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## WEEKLY UPDATE

12/21/2017

### UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES

***CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM AND 5:30 PM***

***10:30 AM – Christmas Eve: Favorite Stories and Memories***



With **Christmas Eve** on a Sunday this year, there will be **two services** – one at **10:30 AM** and one at **5:30 PM**

Join us for one or both – they are both multi-generational and different from one another.

**DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>, CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY 10:30 AM**

***Christmas Eve: Favorite Stories and Memories with Rev Bev and Jenna Kyes***



For the morning service, we will be creating the service together so bring your favorite Christmas story or memory to share.

This is a family friendly service of stories, music and fun holiday spirit including the appearance of a Christmas pickles and a bird's nest. Ending with the singing of Silent Night (the only element similar to

the Christmas Eve evening service) this is a service not to be missed!



**DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>, CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, 5:30 PM**

***Christmas Eve: Lessons and Carols with Rev Bev and Kala Farnham & Guests***



Join us for this family friendly celebration of the season! Carols will be sung. Stories will be told. Candles will be lit. Beautiful music will be played. If you love the traditions of Christmas, this is a service not to be missed. If you or someone you know needs a ride to attend this holiday service please call Rev. Bev Waring at 508-330-1352

## UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES (Continued)

### **DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>, SHARED SERVICE WITH FIRST PARISH UU NORTHBOROUGH\*, 10:30 AM**

#### ***Seeds of Hope #morelife with Rev. Lynda Sutherland***



What do we bring with us into the new year? What sense of welcome, what courage, what abundance of the heart or home, what hope travels with us in to the new year? Where do we see the promise of #newlife this year? Join Rev Bev and enjoy the fun of visiting a neighboring congregation for this last service of 2017.

\*Rev Bev and UUCSW is collaborating with local UU Congregations to share the service on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day on a rotating basis. This year the service will be held in Northborough (40 Church Street) at 10:30 AM.

In the words of Rev. Sutherland; you are invited to join the First Parish UU Northborough congregation on Sunday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> **in our Parish Hall** for a Service for All Ages, as we take a last look at our December theme of Hope. Our All Ages Services tend to have less sermon and more story, fewer words and a bit more movement, song and interaction. These are not just "kid services." We don't talk down to our kids; we know that they think deeply about important issues, just as their elders do. We chew on some tough questions together, and taste the sweetness of life with them, too.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE**

There will be a **Multigenerational Holiday Worship Service** this Sunday at 10:30 AM in the Chapel, and our **Annual Christmas Eve Service** at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Children and youth will remain their families throughout the services.



The Religious Education students will be holding a **Winter Clothing Drive** throughout the month of December. They will be collecting gently used winter coats, snow pants, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and snow boots in boxes around the church. This year, we will be donating the items we collect to Centro in Worcester. Centro is working to provide winter clothing to families who have recently relocated to Worcester after losing their homes in the Caribbean to hurricanes. They would greatly appreciate donations of warm clothes in all sizes. - *Thank you!*



Our congregation will be participating in the **Meal Packaging Event** at Good Shepherd Church on **Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1PM**. This volunteer opportunity is open to our entire congregation, and anyone who would like to participate in the event is welcome to email Jenna at [uucsw.dre@gmail.com](mailto:uucsw.dre@gmail.com) for more information. We have committed to donating 3,000 meals (\$750.00) to the effort. If you would like to make a financial contribution to the event, please stop by our table during coffee hour. We'll be collecting donations throughout the month of January. - *Thank you!*



There will be a **Pizza Party and Sing-Along with Luanne Crosby** after the worship service on January 28<sup>th</sup>! Please join us, and bring your friends and neighbors along! **All funds raised at this event will benefit the Meal Packaging Event.**



## ***VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION***



**We are in need of an advisor for the Youth Group!** Our high school students meet from 12-1 PM on one or two Sundays a month at UUCSW. The role of an advisor is to attend youth group meetings and help with planning and chaperoning their service projects and events.

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Jenna Kyes at [uucsw.dre@gmail.com](mailto:uucsw.dre@gmail.com). - *Thank you!*

**We are still in need of teaching volunteers for our Religious Education classes!** If you have any interest in joining a teaching team this year, then please email Jenna Kyes, Director of Religious Education, at [uucsw.dre@gmail.com](mailto:uucsw.dre@gmail.com). - *Thank you!*

## **UUCSW HAPPENINGS**

### ***UUCSW TALENT SHOW!!***



Come join us on **Saturday, January 6th** from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at UUCSW (Chapel) for a great time. Pizza, drinks and desserts will be served. All talents are welcome...singing, comedy, hula hooping, dancing, art projects and more! Performances are to be 2 to 5 minutes maximum. Please sign up in the Chapel at coffee hour or email Melissa Meehan at [melcmeehan@gmail.com](mailto:melcmeehan@gmail.com). This event is sponsored by the Membership Engagement Team.

### ***THERE IS STILL TIME...***

**to make a special tax-deductible donation to the UUCSW**



We know that you have many options when it comes to your end-of-the year giving. Why not choose the UUCSW for an extra gift?

We are hoping to collect both small and large end-of-year gifts to help us meet the needs of the congregation and continue to operate as an active, loving, and dynamic community for all our members.

To continue this effort requires the participation of our members and friends, both as volunteers and as donors. So whether or not you have already made pledge or other donations this year, please consider a special end-of-year gift to help the UUCSW to continue to thrive.

You can bring your end-of-year donation to any Sunday service or mail it to Collector, UUCSW, P. O. Box 544, Westborough, MA 01581.

All donations are tax-deductible and you'll receive a receipt for all your 2017 donations in time for your 2017 tax filing.

### ***GREETERS/ USHERS***

**If you cannot support your date and no one can switch with you**, please contact Paula Kirk at [paulazkirk@mac.com](mailto:paulazkirk@mac.com). Please let Paula or a MET member know if you would like to greet on Christmas Eve.

*greeters*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Front Door (Head Greeters)</b>	<b>Side Door (Ruggles Street)</b>
<b>12/24 (10:30 AM)</b>	Robin Fleming & Andy Koenigsberg	Kathe Scott
<b>12/24 (Christmas Eve)</b>	Trainor Family	Sharon Barrett

## UUCSW HAPPENINGS (continued)

### ***DONATE BLOOD*** – in honor of Corinne Sciarappa

**Saturday, January 20th, 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

**Congregational Church of Westborough, 57 Main Street**

Our next blood drive is coming up on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Corinne is now in her junior year at Westborough High School and continues her battle with rhabdomyosarcoma. Patients like Corinne rely on the generosity of blood donors like you as there is no substitute for donated blood. Right now, there is an urgent need for all blood types, and an emergency need for type O donors making this an especially important time to give. **Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter: Corinne to schedule an appointment.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

**Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM** – Worship Service

**Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM** – Christmas Eve Service

**Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 AM** – Shared Worship Service at First Parish UU Northboro

**Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 PM** – UU Knit Night

**Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 PM** – Board meeting

**Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM** – UUCSW Talent Show

**Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM** – Youth Group

**Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM** – UUs at Lunch

**Friday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM** – Book Group

**Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM** – UU Knit Night

**Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM** – Program Committee meeting

**Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM** Pizza Party and Sing-Along with Luanne Crosby

**Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 PM** Meal Packaging Event