooking, cooking anything and everything and she would give thanks that she could do the dishes afterwards - and she would do the laundry and sort the socks and push the vacuum with a happy pep in her step - she would delight in taking a shower and delicately drying off her own body. She would love to drive around doing errands. She would love to be able to just get up and go anywhere! She would go out to eat and enjoy it so much and smile at people she did not know! She would dance at any chance, she would get lost in herself, explore a hobby and relish in the act of creating something. She would hug the people that she loves - she would hug them with all of her physical might. She absolutely *loved* life and didn't want to let it go - she wanted so badly to live her life fully.

Please - honor my sister by taking *every* chance that you can to live fully, from appreciating the smallest, most mundane chores of life to actively going on the grandest adventures. Debby loved fully - I charge you to love fiercely every day and remember her in her best times - remember and appreciate that life is...precious! We are the lucky ones - we have life to live!

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I Wonder . . .



Where are You Finding Wonder and Connection This Summer?

by Laci Lee Adams, HUUC Director of Lifespan Faith Development

I have been so excited to hear from folks about their exciting summer plans - trips to new places, deepening enjoyment of places that have already sustained you, new camp experiences, taking up hobbies or books, reconnecting with family and so much more!

Summer is the perfect time to both cultivate new connections to each other and to our sense of wonder.

We are calling this our "Summer of Wonder" in children's religious education (RE)! A time for seeing (nature), thinking (together) and wondering (more deeply). Our RE teams is very aware that families are especially on the hunt for communities like ours, so we are dedicating ourselves to offering more kids' RE programming than we usually do over the summer. We would be so grateful for help with that, so please consider taking on the new experience of leading or supporting our RE program during our Summer of Wonder!

If you are up to the challenge, please email me so I can connect you with a time and lesson that resonates with your passions at

dlfdhuuc@gmail.com

Best,
Laci

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## Summer Hours Are Coming to HUUC!



**Starting Sunday, June 8, 2025, worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. instead of 10:30 a.m.**

We'll follow this new "Summer Hours" schedule through August 31. Summer is the perfect time to explore new possibilities, including how worship fits into the flow of our Sundays.

Some in our community have shared that an earlier start helps them stay connected to worship while still making it to other [Sunday](#) plans. Others simply enjoy having a bit more space

in the day once church ends.

Of course, not everyone will love the change—and that's okay! This is an experiment, and your feedback will help shape what comes next.

The Board of Directors approved this change as a limited summer trial, with the intent to revisit it thoughtfully in the fall.

We'll be asking for your input in August as we reflect on how "Summer Hours" worked and what we might carry forward.

Questions or thoughts in the meantime? Reach out to Bethany Rogers at:

[bbljrogers@yahoo.com](mailto:bbljrogers@yahoo.com)

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A Qualified Charitable Distribution Helps both Retirees and HUUC



by HUUC Treasurer Rebecca Pace, CPA

We all work together to be sure Heritage Universalist Unitarian Church has the money it needs to keep our community strong.

While it's personally gratifying to know we all have a part in making our church a warm and welcoming place, it's disappointing that many of us no longer get a tax benefit for our contributions.

Under current tax law most retirees must start Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from their retirement accounts at age 73. These distributions are usually 100% taxable. They increase the tax burden on your federal and state returns and may even cause your Medicare premiums to increase, under the Income-Related

Monthly Adjustment Amount rules.

If you are subject to RMDs you can reduce the tax burden with a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). You don't need to wait until you are 73. Anyone over 70 ½ can use this strategy that will pay off on their tax return as they are helping the church.

The QCD can be more or less than the RMD. You can make more than one QCD if you want to benefit more than one organization. Some people even set up special IRA checking accounts to make their donations personally. Remember the QCD must go directly from the IRA to the charity, without passing through your personal account.

Qualified Charitable Distributions allow anyone over 70 ½ to make a tax-free contribution directly to the church, or other charity, from their Individual Retirement Account (IRA). An individual can contribute as much as \$108,000, in 2025. If they are still adding to the IRA, the limit may be reduced.

There are a few things you have to watch for.

1. The check from the IRA must be made payable to the church. Ask your financial advisor to set it up for you or go on line and follow the steps carefully. In most cases the paperwork is minimal.
2. You will get a 1099-R for the amount of this distribution. You need to report the full distribution as income on your return, and enter the QCD as an offsetting amount. Don't let anyone tell you to simply show it as an itemized deduction.
3. You still need a written acknowledgement from the church reporting the contribution date, amount, and confirmation that no goods or services were received.

Even a small QCD can make a significant difference in your tax bill. If you think you want to itemize deductions, reconsider. A QCD reduces your state income taxes, too. An itemized deduction will not do that.

This year, the QCD strategy may be more important than ever for anyone who is getting back payments from Social Security due to the Fairness Act. Retired public sector workers may see a boost in taxable income from the lump-sum Social Security payment.

Ask your financial or tax advisor about what a QCD can mean for you.

For more information on QCDs access the following articles:

<https://www.schwab.com/learn/story/reducing-rmds-with-qcds> and <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/give-more-tax-free-eligible-ira-owners-can-donate-up-to-105000-to-charity-in-2024>

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## A Call to Leadership



*by Barbara Lyghtel Rohrer*

Decades ago, the general manager of a Walgreens called a friend, a stay-at-home mom, who had worked in the store's cosmetics department while she was in school. He asked her to come back and manage the department. Her first inclination was to say, oh no, I can help, but I don't want to be in charge.

"I don't need help," the manager said. "I need someone to take over."

I think of her as I write these words. I spoke similar thoughts at our town hall meeting on May 4, 2025. I reiterate them here because I am better at writing than speaking.

We are blessed in our church community with many willing, helping hands. I hope that never goes away, as this is the life blood of a successful community. And as I look about the work that is needed in this church, I see individuals stepping forward to take on leadership roles. But I also see areas where additional leadership is needed.

So I write to ask each of you to consider: where there is a lack of leadership and is that a role you can fill? To take responsibility, stay on top of, recruit help, secure resources, do whatever is necessary to make that one piece of work *your chosen work* and make it successful. For example, a number of years ago, I ran a couple of rummage sales and then hung up my apron. There were a few years when others stepped forward to do the same, but there was no consistency to build upon year after year. There were even years where there were no rummage sales.

I knew a rummage sale could be a significant part of our fundraising efforts, but who was going to do it? I saw lots of helping hands, but no one was stepping forward and saying I will own this piece. That's when I realized that, *oh, I am to be that person*. For whatever reason, I have a knack for running such sales. Not to use that gift for my beloved community would not be right. So I have made the rummage sale my own. It is my ministry to our church.

Now, I know some of you may not appreciate my use of the word ministry, and that is fine. My words do not have to be your words. What is more important is that I have found, with each passing year of running our rummage sale, I get better and better at it to point where it has, basically, become turnkey for me. I even find that my frustration over some wrinkle that inevitably pop up every year now rolls easily off my back. Now my proclamation to never run a rummage sale again lasts only five minutes instead of 24 hours.

I know I am not the only one who has stepped forward to make a particular volunteer responsibility their own. I salute them, as I ask you: what can you make your own? Is there a volunteer function which you are willing and able to take charge up and run with. Not just help, but take responsibility for its management. Be a leader.

None of us have to do everything. And I know that many of you already have assumed leadership roles or have other obligations that prevent you from doing more than helping. Only you can answer that question as to what you give at this time. But please do not ignore the question.

As for my friend, she did take on the management of the cosmetic department as her old boss asked and wound building a successful career at Walgreens.

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## Announcements

### Rev. Bill Lyon Contracted as New HUUC Minister



The Heritage Universalist Unitarian Church's Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that it has signed a two-year contract with Rev. Bill Lyon to serve as its full-time minister starting September 1, 2025. After one year, the Board may pursue an extension of the contract or recommend that the congregation call him to settled ministry.

Rev. Bill was recently ordained by Heritage along with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington. Bill served that

congregation for two years as its ministerial intern under the supervision of Rev. Dr. Brian Chenowith.

In January of this year, the Ministerial Fellowship Committee of the UUA granted Bill “Preliminary Fellowship.” He received his Master of Divinity degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School in May 2024. Bill also holds a Master of Science in Financial Services degree from The American College and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from The Ohio State University.

Before shifting his career toward religious leadership, Bill led The Lyon Group – a holistic financial advisory practice – for nearly four decades. He lives in Anderson Township with his wife Barb Lyon where they and their adult children (Frank and Grant) have been active members of the Heritage community.

The HUUC Board of Trustees and the Ministerial Transition Team congratulate Rev. Bill Lyon on his appointment to his new position within our community and we look forward to our future together.

**HUUC Board of Trustees:** Jaime Castle - President, Susan Conley - Vice President, Rebecca Pace - Treasurer, Luke Walczewski - Secretary, Antonio Ciolino, Garry Wilson, and Roger Miller

**Ministerial Transition Team:** Garry Wilson, Jaime Castle, Bob Lamb, Louise Lawarre, Les Tacy, Mimi Sinclair, and Katie Kpaeyeh.

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Annual Meeting June 1, 2025, 8:30 a.m.



Heritage Church members are encouraged to attend and participate in our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, June 1, 2025 starting at 8:30 a.m. We will provide the option for participation either in-person within the sanctuary or via a Zoom link distributed close to the meeting date. We will vote on representatives to our Board of Trustees, the Cincinnati UU Council, and other leadership teams and groups. We will also adopt our operating budget for 2025-26. The highlight will be honoring those who have given outstanding service to our community.

In accordance with our constitution, a quorum is required to conduct our annual meeting. Members, we need you! Please plan to attend this meeting June 1, 2025, from 8:30 a.m., at Heritage UU Church or via Zoom.

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## HUUC Staff June 2025 Schedule Changes



With the coming of June arrives the time for special events and vacations for us all, including the HUUC staff.

Our Church Administrator, Martha Viehmann, will be on vacation from June 1 through June 15, 2025 and the church office is closed. Martha will return to her standard office schedule of Monday and Wednesday - Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on June 16.

Our Director of Lifespan Faith Development, Laci Lee Adams, will be engaging in professional development and General Assembly from June 16 - 22, and on vacation for the rest of the month following those dates.

### June 2025 HUUC Staff Schedule Changes

| Sun.                               | Mon.                                 | Tues. | Wednes. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|--------|------|------|
| 1                                  | 2                                    | 3     | 4       | 5      | 6    | 7    |
| Martha on Vacation - Office Closed |                                      |       |         |        |      |      |
| 8                                  | 9                                    | 10    | 11      | 12     | 13   | 14   |
| Martha on Vacation - Office Closed |                                      |       |         |        |      |      |
| 15                                 | 16                                   | 17    | 18      | 19     | 20   | 21   |
| Office Closed                      | Laci professional development and GA |       |         |        |      |      |
| 22                                 | 23                                   | 24    | 25      | 26     | 27   | 28   |
| Laci PD & GA                       | Laci on Vacation                     |       |         |        |      |      |
| 29                                 | 30                                   |       |         |        |      |      |
| Laci on Vacation                   |                                      |       |         |        |      |      |

#### Legend:

Martha on vacation in green

Laci at professional development and GA in yellow

Laci on vacation in blue

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Rev. Mitra Holds Office Hours



Rev. Mitra Office Hours June 5 - July 10, 2025

Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rev. Mitra will be at HUUC to conduct interviews of the congregation, visit, chat, or hear what is on your heart or mind. The interviews will use Appreciative Inquiry methods to help us discover the deep strengths of the congregation as you move into a new era of ministry. She is also available for pastoral care.

Please email to schedule an hour-long interview either in person or virtually during office hours at mitra@courageandcovenant.org

If those hours do not work for you, email Rev. Mitra to look at other options.

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## Summer Service Start Time Change



We're trying a new Sunday rhythm this summer starting June 8, 2025. Sunday morning worship services will begin at 10:00 a.m. instead of 10:30. This small shift runs through August 31. We'll ask for your feedback as we head into fall.

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Shiny Red Tractor? Ride It to Help!



Help mow our lawn, and you can ride a shiny red tractor! If you are interested in operating a riding mower and helping our church, please contact Rebecca Pace at

rebpace@gmail.com

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## Watercolor Drop-in Sessions Thursday Afternoons



Learn basic watercolor techniques in drop-in sessions at Heritage taught by Bill Webster on Thursday afternoons. Bill will provide all materials; donations will go to the church. If you are interested, give your name and contact information to Martha in the church office at 513-231-8634, leave a note or email to

HUUCoffice@yahoo.com

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HUUC's 2025 GA Delegates & the Decisions



Every UU member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) is encouraged to send delegates to the annual General Assembly (GA) each year, either physically or virtually. The 2025 GA runs from June 18 - 22. Delegates will vote on various proposals presented during the several days of business meetings.

Each certified congregation is allowed a member delegate for every 50 members. HUUC is allowed four member delegates. We will also have a religious professional delegate in Laci Adams as our DLFD.

In our congregation, the board selects the member delegates from volunteers. This year the delegates will be:

- Rebecca Pace - online
- Bill Lyon - in person
- Barbara Barnes - online
- Open.

If you would like to volunteer for the open slot, contact a HUUC Board Member by June 8, 2025.

Our congregation's practice is to allow these delegates to vote their mind and conscious. However, most delegates would like to hear what the congregation feels about the issues they will be voting on as our delegates. Items requiring votes are potential business resolutions, AIWs (Acts for Immediate Witness), CSAIs (Congregational Study Action Issues), and potential bylaws amendments.

At the time of this publication, there is no information on a potential business resolution although time is dedicated to its discussion on the current draft of the GA 2025 business agenda.

According to UUA.org, an AIW is a statement about a significant action, event, or development in the world that necessitates immediate engagement and action among UU member congregations and groups. Unlike a Statement of Conscience, an AIW does not carry the full authority of the UUA; rather, it expresses the

conscience and carries the authority of the delegates at the GA at which it is passed. The Final AIWs will be determined June 6.

Currently, five AIWs are proposed for GA. Delegates will discuss and vote on the five proposals listed below and three will advance to the General Sessions for voting at GA. Click on the links below for more information on each proposed AIW.

[Bringing a Feminist and Womanist Lens to Resistance and Activism](https://tinyurl.com/dbmuez7z) - (<https://tinyurl.com/dbmuez7z>)

[Faithful Defiance of Authoritarianism: Reaffirming Our Covenants for Democracy and Freedom](https://tinyurl.com/yyichnjr) - (<https://tinyurl.com/yyichnjr>)

[Funding Global LGBTIQ Freedom Amid Crisis: A Call for Immediate Action and Solidarity](https://tinyurl.com/yb4bje7e) - (<https://tinyurl.com/yb4bje7e>)

[Voter Justice and Racial Equity for the Citizens of the Nation's Capital](https://tinyurl.com/y58pujdf) - (<https://tinyurl.com/y58pujdf>)

[We Declare and Reaffirm: All People Have Inherent Worth and Inalienable Rights](https://tinyurl.com/39jwyf87) - (<https://tinyurl.com/39jwyf87>)

According to UUA.org, CSAIs "are issues selected by Unitarian Universalist member congregations for three years of study, reflection and action. The purpose is to provide member congregations of the Association with an opportunity to mobilize energy, ideas and resources around a common issue. The end result will be a deeper understanding of our religious position on the issue, a clear statement of Association policy as expressed in a Statement of Conscience, and a greater capacity for congregations to take effective action."

The proposed CSAIs for 2025 and their associated website links are as follows:

1. Abolition is Faith Formation - <https://www.uua.org/action/process/abolition-faith-formation-2025-csai>
2. Fat Liberation: Building Justice and Inclusion for Larger Bodies - <https://www.uua.org/action/process/fat-liberation-building-justice-and-inclusion-larger-bodies>
3. Housing: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - <https://www.uua.org/action/process/housing-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-2025-csai>

At the time of this publication, there is little information about proposed bylaw amendments. The current information from the Bylaws Renewal Team 2024-2026 Work Plan suggests pre-GA info sessions; however, the current draft of the GA business agenda dedicates time to potential bylaws amendments discussion.

Check <https://UUA.org/> for the most current information on both AIWs and proposed bylaws amendments as time approaches the 2025 GA. If you have specific opinions about what is up for a vote on at GA, please your feelings with our HUUC 2025 GA delegates.

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## Don't Miss the Next *Heirloom's* Submissions Deadline - June 24, 2025



Be involved with HUUC and share information about your activities and events by submitting an article or information about your involvements to the *Heirloom*. The precise submission date will vary every month for a variety of reasons but will typically fall on the last Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m.

For the next edition, that deadline occurs on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 5 p.m. Please sent your submissions to Barb Barnes at

[scubagoddess@fuse.net](mailto:scubagoddess@fuse.net)

If you have any questions about submitting an article, you can contact her at the address above. Basic questions about writing an article, please consult the Website and Newsletter Submitter's Guide that outlines the content policy, rules for pictures, timing, and submittal methods. This guide can be found at <https://huuc.net/website-and-heirloom-newsletter-submitters-guide/>

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Add Your Wisdom to our OWL Parliament!



OWL (Our Whole Lives) is a value and ethics based sexuality education program available for all ages (Kindergarten to Older Adults).

City-wide OWL is planning to offer both Jr. High (7th to 9th graders) and Sr. High (9th to 12th graders) OWL this coming fall. We are seeking new teachers/facilitators to make that happen!

We are so excited to offer facilitator training for teachers of both age groups the weekend of **June 6-8th**. If you are interested in helping lead OWL in the fall and want to find out more

information about what is involved, please email Laci Adams at

dlfdhuuc@gmail.com

Not able to join the team yourself, but have a suggestion? Please feel free to share your thoughts and suggestions with Laci, as well. We appreciate your support!

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## Caring for Our Space Sets the Tone



How we care for our building — especially our kitchen — sets the tone in terms of how we care for each other and for our guests.

A clean, efficient, and welcoming kitchen can encourage harmony between congregants and guests. A clean kitchen can boost morale and certainly hygiene.

Remember there are no magical beings that come in and clean the kitchen. Spills in the refrigerator create unhealthy and unsightly mold! Please take pride in our building and leave it cleaner than you found it!



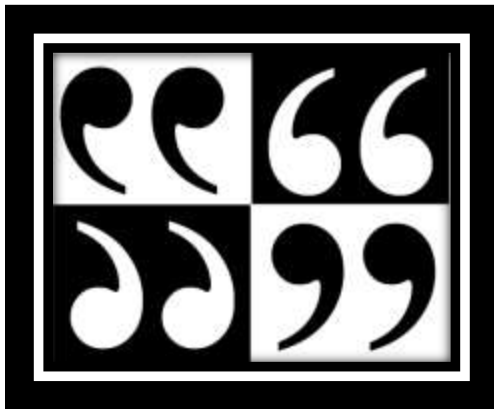
If you notice someone struggling with cleanliness or order, instead of criticizing or reprimanding them, offer guidance and support. Encourage them and acknowledge their efforts. Leading with kindness and understanding can make a significant impact. Laughter is the best detergent; try sprinkling some humor to encourage cleanliness.

Please also consider ways to be as "green" as possible with your food offerings in accordance with our UUA Green Sanctuary status. Please do not bring single-use water bottles, plastics, or Styrofoam cups into HUUC. Remember the mantra "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" has "recycle" as the final step.

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## Ministries

### Social Justice Collaborative Meeting in August



**Sunday, August 3, 2025,  
Starting 10 minutes after the morning worship  
service.**

We opened our latest meeting with these three readings:

**"First They Came," by Martin Niemöller (1892–1984)**

*"First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—  
because I was not a socialist.*

*Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—*

*because I was not a trade unionist.*

*Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew.*

*Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me."*

#### **Inauguration Speech (excerpt) – 1994, Nelson Mandela**

*"The time for the healing of the wounds has come.*

*The moment to bridge the chasms that divide us has come.*

*The time to build is upon us.*

*We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation. We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people  
from the continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination."*

#### **Heritage UU Church Land Acknowledgement**

*"Today we stand on the ancestral lands of the Hopewell, Adena, Kaskaskia, Osage, Wyandotte,  
Shawnee, and Myaamia Nations and others whose names are not known to us. We honor those  
peoples who stewarded this land for countless generations.*

*Many nations were removed unjustly by the U.S. government. We continue to be the beneficiaries of  
that removal through the ongoing legacies of settler colonialism. Today's indigenous peoples are  
actively striving to maintain and revitalize their traditional ways and language.*

*We affirm that Heritage Universalist Unitarian Church, as part of the Unitarian Universalist Association, has joined the growing list of faith communities who wholly reject the premise of the Doctrine of Discovery, which, from the 15th century to the present, provided a legal and religious framework for sanctioning the brutal conquest and colonization of indigenous lands and people.*

*We are committed to taking a deep look at the ways our society has justified colonialism, domination, slavery, and the genocide of indigenous people."*

If you find the call of these readings meaningful, or if you are just curious, please join us at the next Social Justice Collaborative meeting. It will be Sunday, August 3, in the Heritage Room, starting about ten minutes after the worship service. All Heritage members and friends are welcome.

For questions or suggestions, please contact Louise Lawarre or Mimi Sinclair.

Louise Lawarre – August meeting leader:

[LouiseLawarre@yahoo.com](mailto:LouiseLawarre@yahoo.com)

Mimi Sinclair – August agenda and communications:

[mimisinclair@me.com](mailto:mimisinclair@me.com)

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## Community Events

### Kids' RE for June 2025



We start our summer of wonder with two All Ages services (June 1 and June 8, 2025). Then we will be seeing-thinking-wondering together on June 15 and June 29, 2025. There will be no Religious Education (RE) on June 22, 2025.

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Heritage Fundraiser Concert June 7, 2025



**7:00 - ~ 8:45 p.m. June 7, 2025
in the Heritage Sanctuary
Admission - \$20**

Friction Farm, a husband/wife musical duo, will headline this fundraising concert for HUUC. Friction Farm combines storytelling, social commentary, and humor to create songs of everyday life, local heroes, and quirky observations.

According to the group's website, "Friction Farm's lyrically rich, harmony-driven songs have earned them spots as Kerrville New Folk Finalists and Falcon Ridge Emerging Artists. They are winners of the South Florida folk Festival songwriter

competition, have performed as official showcase artists at Regional Folk Alliance Conferences. Friction Farm feels at home on the road and on stage. Audiences lean into their stories, laugh at their humor, are inspired to do a little good in the world, and sing along once in a while."

Since Friction Farm likes to read a lot, they released a CD of songs inspired by books. To promote literacy among children under age ten, Friction Farm has also written and recorded a collection of songs inspired by children's books.

Enjoy a taste of their very relevant songs for our times by accessing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2N3JeoXFses>
Their CDs are available on their website, cited below.

Tickets for this performance can be obtained at the door or ahead of the date at:
<https://huuc.breezechms.com/form/5cf7ea>

Save the date for what promises to be a wonderful evening.

For more information, check out the duo's website at <https://frictionfarm.com/> or contact Valerie DuBay at:

valdubay@gmail.com

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## June 2025 Second Sunday Potluck Lunch



**Following the Morning Worship Service,  
In the Great Hall,  
June 8, 2025  
(#4 in the Potluck Puns Series)**

Our monthly potluck lunch held Sunday, June 8, 2025, in the Great Hall immediately after the worship service is a perfect time to share your thoughts with other HUUC members and friends. Share one of your culinary creations, bring something you've bought, or just bring yourself. All offerings are gratefully received.

Ending joke: What do you call a fake noodle? An impasta.

OK, one more: What do they say about Superman? He's pasta than a speeding bullet.

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Eastside Pride Picnic



**Sunday, June 8, 2025, 1 -5 p.m.,
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
8101 Beechmont Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45255**

This year's Eastside Pride Picnic will take place on Sunday, June 8, 2025, 1 -5 p.m., at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church on Beechmont Ave. in Anderson Township. For more information on the event see: <https://eastsideinformer.com/2025/05/02/pride2025/>

For more information, contact Rebecca Pace at

rebpace@gmail.com

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## Unleash Your True Colors: A Pride Camp for LGBTQ+ Youth



**June 9 - 13, 2025**

Discover a vibrant summer at our inclusive Pride Camp! This unique experience offers a safe and supportive space for LGBTQ+ youth aged 13-18 to explore their identities and be in community. Engage in daily yoga and mindfulness practices, immerse yourself in nature, express yourself artistically and foster a deep connection and a sense of belonging within your local LGBTQ+ community.

**Key elements:**

- **Safe & Inclusive:** A supportive environment free from judgment and discrimination

- **Meditation & Yoga:** Mindfulness practices, stress and anxiety reduction
- **Social Justice:** Learn about LGBTQ+ history and rights & Take action together
- **Nature:** Outdoor activities, nature walks

This camp provides a transformative experience where young people can celebrate their authentic selves and build lasting connections with others.

To register access the link below:

<https://huuc.breezechms.com/form/369319513981>

For more information contact Laci Lee Adams at:

dlfdhuuc@gmail.com

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Gods and Dollars - Exploring Attitudes about Money and Church



Sunday, June 15, 2025

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm

In the Sanctuary

Join Rabbi Jonathan Cohen and Rev. Mitra Jafarzadeh for a deeper look at our attitudes about money and church. Is money the root of all evil? Should the plate be passed? Were you taught to tithe? From sacred texts to our own mothers and fathers, we receive lots of messages about how money and church go together—or not. Looking toward the future of HUUC, we will explore these ideas to understand better how we as a community navigate finances in the congregation.

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## New Postcarding Opportunity



**June 17, 2025 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Wandering Monster's Brewery**

**8251 Beechmont Ave.**

**Cincinnati, OH 45255**

Anderson Churches for Racial Unity (ACRU) and Greater Anderson Promotes Peace (GAPP),

<https://www.facebook.com/andersonchurches4ru/> and

<https://www.gappeace.org/>, are sponsoring a new postcarding opportunity on June 17, 2025, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Wandering Monsters Brewery on Beechmont in Cherry Hill. In this event,



people write postcards to their elected officials. The past event was a huge success.

Join in writing postcards to protect the right to vote from unnecessary, harmful legislation. The League of Women Voters (LWV) and other Ohio and national organizations agree that the SAVE Acts in the US (S. 128) and Ohio (SB153) senates requiring proof of citizenship to vote are wholly unnecessary and threaten thousands of citizens' access to vote. LWV materials show that "The *SAVE Act* would create one more barrier to the voting process, as many eligible voters do not have easy access to the necessary documents." Women, military, students, senior citizens, and people of color stand to be the most affected.

For more information, contact: <https://www.lwvohio.org/>

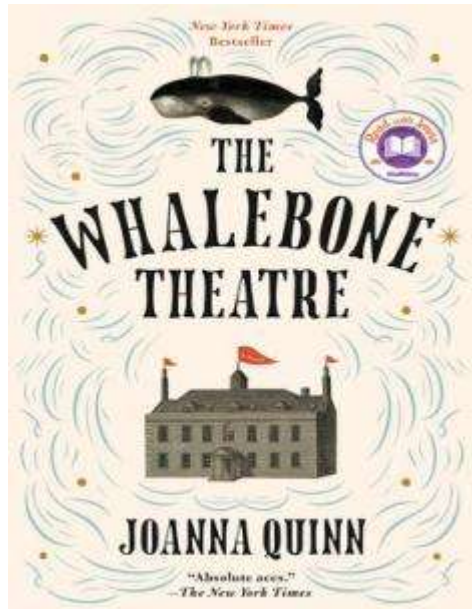
This casual event provides an opportunity to exercise the right to contact our senators, and connects folks in a relaxed setting. Stay awhile and chat. Wandering Monsters serves great food! Registration is not needed but helps us have enough supplies.



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BWB Returns to the World War II Era



June 18, 2025, 7 - 9 p.m. in the Heritage Room

Amazon.com describes this NY Times best seller and Read with Jenna/Today Show book club pick selected for the Babes with Books June meeting as "A transporting, irresistible debut novel that takes its heroine, Cristabel Seagrave, from the gargantuan cavity of a beached whale into undercover operations during World War II—a story of love, bravery, lost innocence, and self-transformation." The Babes with Books (BWB), Heritage's women's book club, has chosen this novel titled *The Whalebone Theater* by Joanna Quinn for their June 18, 2025 for their meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

The current reading selections for BWB upcoming meetings are as follows:

July 16, 2025 - *Someone Else's Shoes*, by Jojo Moyes & pool party/potluck

August 20, 2025 - *That Summer* by Jennifer Weiner & pool party/potluck

September 17, 2025 - *We All Live Here*, by Jojo Moyes

October 15, 2025 - *Real Americans*, by Rachel Khong

All BWB meetings run from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Heritage Room, unless otherwise announced.

All women (be they members, or friends) are always invited to any BWB meeting - whether they have read the book or not. Unless otherwise announced, the meeting's book selection is available on hold for the Heritage Book Club at the Anderson Township branch of the Hamilton County library approximately a month in advance.

For inclusion in the BWB Google group emails, contact the Heritage office at HUUCoffice@yahoo.com.

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## Cincinnati 2025 Pride Parade and Festival



**Saturday, June 28, 2025, starting 11 a.m.**

**Seventh and Plum Streets, Cincinnati, OH and**

**Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove, 705 East Pete Rose Way, Cincinnati, Ohio, Noon to 9 p.m.**

The Cincinnati Pride Parade and Festival will take place on Saturday, June 28, 2025. The parade will start at approximately 11 a.m., lining up at Seventh and Plum streets starting at 10 a.m. The festival will run from 12 noon to 9 p.m. at Sawyer Point.

In this era when there are sweeping anti-trans bills in state legislatures, and efforts to undermine the rights of all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer persons, we are hoping for a huge showing of UUs! To

participate in the parade, be at Seventh and Plum Streets by 10:00 a.m. to find parking and find the people in the yellow clothes and with the yellow banners in that vicinity. Our float will be a minivan with a huge flaming chalice on top. You can view the parade route at the Cincinnati Pride Parade information page here: <https://www.cincinnatipride.org>.

For more information on UU involvement in the parade, contact MJ Pierson by email at [mjpier0410@aol.com](mailto:mjpier0410@aol.com) or by phone at 513-258-4784.

The Pride Festival takes place at Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove, 705 East Pete Rose Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202. It's once again free for everyone. There's food, drinks, vendors, and entertainment to fill your Saturday afternoon with fun. More information on the festival is on the Cincinnati Pride Festival information page at <https://www.cincinnatipride.org/festival.htm>

You can help people learn about Unitarian Universalism at the UU Booth! It's a lot of fun working a shift at the booth, talking with people, handing out information, and watching the crowd. There have been recent years in which our booth made contact with at least 700 people!

Bob Lamb is in charge of the UU booth this year. A SignUpGenius for booth volunteers can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/CincyPrideUU2025>

For more information access: <https://www.cincinnatipride.org/>

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STEAM Classroom Antics Summer Camp Returns June 30, 2025



From June 30 to July 3, 2025, the annual robotics, video game, coding, and animation Classroom Antics STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) camp returns to Heritage. Classroom Antics offers five-star rated STEAM summer camps for kids ages 7 - 14. The program offers something for everyone, including Minecraft, VEX Robotics, LEGOs, Roblox, and more!

Classroom Antics is offering eight unique in-person enrichment programs for the 2025 summer camp season. Each STEAM program is specifically tailored to kids in varying age groups, at different times during the day.

Classroom Antics advantages include: professional educators, small class sizes, dedicated materials and equipment, close to home, a positive experience, and technology used.

For details and registration, visit <https://www.classroomantics.com/camp-locations/cincinnati-summer-camps/summer-tech-camps-in-anderson-twp-ohio/>.

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## Cultivating Peace through Play: Peace Camp



July 7 - 11, 2025, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Peace Camp is a week-long day camp with fun daily activities that teach empathy, encourage tolerance, and respect diversity for kids ages 5-11. It is an immersive experience where kids can learn about themselves, the world around them and about each other.

### Key elements:

- **Cooking and baking:** Yes! Campers make their own lunches.
- **Nature:** Outdoor activities, games, and nature walks
- **Self-Expression:** Arts, crafts, music and theatre and
- **Meditation & Yoga:** Cultivating peace practices like yoga or meditation.

We offer a low counselor to camper ratio, so campers can learn how to connect with one another, to express their emotions, to build community and to navigate conflict. Our hope is that each camper finishes the week with a greater sense of self, more resilience, and exhausted from all the fun!

### REGISTRATION

Kids 12+ can serve as junior counselors (at no cost, while earning service hours!). Junior Counselors are a vital part of our camp experience and are empowered and supported to lead aspects of camp that connect with their interests.

Kids 5-11 are welcome to attend as campers (cost is \$275 or sliding scale with scholarship available!). There is also a \$50 sibling discount for each subsequent child.

To register access the link below:

<https://huuc.breezechms.com/form/369319513957>

For more information contact Laci Lee Adams at:

[dlfdhuuc@gmail.com](mailto:dlfdhuuc@gmail.com)

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HUUC member Terri Gaitskill's Upcoming Talks



HUUC's Terri Gatskill will be conducting several presentations at local libraries on issues in her soon to be updated book *Getting Older Ain't for Sissies*. Shown below are the dates, times, locations, and subjects for her various presentations.

July 19, 2025, 11:15 a.m. - Batavia Library - Book Overview

July 26, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - Union Township Library Senior Café - Nutrition
August 15, 2025, 2:00 p.m. - Batavia Library - Safety for Seniors

Terri adds "Since I first published *Getting Older Ain't for Sissies*, I have spoken at many locations, each time answering questions. I've researched topics I didn't have yet. I've had fun sharing what I have learned either by getting older myself, my family aging, teaching gerontological nursing to students, and reading what is available regarding aging (thank you AARP.) Now that a few years have passed, I have written four more talks and decided to create a second edition of my book. It will be available on Amazon or from me sometime in June. In the meantime, please try to attend a talk or two. I love seeing friendly faces in the audience."

Image source: courtesy of Terri Gatskill

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## Celebrate the Mystery



**HUUC Annual Women's Retreat**  
**Friday to Sunday, September 26 - 28, 2025**  
**at Hope Springs Institute**  
**4988 Mineral Springs Rd, Peebles, OH 45660**

If you are a woman friend or member of HUUC, you are *in* the sisterhood. This is *your* retreat. What do you desire this year? What can you offer this year?

The HUUC sisterhood has held 15 years of retreats at Hope Springs. We will "Celebrate the Mystery" with crafts, song, dance, yoga, sacred walking, sharing, fireside chats, and *lots* of laughter. We welcome all who identify as women friends and members of HUUC for days of deep diving in sisterly community. You are always at choice in deciding your participation level.

The price is \$320 for all lodging and meals from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon, September 26 - 28, 2025. Scholarships are available. A deposit of \$100 is due June 1, 2025, payable to Julie Kane by check written to HUUC. The full, non-refundable payment is due August 31, 2025. Contact Ellie Lamb, Laura Palmer, April Theriot, or Tracy Jo Small for more details.





## Church Calendar

To view the monthly calendar of HUUC-specific events and meetings, go to <https://huuc.net/calendar-for-huuc/> and select the desired month.

## Support

### Our Giving Supports Our Growing



As with any pledge drive, we have a number of key priorities to fund in our new church fiscal year that will begin on July 1, 2025. But this year is different, and it is special. We have one, overriding priority that will guide our efforts and raise the bar for us as congregation. That priority is our ministerial transition, which we are kicking off just as we kick off the pledge drive itself.

We have sustained and grown this congregation during an era when other UU congregations in the Cincinnati area have struggled. We are now the second largest UU congregation in Cincinnati with if not the largest, then certainly the fastest growing Religious Education program in the city. We are the premiere representative of Universalism in the entire region. We have a lot to be proud of and a lot to be excited about as we seek to bring a new minister into our congregation.

From a financial standpoint, we also have much to celebrate. We have maintained a robust series of fund-raising efforts at the same time that we have successfully competed for grant money to improve our facility. But, there is no doubt that our pledged giving provides the vast majority of the financial support that sustains the daily life of our congregation.

As we initiate the process of recruiting a new minister to lead us in our spiritual journey, we must plan for a number of costs that are not usually in our yearly budget. We are hiring a transition consultant firm to guide us in our efforts, and we must anticipate possible expenses such as moving costs for a new minister joining our congregation from outside of our region. Of course, we would also like to give our existing staff raises to acknowledge their value to us in a time of rising costs. We would like to modestly increase our RE budget, and we would also like to expand our Children's Music Director involvement in the life of our congregation from eight times a year to every month.

All of these elements taken together mean that we have a big ask for all of our pledging members and friends. We are requesting a 15% increase in pledged giving for the 2025-2026 church year. This increase will raise our total pledge income to \$258,000.

If you are new to our congregation, you can learn more about our congregation and our pledging statistics, such as average pledges and Fair Share Giving, by visiting our Stewardship website at <https://huuc.net/stewardship/>. When you are ready to pledge, you will find the pledge form at the bottom

of the Stewardship website or you can go directly to the pledge form via this link:  
<https://huuc.breezechms.com/form/2025-2026-pledge-form>.

Many thanks to those who have already pledged, and thanks to everyone in our congregation for carefully considering your level of pledged giving to support the continued growth and vitality of our congregation.

Yours in faith and service,  
Reid  
Reid Hester, HUUC Stewardship Chair

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Supporting Pride and Peace Camps



As described in the events section of both the Heirloom and HUUC.net website, HUUC is hosting two youth camps this summer, Pride Camp and Peace Camp. Please refer to the respective articles/postings at either of those sources. However, you don't need to be a camper to support these programs.

You can support our camps in the following ways:

- **PROMOTE:** Share this announcement with friends and families that you think might be interested.
- **VOLUNTEER:** If you have an hour or a day or the entire week that you would like to

volunteer or have a related interest or skill to share, please reach out to Laci at:

dlfdhuuc@gmail.com

- **DONATE:** Fees from campers cover most of the costs of our camps, but donations make it possible for us to offer youth leadership opportunities at no cost, a sliding fee scale, and scholarships.

In the case of Pride Camp, donations will make it possible for us to offer additional support and services to an especially vulnerable group of young people. Your donations are generously accepted.

To donate you can access the following:
<https://huuc.breezechms.com/give/online>

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News Articles

Standing Room Only for Rev. Bill's Retirement Open House



The evening of May 18, 2025, Heritage Universalist Unitarian Church (HUUC) celebrated Rev. Bill Gupton's 23 years as their Senior Minister prior to his retirement at the end of the month with fine finger food, drinks, music, gifts, and variety of guests. The Great Hall was filled to standing room only capacity.

Following a time to socialize, HUUC member Ann Roberts served as Master of Ceremonies for various presentations. Speakers, in person and virtual, reminded the assembled of Bill's call to HUUC, working on his staff, and involvement with Heritage Acres. The full HUUC choir sang a version of *American Pie*, reworded for the occasion.

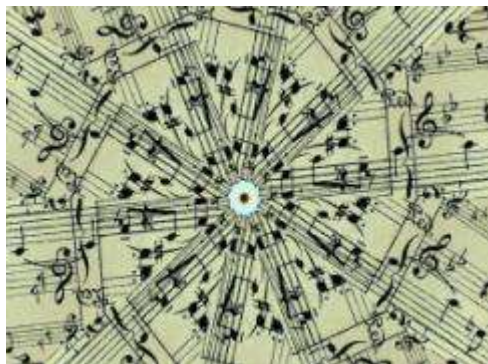
The program ended with three gifts from the congregation to Bill. The first was a t-shirt emblazoned with "Still Imagining," a watercolor of the church building by HUUC congregant Bill Webster, and a book of special wishes from people Bill has touched during his tenure at HUUC.



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### Musical Parody to Rev. Bill



Our Music Director and Accompanist, Sherry McCamley, wrote and lead the HUUC choir in a musical parody to Rev. Bill Gupton at the recent Open House to celebrate his upcoming retirement. Due to many requests for the lyrics, Sherry has supplied them below.

**Bye Bye Rev. Bill**  
**(sung to the tune of American Pie)**  
**By Sherry McCamley**

A long, long time ago, HUUC hired a new minister named Bill  
And he knew if he had his chance, he could help us sing and dance  
And he knew we'd be happy for awhile  
In joy and love, we did shiver with every sermon he'd deliver  
Good news on our doorstep, he helped us take one more step  
Toward social justice for everyone  
And we'd make a difference when day was done  
Bill has touched us, everyone, and now we say goodbye

**Chorus:**

So bye, bye, Reverend Bill's a great guy  
Won't be pastor but he's lasted a long time so don't cry  
He won't be far, a few miles as the crow flies  
Digging holes & planting trees that won't die  
Digging holes & planting trees that won't die

Bill believes in the power of love & he gave us faith in the universe above  
He's led the people with that love  
And he believes in rock 'n' roll, the Beatles are part of his mortal soul  
And we sing "Imagine" real slow  
We pass the plate but we give it away, to some others who really need it [today](#) Our abundance we can share, Bill's made it very fair  
With Candles of Community, our connection's strong as you can see  
Our Bill has left a legacy, so we say thanks and goodbye

**Chorus**

For 23 years through good times and strife  
Thru weddings, births and celebrations of life  
Bill's been there to lend a hand  
He's headed to Heritage Acres now, where he shows folks the best way how  
To preserve and protect our land

So now we honor Bill for real with stories, songs and vegan meals  
No gluten for him please - just rice and frozen peas  
And while he munches on serviceberries in the park  
The choir sings folk songs in the dark  
We sure will miss your intense spark  
As we must say goodbye

So bye, bye, Reverend Bill's a great guy  
Won't be pastor but he's lasted a long time so don't cry  
He won't be far, a few miles as the crow flies  
So we won't be really saying goodbye, we won't be really saying goodbye

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Heritage at the Forest Hills 5K Run/Walk



Over 2,300 folks participated in in this year's Forest Hills 5K Run/Walk and After Party on May 10, 2025 — including about a dozen from Heritage. Some ran, walked, or “strolled.” Laci and a couple of volunteers met with/interacted with families at the Heritage booth promoting summer's Peace and Pride Camps. Parents and teens expressed appreciation for the welcome and encouragement they received and for the ways Heritage has shown up to support our LGBTQ kids and others in the community.



Images source: courtesy of Bill Lyon

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## HUUC Board Briefs for May 2025



The Heritage UU Church Board of Trustees met on May 12, 2025. The following summarizes their activities.

1. The Board discussed the 2025-26 budget at length. We plan to present the budget to the congregation prior to the June 1, 2025 Annual Meeting. The Board is meeting again on May 19, 2025 to continue this discussion.
2. The security grant reimbursement for our cameras came through in the past week! This will help somewhat with our cash flow situation, though the doors still have to be paid for.
3. Turpin High School's Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) has proposed to construct and install a little free library on our property. The Forest Hills School Board will not allow them to put it on school property, so they came to us instead knowing that we are supportive of students through Diversity Day, etc. Turpin GSA will pay for the construction and maintenance of the library, as well as supply the books. The Board approved this proposal, and Laci Adams will be the point person on working out the details with the student representatives from Turpin.



Photo caption:

HUUC Board of Trustee members -

Front row: Jaime Castle, Rebecca Pace

Back row: Luke Walczewski, Antonio Ciolino, Garry Wilson, Susan Conley, Roger Miller

Image source: <https://huuc.net/huuc-board-members/>

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Outdoor Playground Refreshed



On [Sunday, April 27, 2025](#), HUUC families came together for a spirited “[Sunday of Service](#),” transforming our outdoor playground into a sparkling, refreshed space! With energy and smiles, volunteers of all ages rolled up their sleeves to plant flowers, pull weeds, power wash surfaces, rake leaves, clean the sandbox, and scrub the playground equipment. The result — a beautiful, welcoming space for everyone at Heritage to enjoy. Come out and enjoy the gorgeous spring weather!



Images source: Courtesy of Katie Young

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## HUUC Supports UU Our Senators



Rae Jane and Russ Araujo recently invited HUUC members and friends to sign postcards to elected officials. The postcards were pre-printed with a message and the addressees’ names and addresses, and the postage stamps were provided. This pre-printing helped. This effort was done as part of an informal group called “UU Our Senators,” made up of people from Ohio UU churches.

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HUUC Receives Thanks from UUJEC



Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community (UUJEC) showed appreciation to with a hand-written thank you note regarding our recent Sharing Our Abundance donation. The letter read as follows:

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for your recent contribution of \$150 to UUJEC. Your support means a lot to us.

With your help we've been able to continue developing and distributing resources for use in social justice work by UU congregations across the country.

We hope your members will visit our website at [UUJEC.org](https://uujec.org) and review some of our past webinars and book reviews. We also hope you stop by our booth at the Baltimore GA this summer. Our board members would enjoy meeting and speaking with your members about your social justice work.

Keep up the good work

Jane Bannon, Treasurer, UUJEC

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For more information on UUJEC, check out their website at <https://uujec.org/>

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Creativity Corner

The Creativity Corner Calls for "Summer"



As we enter the longer and warmer days of summer, we anticipate the delights of this season. Eagerness for picnics, beach parties, fireworks, and more are on our minds and flow from our proverbial pens in the form of poetry and prose.

Heritage members and friends are invited to submit their original creative writings of one page or less on the theme of "Summer" or "Summer Fun" for publication in the July 2025 *Heirloom* edition. Send these efforts to the *Heirloom* Editor at

scubagoddess@fuse.net

The submissions deadline is June 24, 2025 at 5 p.m. Submissions a week earlier than the deadline are highly recommended so that the author can review any necessary format changes for the publication.

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From the Archives

From the Archives - June 2025



COVID !!!

By Mike Roberts, HUUC Church Historian

No other challenge during Reverend Bill Gupton's tenure as the minister at Heritage UU Church was as daunting as when COVID struck the global community. It disrupted and threatened the lives of the church family and demanded that the church leadership maintain a constant vigilance in light of the dangers but also to maintain the functioning of Heritage as a spiritual base for that family. Bill's response to COVID can be marked by

his monthly messages to the church community through the Heirloom newsletters.

In the March 2020 issue of the Heirloom, there was no mention of an international threat to the safety and well-being of the world community. Bill had just begun a sabbatical and left the church in the capable hands of RE (Religious Education) Director, Reverend Leslie Woodward. In the April 2020 edition of the Heirloom, Reverend Bill painted an entirely different picture of the now ominous future.

We are living in difficult, anxious, unprecedented times. I am certain that each of you has been experiencing a wide range of emotions while, together as a society and as a religious community, we navigate the changes to our lives, our plans, our hopes and dreams, brought about by the Covid 19 pandemic. Since Feb. 1, when I began my sabbatical, I have watched the news with growing concern and compassion, and my heart has ached imagining all that you must have been going through. My prayers for the health and safety of you, and those you love, have been and remain a constant part of my spiritual life.

As the pandemic began to take shape, and to reshape our lives, I opened lines of communication with Rev. Leslie Woodward, and we have been discussing appropriate responses for me, considering that I was on sabbatical. You may recall that part of my sabbatical covenant included procedures that we would initiate in the event of a national crisis or emergency. Certainly, we are in such a situation now. Therefore, I am ending my sabbatical and returning to an active role as your Senior Minister.

Reverend Bill and Leslie Woodward led the spiritual support system but many details related to protecting the congregation had to be addressed by them and the Board of Trustees. Serving on the board at the outset were President Jim Nolan and Vice-President Tamilyn Thompson. Also on the board were Bob Rush, Bob Booth, Mark Buckley, Barb Lyon, and Michael Wilhite. In July, terms ended for Nolan and Booth and they were replaced by Kay Inskeep and John Sandman. Tamilyn assumed the role of new President.

These leaders of Heritage had to deal with a scourge that had already killed 100,000 people by mid-summer. New terminology became a part of the church — Virtual Coffee Hour, Virtual Vespers, Zoom Worship Service, Remote Story Time, Zoom Town Hall Meeting. Reverend Bill summed up our need for safety in the June 2020 Heirloom.

We must take this virus and the dangers that it poses to our health and our lives very, very seriously. Which is why I continue to advocate for an abundance of caution and a level of physical separation that is, admittedly, almost antithetical to the warm, embracing, intimate type of community we have created together at Heritage Church over the generations. It breaks my heart — as I know it does yours — to be unable to gather together in our sanctuary, to be unable to hug one another, to be unable to share tears and smiles in person or to help raise our children in person or to break bread together — in person. Yet, it is precisely because of the Love that is the spirit of this church — precisely because we honor and seek to protect the health and well being of each and every individual (no exceptions) — that we must remain apart. For the foreseeable future. It is the only way for us to be safe.

The church valiantly adjusted to the Covid threat. Old church customs became virtual customs. The Heritage congregation held its return of the water ceremony at the end of the summer by watching the service via Zoom but then conducting a drive through at the church to contribute their water. When it came time to honor those who had passed in the previous year, a Zoom service was followed by a drive through at Heritage Acres. A virtual choir was established. In November, Reverend Bill felt it was time to continue his sabbatical and he left with this message.

On February 1, I began a six-month sabbatical that came to an abrupt end just a few weeks later when it became apparent that Covid 19 was going to alter our shared reality, disrupt our society, and threaten us all. Thankfully, although the pandemic has indeed done all of those things and more, only a very few members of our Heritage family contracted the coronavirus, and we have so far lost no one to this deadly disease. What we have done is rally around one another. We have found ways to continue much of our great programming virtually — including learning how to provide quality Zoom worship services, family chapel opportunities, and Vespers services. We expanded our staff to include a Zoom technician. We have created materials that go home to our families and children. We have started gathering, virtually, on our decks and now, with the coming of colder weather, in our homes. In short, we are maintaining the connections that make our community what it is and what we have come to expect (even without the hugs.)

During Rev. Bill's sabbatical, the church continued to function in the midst of the crisis. Meetings and worship services were conducted virtually. The word zoom no longer meant the sound made by a hot car. However, starting in summer, every other week services were offered at Mound View Park under strict regulations. Masking was the order of the day whenever meeting others was necessary whether it be family, friends, or fellow congregants. Bill's stint away from Heritage was over in June and he welcomed his return with this look into the future.

In short, we are entering a new and exciting phase in the life and long history of our congregation — a time when changes will continue and in-person activities will gradually resume, but the "old normal" will not return. Together, we will be creating a "new normal" that will in some ways be comforting and reassuring, and in other ways unfamiliar and awkward. As such, we will need to be understanding and forgiving of one another. Mistakes will be made. Anxiety will be heightened (and a year's worth of pent-up anxiety perhaps sometimes expressed.) As people of faith — of

Universalist faith — we will be called upon to grant grace, maybe even repeatedly to one another. Let us remember, and if necessary remind one another, to do just that. Let us remember, and embody, the Love that is the spirit of this church. Soon, we will be together again. Halleluiah!

Covid vaccination became widely available in 2021. Nationally, efforts were made to return to normal life and through the summer and fall of 2021, the church leadership struggled with how to resume face-to-face activities including Sunday services and regular and special events. Committees were formed and a survey of the church membership was undertaken. The result was to continue offering Zoom services but opening the church doors to those who wished to worship in the sanctuary. The first service was held September 12, 2021 when the annual water ceremony was conducted. It had been 18 months since on-site worship had taken place. Michael Wilhite had become the third Board President to serve during Covid and Laci Adams had recently been hired to replace Leslie Woodward as Director of Lifespan Faith Development. Reverend Bill tried to summarize what he experienced as he conducted that first service back in the sanctuary.

I write this just a couple of hours after our first, indoor, in-the-sanctuary worship service since March 15, 2020 — and I have to say my spirit is still flying high! As a man of words (sometimes many words), I am finding it difficult to put into words the power and depth of my felt experience this morning. But here are a few words and phrases and memories that are still reverberating in my mind and heart on this gray and rainy fall afternoon:

- *People's beaming eyes (masks require us to make more eye contact)*
- *Standing at the pulpit after being away for so long; feeling the wood with my hands (a tactile experience)*
- *The sheer joy of singing in our sanctuary*
- *Tears filling my eyes as I light a candle on the altar to mourn the death of a loved one*
- *Feeling a tug at my heart when singing the words, "every casual corner blooms into a shrine" while looking all around our beloved sanctuary, and experiencing the special sacredness of our place*
- *Similarly, for the first time in a long time, looking from the chalice flame to the sky — as has long been my practice — while singing "roots hold me close, wings set me free"*
- *The palpable excitement of our staff and volunteers as they work together to create a meaningful, integrated worship experience for people both in the sanctuary and on Zoom*
- *Hearing Les Tacy sing "Back Home Again"*
- *The sun breaking through the clouds — for a few minutes — near the end of the service*
- *Getting feedback that the Zoom experience was the best yet for people*
- *Greeting people in the parking lot after the service*
- *Seeing new folks experience our sanctuary for the very first time*
- *Our remarkable technology volunteers*
- *Children. Always the children.*

Thus did Heritage move on to a new world while preserving so much that is precious from the old.

Image source: courtesy of Mike Roberts

The Wider UU World

"The Universal and the Human" - Universalist Vesper Service



June 4, 2025, 8 p.m.
Online

The Universalist Convocation is running its last in the spring series of free online vesper services on Wednesday June 4, 2025 at 8 p.m. Obtain a Zoom link registration at <https://universalistconvocation.org/monthly-vesper-schedule/>

The June 4, 45-minute service titled "The Universal and the Human" lead by Rev. Derek Parker, will be followed by open discussion. The service's content is described as: What does it

mean to be human? People have been wrestling with this question for as long as there have been people. Can we come to a universal religious view of our humanity? What is at stake in these questions?

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### UUA General Assembly Schedule 2025



The Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA's) 2025 General Assembly (GA) held June 18 - 22, 2025 offers a range of experiences for those who commit to in-person attendance In Baltimore, MD to the mildly curious who want to pop in virtually at their convenience. The UUA describes GA as a chance to engage, learn, and grow with workshops. "The UUA General Assembly offers a rich array of learning opportunities, with over 70 live and on-demand workshops. From spiritual practices and justice work to leadership development and congregational growth, there's something for everyone. Attend live sessions to engage in real-time conversations or explore on-demand options

at your convenience. Wherever you are on your faith journey, GA workshops provide tools, inspiration, and community for the work ahead."

The UUA offers a variety of plans for in-person to virtual GA experiences. Details on these various plans can be found at <https://www.uua.org/ga/registration>. However, someone need not commit to a plan to partake in the essence of GA - the General Sessions and the Sunday morning worship experience.

The UUA describes General Sessions as "Open to all via live streaming, these sessions provide a platform for discussing, shaping, and advancing the shared mission and values of the UUA. From voting on key issues to hearing reports from Association leaders, the General Sessions reflect a spirit of collaborative leadership and commitment to Unitarian Universalist principles. Join us in witnessing and participating in the impactful work that drives our faith forward."

The UUA describes the Sunday morning service as "Join us for GA Sunday Worship on June 22, 2025, at 11:00 am ET, for a powerful and communal experience – the largest annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists in worship. While in-person attendance in Baltimore requires General Assembly registration, **the livestream is open to the public**—no registration required. A recording of the service will also be available on demand via YouTube shortly after the live broadcast (within a few minutes or even seconds). Check here for [updates and technical tips for streaming \(https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site\)](https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site) as the date approaches.

The following is an abbreviated schedule for the 2025 GA. Items in red below are those available on-line to the public without registration or cost.

## Wednesday, June 18, 2025

**Exhibit Hall Hours:** 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

- **Pre-GA Activities**  
*9:30 AM to 4:00 PM*
- **Virtual Banner Parade**  
*4:30 PM to 5:00 PM*
- **Opening Worship**  
*5:00 PM to 6:00 PM (fully virtual event without an in-person component)*
- **General Session I**  
*6:00 PM to 7:00 PM (fully virtual event without an in-person component)*
- **Exhibitor Spotlight**  
*7:00 PM to 9:00 PM*

## Thursday, June 19, 2025

**Exhibit Hall Hours:** 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

- **Flex Time (attendee driven)**  
*9:00 AM to 10:00 AM*
- **Meet The Moment Programming**  
*10:30 AM to 12:00 PM*
- **Programs/Workshops**  
*1:00 PM to 2:30 PM*
- **General Session II**  
*1:00 PM to 4:00 PM*
- **Featured Speakers**  
*4:30 PM to 5:30 PM*
- **Service of the Living Tradition**  
*7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.*
- **Flex Time (attendee driven) (fully virtual without an in-person component)**  
*9:00 PM to 10:00 PM*

## Friday, June 20, 2025

**Exhibit Hall Hours:** 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

- **Flex Time (attendee driven)**  
*9:00 AM to 10:00 AM*
- **Meet The Moment Programming**  
*10:30 AM to 12:00 PM*
- **Programs/Workshops**  
*1:00 PM to 2:30 PM*
- **General Session III**  
*1:00 PM to 4:00 PM*

- **Featured Speakers**  
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
- **Synergy Worship**  
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
- **Flex Time (attendee driven)** *(fully virtual without an in-person component)*  
9:00 PM to 10:00 PM

## Saturday, June 21, 2025

**Exhibit Hall Hours:** 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

- **Flex Time (attendee driven)**  
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
- **Meet The Moment Programming**  
10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- **Programs/Workshops**  
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
- **General Session IV**  
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- **Featured Speakers**  
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
- **Ware Lecture**  
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- **Flex Time (attendee driven)** *(fully virtual without an in-person component)*  
9:00 PM to 10:00 PM

## Sunday, June 22, 2025

**Exhibit Hall Hours:** 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM

- **Sing Out Love: Virtual Hymnal Hymn Sing**  
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
- **Sunday Worship**  
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
- **General Session V and Closing**  
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

For details access <https://www.uua.org/ga/program/schedule> For more information contact

[meetingplanner@uua.org](mailto:meetingplanner@uua.org)

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MUUSA Returns July 6 - 12, 2025



The Midwest Unitarian Universalist Summer Assembly (MUUSA) returns July 6 - 12, 2025 to Trout Lodge in Potosi, MO, about 90 miles south of St. Louis, MO. For more information on and to register for this UU camp gathering, visit the MUUSA website at <https://www.muusa.org/>

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Get Weekly HUUC Updates

People in the Google Group “huuc-announcements” get a few Heritage-related announcement emails each week, including a summary on Monday, entitled *Heritage Connection*, of the upcoming activities and

worship. If you would like to receive huuc-announcement emails, please send an email requesting it to the church administrator at: HUUCoffice@yahoo.com

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