



NEWSLETTER

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Message from Our Minister Rev. Pam Philips

Tidings of Comfort and Joy

As we enter the winter months, we encounter all kinds of messages to be joyful. Think of all the different religious holidays celebrated with light as we move into a time of darkness—candles and twinkling lights abound. And yet, we are faced with news every day reminding us that we are still mired in a pandemic, the most recent being the Omicron variant. How are we to reconcile these conflicting messages of joy and sorrow? That's a question also raised by our theme this month—**Opening to Joy**.



Our culture's insistence on celebration—all those bright and gaudy Christmas decorations that have been up since Halloween, the loud and persistent strains of carols on radios and in public spaces, the overly sentimental and cheesy holiday movies, and advertisements for Black Friday and other sales to buy, buy, buy—can be overwhelming. It is all too much. Some of us may react to the invitation to Open to Joy with imitations of Ebenezer Scrooge or the Grinch. Bah Humbug!

But what if we reframe the invitation? Instead of thinking of it as flinging wide a window or door to all the noise and confusion of the holiday season, we think of it instead as a softening of the heart to more quiet moments of joy. As I think of some of the beloved members of our congregation we have lost this past year, I remember what brought them joy—a purring cat, a smiling grandchild, a dog bounding into the room, a memory, a song.

December offers us opportunities for both kinds of joy – the big, splashy ones and the small, quiet ones. At UUC, the usual chances to connect continue—the Monday morning breakfast groups, meditation, conversations on faith, yoga, choir, and several support groups. We also have a special opportunity to serve—supporting Glade Church as they host overnight guests of *To Our House*. In worship, we'll also have moments of quiet reflection and joyful exuberance. Our annual "no-rehearsal play" on the 19th will showcase the talent of UUC actors as Scrooge opens to the joy of the season in *A Christmas Carol*, written by Unitarian Charles Dickens. On Christmas Eve, we'll gather at the upper firepit to sing Christmas carols (weather permitting) and then in the sanctuary and on Zoom for a more traditional service, ending with candlelight. On New Year's Eve and Day, the labyrinth will be decorated with lights for evening walks, and the lower firepit will be lit for those who want to gather for cookies and cocoa. We need help to make these activities possible—from fire stokers to cookie bakers. Please, volunteer if it will bring you joy. (See articles in the newsletter about all these activities and events and how you can volunteer, if requested.)

Yes, we have lost loved ones in the past year and face an uncertain future. All the more reason to open to joys, large and small, to comfort us as we face *all* that is our lives. This month, let us take time to appreciate moments of joy. Let us take time to create moments of joy. For ourselves, for each other, for a world in need of our courageous love.

In faith,
Rev. Pam



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Message from Our Board

Gene Gardner, Member-at-Large



In the past I've attended a few Board meetings – usually to explain an initiative by a committee I was on or to support a proposal made by someone else. But until becoming a Board member, I did not have visibility of the big picture.

Our congregation has a lot of moving parts that need attention at some point or another. On one level, the Board reviews financial allocations, approves facilities requests and purchase agreements, and revises policies.

But it also facilitates committees enacting ideas proposed in the Strategic Plan, supports existing and new programs and sponsored groups, oversees personnel-related transitions, renews certifications, and develops new procedures for rapidly-changing issues like pandemic safety measures.

Many of these activities are similar to other decision-making groups I have served on, but there is one significant difference - and it has to do with our UU mission and principles.

The ancient Greeks had four words for different types of love. Three were about affection (storge), friendship (philia), and romance (eros). But the fourth (agape) was the most admirable – love as an action. It requires faithfulness, commitment, and sacrifice without expecting anything in return.

So many of the items that come before the Board (even seemingly mundane ones) ultimately support the underlying purpose and direction of our community.

One of the promises we made in our 2021-22 Board Covenant is – “We will keep the best interests of our diverse congregation at heart, carrying out the trust placed in us as guardians of the UUC Mission and UUA Principles.”

It is an honor to be a part of that effort.



Upcoming Events/Community News

Christmas Eve Sing-along and Service

On Friday, **December 24**, we offer two options for you and your family to participate in. Come to one or come to both and celebrate Christmas Eve with your UUC family.



From 4-5 PM, dress warmly and gather at the upper firepit to share a story or two and sing beloved Christmas songs around the fire (weather permitting).

We'll be masked and distanced but able to **sing** together!

Then at 5 PM, join Rev. Pam, either in the sanctuary or via this [Zoom link](#), for a special Christmas Eve service with readings, stories, and song—ending with the lighting of candles to *Silent Night*. Those attending in person will be masked and distanced but cannot sing; those attending from home can sing along.



Walk the Labyrinth at UUC

On Friday, **December 31** or Saturday, **January 1** from 5:30-7:30 PM, bring the family and walk our labyrinth which will be lit with luminaries and lighting in the trees for a magical experience. Warm yourself by the fire and enjoy a hot drink and sweet treat.

Volunteers needed—contact [Susan](#) to help.

Bring a flashlight and dress warmly. Rain or ice cancels for that date.



Solar Panel Installation Begins!

On November 22, Patrick Feucht and his able crew from Baseline Solar began installing the racking on our roof for the solar panels. Then comes the placement of 80 solar panels which takes about a week. The wiring and installation of the inverter panel and meter come next. The final step is obtaining AEP's stamp of approval.



Let the solar power begin and applause to UUC for "walking the talk" for sustainable energy at UUC!

Sign the Solar!



Come sign one of the solar panels that will be installed on our roof! Leave a message for future generations, draw a picture, sign your name, or leave a smiley face! Use one of the Sharpies provided to sign the back side (white side) of the panel but **be careful!** You won't get hurt, but solar panels are somewhat fragile, so write gently and try not to lean on, hit, or scratch the panels! The panels can be found behind UUC near the Crescent Garden leaning against the building until **December 1** when they will likely be installed on the roof. If you would like to sign a panel but can't get there by December 1 to do so, email [Patrick](#), and he can leave them out a bit longer including before and after the service on **December 5**.



Women's Lunch Bunch Holiday Meal at the Inn at VT

All women are welcome to join our annual holiday lunch on Friday, **December 10** at 11:30 AM at The Inn at VT for \$25/person. Contact [Cynthia](#) by **December 3** if interested in participating as she will be making a reservation for the group. Women's lunch will NOT meet **December 24 or 31**.

Virtual Greeters Needed

Interested in supporting Sunday services from home? Join the Greeting Team and serve as an official virtual greeter once a month for the Zoom option of our Sunday services. Contact [Lisa Evanylo](#) or [Akiko Nakata](#) for more information about this rewarding opportunity. Training provided.

To Our House (TOH)



UUC is once again participating in To Our House, the winter overnight shelter for homeless men and women in the NRV. We will be providing 3 meals daily to those sheltering at Glade Church from **December 7-17**. UUC volunteers have already offered to prepare breakfasts and lunches, but your help is needed for dinners consisting of a **main dish, salad or side, and a dessert**. Each dish must be large enough to serve 12-15 persons. Preferably, it should come in a disposable container. You will need to deliver your dish to Glade Church sometime from 5:15 – 5:45 pm or arrange beforehand for it to be picked up from you. Use this [link](#) to sign up to bring part of a meal.

Calendars Needed

Donate your unwanted 2022 calendars with attractive and non-political photos - animals, flowers, scenes, trains, etc. Leave calendars at UUC in the food pantry donation bin by the accessible entrance or on the kitchen counter between the 2 refrigerators. Calendars will be delivered to the [Fairview Home](#) during the week of **December 12-18**.

Fairview Home is a Virginia Dept. of Social Services licensed 64-bed facility operated by Fairview Home, Inc. and managed by New River Valley Community Services.

Living Alone? Get a Buddy and/or Be a Buddy



Are you living alone and would like to have a UUC buddy for daily morning check-ins to make sure all is ok?

Then get a buddy and/or be a buddy for daily contacts by phone, email or text. Buddies will decide which option works best for them. Use this [link](#) to sign up for either option. You will be notified of your buddy.

Isabel Berney's Celebration of Life

A hybrid service (at UUC and via this [Zoom link](#)) will be held for Isabel on Sunday, **December 19** at 3 PM. If you plan to attend in person, please fill out this simple [form](#) to enable us to set up for adequate seating. Please wear a mask.



Building & Grounds Use

Sunday services are offered in a dual-platform format with those attending in person required to wear masks, encouragement to attend only if vaccinated, and social distancing measures in place.

Other groups can meet inside the building in designated meeting rooms within the COVID capacity for that room. All in the building are strongly encouraged to meet with masks and social distancing.

Outside gatherings of any size are permitted. Non-vaccinated people are strongly encouraged to wear masks and/or social distance. Masks must be worn near children.

To schedule an event indoors or outdoors, contact our [Administrator](#).

Join the UUC Choir!

Our choir needs folks to sing and record our favorite hymns from our two UU hymnals to be played at Sunday services. No auditions required. We meet every Wednesday at 7 PM. Just grab your mask and come join us! Questions or suggestions, contact [Ella Kromin](#), choir director.



Parent Covenant Group

A monthly support group for UUC parents with younger kids (younger than teen). Enjoy a potluck dinner followed by playtime for kids and support group discussion for parents. We also have social gatherings throughout the year. Contact [Deb Dickerson](#). The group meets this month on Saturday, **December 4** at 5 PM at UUC.

Weekly Gatherings

Women's & Men's Breakfasts

All women and men are invited for coffee, breakfast (bring your own), and conversation from 7-9 AM each Monday at UUC. The two groups meet separately. Join in when you are able.

Women's Lunch

All women are welcome to join together for lunch on Fridays, **December 3 & 17** at noon at UUC. See page 4 for info on **Dec. 10** holiday lunch.

Sages

Join us on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 2 PM at UUC for stimulating conversation on topics that affect older adults and more. If you choose not to meet in person, you can still join us on Zoom via this [link](#). All ages welcome.

Yoga

Join this free weekly group at UUC on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. Bring a mat if you have one. To get on the email list for the weekly status of class, contact [Lori](#).

Monthly Support Groups at UUC

Parent Bereavement Support

A community-wide support group for bereaved parents and grandparents who have lost an adult or adolescent child. We come together once a month on 2nd Mondays (**meeting twice this month on December 13 & 27**) from 6-7 PM to help one another on our journeys. For more info and the Zoom link, contact [Katherine](#) or [Lisa](#).

Caregivers Support

UUC hosts a monthly support group for caregivers to share their experiences and challenges. The group meets on the 2nd Tuesdays of each month (**December 14**) from 7-8:30 PM via this [Zoom link](#). Questions or concerns - contact [Rev. Pam](#).

NAMI Support

Connections Support: Persons living with a mental illness are welcome to join this NAMI support group on the 3rd Monday of each month (**December 20**) from 6-7:30 PM. Contact [Kimberley](#) for the Zoom link or for more info.

Family Support: Family and friends of persons living with a mental illness are welcome to join this NAMI support group on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (**December 15**) from 6-7:30 PM. Contact [Kristine](#) for the Zoom link or for more info.

Transgender Support

NRV Trans Support is a peer-led organization whose mission is to offer support, resources, and social activities to all transgender and gender non-conforming individuals in the NRV in a supportive, anonymous and affirming environment. To learn more, visit their [website](#). Two different support groups meet monthly, and both groups are sponsored by UUC.

The **NRV Trans Adult Group** meets on 1st Thursdays (**December 2**) from 7-8:30 PM and 3rd Saturdays (**December 18**) from 1-2:30 PM and welcomes all adults who identify under the trans umbrella or are questioning their gender. For more information about these meetings, contact nrvtrans@gmail.com.

The **Youth & Families Group** will meet on the 3rd Tuesday this month (**December 21**) from 7-8:30 PM and is for anyone under 18 who identifies under the trans umbrella or who is questioning their gender. The group is also for parents who have trans or gender non-conforming children. Parents are welcome with or without their children. The group provides resources, advice, and support for children and their families. For more information about these meetings, contact correspondence-nrvtransfamily@gmail.com.

UUC Community News

Update on ½-Plate Donations

Thanks to your generosity, UUC continued its practice of helping others in both our community and beyond. The November recipients were:

November 7: Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation, \$147

November 14: Woodchucks, \$244.97

November 21: Blacksburg Head Start, \$237.55

November 28: Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, \$348.30

Watch the weekly announcements and website for the coming weeks' ½-plate recipients. Have a suggestion—email [Lisa](#).

Check out our [Give webpage](#) for information on donating options.

Follow Our UUC Instagram Account at @uucnr.v

If you have a picture of a UUC event or activity and want it posted to our Instagram account, do so yourself or send to [Ashley Dugan](#), and she'll post it. No identifiable pics of minors, and adults must ok having their pic posted.

December Food Pantry Donations



Our Community Service Team is collecting food in the bins located near the accessible entrance to UUC. Suggested donations for December are condensed soup, brownie mix, and tuna. Thanks for helping to feed the hungry in our area.

Join Our UUC Facebook Groups

To facilitate more conversation among us, join our private Facebook group - **UUC New River Valley**. To make this a positive experience, we ask that you honor our Congregational Covenant. Ask to join the [group](#) today!

We also have a public Facebook page — **Unitarian Universalist Congregation New River Valley** which can be found at this [link](#). Information on upcoming services, events, articles from the UUA, and more can be found here. Check it out.

November Board Mtg. Highlights

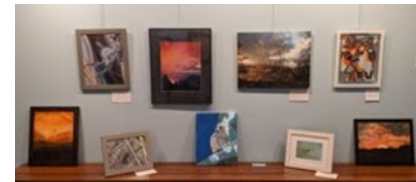
- ◆ Wayne Neu was appointed as Interim Treasurer to fulfill the remainder of Meredith Hundley's term.
- ◆ The Board approved updates to the [Social Witness Policy & Process](#).
- ◆ The Board approved our application to become a teaching Congregation. The application includes a grant request for two years and to eventually be a permanent teaching Congregation with full financial support from the Congregation.
- ◆ Darla Bray and Toni Cox were approved for 3-year terms on the Committee on Ministries.
- ◆ Catherine Copeland was approved to serve on the Personnel Committee.
- ◆ Construction of the Solar Panels will begin around Thanksgiving. The Communications Committee is hoping to get local news coverage of the installation.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, **December 9** at 7 PM. The [minutes and reports](#) of meetings for the past two calendar years are available.

Questions, Ideas, Complaints for the Board: Send an email to adresstheBoard@uucnr.v.org.

View Our Art Exhibit, Exploring the Outdoors:

Now through **January 8**, come to UUC and see the wonderful and varied artwork by our very own congregants on display throughout the building. As the building is locked much of the time, contact [Lisa](#) for entry.



Round the Grounds

by Susan Baker, co-chair

Gosh! Golly! Jeepers Creepers! 2021 has been a good year for UUC's grounds. Use of the grounds by congregants and neighbors has increased exponentially. Several additional trees and bee-attracting shrubs were added to our growing inventory of "carbon-eating flora". There is now a second set of steps leading to the upper part of the grounds. Erosion-control rock work along our driveway was completed, and rocks have been placed around some trees to prevent movement of mulch. The COVID troll was installed and now holds court in the fern garden along the Meditation Path. The two problematic detention ponds have been cleaned out and made functional (no more over-flow flooding!). Thanks to heavy-duty work on the back entrance (off Lark Lane), it's now very easy to enter the outer-most areas of our grounds. About 30 cubic yards of mulch and a huge pile of woodchips were spread for weed control.

Ongoing maintenance of the grounds requires a cast of dedicated volunteers:

Denise Martin – vine puller, trimmer, garden artist, and cheerful assistant

George Lally – resident counselor and man of many talents and thoughts

"Water maids" – Alyssa Short and Linda Pfeiffer who did weekly watering of potted plants

Masters of first impressions – Daniel Vogler and David Warner, mowers extraordinaire

Joe Powers – single-handedly reworked the detention ponds, maintains the mowers, composts the fall leaves, serves as truck driver

Amanda Haynes – path keeper (unfortunately has to sign off due to work schedule)

Greg Evanylo – mowing and compost manager, sustainability advisor

On-call workers – Walter Pirie, Tom Bube, Bob Stimson, and Dick Luke

We had successful spring and fall workdays with over 20 volunteers for each. These wonderful people worked hard!

During the year, generous donations have made our work easier and/or enhanced the grounds: Gene Gardner, Valerie Bidwell, Donald & Joanna Sunshine (border logs and rocks), Jim Flowers (electric chain saw), Dan Brown (use of his truck), Janet Sawyers (gas-powered leaf blower), and Bobbie Littlefield (garden art). Angela & Joe Parrish provided engineering expertise to remedy problems in the detention ponds. Thank you all!

I'm ending the 2021 year with appreciation for the encouragement congregants have given grounds workers, suggestions given, and the blessings of being part of the circle of life on UUC's grounds.



Joe Powers and Walt Pirie making repairs



Joe Powers mulching fallen leaves



George Lally building a ramp for the shed



Greg Evanylo working on the compost bin



Susan Baker moving mulch

Lifespan Faith Development

Children's RE

Our fun continues this month as we meet in person on Sunday mornings!

Classes will be meeting outdoors, weather permitting; and indoors with mitigation. Masking and distancing are required. Parents should stop at the sign-in table (located by the playground or in the downstairs lobby) between 9:45-10:00 AM to sign in children for class.

PreK: Our preschool friends will enjoy a story and playtime together. Coloring sheets, activity pages, and simple crafts will also be available for creative times.

Grades K-5: Our elementary children will be grouped into two classes: K-2 and grades 3-5. Both groups will work on the same theme, with age-appropriate activities.

Grades 6-8: Our middle school class meets for game playing and socialization, plus opportunities for social action and creativity. If safety permits, we may also try to hold offsite fun activities during other hours, such as a visit to Sinkland Farms.

Please note that children do NOT go into the sanctuary first on Sunday mornings.



No Rehearsal Holiday Pageant



Sunday, December 19 at 10 AM

On-Going Adult RE Programs

Sunday Circle

Meets first and third Sundays, 8:30-9:30 AM both in person in Elarth or via this [Zoom link](#).

December 5: Dan Thorp, Assoc. Professor of History at VT. "History, Myth, and the Founding of the United States": From Pilgrims stepping ashore on Plymouth Rock to George Washington confessing to the destruction of his father's cherry tree, history and myth have existed together in the story of the U.S. Many of the myths have had little real impact on how Americans view themselves. Others, however, have led to serious misinterpretations of the nation's history and efforts to recreate a past that never existed. We will focus on some of those myths and how they have been used to distort modern Americans' understanding of their nation's origins.

December 19: Mark Benson will discuss "Our Inclusive Society: From Dream to Action". The UU principles uniquely locate us as agents on the side of inclusion and social justice. How can our values inspire civic engagement in our unique location here in southwest Virginia? What strategies can we use to activate interfaith coalitions and nudge our institutions toward human goals based in equality? How can we educate our legislators toward moral goals that reduce inequity and build a better world?

Anti-Racism Group

Meets second and fourth Sundays, 1-2 PM via this [Zoom link](#).

All are welcome to join our ongoing group addressing white privilege and racism. Contact [Barbara Taylor](#) for meeting topics. Email administrator@uucnr.org to join the listserv to receive links to the discussion articles.

Meditation Group

Meets Tuesdays, 5-6 PM via this [Zoom link](#).

Our meditation group meets weekly for those interested in starting or deepening their meditation practice. Our format is drop-in, so you need not attend all sessions. Open with centering words and basic instruction followed by sitting practice. Meditators from all traditions and all levels of experience are welcome.



Conversations on Our Faith

Meets Wednesdays, 12-1 PM via this [Zoom link](#).

Join our conversation as we continue reading the book, *The Next Great Migration* by Sonia Shah. All are welcome, even if you have not read the chapters of the book under discussion. To learn more, contact [Tim Pickering](#).

Community Conversations

Sunday, December 19, 11:30-1 PM via this [Zoom link](#).

Join us for a conversation on *Understanding America: Reunited States*. The motto of the United States is *e pluribus unum* – out of many, one. Our nation has blended cultures, beliefs, and people from across the world to varying degrees of success. In recent years, it is our divisions and not our "one" that have taken center stage in our politics, communities, and media. The Reunited States highlights individual efforts to rewrite the narrative of division into one of reunification. This conversation invites you to add your voice to this shared American story and explore the ways you can build understanding with your neighbors and fellow citizens. We are all part of the many, let's work together toward the one. Led by [Rev. Jamie McReynolds](#).





Reverse Advent Calendar

Each day, add an item to a box. After Christmas, donate the entire box to the Interfaith Food Pantry, or drop it off at UUC and we'll take it there for you.

Total cost of these items is about \$1/day.

- December 1: canned vegetable
- December 2: canned fruit
- December 3: spaghetti sauce
- December 4: pasta noodles
- December 5: cereal
- December 6: canned tuna
- December 7: peanut butter (16 oz)
- December 8: jelly
- December 9: canned soup
- December 10: mac and cheese
- December 11: rice
- December 12: dried beans
- December 13: Hamburger Helper
- December 14: canned vegetable
- December 15: canned fruit
- December 16: spaghetti sauce
- December 17: pasta noodles
- December 18: cereal
- December 19: peanut butter (16 oz)
- December 20: jelly
- December 21: canned soup
- December 22: mac and cheese
- December 23: canned tuna
- December 24: dried beans
- December 25: Hamburger Helper

The Interfaith Food Pantry is located at 706 Harding Ave in Blacksburg. Donation hours are Mon / Tues 4-6pm and Wed / Thur 10-11:30am. IPF is closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Learn more about IFP at <http://newrivercommunityaction.org/IFP/>



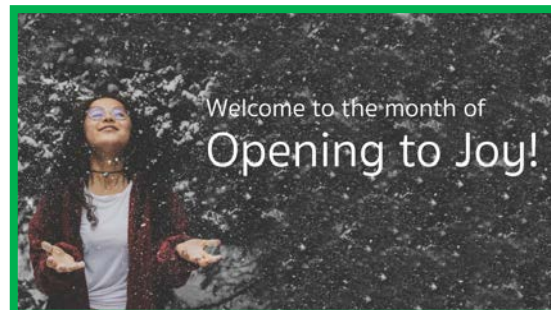


Unitarian Universalist Congregation Sunday Services December 2021

Services are now in person at UUC and virtual via [Zoom](#) at 10 AM.
We welcome you to join us.

December's Theme: Opening to Joy

Join our dual-platform service each Sunday at 10 AM - both in person at UUC or via this [Zoom link](#).



December 5: *Opening to Joy*, Rev. Pam Philips and Worship Associate Stephen Henninger. We'll begin our month exploring how and why we might open to joy by considering what we mean by Joy and its role in our lives.

December 12: *Reclaiming Joy*, Rev. Pam Philips and Worship Associate Kimberley Homer. In a season when joy can sometimes feel obligatory, in a time when we're acutely aware of sadness and loss, what are we to do with joy? How might we reclaim joy in a way that feels authentic and nourishing?

December 19: *A Journey to Joy*. We'll enjoy the acting talents of members of the UUC community in this year's multigenerational, no-rehearsal play, *A Christmas Carol* (written by Unitarian Charles Dickens!). What can we learn from Scrooge's journey from miserly malcontent to a spreader of joy?

December 26: *The Gifts of the Magi*. Adam Slate will help us unpack the visit of the three Magi to see what lessons we can learn from them and reflect on the significance of their story to a culturally and spiritually diverse community.

Adam Slate holds spiritual dual citizenship in the Unitarian and Unitarian Universalist traditions. He is a member of New Unity London and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Charlottesville. He is also currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Phillips Theological Seminary.

Adult RE: New Workshop Offered

All are welcome to participate in a workshop, *Exploring the Hebrew Scriptures: Let's Start at the Very Beginning*, being offered by Anna Tulou, a seminarian from Roanoke, via this [Zoom link](#) on **January 8 & 15** from 10 AM – noon.

The goal of this introductory workshop is to not only explore some of the book of Genesis, but also to bridge the theological moat and provide language and tools for further, deeper reflection on this and other works of the Hebrew Scriptures. This workshop is interactive and designed for all levels of participation – for those who may have read the Bible many times over or never at all, and those of all traditions and perspectives.

Our Mission

Inspire. Create. Transform.

Inspire spiritual and ethical growth. **Create** compassionate community.
Transform our community and the world through courageous love.

Our Vision

UUC will be a beacon of liberal religion in the New River Valley. We will join with other organizations and faiths to work for just causes.

We will practice generosity and radical hospitality. We will be known as a place of beauty, welcome, joy, and celebration.

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CALENDAR: December 2021

All times are PM unless noted otherwise

x indicates that there is a write-up in the newsletter

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
(All Sundays) x 10:00 AM Worship Service (UUC and Zoom) (December 5, 12) x 10:00 AM Religious Education classes (UUC) (December 5, 12, 19) 7:00 YRUU (UUC)	(All Mondays) x 7:00 AM Women's Breakfast (UUC) x 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast (UUC)	(All Tuesdays) x 5:00 Meditation	(All Wednesdays) x Noon Conversations on Our Faith x 5:30 Yoga (UUC) x 7:00 Choir rehearsal (UUC)			
x December 7-17 UUC serves as To Our House support congregation			1 6:00 Connections Committee	2 6:30 Piecemakers (UUC) x 7:00 Transgender Support Group	3 x Noon Women's Lunch Bunch (UUC)	4 x 5:00 Parents' Covenant Group (UUC)
5 x 8:30 AM Sunday Circle (UUC and Zoom)	6	7 x 2:00 Sages (UUC and Zoom)	8 6:00 Finance Committee 7:00 Worship Team	9 x 7:00 Board Meeting (UUC and Zoom)	10 x 11:30 AM Women's Lunch Bunch (Inn at VT)	11
12 11:15 AM Buddy Project Meet-Up x 1:00 Anti-Racism Group	13 x 6:00 Parent Bereavement Support Group	14 x 7:00 Caregivers' Support Group	15 x 6:00 NAMI Family Support Group	16 6:30 Piecemakers (UUC)	17 x Noon Women's Lunch Bunch (UUC)	18 x 1:00 Transgender Support Group
19 x 8:30 AM Sunday Circle (UUC and Zoom) x 11:30 Community Conversations x 3:00 Celebration of Life for Isabel Berney (UUC and Zoom)	20 x 6:00 NAMI Connections Support Group	21 x 2:00 Sages (UUC and Zoom) x 6:30 Trans Support Group for Youth & Families	22	23 9:00 January Newsletter Deadline	24 x 5:00 Christmas Eve Sing-along (fire pit) x 6:00 Christmas Eve Service (UUC and Zoom)	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>
26 x 1:00 Anti-Racism Group	27 x 6:00 Parent Bereavement Support Group	28	29	30	31 x 5:30 Labyrinth Walk	

Events listed above will be held via Zoom unless otherwise noted. See the write-ups in the pages above for more information. For Zoom gatherings, the [Online Calendar](#) has the Zoom URLs. That calendar will be updated as conditions change. Page 4 above has the Covid rules (at the present time) for Building & Grounds Use.