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WEEKLY UPDATE 12/15/2016

SUNDAY NEWS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18TH WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM

Reclaiming Salvation, Rev. Bev Waring Preaching



In the Christian tradition, Christmas is celebrated as the birth of the savior of the world. The hope of the believer is salvation. Come Sunday and discover how John Dietrich, father of American Humanism, viewed salvation and what that can mean for Unitarian Universalists especially now as the United States enters one of the most contentious and controversial times in modern history.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Religious Education students will celebrate their annual Holiday Party this Sunday! All students will begin class in the Chapel for a worship circle and then head downstairs to enjoy holiday games, crafts and snacks!



The religious education students are holding a **Winter Clothing Drive** throughout the month of December. *They will be collecting gently used 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!

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



Thank you so much to Kira, Claire, Sophia, Arianna, Leila, Morgan, Evan, Naomi, Noah, Harley, Piper, Michael, Sarah, Jane, Clara, Alaia, and Sophie for your wonderful performance of The Polar Express during our worship service this past Sunday!

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Jen Tolman and the 7th and 8th grade class led another extremely successful Giving Tree gift drive at UUCSW this year! Thanks to their efforts and the generosity of all who participated, our congregation donated 60 Christmas gifts to local children in need. Thank you all!



Thank you all for your contributions to the religious education students' "It's Scary to Be Hungry" Food Drive! With the help of our generous congregation, the students collected 12 large grocery bags full of food during the month of November, which we delivered to the Westborough Food Pantry at the beginning of December.

OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

DECEMBER 24th, CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, 5:30 PM



Join us for this family friendly celebration of the season! Carols will be sung. Stories will be told. Candles will be lit. If you love the traditions of the Christmas season, this is a service not to be missed.

CHRISTMAS TREE NEEDED

The Christmas tree that is typically set up in the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve is broken and un-usable. If someone has one that we can borrow this year, please contact Rev Bev.



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.

CIRCLE SUPPERS!

Looking for a way to connect with your fellow UUs and enjoy an evening out? Join us



for Circle Suppers on **January 28th** and/or **February 4th**. Circle Suppers are small group dinners held in people's homes where everyone brings something to share.

Sign up using the "sign up genius" link: [Circle Supper Sign Up](#) ...or on the poster in the Chapel. You can sign up for one evening or both evenings. We are working with the Youth Group to provide babysitting on one of the dates as a fundraiser. Stay tuned for more info on that. If you are able to host a dinner, please note that on the sign up, as well as how many people you can host. The week before the dinners, we will contact the hosts with their assigned group of diners. It is the responsibility of the host to contact the diners and coordinate their dinner offerings. The host is not expected to prepare any of the meal, only to provide coordination and a location for the dinner. If you sign up to participate, please be responsive when your host contacts you. You can email Lisa Shumway (LSS0907@gmail.com) with any questions.

OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

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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>

MOVIE NIGHT – this Friday, December 16th, 7:00 PM



Please join Jim & Paula Kirk at their home! The December movie will be "**Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale**", from Finland. It's a different kind of holiday movie that is hard to describe - you have to see it for yourself! [Imdb.com](http://imdb.com) says: "In the depths of the Korvatunturi mountains, 486 meters deep, lies the closest ever guarded secret of Christmas. The time has come to dig it up! This Christmas everyone will believe in Santa Claus". Please let us know if you can join us. RSVP to paulazkirk@mac.com.

GREETERS/ USHERS

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

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DATE	Front Door (Head Greeters)	Side Door (Ruggles Street)
12/18	Stacy Spies & Beth Singer	Melissa Meehan
12/24	Ahmed Family	Meehan Family

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Friday, December 16th, 7:00 PM – Movie Night at the Kirk's
Sunday, December 18th, 10:30 AM – Worship Service
Sunday, December 18th, 12:00 PM – Coming of Age (program meeting)
Monday, December 19th, 7:00 PM – Adult "OWL"
Saturday, December 24th, 5:30 PM – Christmas Eve Service
Monday, December 26th, 7:00 PM – Adult "OWL"
Wednesday, December 28th, 6:30 PM – UU Knitting

GETTING INVOLVED!

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

- Looking for a way to connect with your fellow UUs in the New Year? Join us at Circle Supper!

