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WEEKLY UPDATE 12/01/2016

SUNDAY NEWS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM



How the Light Gets In, Rev. Bev Waring Preaching

“There is a crack in everything. That is how the light gets in.” These lines from Leonard Cohen’s song *Anthem* are the inspiration for this service. What can these words mean to Unitarian Universalists during this season of hope, love, joy and peace?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Religious education classes will meet this weekend. Families will begin the service together in the Sanctuary, and students will leave for their classes following the Time For All Ages.

2016 Giving Tree:



The 7th and 8th grade class is leading our congregation in this year’s Giving Tree program.

What is it? This program provides holiday gifts for local children and teens in need.

How do I participate? The tags can be found on the tree in the chapel. Each tag contains information for a specific gift for a child or teen. Those wishing to participate can choose a tag, fill out the sign-up portion, purchase the gift, wrap it, and **return the gift to UUCSW on December 11th by 10:30 AM.**

The 7th and 8th grade students will be in charge of the tags and offering assistance during coffee hour. **Note: It is very important to fill out the sign-up portion of the tag so that we may keep track of gift donations.** Thank you for your participation!

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The religious education students are holding a **Winter Clothing Drive** throughout the month of December. They will be collecting winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats, gloves/mittens and scarves of all sizes in boxes in the 5th-6th grade classroom and the Chapel. Thank you for helping our students to provide warm winter clothing to local families in need!

All religious education students and youth group members are invited to participate in our Holiday Multigenerational Service on December 11th! Please email Jenna at jennawrean@gmail.com if your child would like to play a role in this fun holiday service!



Parents of 8th grade students are invited to attend an information **meeting about this year's Coming of Age program** on **Sunday, December 18th at 12 PM.**

OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS ARE ON SUNDAY!



Rev. Bev wants our church to be open both these Sundays with worship available to anyone who may seek a community with whom to gather. Anyone interested in working with Rev. Bev – or maybe providing one of these services yourself – please let her know as soon as possible. Both services will be informal, shorter than an hour and welcoming to all ages. If you have questions or want to volunteer contact Rev. Bev at RevBevW@gmail.com or on her cell phone 508-330-1352.

STOP & SHOP GIFT CARDS

REMINDER: Pick up your Stop & Shop gift cards for holiday shopping & gifts from Ken Young.

For every dollar purchased, the church receives 5%.

If you do not personally shop at Stop & Shop you can still join in this easy fund-raiser as it is very much appreciated when these cards are added to the monthly offering (1st Sunday of the month) that benefits the Minister's Discretionary Fund.



SIGN UP FOR SNOW REMOVAL - Take a slot or two!



Did you know that shoveling is great exercise? Not to mention, the fresh air is good for your lungs! UUCSW needs your help with shoveling snow **before** our church services on Sunday mornings. Responsibilities include shoveling and/or snow blowing the snow on the walkways and sidewalk around the church building. UUCSW has the necessary supplies: shovels, snow blower and ice melt.

Please consider signing up for a slot or two! If it doesn't snow on your date, then you are lucky! Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054faeab2eab9-snow>

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SPONSOR AN ORGAN PIPE

The ORGAN PIPES fundraiser continues for the maintenance of our 1895 Ryder pipe organ. Consider a year-end tax deductible gift. If you can help a little, make your check payable to UUCSW with a notation "Organ Fund" and drop in the collection plate or mail it in to PO Box 644. The Music Committee thanks you.



SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING – this Sunday at noon



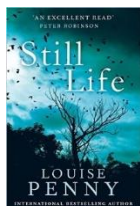
There will be a Social Justice meeting this Sunday at noon, in the downstairs meeting room. Some of the topics will include those found in the last Vista, along with other new initiatives. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

UUs AT LUNCH - Wednesday, December 14th

We haven't been to the South Street Diner in quite some time, so let's end the year at this old favorite at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, December 14th. All are welcome, and we hope many will join us for our holiday season gathering. If you plan to meet with us, please let Mary Tribe (508-329-1646 or email: marytribe5@gmail.com) know by Sunday, December 11th, so we can let the restaurant know of our plans. Hope to see you there!



UU BOOK GROUP – Friday, December 9th



Still Life by Louise Penny

Please join us. The group is open to all. We usually meet in members' homes and enjoy small groups of seven to ten people. We enjoy some light refreshments, lively discussion, and wonderful company. You are welcome to attend. If you are planning to attend for the first time, please email: Judithteacake@gmail.com.

GREETERS/ USHERS

Greeters/Ushers are needed for the Christmas Eve service on December 24th!

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Arrival at the church at 5 PM- distribute the order of service and candles.

Possibly help with the offering too. Melissa Meehan has placeholders to reserve seating and insure a seat is available after greeting! Make it a family event to greet our members & friends for this special service! Please contact Melissa if you can help out.

If you cannot support your date and no one can switch with you, please contact Melissa Meehan at melcmeehan@gmail.com.

DATE	Front Door (Head Greeters)	Side Door (Ruggles Street)
12/4	Joan & Bill Ames	Maria Ahmed
12/11	Kri & Keith Pelletier	Andy Bartlett
12/18	Stacy Spies & Beth Singer	Melissa Meehan
12/24	TBD	TBD

Names in red have not acknowledged the Sunday assigned to date.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Sunday, December 4th, 10:30 AM – Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, December 4th, 12:00 PM – Social Justice Meeting

Monday, December 5th, 7:00 PM – Adult “OWL”

Wednesday, December 7th, 6:30 PM – Board Meeting

Thursday, December 8th, 7:15 PM – Membership Meeting

Friday, December 9th, 7:00 PM – Book Group

Sunday, December 11th, 12:00 PM – Youth Group Meeting

Monday, December 12th, 7:00 PM – Adult “OWL”

Tuesday, December 13th, 7:00 PM – Program Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 14th, 11:30 AM – UUs at Lunch

GETTING INVOLVED!

Sign up for snow removal before our Sunday church services! If it doesn't snow, your duty is done☺