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Monday - Friday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sunday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Our Mission:
Bound by
courageous love,
growing in spirit,
and inspiring
compassionate
action.



Stoking the Fire of Commitment

It has been over 25 years since my family and I joined Eliot Chapel. We were looking for a place that didn't dictate what to believe, but instead inspired us to ask questions and find the answers for ourselves. We visited many churches to get a "feel" for the people and messages. We decided on Eliot because of its uniqueness. No other church emphasized, above all, the inherent worth and dignity of everyone and the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. With the help of Eliot friends, I have been on a wonderful spiritual journey ever since.

The singer/songwriter Drake reminds us, "Sometimes it's the journey that teaches you a lot about your destination." That's true for me. Much of the learning comes from unanticipated detours and obstacles along the way. At Eliot Chapel, we can relate to that. We have faced challenges in the past, and have emerged stronger. Right now, we are undergoing many transitions. What will keep us on the right track and moving forward? The answer is commitment. This year's canvass is kicking off March 17. Our theme is The Fire of Commitment – Lighting Our Way.

In a recent sermon about commitment, Rev. Justin Osterman, Lead Minister of the UU Fellowship of Raleigh, North Carolina said, "Now more than ever our community needs a clear, confident and strong voice speaking up for the powerless and speaking out against

injustice." In other words, we need to keep stoking our Fire of Commitment, not let it burn out.



*Carol Moreland
for the Stewardship Team*

As you consider what your pledge will be, think about the inspiring things that everyone's financial support enables us to do. Here are a few, and I'm sure you can add to the list.

- Year-round worship services with opportunities to contemplate and converse.
- Inspirational music, which enhances our spiritual quest, provided by four talented choirs and other musicians who perform each week.
- A highly competent staff that keeps the church open and running smoothly seven days a week, and who found ways to save Eliot Chapel \$96,000 in the past year.
- Loving nursery care for Eliot's youngest UUs every Sunday of the year, including the summer months, so parents can attend worship services.
- Comfortable meeting rooms for covenant groups and countless other discussion, planning, and learning activities.

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- A beautiful sanctuary for worship, weddings, memorial services, concerts, and lectures.
- Religious education classes for over 200 children.
- Our Whole Lives (OWL) comprehensive sexuality education program including Kindergarten and 1st grade, 4th and 5th grade, and 7th and 8th grade.
- Facilities for our Room at the Inn program to feed and host homeless families 3-4 Thursdays a month.
- Pastoral care outreach.

These items, and many more, represent your return on investment. Only because of the generosity of Eliot's members and friends can we be the voice of reason in a turbulent world. In this time of transition, we need your help more than ever.

In a few days, you will receive a packet of materials, including your pledge card, explaining the 2019-20 pledge drive in more detail. Be sure to review the UUA Fair Contribution Guide in the pledge booklet. Consider a level of giving that best represents your UU values and financial circumstances. Please return your pledge card by mail with the supplied self-addressed stamped envelope, or bring it to Eliot on any of the following Sundays – March 17, 24, 31. We will celebrate our support of everything Eliot on April 7 at Clayton High School Auditorium. You can also drop off your pledge card then.

The cost of the resources needed to provide the things we all love at Eliot Chapel increases every year. Generous giving this year will help us pay our quality staff for the extra work they do, make mortgage payments on our current building and the adjacent property, and keep our message of kindness and justice shining bright in our community and beyond.

Sharing Our Bounty

*Eliot's March offering will be shared with the **Meacham Park Neighborhood Improvement Association** (MNIA) and its scholarship program. In the southeastern corner of Kirkwood, just across Big Bend, sits the historic neighborhood of Meacham Park. With its strong ethnic identity, this community has struggled over the decades to preserve its heritage. The MNIA seeks to help improve the quality of life in the community by providing a forum for sharing information, connecting neighbors, promoting activities, and fostering civic involvement in its diverse community. The MNIA offers an opportunity for neighbors to bring*



forth their concerns and problems, providing direction and connecting them to resources for resolution of their issues. The Meacham Park Scholars Award is a merit-based college scholarship granted by the MNIA. It is awarded to an African American high school senior at Kirkwood High School who pursues academic excellence, school leadership, and a commitment to community service. See more at meachamparknia.org.

In January, Eliot Chapel collected \$1,400 for the International Institute.

Eliot Chapel Religious Education

Youth Sunday 2019

March 3 at 9:30 & 11:00 am*

On Sunday, March 3, Eliot's Senior High Youth Group will lead the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services for the Eliot community. This year's worship theme is "Finding Our Way." We invite you to join them for music, homilies, storytelling, and community, all led by Eliot's own imaginative youth.

*The Youth Sunday program scheduled for March 3 has been postponed due to weather to May 5.



UU Values with Dr. Seuss and "Popcorn Theology" Continues

Eliot children, we're excited to see you this month as we continue exploring Unitarian Universalist values through the stories of Dr. Seuss and "Popcorn Theology for all Ages." Among the featured stories this month are *Green Eggs & Ham* and *If I Ran the Zoo*. And look for another "Sunday at the Movies" session in mid-March (film TBD).

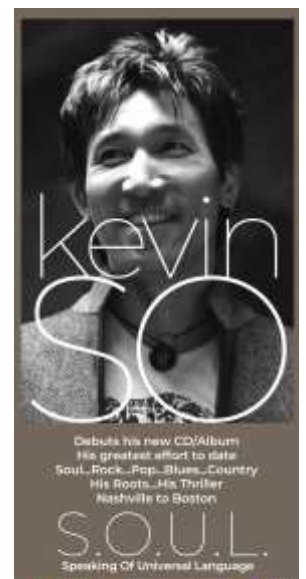
Eliot Celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

May 2019

Eliot Chapel will begin annual celebrations of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with a concert performed by Kevin So, a Chinese American musician who has built a loyal fan base around the world. He'll perform Saturday, May 4 in Eliot's Sanctuary at 7:15 pm. Attendees will enjoy a mix of soul, rock, pop, blues, and country. So is touring to support his new album, *S.O.U.L. (Speaking of Universal Language)*.

Prior to the concert, we'll show a short ten-minute video, *The Model Minority Myth*, in Adams Hall. There will be a panel discussion and Q&A session. Doors open at 5:30 pm and light refreshments will be served.

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM), celebrating the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States.



Want to know more about Bergfried? Find us most Sundays at the Bergfried table in Adams Hall or join us on Facebook at [facebook.com/groups/BergfriedForever](https://www.facebook.com/groups/BergfriedForever)

Connect and Reflect at Bergfried

Guided Day Trip

Saturday, March 16

Join us for some end-of-winter nature communion on Saturday, March 16. An optional guided hike or two will be offered, but feel free to come out and do your own thing or do nothing! Bring sturdy shoes and provisions for the day.

Meet at the Eliot Chapel parking lot at 9:00 am to caravan or carpool (or come out separately if you prefer). Email bergfriedinfo@eliotchapel.org at least 48 hours in advance to let us know you are coming.



Firebug Volunteers Needed

Our forest and meadow stewardship work involves the occasional prescribed burn (we had a very successful 50-acre understory burn this year). These activities require a team of volunteers who can help out on relatively short notice as weather conditions largely dictate ideal burn conditions. If you would like your name added to the volunteer contact pool, contact Shawn Cummings via bergfriedinfo@eliotchapel.org.

The Bergfried Cottage

Remember that the Bergfried Cottage (with heat, AC, running water, and electricity) is available for rent by Eliot members and friends at \$35/night and upcoming weekends are open for reservations. Write to bergfriedreservations@eliotchapel.org for more information or to make arrangements.

–Shawn Cummings for the Bergfried Stewardship Team

Don't Miss the Fun! Mark your Calendars for a one-of-a-kind Canvass!

Fire of Commitment – Lighting Our Way

Join us for four inspirational services to celebrate everything Eliot and re-commit our support.

Sundays, March 17, 24 and 31

Services led by Rev. Terry Davis and wonderful music from our Eliot musicians.

Sunday April 7

Service led by Rev. Jason Shelton, an award-winning composer, arranger, conductor, and song and worship leader.



The single service will be held at 10:00 am at Clayton High School Auditorium, 1 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton, MO, 63105. Join us afterward in the High School Commons for coffee, cookies, and conversation.

**Turn in your pledge card on one of the four Sundays
OR mail your pledge card anytime!**

Music Notes

AAANNNNDDDD..... We're OFF!!!

March 1 is when the Eliot Choir and Women's Chorale are heading up to Chicago Land for the second leg of our choir exchange at Unity Temple UUC. You may recall last November when their choir came to Eliot. We enjoyed getting to know them and making music together. Now it's their turn to host us!



We shall be touring the Frank Lloyd Wright architecture of Oak Park, Illinois and singing a concert Saturday evening and 2 Sunday services before returning home Sunday. We'll be thinking of our Eliot Youth with all their music and stories leading worship while we are gone! We'll miss you!

But we'll get a taste of what General Assembly choir will be like in Spokane

because Marty Swisher has been selected to be the GA choir director in Spokane this June! Who's going to GA???

music@eliotchapel.org



Jan Chamberlin,
Music Director

Spring Arrives in March!

On the calendar, at least! And what better way to celebrate the spring equinox than with a Soul's Journey led by Amy and John Camie. On Saturday March 23 from 7:00-8:00 pm, come to Eliot Chapel and let John's lyrical meditations and Amy's healing harp wash your winter blahs away! Prepare for a new season of growth! www.AmyCamie.com



Friends of Music

Present their SIXTH free concert of the season on Sunday March 31 at 3:00pm. Featured performers will include baritone Robert McNichols and other members of the Harris Stowe State University Music Faculty. www.fomcstl.org

On the Horizon

The Eliot Choir will be preparing a special treat for the culmination of our canvass celebration on April 7. We will all be together at ONE service at 10:00 am in the lovely Clayton High School auditorium and our guest preacher will be none other than the composer of many of our favorite hymns, the Reverend Jason Shelton! The Eliot Choir and band will be rocking out! You won't want to miss this special occasion!

COMING UP

Featured Musicians in Worship

Sunday, March 3

Eliot Youth Service - All music by the Eliot Youth

Sunday, March 10

Dr. Flo Reaves, violin & the Chamber Singers

Saturday, March 17

Kathie Price and Rich Heuermann & Women's Chorale

Sunday, March 24

Amy Camie, harp & Eliot Choir

Sunday, March 31

Pamela Triplett, soprano & Chamber Singers

Covenant Group Sign-up

Covenant groups are thriving at Eliot! If you've been thinking about joining a group, now would be a good time to explore small group ministry. There are currently several openings, including Earth Based Spirituality, Exploring Humanist Thought, Mindfulness & Self Compassion, and Parenting as a Spiritual Practice. There will be a sign-up table in Adams Hall March 10th and 17th. We will be happy to answer any questions you have and help you find the right group.

Registration begins March 17

Women's Weekend 2019!



Join us for a time of relaxation, rejuvenation, and illuminating workshops to feed the mind, body, and spirit.

Women's Weekend is May 17 - 19, 2019 at Toddhall Retreat Center, which is located in Columbia, IL approximately 20 miles from Kirkwood.

The event features a wonderful variety of workshops including Creating Better Photographs, Stitch a Chalice, Zen and Your Creative Self, Flowmotion Hula Hooping, Yoga, Essential Oils Make and Take, Mindstitching, The Plant-Based Movement, and many more. There is also a Sunday service, the Scholarship Silent Auction, BYO wine tasting, massage, great food, bonfire and songs, and time for relaxation and socializing.

Registration will open on March 17 so register early to get the best workshops and rooms. Look for our table in Adams Hall every Sunday starting March 17. www.eliotwomensweekend.com

— *Eliot Chapel Women's Weekend Team*



Meet the Eliot Staff



Meet Debby Lovell

Debby joined Eliot's staff in August 2017. She is a graphic designer with a background in publications. In addition, she has worked as a photographer and museum interpreter. She was a freelancer for many years before taking this position with Eliot.

Contact Debby about:

- Publicizing your event in one of Eliot's communications venues: order of service, newsletter, email, website, or social media.
- Other publicity for your event: flyers, programs, sign-up sheets, press release, etc.
- Sign-ups for receiving *Greenleaves*, the Eliot Chapel newsletter, or *This Week at Eliot*, the weekly email blast.

Debby is originally from Indiana; she moved to St. Louis from Indianapolis eight years ago. Debby enjoys reading, listening to music, seeing and making art, travel, cooking, and being in nature. Debby and her husband of many years like to knit together. She recently started a book group with her knitting circle, whom she sometimes travels with, bringing many things full circle. Debby and her husband Jeff have one daughter in college at Mizzou and a black cat at home. Debby is a member of First Unitarian Church of Alton.

Availability: Debby is in the office Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. She's available by arrangement on Monday. Contact Debby via email at news@eliotchapel.org or call 314-821-0911.

222 Update: Working Through Many Issues

Eliot members and friends wonder “What is happening with 222? Why hasn’t the house been demolished?” The answer is: “A lot is happening with 222 - it’s just not visible.”

When Eliot purchased the property at 222 E. Argonne in December 2016, we assumed we would immediately demolish the house. We also assumed that summer would be the least disruptive time to do this for both the chapel and nursery school – we still do.

Our first goal was summer of 2017. We selected a demolition company, removed the asbestos, and obtained all the demo plans needed. So far, so good. When the demo company attempted to obtain a permit, we learned there was more to demolishing an uninhabited 124-year-old house than our desire to do so. We shifted the plan to summer of 2018. Then arose a number of issues

ISSUE #1: The Kirkwood Historical District Commission The 222 house, built in 1893, is a contributing property to the North Taylor Historical District. We needed KHDC approval to demolish. After a public hearing, the KHDC placed a 270-day stay of demolition, allowing time for neighbors to raise objections or to find a buyer to purchase and move the house. In September 2018, the stay was removed. However, by this date, this pushed demolition to summer of 2019.

ISSUE #2: Tax-Exempt Status In the fall of 2017, we learned that St. Louis County Government Board of Equalization (BOE) required a lengthy application process to obtain tax-exemption for 222. It required several documents we didn’t have and a house inspection process that would take many months to happen. We were instructed to write on the check’s memo line: “Paid Under Protest.” If the BOE granted tax-exempt status, the taxes would be refunded. We were also advised not to demolish the house until after a tax-exemption decision had been reached.

ISSUE #3: Conflicting Instructions We had several conversations with the St. Louis County Revenue Department over the next thirteen months. In the early months of 2018, we gathered most of the required documentation. Then we were given a different set of application procedures that required no supporting documentation. We mailed the application in August 2018. This time, we were advised we could tear down the house before we obtained tax-exempt status.

ISSUE #4: More Conflicting Instructions Pete Ruger steps in. In November 2018, after another conversation with the BOE, we learned that we did need documentation – to prove that Eliot Chapel is a non-profit organization. They could not tell us definitively whether or not the house could be torn down before the BOE decided to grant exemption. Eliot member and retired attorney-at-law Pete Ruger stepped in. He is in the midst of meetings with the St. Louis County Government and the City of Kirkwood. We are still paying \$5,000 in taxes under protest.

ISSUE #5: The Property Line with 226 E. Argonne Steven Bain steps in. After living in 226 E. Argonne for 100+ years, the owner passed away in late 2018. Her heirs intend to sell the property, but there are issues with the property line. Eliot member and attorney-at-law, Steven Bain, has stepped in to resolve them.

ISSUE #6: Meeting Kirkwood Historic District Commission Stipulations The KHDC stipulated that after demolition, the lot must be returned to “a park-like setting with straw-seeded grass.” We will need to excavate the rock basement, level the ground, and seed the lawn. This requires grass-growing season. Before its demolition we plan to salvage as much of 222’s interior millwork, doors, floors, staircases, lights, etc., that could be repurposed in other homes. Our new goal is July 2019. Questions remain, however, as to whether we will get everything lined up in time.

ISSUE #7: How to pay the mortgage? Is it better to leave the house intact for resale value until we know we have the funds? The 222 mortgage is \$34,000 per year. We have been paying the first two years’ mortgage from a generous bequest. We are making payments for six months, January to June 2019, through dividends from our endowment fund. We need to increase our 2019-2020 budget to include \$34,000 to pay our mortgage for twelve months starting July 1, 2019. Questions remain.

- Can we give badly needed raises for staff AND assume the budget in one year?
- Would we be better off raising the \$34,000 through pledges or a mini-capital campaign? (For example, the mortgage on our current building, 100 S. Taylor, is going to be less than \$90,000 in July 2019. If we paid this down, we would have most of the new mortgage payment taken care of.) We will need clarity before we tear down the house.

During Rev. Barbara’s sabbatical, the executive team (Gary Gray, Jeanne Olson, and Camille Novak) will be monitoring all of these issues closely. Please see one of them with questions, concerns, or ideas for moving forward.

Working for Eliot, Our Community, and Our World

Live Your Values!

Live your values aloud, not alone! Our Social Justice in Action team is here to help you lead a life of justice, love, learning and hope. Here are the words from the UUA website:

We have a legacy of “deeds not creeds.” Our work for a better world calls us to unexpected places as we harness love’s power to stop oppression. From grassroots community organizing to interfaith state, national, and corporate advocacy; in protest marches, prayer vigils, and press conferences; in homeless shelters and in prisons, Unitarian Universalists put our faith into action.

Our justice efforts are grounded in our congregationally-driven social justice statements and our call to break down divisions, heal isolation, and honor the interconnectedness of all life and all justice issues. We model these commitments by creating just, welcoming, and inclusive congregations. We act in partnership with groups and communities most impacted by injustice on local, state, national, and international levels.

If you are looking for a way live your values, please come to the Social Justice table in Adams Hall after service, join us at our Assembly on the first Tuesday of each month, or contact us at socialjustice@eliotchapel.org.

To hear about upcoming and late-breaking social justice opportunities, keep an eye on “This Week at Eliot” and be sure to sign up to receive emails in your interest area:

eepurl.com/QlcFv

You will always be given the chance to update your profile and subscription preferences at the bottom of each email.

Social Justice in Action at Eliot Chapel

Spring All-Read Discussion Group Sign-Up Continues

The dates are set and there’s room for YOU in one of our discussion groups! Sign up Sundays on the bulletin board, or **sign up online** now (at goo.gl/forms/05M6RzMeYUUoUOvq1), for meetings in March and April. All are welcome as we read *Undocumented: How Immigration Became Illegal* by Aviva Chomsky.



SJA Assemblies

Our next two Assembly speakers will be from our Shared Plate recipients. A representative from the International Institute will speak at our March 5 Assembly, and from Open Space Council for our April Assembly. Come find out why we have chosen these organizations as our partners in social justice work. SJA Assemblies happen on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:15 pm in Adams Hall.

The speaker for our SJA Assembly on **Tuesday, March 5** will be Emily LaCour of the International Institute. Founded in 1919, the International Institute of St. Louis (IISTL) strives to be the region’s welcoming center for New Americans. The Institute provides essential community integration services to more than 7,500 immigrants and refugees from 80 countries each year. Its clients range from low-skilled to high-skilled and from non-literate to university-educated. The Institute also works to build connections between foreign-born and long-time residents and produces the Festival of Nations, our region’s most popular multi-cultural celebration.

The International Institute was the recipient of Eliot Chapel's Shared Plate collection in January. Many Eliot members and friends participate in IISTL activities, from teaching citizenship and English as a Second Language to serving as mentors to immigrant spouses, job program registration, community orientation, and healthcare access. The IISTL also offers individual, group, and family-centered services with an emphasis on post-traumatic stress, grief, depression and other responses related to migration-related trauma.

LaCour manages the health insurance program which helps immigrants get, keep, and use health insurance. She has been with the Institute for over 6 years and is a Certified Application Counselor for the Health Insurance Marketplace.



Emily LaCour

Photo: LinkedIn

SPEAK UP! WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 27
9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Eliot Chapel
Karen Gender and Ann Ruger, co-facilitators

What do you do when a friend makes a racist remark in your presence?
When a family member jokes about people with disabilities?
When a colleague makes a casual sexist remark or throws out a slur about an ethnic group?

If you're like many of us, you often find yourself tongue-tied, saying nothing, and then wishing later that you'd spoken up.

The Speak Up! Workshop, designed by the Southern Poverty Law Center, helps us recognize everyday bigotry and gives us the tools – and the courage -- to speak up when we encounter it. Over the last three years, many Eliot members and friends have taken this workshop and have found it very helpful. We are pleased to be able to offer it again this spring, on Saturday morning, April 27.



Registration is strictly limited to 16 people. To reserve your place, please sign up on the bulletin board or **online** at goo.gl/forms/DLUnJaQiPtbDV7om1.

**Vigil for
Hope & Healing
Every Tuesday at 5:00 pm**



Green Sanctuary



Those who are hearing about the Green Sanctuary program for the first time often assume that it's all about increasing energy efficiency, recycling bottles and cans, and reducing carbon emissions. Many are surprised to learn that the first focus area is worship and celebration. Yet why not begin there? Worship, after all, is central to congregational life. If we bring

environmental awareness to the kitchen, meeting rooms, thermostats, and parking lot, but leave it out of the sanctuary, we will have missed an opportunity to broaden and deepen our spiritual practice.

Participants in the Green Sanctuary program create new or expanded ways to integrate Earth-oriented spirituality into congregational worship and communal gatherings. As they do, they find that worship and celebration help to ground their work in other areas of the program, as well as deepen their relationships with each other and with Earth.

In what ways do we, at Eliot Chapel, currently integrate Earth-oriented spirituality into our worship and gatherings? How might we increase our emphasis on the Earth, climate change, and environmental justice issues?

We will be discussing these and other issues at our March meeting on Monday, March 11 at 7:00 pm in Room 005 (note the change in date). If you have ideas to share, but cannot make it to the meeting, please talk with one of our members at the Social Justice table in Adams Hall, or email us at environmentjustice@eliotchapel.org.

Taking Action on Immigration

The social justice committee at Eliot Chapel is called the Social Justice *In Action* Committee because we do not just study social justice issues, we take action on them, and we encourage the entire congregation to join us in this.

The Missouri legislature is now in session and there are several bills in the works, some of which would do great harm to both our documented and undocumented immigrant community. There are also several bills which are good and would be helpful. Your Immigration Team is actively working with our partner organization, Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates (MIRA), to ensure that the best legislation passes and the worst does not. We invite you to take action with us!

Action Steps: What Should You Do Next?

1. Use this link from MIRA to see the legislation: www.mira-mo.org/2019-legislation
2. Contact your legislators and tell them which bills you support and oppose. Find their contact info here: www.mo.gov/government/elected-officials/. SB64 has been heard in committee so mention this one explicitly.
3. Share this information with friends, colleagues, and on social media. Write a letter to the editor!
4. Use the MIRA resources above to keep track of the progress of the bills and how you can influence the vote on each of them.

Announcing: Introduction to Spirit in Practice

We are pleased to announce Eliot Chapel's newest adult education offering: **Introduction to Spirit in Practice**. As you may recall, Cindy Lau, chair of the Adult Spirituality Task Force, published an article in our February Newsletter sharing about this new offering for the Eliot community this spring 2019. Please refer to that article ([see page 11](#)) for a full explanation of the Eliot Ends to which this adult education aligns, as well as Rev. Barbara's interpretation of 'spiritual maturity,' and the practices of wholeness the Task Force hopes to cultivate. This current announcement provides you with important details on the course, which has its inaugural debut this April and May.

Task Force members will be co-leading eight sessions, four this spring, and four next fall. Each session is a stand-alone experience, affording you maximum flexibility to attend based on your interest and availability. We request you to sign-up in advance for each session to help with planning and session logistics. This flexibility welcomes and encourages "dropping in." That said, this is a "sampler" of spiritual practices, and we encourage you to attend as many sessions as possible, with special consideration toward topics with which you are not familiar.

All sessions will be held in Rooms 001 & 002, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The schedule is:

Wednesday, April 3: Personal Spiritual Practices – Listening

Tuesday, April 16: Mind Practices – Fascination through Reason

Wednesday, May 1: Justice Practices – Inspiration to Act Compassionately

Tuesday, May 14: Body Practices – Everyday Spirituality

A note about the Task Force's choice to use the word "spirituality" (which is known to be a trigger word for some folks):

- The word 'spirituality' does not imply a belief in dualism (matter vs spirit), or in an energy or force unknown to science.
- Rev. Barbara offers this definition: "Spirituality is a path of finding meaning, a sense of connection and the ability to serve the world with joy."
- Spiritus, the Latin root word, is defined as breathing (e.g. respiration) or breath of life (e.g. inspiration).

One of the things that draws many of us to Eliot Chapel is that UU spiritual practices are not dependent on particular beliefs, worldview, or religion-of-origin. Unitarian bishop Francis David said "we need not think alike to love alike"; we believe we need not think alike to do spiritual practices alike either.

Look for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board or [sign up online now](#) (at goo.gl/forms/S9MSVzXjQ2CQeAvm1).

— *Adult Spirituality Task Force members: Carole Glauser, Jeanne Kloeckner, Cindy Lau, Ted Lau, Mary Meihaus, Antoinette (Toni) Saunders, Peter Wilson*

Summer Trip to Transylvania

July 31 to August 13, 2019

Couldn't come on past trips in September? Want to see different cities than were visited during past trips? Want to meet Unitarians from India? Join me and several other Eliot members on the July Cross-Cultural Transylvania Pilgrimage this summer. The trip starts and ends in Bucharest, capital of Romania, with a day to see the city. Other new locations visited are Sinaia, Peles Castle, Bran Castle (falsely known as Dracula's Castle) and sites we didn't get to see in 2016 in Marosvásárhely. You'll see the historical Unitarian sites and there will be a 2+ day visit with our partner church.

More information can be found at uupcc.org/pilgrimages/pilgrimage-opportunities. On that page, scroll down and click on July 2019 Cross-Cultural Pilgrimage button to see this trip. Cost is \$150 to register plus \$1,195 double occupancy and an added \$195 for single. Alcoholic beverages, airfare, gratuities, and some meals are not included.

— Bill Coalson, Eliot Partner Church Chairman



Palace of Parliament, Bucharest



Bran Castle

Transylvanian Crafts For Sale

The Partner Church Committee will be selling craft items made by the women in our partner village of Nyárádszentmárton (in Transylvania) in Adams Hall after both services on **March 24** and **April 28**. The money from the sales goes directly to the women, who then use some of the money to benefit the Unitarian church in the village.



Get Together with UUs!

Registration is now open for both the MidAmerica Regional Assembly and UUA General Assembly. Enjoy the larger UUA world in our own backyard! **MidAmerica Regional Assembly** will be held at the Marriott St. Louis Airport Hotel the weekend of April 5-7. Registration ends March 22. This year's **UUA General Assembly** will be in Spokane, WA, June 19-23 with the theme, "The Power of We." Housing fills up quickly for GA so sign up now!

On the Calendar

Women's Alliance

Women's Alliance provides the women of Eliot Chapel with an opportunity for fellowship, intellectual stimulation, involvement, and growth. Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 9:30 am in Adams Hall to discuss books and provocative topics. On the fourth Tuesday, there is usually an outing to a local destination. All women are welcome.

March Meetings

Tuesday, March 5 – *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* by Neil deGrasse Tyson. Discussion Leader – Irmgard Voss.

Tuesday, March 19 – *Children in Trauma*. Coordinator – Ann Marie Hutson.

Tuesday, March 26 – *Delmar Loop Trolley*. Coordinator – Beth Rossow.

Register for Women's Weekend

Registration for Women's Weekend will be available in Adams Hall every Sunday, beginning March 17.



Eliot's **Grief Support Group** meets on alternating Thursday afternoons in the **DuBois Library**. Everyone is welcome. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for:

- Thursday, March 7 at 3:00 pm
- Thursday, March 21 at 3:00 pm

The **Pastoral Care Associates Team** will meet on **Thursday, March 14** at 7:00 pm in Rev. Jim's office as well as on **Tuesday, March 19** at 1:30 pm in the Frederick–Gray Room.

Celebrate Women's History Month & Black Lives Matter

You are invited to celebrate Women's History Month and Black Lives Matter with a potluck dinner in Adams Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Saturday, March 30. Following the dinner, we'll view the beautiful movie *Hidden Figures*.

Sign up on the bulletin board, at the table in Adams Hall, or online now (at goo.gl/forms/yZNgySMBurcql8dl2).

For further information, contact Lynn Murphy.

Three brilliant African-American women at NASA – Katherine Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe) – serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn (Glen Powell) into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race and galvanized the world.



Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday, March 10
Remember to set your clocks forward before going to bed Saturday night!



Recognizing Eliot's Superheroes

Each month Eliot recognizes individuals who have done something to inspire us with their faithfulness, hard work, and committed joyful spirits! If you have someone to nominate for Volunteer of the Month, let us know at frontoffice@eliotchapel.org.



So much at Eliot in the past months has depended on the work of all of you. During this incredibly transitional time, we want to recognize everyone who has given time, talent, and treasure to keep the work of Eliot Chapel going. YOU are Eliot's March superhero!

Our music director Jan Chamberlin recognizes the countless folks who helped accomplish the memorable choir exchange with Unity Temple UU in Oak Park, IL. This effort began last fall as people participated in fundraisers and hosted musicians who came to Eliot to perform, and continued to this past weekend when a hero showed up in the Eliot parking lot and brushed the snow from all the cars of the choir members who had traveled to Illinois.

The office staff recognizes all the volunteers who helped get this year's canvass underway, whether they created pie charts and organized FAQs or folded pamphlets and stuffed envelopes. This loving work contributes to keeping our lights on, cares for the maintenance of our building, and pays the wonderful people who nurture our children on Sunday morning. It contributes to our health as a congregation.

This church belongs to the congregation and it falls on the congregation to make sure that Eliot Chapel moves forward. As we have seen, Eliot Chapel is up to the task!



Weather Policy Reminder

While Eliot Chapel strives to be open and available, there are times when it is unsafe to do so. In inclement or extreme weather, the decision may be made to close the church and cancel activities. Check the Chapel's voicemail and/or website for news of closings. Information will also be shared on Facebook and with the local media. All members, friends, and staff are urged to use discretion when making choices about traveling in times of hazardous weather conditions.



Please Remember

The family of Stephen Rudolph, Eliot Chapel's accountant for many years. He passed away on February 5.

Trish and Bruce Williams as Trish was hospitalized in February due to a fall.

Rev. Barbara and Robert Gadon as well as the family of the lung donor.

Sunday Services

9:30 and 11:00 am
September – May

10:00 am only
Memorial Day through
Labor Day

Eliot Chapel Clergy

Rev. Barbara Gadon,
Lead Minister on sabbatical

Rev. Terry Davis,
Sabbatical Minister

Rev. Jim Crawford,
Minister of Pastoral Care

Rev. John Robinson,
Minister Emeritus

Eliot Chapel Staff

Scott Stewart,
Director of Religious Education
Christie Lee, Asst. Director of
Religious Education

Jan Chamberlin,
Music Director

Pianists:
Dr. David Nalesnik
Gail Hintz

Camille Novak,
Director of Finance and
Operations

Christie Lee,
Administrative Assistant

Debby Lovell,
Communications Specialist

Myron Simms,
Facilities Manager

Ed Liebman,
Sunday Custodian

Heather Flick,
Sunday Front Office Assistant

Jeanne Olson,
Volunteer Office Assistant

March Worship

March's worship theme is Journey.

Sunday, March 3 – 9:30 and 11:00 am*

“Finding Our Way” – Eliot's Senior High Youth Group

Eliot's Senior High Youth Group will lead the Youth Sunday worship services for the Eliot community. We look forward to seeing you for music, homilies, storytelling, and community, all led by Eliot's own imaginative youth.

Featured Musicians: All music by the Eliot Youth

**Postponed to Sunday, May 5*

Sunday, March 10 – 9:30 and 11:00 am

“Growing Up” – Rev. Jim Crawford

This Sunday, Reverend Jim will reflect upon the journey of growing up and aging.

Featured Musicians: Dr. Flo Reaves, violin & the Chamber Singers

Sunday, March 17 – 9:30 and 11:00 am

“The Gift of Hope” – Rev. Terry Davis

As we continue on our way, life's hard questions such as “Why this?” and “Why us?” – or “Why me?” – will pop up from time to time. What do we do with these questions? What gives us courage for the journey and to face the unknown?

Featured Musicians: Kathie Price and Rich Heuermann & Women's Chorale

Sunday, March 24 – 9:30 and 11:00 am

“Doing Something Else” – Rev. Terry Davis

Economist and Harvard professor Sendhil Mullainathan wrote, “Habits are powerful. Experimentation is an act of humility, an acknowledgment that there is simply no way of knowing without trying something different.” As we continue to address challenges in our world and personal lives, how will we know when our familiar way of doing things has run its course? How will we know when it's time to do something else?

Featured Musicians: Amy Camie, Harp & Eliot Choir

Sunday, March 31 – 9:30 and 11:00 am

“Grace and the Art of Giving and Receiving” – Rev. Terry Davis

In the Judeo-Christian tradition, the word “grace” is defined as an unmerited gift from God. In other words, good friends or a loving family are blessings bestowed upon us by the Creator even though we did nothing to earn them. As Unitarian Universalists, how might we understand the word “grace”? How might this understanding influence the way we give and receive?

Featured Musicians: Pamela Triplett, Soprano & Chamber Singers

Rev. Terry Davis pursued Unitarian Universalist ministry after a 25-year career in corporate communications. Rev. Davis currently serves as a transitions coach for the UUA Southern Region and recently served as the solo minister for Northwest Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Atlanta. A native of Washington, DC, Rev. Davis earned her Master of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology. She was ordained at the Unitarian Universalist