

# UUCL Weekly Update

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*Our Soul Matters Theme for April:*  
***What does it mean to be a community of transformation?***

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## ***This Sunday, May 7***

**9:30 AM - “The U.S. WW1 Propaganda Machine and How we Taught the Rest of the World” by Barbara Schowen**

In 1916, U.S. public opinion was strongly opposed to entering the war in Europe. Woodrow Wilson was reelected that fall with the campaign slogan “He kept us out of the War.” Nevertheless war was declared the following April. And seven days later an officially sanctioned, incredibly sophisticated and effective propaganda machine was unleashed, the likes of which had never been seen before. In a matter of months, the United States changed into a rabidly pro-war and anti-German nation. How did that happen? These propaganda methods later served as models for those used by Germany in the 1930s, among others. Are there messages for today?

**Art in Founder’s Hall:** From March 5 through **MAY 7**, in Founders Hall, we will feature photographs taken by UUCL member E. Jay Hilty. Coming up: Justin Marable and Lisa Grossman will show prints, and Bailey Marable's sterling silver jewelry will be on exhibit from May 14 through June 25, with a reception on Sunday, May 21, at 10:30 AM

**11:00 AM - Joining more than 500 UU congregations across the continent, we will disrupt our usual Sunday worship schedule for a Teach-in on White Supremacy Culture.**

This call to action and worship comes from a growing network of UUs--religious professionals and lay leaders from both within and outside congregations--led by UUs of color and white UUs working together. Over the past few weeks, many have been responding to calls by UUs of color to look critically \*within\* our faith communities--including hiring practices, power brokers, and cultural habits--for the ways racism, sexism, and white supremacy live.

“White supremacy” is a provocative phrase, as it conjures up images of hoods and mobs. Yet in 2017, actual “white supremacists” are not required in order to uphold white supremacist culture. Building a faith full of people who understand that key distinction is essential as we work toward a more just society in difficult political times.

For more information on what spurred this call to action, head to [UUWorld.org](http://UUWorld.org) and click the article “Critics decry white supremacy in hiring practices.” It has become clear that, in order for us to be more effective at tackling the white supremacy beyond our walls, we must also identify ways in which systems of supremacy and inequality live within our faith and our lives.

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## Sunday in Lifelong Learning April 30th

**9:30 am for Adults**

**NO UU Parenting Sharing Circle or Soul Matters Circle this week or next week (Mother’s Day).**

**On May 21<sup>st</sup> Christina Ihloff will lead the UU Parenting Circle addressing conversations with our children about sexual abuse.**

### **Faith Like a River – Freedom of Belief (Library downstairs)**

“The Verdant Springs – Reform(ation)”

Join Deb and Lynne for a workshop that looks at religious reform movements, as expressed in the interplay of theology and institutions. Consider how their movements fed into Unitarian Universalism and examine the role of reform in our own movement’s history. Explore how our religious forebears have approached the sometimes conflicting goals of remaining true to their historical and theological bases and remaining relevant and vital for their members.

### **9:30 am Spirit Play - 4 yrs to 5<sup>th</sup> grade (Spirit Play Center)**

“Room on the Rug” a story written by Lauren Wyeth, *Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries, First Universalist Church of Minneapolis, MN*. This story is about a school and teacher (Mr. Aardvark) and a time when he and his students faced a problem that seemed to have no solution. What did they do?

Questions for family reflection:

Have you ever had a time when you felt left out?

Have you ever felt like something wasn’t fair?

Can you think of a time when the solution that Mr Aardvark's class came up with might work for you?  
Your family? Your community

### 9:30 am Middle Youth - Grades 6 to 8 (Youth Room)

Middle Youth leaders Michelle Iwig-Harmon and Melissa Kelly will be giving our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders more choices in and control over what they do in their hour together on Sunday mornings. They are welcome to bring an electronic device if they have one or we will have several available. Most weeks they will be guided to explore topics of their choosing and consider how this and/or current world events might be viewed through a UU lens. In addition they will have unscheduled time to hang out with others their age, play board games or spend time outside.

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### Help UUCL Grow

Please remember to put your name on a Connection Card every Sunday, so that our Connections Team can accurately track our attendance, growth, and visitor follow-up.

**CONNECTIONS CARD**  
Help Us Get to Know You

9:30 Program     9:30 Worship  
 9:30 Adult R.E.     9:30 R.E. Teacher

Name \_\_\_\_\_ [Change in Contact Info](#)  
Email (optional print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Age(s) of Child(ren) with you today \_\_\_\_\_  
If Guest, how did you hear about UUCL? \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Time Guest  
 Member  
 Regular Attendee

Please place card in Connections Box at your table

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### *Announcements as they appeared last week.*

**Art Exhibit in Founders' Hall** UUCL member E. Jay Hilty, whose photographs are on display through May 7. To purchase a framed photo, please check the price list on top of the piano. Unframed photos are available for smaller prices. Communicate with E. Jay Hilty.

**Events at Our Partner Organization, the Ecumenical Campus Ministries (ECM), 1204 Oread, 843-4933, ecmku@ku.edu**

Wed., May 3, Planning Meeting for Fall 2017

The ECM has a variety of other activities all week long, check out their website at <http://ecmku.org/>

**UUCL Mens Group** The next UUCL Men's group breakfast will be on Saturday, May 6, 9:00 a.m. at UUCL. Please join us for coffee, pastries, and conversation. For other information contact Bob Burbank, 785-766-8154, rjaburbank@yahoo.com.

**UUCL serves at LINK on Sat., May 13th** Cooks, servers and clean-up crew are all needed. You can sign up in the lobby or by contacting Joe Gant at jomarooki@yahoo.com or 785-832-1030. See newsletter for more information. Hope to see you there!

**UUCL Women's group** had a lively discussion and plant/seed exchange in April at Mary Beth Musick's home. Next meeting May 13, 2-4 p.m. at Barbara Schowen's, 962 E. 1338 Road. If you have plants or seeds to share or want some to enliven your garden, let's continue the exchange. We had new faces last month, would love to see more! Come, bring a friend! Bring a snack to share if you wish, but mostly just come ready to continue the conversations. Contact Lynne Bodle, 843-8263, for more information or for a ride. See you in the merry month of May!

**BLM Wristbands** are located in baskets just inside the door of the sanctuary. There are 2 sizes--adult and youth. Please take what you need and leave a dollar or two if you are able.

**Black Lives of UU** The Movement for Black Lives calls on the Unitarian Universalist faith. We call on UUs to actively resist notions that Black lives only matter if conformed to white, middle-class norms, and to challenge assumptions of worth centered on clothing, diction, education, or other status. Sunday, May 7 UUCL will participate in the UU White Supremacy Teach In.

Join us for Faith Like a River This series covers the various streams that have come together to create Unitarian Universalism. You may sign up on our website or on the clipboard in the lobby. Questions? Contact Rebecca Gant at rkgant@hotmail.com.

**Faith in Action:** the month of February was dedicated to the Social Service League, and Barb Johnston delivered a check for \$914.38 to the agency. The March recipient was Centro Hispano and Jake Kipp delivered the check for \$1,127.55.

**April Community Connection- ECM** invites religious believers, spiritual, agnostics, atheists, social activists, outcasts, friends of the earth, change makers, those of all sexual orientations and gender identities, those who want to discover something new while finding community, those who hope for a better world and those who wonder how it is possible, to join us around the hearth as we seek to create an open space **to discuss ideas and values, break bread together, transform the world, and build community.**

**From the UUA/UUSC website** On May 1st immigrant, refugee, Muslim, Black and Brown, indigenous, LGBTQ communities, workers, women, environmental justice activists, and all who support a vibrant and diverse future for our country will Rise Up! There will be walk outs, strikes, actions, marches, town halls, boycotts, and on-the **ground and on-line advocacy. An email will go out to all on the SAJT list, so please spread the word.**

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**UFL e-mail Communication:** Has your e-mail address recently changed? Are you receiving weekly eblasts from the UFL? If not, please let Jennifer know: uuclofficemanager@gmail.com or 842-3339.

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