

The Prologue

Monday, December 2, 2013

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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**The Bazaar
December 6 & 7**

**Fall Congregational Meeting
December 15
4:00 p.m.**

**Solstice Celebration
December 20
6:15 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m.**

**New Year's Eve
Family friendly!
6:00 p.m.**

Sunday, December 8, 2013 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

"Every Question Has an Answer" Reverend Emily Manvel Leite Reverend Bill Breeden

In this story-based service for all ages, we will share a tale celebrating wondering, generosity and community. The celebration will include stories, quiet reflection and our joyful congregational parade of gifts for people in need.

If possible, please bring a gift of mittens, hats, size 4, 5, or 6 diapers, baby wipes, toiletries, non-perishable food, your Guest at Your Table envelope, or the gift you selected from the Giving Tree to this service. Everyone is invited to contribute a "golden gift" of money, in amounts large or small, to benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

Sunday, December 15, 2013 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

"Peace and Resolution" Special Music Sunday Reverend Mary Ann Macklin Reverend Bill Breeden

Our whole choir, with Worship Artist in Residence Colleen Haas, percussion, will provide special music throughout the service. The focus will be on peace and resolution, and a family choir of grandmothers, mothers, and daughters will be featured.

Fall Congregational Meeting Official Notice

Sunday, December 15, 2013
4:00 p.m.

In the Meeting Room
2120 North Fee Lane, Bloomington
All members are urged to attend.
Childcare provided.



The North Window

An ambulance just buzzed by on the by-pass with light flashing and sirens blasting. Reminds one of how much we have to be thankful for, and brings to mind a prayer for whomever the sirens wail. We are hammering down through Chanukah, with our sights set on Solstice, Christmas, and New Year. I reckon everything goes faster when one passes over the top of the hill and starts back down, so I might as well get used to it. The good news is that it seems to get better every day if I begin by saying "Thank you."

Another piece of good news is that before you receive the next installment of The Prologue, our Executive Minister, the Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, will be with us again. I reckon she will be as happy to see us as we are to see her, and that will make for a very fine holiday season.

We will staff the Interfaith Winter Shelter again on December 14th, and I am thankful for all those who make that possible. I am also thankful for the many bags of groceries I saw at Monroe County United Ministries last week. I was amazed at the number of holiday food baskets in that room, and was gratified when the staff person said, "It is amazing how much we have, and most of them come from the UU Church." Y'all make it a joy to be a minister in this community. I will lift a toast to all of you on the solstice, on Christmas Eve, and once more at the end of this wonderful year.

Peace,
bill

Reverend Bill Breeden, Co-minister



Post Script to Sunday Services on December 1, 2013

I am glad to discover that some people were taken by Reverend Lynn Ungar's writing shared during the service, and might like to read more from her. I believe she is one of our best, as well as most prolific, poets. The UUA's Skinner House Books published a collection of her meditations, *Blessing the Bread*, in 1996. Several years ago she left parish ministry to become the Minister of Lifespan Learning for the UU Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF), which is actually our largest congregation, serving people without a physical church nearby that they can attend, including people in the military and prisoners, and also lots of us ministers who choose not to join the congregations we serve. I have long thought that CLF's monthly newsletter *Quest* is one of our best UU publications. Each issue has a sermon from more than one minister, a message from CLF's Senior Minister, Reverend Meg Riley, and Reverend Ungar's regular column "REsources for Living." Not surprisingly, *Quest* always also includes a poem, including frequently one by Reverend Ungar, since she is the editor. You don't have to be a member of CLF to subscribe to *Quest*. You can check it out at their web site at www.clfuu.org or email clf@clfu.org. Enjoy! -- Barbara Child

Our Folks...

Our sympathy and healing thoughts are with Beth and Tom Hollingsworth and their family upon the recent death of Beth's son Andy. Our thoughts of sympathy are also with Rhonda and Corbin Baird; Rhonda's father passed away in late November.

John Crosby's new book, *Sons and Fathers: Challenges to Paternal Authority* is now available for sale at our Booktable. It is an adventure into the oftentimes fractious relationships between sons and fathers.

Virginia Clendenning will turn 99 on December 19th. It would be nice for her to hear from her UU friends on this special occasion.



Wednesday, December 4th Holiday Sing a Long -- 6:15-7:00pm

Our pianist Molly Doran will be joined by Reverend Bill Breeden & Glenda Breeden and Reverend Emily Manvel Leite in Fellowship Hall for this musical celebration. The more the merrier, come sing with us!



Sunday, December 8th– Gift Making Workshop for All Ages –

1:00-3:00pm Children and adults are invited to make simple gifts for the upcoming holiday season. Work together, learn a new craft, and create ecologically thoughtful handmade gifts from the heart. \$1-2 per gift. Pizza will be available for purchase from 12:30-1pm for \$1 a slice. Childcare will be available for younger siblings. For more details or to volunteer, contact Adrienne Summerlot (dre@uubloomington.org)



SAVE THE DATE! December 20th Solstice Celebration for All Ages

Friday, December 20, 6:15PM

A quiet, reflective service celebrating the returning sun. The Children's Choir (directed by Jill Courtney) will perform.



Tuesday, December 31st– 6:00 p.m. Family Friendly New Year's Eve

We invite everyone, young and old, big and small, old and new, to help us celebrate the good times we have had in 2013 and make wishes for 2014. We will provide punch, play games, dance, sing, have crafts from around the world and celebrate the New Year with multiple countdowns. Kindly bring a party food to share. (No alcohol, please.) This year, we are considering a family

style overnight if there is enough interest. Contact Adrienne Summerlot dre@uubloomington.org for more information or to help with the festivities.

Join a Teaching Team

Religious Education within our church offers a wealth of opportunities. We not only offer you the chance to work with children, but we offer you the opportunity to meet new people. In addition, we provide thought-provoking discussions, the ability to influence the minds of our youth, and the chance that they might influence yours. Whatever your interests and talents, it is certain that you'll be able to find an avenue for shared ministry within our church and RE. Contact Adrienne Summerlot dre@uubloomington.org for more information. We hope you will consider joining one of these amazing teaching teams!

Intersession (Classes Meet from January 5-January 26)

With a 4-week commitment to teach, this year's Intersession will draw from Islam and center around the theme of Inquiry. Preschool and Spirit Play teachers are needed for both services. Heather Blair is looking for a cooking partner and Wendy Bethel needs a co-teacher with a flair for the dramatic, both at the 9:15 service.



Bazaar is December 6-7

The 55th annual UU Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar is Friday, December 6 from 10AM - 7PM and Saturday, December 7 from 9AM - 4PM.



Volunteers Still Needed at Holiday Bazaar!

Keep bringing your goodies for the *Gourmet Galaxy*, *Cookie Walk*, *Books*, and *White Elephant* through Friday. We also still need volunteers for shifts December 6 and 7. We are experiencing a shortage of helpers for set up and tear down. We have to put the church back into shape so we can attend our services on Sunday! If you can help Saturday 5-7 (Dec 7) please contact Jess Davis, jessldav@yahoo.com. Remember: many hands make light the work!



Read and Recycle -- Bolster the Bazaar Book Sale!

Cull through your shelves for old, lightly used books and clear them off your shelves. Books may be brought to church (Room 104) through Wednesday, December 4. Questions? Contact Abby Downey at abdowney46@gmail.com or [812-824-7755](tel:812-824-7755).



Cookie Walk Bakers!

It is time for our very last push of icing and sprinkles! The Bazaar opens in just 4 DAYS!!! Please remember to label your cookies and put your name on any containers to be returned. You can deliver cookies starting Thursday evening Dec. 5th or Friday or Saturday mornings the 6th and 7th. We'll see you there and thank you all for helping Cookie Walk 2013 be a sweet success!

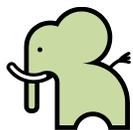
--Mary Jo Conley and Meg Sears, Cookie Walk Committee



Gourmet Galaxy

LAST CHANCE! You can still donate your delicious baked goods to Gourmet Galaxy this Thursday evening Dec. 5 between 6 and 8 pm, or at the beginning of the bazaar on Friday, December 6. If you have already signed up, we thank you in advance! We look forward to receiving your goodies Thursday or Friday. This is a wonderful opportunity to not only bake and ring in holiday cheer, but also to support the church. If the bazaar is to be a success, we need

YOU! -- Ann LeDuc and Molly Gleeson, co-chairs



White Elephant's Trunk Donate high quality used items: beautiful, unusual, or relentlessly useful (no clothing). Items may be brought to Room 108 through Thursday, December 5 during office hours, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Doris Wittenburg



Hookers, Needlers and Shuttlers!

Fundraiser Knitting for Monroe Co. United Ministries You know who you are! Bring those beautiful hand crafted items in next Sunday and help feed our hungry neighbors. Last year we were able to raise over \$1500 for Monroe County United Ministries through the sale of your beautifully crafted fiber art projects at our UU Christmas Bazaar. With your help in restocking our inventory, we hope to surpass last year's record sales. Info, contact Mary Blizzard, 333-8957 or mary_blizzard@hotmail.com, subject line MCUM PROJECTS.

Our Congregational Themes for 2014



January: Inquiry
 February: Connection
 March: Generosity
 April: Honesty
 May: Beauty
 June: Love

July: Hospitality
 August: Creativity
 Sept: Deep Listening
 Oct: Inheritance
 Nov: Possibility
 Dec: Hope

Beginning in January, we'll be invited to consider these themes in all areas of our congregational life: worship and music, education, fellowship, small group ministry, and social justice.

Saying Goodbye Workshop January 25

A Saturday daytime workshop on January 25th will help us get ready to say our goodbyes to the Reverend Bill Breeden as we near his retirement—and perhaps give us a chance to learn something about other good-byes that inevitably happen in our lives. The Rev. Dr. Laurie Proctor, UU Minister Emerita, Fort Wayne, will lead the event. Save the date and watch the Prologue for more information. —Jack King



Exploring UU Class Meets

Sunday, January 12 & Sunday, January 19, 2014

Are you interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation? Whether you are considering membership or are just curious, this class is for you. The Exploring UU Class will be held on Sunday, Jan 12 and Sunday, Jan 19 from 2-4 p.m. in the library. Sign up by Sunday Jan 5 at the welcome table in the foyer, or by emailing office@uubloomington.org. Free child care is provided. For more information contact Judy Bennett, memcoord@uubloomington.org

Join The UU Fellowship Dinners. These dinners are held in homes of Unitarian Universalists and are the perfect way to meet fellow UU. Everyone is welcome. Participants contribute food and conversation. Want to know more? Want to sign up? Check it out and/or register by going to www.uubloomington.org and click on “Getting Involved/Social Activities” and click on the link to the form under Fellowship Dinners. You may need to “enable editing” then complete the form, save it, and attach it to an email to fwpdinners@uubloomington.org or look for the Fellowship Dinner brochures in the literature racks at church. You can complete the paper form and leave it in Room 204. —Sandy Churchill

Calling all UU Artists, Artisans and Craftspeople!

The Elder Focus Task Force (EFTF) is planning a tour of UU artists' homes and studios on the afternoon of Thursday, March 27, 2014. If you would be interested in demonstrating/displaying your art to a group of appreciative fellow UUs in your studio or home, please contact Judy Allensworth at jallensworth@bluemarble.net. UU musicians, painters, actors, potters, sculptors, writers, weavers – we know you're out there. Join the EFTF's inaugural UU Artists' Tour and help enrich our UU community!

Book Discussion on Lahiri's *The Lowland* December 15

The Book Discussion Group will meet at the home of Elof and Nedra Carlson on Sunday, December 15 2013 at 3:00 PM. The work will be the latest novel of Jhumpa Lahiri, *The Lowland*. It follows the lives of two brothers from Calcutta, one who stays behind as a future radical seeking social justice for the poor and the other as a prominent scientist who lives in the United States. Circumstances bring them together. Barnes and Noble has copies.

Our Ministers' Sabbaticals in 2013

A sabbatical leave is part of our congregation's covenant agreement with our ministers. Sabbatical offers extended time for study, reflection, rest and renewal—all ingredients for effective ministry. As we've experienced in the past, a time of temporary change also stimulates opportunities for growth and renewal for all of us.

2013 Sabbaticals for Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden:

We are nearing the end of a 9-month period of sabbaticals which began in April, with Reverend Breeden's 4-month sabbatical, and continues with Reverend Macklin's sabbatical from August through December.

Our Ministry Team, our staff, Board, and Caring Committee support have done wonders to keep things running smoothly while Reverend Breeden and Reverend Macklin have each taken time away for some well-deserved rest.

Reverend Macklin will return for the Special Music Sunday and the Congregational Meeting on December 15th. She will also participate in the Christmas Eve Services. However, her office hours and email will not resume until January of 2014.

Just remember if you see her, you do not have to duck or hide. Simply greet her in a friendly manner. Mary Ann remains grateful for this needed sabbatical time which will enrich her future ministry.

In the meantime, when you see any of our actively-serving ministers, staff, and lay leadership of the congregation, thank them for the extra duties they've taken on.



Sharing the Care of the Congregation:

We thank our Minister Emerita Reverend Barbara Carlson for her assistance during the sabbatical period. She and the Caring Committee and Reverend Emily Leite have worked with Reverend Breeden to cover select ministerial assignments during Reverend Macklin's leave.

Reverend Barbara Child, our sabbatical minister, has served in the pulpit since April. Her last Sunday to preach will be December 22. Hats off to all of them, to Carol Marks and the administrative staff and to Susan Swaney and the Choir for ALL their on-going collaborative efforts!

Please contact the church office if you have pastoral needs and someone will put you in touch with the minister on call, 812-332-3695.

Direct other sabbatical-related questions to the Sabbatical Committee. We'll be happy to respond. Beth Lodge-Rigal (Chair) blodgerigal@att.net, John Summerlot, Doug Cauble

UUA General Assembly in Providence in June

Members: As you plan for 2014, please think of attending the UUA General Assembly in Providence RI June 2014. Please see www.uua/ga. Iris Kiesling 332-5224 ifikiesling@aol.com.



Ready to become a member of UU Bloomington?

If this is your community, if you feel at home here, join us! If you would like to make the commitment and become a member of UU Bloomington, the next membership ceremony is Sunday, December 15th, between the services, at 10:30am in room 207B. (Please note: We ask for participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the membership book.) To make arrangements to sign the membership book, please contact Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator, at 332-3695 or memcoord@uubloomington.org, no later than

Wednesday December 11th.

Help us help you get the info you need

We want to know where you find church information. Help us by taking this short, easy survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JCNGTPN>

Contact Adrienne Summerlot dre@uubloomington.org if you need assistance.



Grocery Store Scrip Cards Available for Sale Every Sunday

You can BUTCHER bottom dollar that there's no CLEAVER-er way to give to the church that to buy grocery cards! You get the full value of the card when you pay for groceries with it, and the church gets 3% at Kroger's and 5% at Marsh, O'Malia's and Bloomingfoods. Stop by the grocery card table in the Commons this Sunday and we'll talk TURKEY.



UU Humanist Discussion Group Meets on Alternating Sundays

Humanist Discussion group meets on alternating Sundays at 12:45 p.m. in Room 210. This group is an opportunity for regular, open, wide-ranging discussions of issues relating to morality and ethics, human development, and the nature of the universe. The discussion topic on December 15 is "Environmental Justice" led by Betty Wagoner

Community Connections

Our Faith in Action in the Community



Sylvia and Friends Sing for Shalom December 8

Launch your holiday season Sunday, December 8 with Sylvia McNair! The 2nd annual Sylvia & Friends Sing for Shalom will feature a program of festive holiday music beginning at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church, with Grammy Award winner Sylvia McNair and other fine musicians. Tickets (\$30.00 for adults; \$20.00 for students and children) may be purchased at the Buskirk-Chumley box office or online at www.bctboxoffice.com. Seating is limited, so get your tickets now! ALL proceeds to the Shalom Center.

LGBT Aging & Caring Holiday Celebration Saturday, December 14

December 14th, 2013 3:00 – 6:00pm Atrium at Bloomington City Hall 401 N Morton St, Bloomington
Hors d'oeuvres hand made by members of our Network. A free will donation will be taken at the door but admission is free. Shelf stable food items will also be collected for Hoosier Hills Food Bank.



Young Adult and Campus Ministry Headline News:

We will not meet on December 5th, but will meet at the church on Friday December 6th for fun and games as we provide security for the Holiday Bazaar. Young adults 18-35 are encouraged to join us at 7:00pm on Friday evening for an overnight at the church. This is a service to the congregation which the young adults have provided for several years, and we hope you can join us for pizza, games, music, movies, and whatever else floats your boat as we protect all the vendors beautiful wares at our Bazaar. Bring a sleeping bag. Rev. Breeden plans to join us for part of the evening.—Jose Toledo, Campus Ministry Coordinator, uucampus@uubloomington.org



UU History for You

H. J. Muller –geneticist and humanist

I had the privilege of getting my PhD with Hermann Joseph Muller (1890-1967) as my mentor. He was a third generation German American born in New York City and raised Unitarian. His paternal grandparents were Catholics from Coblenz. His mother's family was from mixed Jewish and Anglican roots from England. Muller attended Columbia University and worked with T. H. Morgan for his PhD and helped put together classical genetics based on their collective work of Morgan's fruit fly laboratory. Muller's major contribution to genetics was the induction of mutations with radiation while he was at the University of Texas in 1927. He left the US for Germany as a Guggenheim Fellow in 1932 but Hitler came to power and he went to Leningrad and Moscow. Muller was soon engaged in debates with a movement attacking classical genetics. He debated its leader, T. D. Lysenko in Moscow, calling him a charlatan. Muller got out of the USSR by volunteering to fight in the Spanish Civil War. He then moved to Edinburgh. Muller returned to the US after World War II broke out and he was at Amherst until Indiana University hired him in 1945. In 1946 he won the Nobel Prize for Medicine. He became an advocate for radiation safety and was much attacked during the Cold War. He also fought against the attacks on science in the USSR. Muller became active in the American Humanist Association, and in 1957 he was named Humanist of the Year.

-- Elof Axel Carlson, Congregational Historian

Attendance

Sunday, November 24	9:15:	108	11:15:	155	RE:	92	Total:	355
Sunday, December 1	9:15:	99	11:15:	148	RE:	88	Total:	335

Non-Pledge Offering

11/24 - \$650; 12/1 - \$412 **Total to be donated to Circles Initiative - \$265**

On June 2, 2013, our members voted to donate 25% of our Sunday non-pledge offerings through June 30, 2014, to Monroe County Circles Initiative, which helps families move out of poverty. For info on this program visit <http://www.inccap.org/pages/circles>

Grocery Card Sales

November 24	\$848, income to UUCB \$211.89
December 1	\$625, income to UUCB \$156.23

Next Issue of this newsletter: Monday, Dec 16; deadline for articles **10:00 a.m.** Articles received after 10:00 a.m. on the date of publication will appear in the next issue. Please send articles regarding congregational events and projects to admin@uubloomington.org. The Prologue is published on the first and third Mondays of each month, with exceptions, and is edited by Carol Marks, Church Administrator. Dates of the next few issues: Dec 16, Jan 6, Jan 20, Feb 3, Feb 17, Mar 3, Mar 17.



Photo by John Woodcock



NOW is the Time to Stop HJR-6!

Help with the Phone Banks:

We have a very narrow window of opportunity to stop HJR-6 in the legislature and avoid a divisive, hurtful, and expensive referendum.

If Indiana voters approve this suggested amendment to the Indiana State Constitution, then gay and lesbian people would be

prevented from being legally married in Indiana.

The Indiana legislators began meeting Tuesday, Nov 19 to organize for the 2014 legislative session which begins right after the first of the year. The most effective action you can take is to help Freedom Indiana with the phone banks. Freedom Indiana is targeting specific legislators who could be persuaded to vote "No" on HJR-6. To get them to do so they MUST hear from THEIR constituents. The phone banks mobilize people that are opposed to HJR-6 to take action by being transferred to their legislator's voice mail to leave a short message. That does not happen unless the calls are made.

Upcoming phone bank schedule

Thur. 6-9:30 PM & Sun. 5-8:30 PM either at Comfort Keepers or another site. Contact Drew Larabee of Freedom Indiana drew.larabee@freedomindiana.org or Phil Cooper pvcooper@comcast.net to sign up.

Vote for UUA Denomination-wide Social Justice Issues

Every two years, the Unitarian Universalist Association selects a social justice issue that will be the focus of denomination-wide study and action. Our congregation has the opportunity to vote in the preliminary ballot; the runoff will be at General Assembly in June 2014. Members, please see David Keppel at the Social Justice table after the services on December 8 to vote.

Proposed Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAIs) for 2014-2018

Vote for up to 5 of the 6 choices below: (Use these links to read full texts of the issues.)

[Empowerment: Age and Ability Reconsidered](#)

[Ending the War on Terror](#)

[Escalating Inequality](#)

[Gun Violence: A Public Health Issue](#)

[Renewing and Securing Our American Democracy](#)

[Unitarian Universalist Values and the Pursuit of a Just Peace for Israelis and Palestinians](#)

Elder Focus Task Force Thanks

The Elder Focus Task Force is grateful to the Social Justice Funds Committee for covering some of the expenses for the visit from the Reverend Esther Hurlburt in early October. Esther preached about Loneliness of Elders at two services and then met with the EFTF over lunch. We all know that there will be more and more elders who will be living longer and longer. What are their options for living arrangements? We want to keep in touch with Esther and discover whether cooperative housing is an answer to the housing dilemma for seniors. We'll keep the church informed. – Barb Backler

Viewing Sunday Services Online:

Livestream the Sunday Service at <http://www.techwerks.tv/264PlayerLIVE.php?type=live&clientID=933>

Watch archived Sunday Services at <http://www.techwerks.tv/myVideo.php?clientID=933&name=yes>

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Take Charge of Your Hearing Health & Help Others

Roughly 15 to 18 million people in the US have impaired hearing, but have never had a hearing test. Our church community can HELP BRING a LEGITIMATE, AFFORDABLE and NON-COMMERCIAL HEARING TEST to the people of our town, our state, and our country. It's called The National Hearing Test and it is administered by telephone, by calling a toll-free number. We can take it for free, although there is normally an \$8 fee for it. Why? It was funded by the National Institutes of Health, which needs public response to support further funding. Developers included a member of our church community, Chuck Watson. His research company, Communication Disorders Technology, Inc., has collaborated with Indiana University and the Vrei Universitaat Medical Center of Amsterdam where the first such test was developed 10 years ago. On Sunday, Dec. 8th, there will be information envelopes available to those who would like to help by taking the test at home.

Count Your Blessings

Gratitude makes a difference. Review the following list and add up the dollar amounts of each item to which you can answer "yes." Then write out a check payable to your favorite good cause and send it off. How about UU Church of Bloomington! (This list was suggested by member Carol Ver Wiebe.)

I live in a house: \$1
 I live in an apartment: 75 cents
 I have ___ stereos/radios: 30 cents ea.
 I own ___ TV sets: 30 cent ea.
 I own ___ computers/laptops/i-Pads/iPods: 50 cts ea.
 I have a cell phone: 50 cents
 I have ___ telephones: 50 cents ea.
 I have a dishwasher: 50 cents
 I have a washer and/or dryer: 50 cents ea.
 I have ___ cars: \$1 each
 I have a job: 75 cents
 I have a job I like: 50 cents more
 I have ___ vacation days each year: 10 cents/day
 I have good health: \$2
 I have a cleaning person or crew: \$1

I have a full refrigerator: \$1
 I have a college education: \$1
 I have a significant other: \$2
 I have parents: \$1 ea.
 I have children: \$2.50 ea.
 I have brothers: \$1 ea.
 I have sisters: \$1 ea.
 I have grandparents: \$2 each
 I have nieces and nephews: 50 cents ea.
 I have grandchildren: \$2.50 ea.

Total all your blessings. Sit down and read each item aloud. Stop to think how different your life would be without them, and how fortunate you are.

A Calendar of Selected Events

Dec 4 3:00p Life Stories Writing Grp
 6:15p Holiday Sing Along

Dec 5 11:30a Women's Alliance
 1:30p Elder Focus Task Force
 7:00p UU Choir at First Christian

Dec 6 10-7 Bazaar
 10:30a Life Stories Writing Group

Dec 7 9-5 Bazaar
 10:00a A Warm Embrace, ARE class

Dec 8 12:30p Parent Talk
 1:00p Holiday Gift Making Workshop
 6:00p 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life

Dec 9

Dec 10 5:00p Knowing Woman, ARE class
 6:30p RE Support Team

Dec 11 6:30p Leadership Cultivation Cmte
 7:00p Intersession Teacher Training
 7:30p UUKnitarian Knitting Group

Dec 12 7:00p UU Choir

Dec 13 10:30a Life Stories Writing Group
 12:00n A-Team
 6:30p Drum Circle

Dec 14 Junior High overnight

Dec 15 12:45p Humanist Forum
 4:00p Fall Congregational Meeting
 6:00p 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life

Dec 16 10:00a Deadline for Prologue
 5:30p Caring Committee
 6:30p Bill Celebration Cmte
 6:30p Chalice Circle Facilitators Mtg