



# The Communicator

of the [Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Lake County](http://www.uu-lakeco.org)

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## July Programs

### Discussion Group at 9:30 am

**Coffee Talk** (Summer Version of our discussion group).  
Join members and friends as we discuss topics of concern to Unitarian Universalists.

### Woerscippen at 11:00 am

**July 1 – Egor Emery on “Participatory Democracy”.**  
Egor, an active member of our congregation, is an environmentalist and a political activist who has run for public office.

**July 8 – “Quaker Style.”** The program section of this service will offer an inspirational quiet time modeled after a Quaker Service where participants sit quietly and if inspired or moved, share their inspiration.

**July 15 – Janeane Reagan “The Garden of Good and Evil in Our Brain”.** Janeane has had a fascination in brain science since her master’s work in physiological psychology. She holds a PhD in Clinical Psychology and is another active member of our congregation.

**July 22 – David Crump. “Mitakuye Oyasin: A Reflection on Native Spirituality.”** The Rev David Crump grew up in Brazil, the son of missionary parents. Over the last 30 years his personal sense of calling has taken him to church ministry in a Native American community and to lead management roles with a number of non-profit organizations. He lives in Mount Dora.

**July 29 – “The Promise and Practice”** Some think the UUA and Unitarian Universalism is at a turning moment; we have made a choice to listen deeply to the stories in our movement that have not been heard, and taken to heart, by all Unitarian Universalists. It’s a lamenting of what our Unitarian Universalist tradition and congregations have lost by being unable – or unwilling – to center people of color (or even, at times, to merely include them). The Promise and the Practice is a celebration of our shared commitment to live into a new chapter in the story of our UU faith.

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## July Birthdays

Chris Higgins, July 14  
Peter Berryman, July 16  
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## July 2018

As I write this article, I am still up north after a wonderful week in Kansas City. The first part of the week was the UU Ministers Association Ministry Days. This is a time when the UU ministers from around the country, and the world, come together for reflection, worship, and our own business meeting. It culminated on Wednesday with the Berry Street Essay, which this year was given by the Rev. Meg Riley. Wednesday evening kicked off the 57th Annual General Assembly of the UUA.

The theme this year was “All Are Called” and that was evident throughout the week. Worship services were inclusive, multi-lingual, and inspiring. The Ware Lecture with Brittany Packett called us all to rise up and use our privilege to fight systemic white supremacy and all other forms of oppression.

We also did business while at General Assembly. For those who may not know, this is the time when all UU congregations send delegates, both in person and online, to vote in matters of importance for the Association. As your minister, I attended as the ministerial delegate representing our congregation. I was honored to take this role and I was inspired by the business we did this year. To me, the theme I picked up on during the business sections was in line with the theme of General Assembly. All of us are called. We voted as an Association in ways that drew our circle wider and stated that we do believe all are called to do this work. I want to share with you a few of those items.

First, we voted to welcome LREDA members working in congregations to be automatic delegates (much like I am a delegate by virtue of being your minister). LREDA stands for the Liberal Religious Educators Association. These hard-working religious educators serve in our congregations by shaping the youth of our movement. Because of professional boundaries, they often are not members of the congregations they serve and, therefore, cannot serve as delegates. I was amazed and humbled to watch the entire youth caucus rise up and support their religious educators who can be their voice as delegates. The bylaw revision passed overwhelmingly.

The second important piece was to add two youth trustees to the UUA board. This also passed overwhelmingly. Again, watching the youth of our UUA was amazing. I cried a bit as they spoke their truth and passion for our movement. We are in good hands, my friends. Our youth are powerful and prepared and ready to take us further.

Additional actions were taken in the realm of being more inclusive. The General Assembly voted, overwhelmingly, to replace gendered pronouns with “they/their” in order to be gender neutral. Again, our youth spoke with such passion about how this shows that we understand that people are on gender spectrums and that using binary language is hurtful. This conversation was a bit fraught and at times it was a little painful to hear when people were more concerned about grammar instead of the human beings in the room. However, it did pass with an overwhelming majority. We also voted to replace “women and men” with “people” in our Sources. While these may seem like minor changes, they are visibly drawing our circle wider and they make a very large statement.

You can catch up on all of the worship and business sessions on the UUA website by searching for GA. I encourage you to do so as it is amazing to see what can happen when thousands of Unitarian Universalists get together.

I was honored to attend this General Assembly as your minister. I was proud to tell people of all the good work we as a congregation have done this year. I now go into my summer leave with my heart full, my soul nourished, and looking forward so much to being with you again in August.

Have a wonderful summer,

...Rev. Tracie

## President's Message...

Happy start of summer to all UUCLC member and friends! I feel lucky to be part of this growing, beloved congregation. Summer brings the start of our UUCLC fiscal year and we will be ready to hit the ground running. I wish to thank all our members who have pledged and encourage those who have not, to consider making a pledge. Your contributions, no matter the size, are appreciated.

I want to let you know what plans we have on the horizon. As you will hear from the WRAP committee, our summer services will be held at our regular worship time of 11am. Discussion group continues before the service at 9:30am. The WRAP committee has done a wonderful job of planning our summer services which will have speakers that you will not want to miss. We look forward to seeing you throughout the summer for these wonderful programs. Next on the calendar is a workshop for the entire congregation on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The purpose is to have an honest open discussion about the homeless living in our woods. The Board of Trustees is looking for input from the congregation regarding any action we take. Erica Wilson, who spoke to us about The Open-Door center for the homeless, will be back with us during the workshop to help answer our questions. Please plan to attend to give your feedback.

Also, on the horizon is the plan to create a congregational covenant of right relations. This will begin the process of how we can be with each other and respect each other and be in covenant with each other. This is a necessary step before we move on to revisiting our Mission and Vision statements. We hope to have Connie Goodbread from UUA Southern Region come to our congregation to help us in the fall to work on our Mission and Vision. She has offered her time to us in October so be on the lookout for more information as we get closer to that date.

I would also like to take this opportunity to take a step back into UUCLC's past and mention two of our longtime members that are no longer with us; Bill and Gladys Becker. Several members of our congregation attended the memorial service this past week for Gladys Becker. She and her husband Bill were instrumental in the early years of UUCLC. They were also instrumental in developing some of the design aspects of the building that we enjoy today. Gladys also gave us the initial funds for our stained-glass windows in memory of her husband Bill. After her passing, the Becker family gave us the remaining funds to complete the purchase. We wish to extend our deepest gratitude to Bill and Gladys Becker and their family. Their legacy continues to live with us each day at UUCLC. I know that each one of us at UUCLC is giving some of our time and treasure to the congregation. No matter how big or small, each one of us is precious and important. Our congregation will continue to grow and thrive thanks to the effort of all!

I wish you all a safe and wonderful month of July. For those who are traveling, remember to collect a vial of water for the water service from the amazing places you visit. We look forward to the sharing of your adventures with all of us when you return.

...Betty Emery



## Chalice Children & UU Youth

The children & youth that we serve at UUCLC deserve the BEST we have to offer. By being a teacher, assistant or a once in a while volunteer you will have a meaningful opportunity to reach out & speak directly to young ones in our community. With the care & imagination you invest in sharing your knowledge, talents & time they will know that they are valued by our congregation.



Thanks to Kathy Benton for volunteering to teach Penny Whistle & to several members/ friends for donating more arts & crafts supplies & books!

Class time will continue to be 9:30 -10:30 Sunday mornings. Stop in for a quick look at our beautiful, fun space for kids!

**Candi, Subcommittee Chair LFDC**