



Religious Exploration for All Ages

December 23rd
December 30th

Multigenerational Procession of Giving Service

December 2nd -9:15am & 11:15am

Celebrate the season by joining our generous community. We will share a story, and sing together as we celebrate caring for ourselves and others. During this service, we help others in our community through a communal procession to bring forward gifts from our giving tree, food for the food pantry, full size toiletries and cleaning supplies for Positive Link, men's socks for Shalom Center, and golden wrapped gifts of money for the UU Service Committee. Childcare Available. Preschool-6th grade Religious Education classes will NOT meet. Our Whole Lives for 7th & 8th grade and High School Youth Group will meet as usual.

♪ **Holiday Sing-a-Long** ♪

Monday, December 10th 6:30pm– Meeting Room

Everyone is welcome to join our pianist Ray Fellman and Rev. Emily Manvel Leite for this annual tradition. We will be enjoying Christmas, Hanukkah, Solstice and Winter songs as they are chosen by those who gather. Find this event on our [Facebook page](#) and invite your friends!



Wednesday, December 19th– 6:15pm

Reverend Emily Manvel Leite * Reverend Mary Ann Macklin * Reverend Scott McNeill

All ages are invited to come share in a quiet, reflective service celebrating the returning sun. We will fully inhabit this place on our planet as we join together in a candlelit spiral procession and reconnect with the earth and its natural cycles. Children's Choir will perform. Childcare Provided.



**4pm– Away in a Manger Service
Fellowship Hall**
(more details on next page)

**7pm– Candlelight and Carols
Meeting Room**



Away in a Manger– Christmas Eve- 4pm Service– Fellowship Hall

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin
Adrienne Summerlot, Director of Religious Education

This serviced is designed with families and the young at heart in mind. Newcomers and guests especially are invited to join us for this informal service. There will be a few chairs around the room and plenty of room for kiddos and families to sit on the floor. This is a no rehearsal interactive pageant where you are welcome to participate or just watch.

Find this event on [Facebook](#)

What to bring:

- a stuffed animal or doll to put in the manger and share with the babies and other children
- soft blankets, pillows or floor chairs
- a plate of cookies to share
- If your budget permits - a pair of new mittens, adult gloves or men's socks for the Mitten Tree

Specific age groups are invited to come dressed for parts and to become familiar with a few lines. These ages are just suggestions, if your child feels called to play a certain role assigned to a different age group, that is fine!

Please let Adrienne Summerlot (dre@uubloomington.org) know if someone in your family can arrive a little early and be an Inn Keeper and help pass out candles and programs.

0 - 3 year olds - Angels - Wear halos perhaps made of aluminum foil and whatever else you feel makes you angelic. *Practice saying, "Oh, what a wonderful child" and "Peace to all people on earth!"*

4 - 5 year olds - Shepherds - Wear shepherd hats like a towel on head tied with some type of rope or tie and whatever else would keep you warm if you were a shepherd. *Practice saying, "Let's go look for that baby" and "Oh, what a beautiful child!"*

6 - 8 year olds - Wise Ones- Wear crowns and other wise-one like garb. *Practice saying, "Look at that amazing star! It must be shining for something very special!" and "This child will be our teacher."*

9 and up - Inn Keepers- Help pass out programs and play the role of Inn Keeper. Please let Adrienne know if a youth or adult in your family can help in this way.