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**November Theme:  
The Importance of History**

Please note, as we continue to experiment with expanded Sunday programs, on November 8, 15 and 29 we offer learning opportunities at 9 AM. (In December we return to our contemplative reflection 9 AM program.)

**Sunday, November 1st**

**10:30AM: All Congregation Sunday (One Service Only) - Childcare Available**

**“Day of the Dead”**

As we explore our next UU theme, the importance of history, let's begin in our hearts with one of the most beautiful services we hold annually: Day of the Dead. Bring a photograph or memento you wish to place on the altar. With members of all ages, we remember our personal histories and those who have touched us.

**Sunday, November 8th**

**9:00AM: “Introduction to UU History, Part 1” - Rabbi Chava / Children's RE**

**10:30AM: Sunday Service and Children's Programming**

**“Reflections on the Parliament of World Religions”**

**Rabbi Chava and Sarah Montgomery-Richards**

In 1893 religious leaders from all over the world gathered in Chicago to create a dialogue that could end war, hatred and much unnecessary human suffering. It was decided that the Parliament would take place every 100 years. 100 years later, humanity still faces grave concerns, so the Parliament is now convened every other year. Sarah Montgomery-Richards traveled to Salt Lake City to attend the Parliament, with 10,000 people representing over 500 religions. She will bring highlights and teachings to our community.

**Sunday, November 15th**

**9:00AM: “Introduction to UU History, Part 2” - Rabbi Chava / Children's RE**

**10:30AM: Sunday Service and Children's Programming**

**“Is Religious History a Trap?” - Rabbi Chava**

As a religiously progressive community, we take pride in innovation and the ability to change with the times. Do we see history as a trap? Or, are there gifts we might claim by living in relation to the religious histories of our six sources?

**Sunday, November 22nd**

**10:30AM: One Service Only, Childcare and Children's Programming**

**“Simplicity Itself” - Rabbi Chava**

It is the custom of this congregation to gather at Twin Lakes' Gilbert Lodge on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. On this morning we will gather at UU and share a service that is simplicity itself.

**Sunday, November 29th**

**9:00AM: “Introduction to UU History, Part 3” - Rabbi Chava**

**NO Children's RE this Sunday due to Thanksgiving Holiday Break (cont. p. 2)**

**BEACON Deadline:**

**No later than the 25th of the month**  
**preceding the issue date**

Stan Cain, Editor

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[beacon@uucgt.org](mailto:beacon@uucgt.org)

**Sunday, November 29th** (cont)

**10:30AM: Sunday Service and Children's Programming**

**"This Date in History" - Rabbi Chava**

As we close out our month of exploring the role of history and story, let's have some fun as we head into the holidays. Did you know that on this date in history: E. 182nd Street in Bronx was paved and opened; the first ever motorcycle race was held; Thomas Edison demonstrated a hand-cranked phonograph and compulsory education proclaimed in England? And, there's more! Come and celebrate the value of perspective and retrospective!

*\*Remember, in December we return to Contemplative Reflection at 9 AM. Learning opportunities will return for 9 AM programs in January!*

## **December Theme: Spirituality**

**Sunday, December 6th - 10:30AM: "Annual All Music Service" (One Service Only) Childcare Available**

Join us for our beloved, annual all-music service! Watch your Flash for more details.

**Sunday, December 13th - 10:30AM: "Holiday Pageant" (One Service Only)**

**Rabbi Chava, Sarah Montgomery-Richards, Children, Youth & Adults of the Congregation**

Join us as we celebrate the season and the true spirit of giving! Light, love, and wisdom will be honored as we gather together during the winter holidays.

**Sunday, December 20th: "A Winter's Morn of Poetry" - Rabbi Chava and UUCGT Members**

**9:00AM: Contemplative Meditation and Children's RE**

**10:30AM: Sunday Service and Children's Programming**

A beloved UUCGT tradition, we invite members of the community to bring a favorite poem – original or from another author – to share. So we can plan thoughtfully, please email or call Rabbi Chava by DECEMBER 4 and let us know what you would like to share. We are particularly interested in works that celebrate themes of winter, natural beauty and healing.

**Save the Date: "Christmas Eve at the State!" Thursday, December 24th – evening (time TBD)**

Join your UU congregation family and the whole community as we once again celebrate Christmas Eve at the State Theatre in downtown TC! This year there will be required (FREE!) tickets for admission so we can accommodate all our friends. Solstice, Hanukkah, Christmas and the joys of winter – with Rabbi Chava, Sarah Montgomery-Richards and storyteller Jenifer Strauss, as well as a host of guest musicians will light up the night in peace, joy and fellowship.

**Sunday, December 27th:**

**TBD**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Everything You Ever Wanted to know about UU History in Three Easy Lessons (or at least a start)!**

**9 AM Sundays, November 8, 15 and 29!**

Friends, as you know we are in the midst of a great experiment with expanded programming on Sunday mornings. In October, we offered contemplative reflection from 9 to 10 AM, and we will return to that in December. In November, we will offer a 3 session class on UU history with Rabbi Chava. The classes are sequenced so if you can attend all three, terrific! Or, can only make it to one or two, terrific too? Please join us in the sanctuary.

### **Brew Crew - November 13 and December 4**

Brew Crew! Join us for coffee and conversation at Brew on Front Street (108 E. Front) November 13 and December 4 from 10 - 12 noon. Drop in for any length of time and hang out with Rabbi Chava and your UU friends.

### **The Reverend and the Rabbi Saturday, December 12, 7:30 PM**

They are Back! The Reverend and the Rabbi: Rabbi Chava and the Rev. Robin Carden – Suttons Bay Congregational Church. Join Rabbi Chava and Rev. Robin for their annual joyous yet gentle romp through the winter holidays.

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Friends -

Some years ago, I read about a movement called Big Tent Judaism (BTJ)\*. It was based on a set of principles that congregations and communities could apply to create a more welcoming feel. I've been thinking about how this might apply to the idea of a "Big Tent Unitarian Universalism," since our MidAmerica Region is building "a new era in Unitarian Universalism, where UUs visibly live our faith, create connections, grow our membership, and welcome all persons who share our UU values."

Our regional assembly next Spring (April 29 – May 1, Columbus, OH) is focused on the "WHO of the New Era of UU." Who makes up the new face of UUism? Are we Big Tent UUs? Here are the ten principles – adapted from BTJ – we might consider as we grow as we become the WHO in the new era of UU. As our congregation prepares to host several hundred of our friends for Christmas Eve at the State next month, through our education programs, meditation and other offerings, it is a good time to check in with ourselves to see how we are doing with "Big Tent UU."

### **Welcoming All Newcomers – think yellow mugs, introductions at services, prospective member orientations**

Welcome everyone interested in finding meaning and community, including people who are unaffiliated, and other underserved populations.

### **Celebrate Diversity**

Celebrate the diversity of today's individuals and households: Leave behind assumptions about what UUs "look like" or how families are configured.

### **Offer "Free Samples" [like office hours at Brew, 9 AM contemplative meditation, Christmas Eve]**

Recognize that outreach is not a membership drive but rather the providing of free and open access to communal activities: Increase the number of freely available UU activities, with no strings attached.

### **Deepen Engagement**

Deepen the engagement and identity of individuals and households, regardless of their institutional affiliation (or lack thereof), by meeting them on an individual level, learning where they are in their journey, and offering them enticing relevant choices from the entire gamut of UUCGT life.

### **Provide Quality "Customer Service"**

Provide the same high quality of "customer service" that people expect from all other venues in which they spend their time and money.

### **Lower Barriers to Participation**

Identify and lower the "barriers to participation" in the congregation that may be keeping away the less engaged, including but not limited to: cost, language, and expectation of UU and UUCGT literacy.

### **Increase Points of Access**

Increase access to our community not just by being available when people approach us, but also by going out to where people already are rather than waiting for them to come to us: Hold programs in secular venues, place advertisements in media, and partner with other organizations.

### **Create Partnerships**

Collaborate with other organizations across institutional and denominational lines, because individual organizations cannot be all things to all people: Outreach works best as a community-wide endeavor.

### **Enlist Active Members for Outreach**

Energize the "inside" for the mission of outreach by training and sensitizing our most active members to create a warmer and friendlier community for those on the "outside": Bridge the growing divide between engaged and unengaged individuals and households.

### **Better Best Practices**

Develop, share, and implement outreach best practices to help our communal professionals and volunteer leaders achieve these goals.

Friends, UUCGT is truly on the cutting edge of growth and taking a lead in modeling Big Tent Unitarian Universalism. We should be proud of our tent.

Blessings –

Rabbi Chava

*\*Taken from "Big Tent Judaism"*

**Rabbi Chava Bahle**

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## What's up with the Board?

The UUCGT Board of Trustees held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 20 with board members Jerry Beasley, Shelley Burnes, Marco Cabrera, Nick Erber, Mike McDonald, Becky Somsel and Gail Trill present. Rabbi Chava Bahle and approximately forty other guests were also in attendance.

Following routine approvals of the September minutes, Gail Trill asked that her comments on possible Board actions be moved to the Business section of the agenda. Gail's request was approved.

One half hour was devoted to Public Comment. Six individuals spoke during public comment with one person suggesting changes to Service times and consideration of expanding Community Needs to include global needs. All other comments centered around the resignation of our Music Director and subsequent congregational reaction to that resignation.

During Business session the following items were covered:

Gail Trill requested that Rabbi Chava's monthly report to the Board be removed from the Consent Agenda and proceeded to ask several questions about the report.

Mike McDonald reported that pledges received to date through September represented 28.5% of the expected annual amount and that this compared favorably to the 29% received through September of last year.

Mike reported that the UU congregation will be serving the evening meal and providing evening hosts at Safe Harbor on March 27, 29 and 31.

The Autumn Affair has been cancelled for this year. There will be a dinner auction at the annual Thanksgiving meal. The Board approved a motion to evenly split the proceeds from the dinner auction between the operating fund and scholarships for the annual UUA convention with the provision that, if the scholarships were not used, that portion would go to Community Needs.

Marco Cabrera affirmed the legal and ethical responsibility of confidentiality and also asked the Board members to sign a confidentiality statement according to our Congregational Policies.

Becky Somsel, Board President, read a list of actions that have been taken to strengthen our Personnel Committee and our personnel policies. Karl Love and Leslie Cook have joined the Personnel Committee which also includes Marco Cabrera, as Board representative, and Rabbi Chava Bahle and Business Administrator, Sheri Novak, as ex-officio members.

Gail brought up several concerns regarding what was Board confidential and what was not confidential. The majority of the Board reaffirmed that internal Board communications outside of meetings have been and will be confidential.

Marco updated the Board on progress on the new website.

The Board retreat will be held on the morning of Tuesday, November 17 at a place to be named later. The regularly scheduled Board meeting on November 17 will be held at UU.

The Board then went into Closed Session and adjourned following Closed Session.

It is the hope of the Trustees to publish a brief summary of all of our meetings on a monthly basis. Feedback on this will be appreciated. Feel free to discuss your thoughts or questions on any of the above items with any of the Trustees.

**Mike McDonald, Trustee and Treasurer**

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# Announcements

## **! Program Council Meets !**

On Saturday, November 14th from 9-11 AM, Rabbi Chava will convene the next meeting of the Program Council. If you are the chair of a committee, please plan to come to this important conversation. If you are not able to attend, please consider having a member of your committee represent you. Coffee and fruit will be available. Please **RSVP to office@uucgt.org or (231) 947-3117**.

## **"15 Minutes with the Rabbi"**

**November 8**

"15 Minutes with the Rabbi", 10:00-10:15 AM in Rabbi Chava's office. Informal chat with Rabbi Chava intended for individuals or small groups of 3-4 people interested in membership.

**Chris Walter, Membership Chair**

**chris9709@sbcglobal.net**

## **UU Book Club**

We will be meeting for the last session of 2015 on November 8th at the home of Emmy Lou Cholak (415 N. Elmwood). Emmy Lou will be leading the discussion of the book, "The Death of Ivan Ilych" by Leo Tolstoy. What a fitting book for the last get-together of the year! Make sure you give Emmy Lou a call to let her know that you will attend (943-7999).

At our October meeting, we selected our books, discussion leaders, and hosts for 2016. I will be emailing that list to our members early in November. If you are not a member of our group, but would be interested in looking at what we will be reading, send me an email and I will be glad to forward the list to you. And, maybe 2016 is the year that you would like to join one of the top discussion groups in town. We are always happy to have new members.

**Karen Mars - karen.mars.tc@gmail.com**

## **Thanksgiving Dinner**

The time has come! Sign-ups for our annual Thanksgiving potluck on November 22 will start between and after services this week and through November.

**Mary Kiner - marykiner@charter.net**

## **November Benzie Unitarian Satellite Service Schedule**

**November 4:** Rabbi Chava Bahle, "Under One Roof: When Fellow Seekers Differ"

**November 18:** Margaret Wozniak, "Remembering Our Parents - What Gifts Did They Pass on to Us?"

(Benzie members are reminded to prepare for December 2 discussion on Atal Gawande's book, *Being Mortal*.)

**Mary Lee Orr - orrma57@yahoo.com**

## **Donated Dinners FUNdraiser Event**

Since the Autumn Affair has been cancelled for 2015, Pinkie and I (Hoffmann's) have agreed to coordinate a "mini-fundraiser" event, the *Donated Dinners FUNdraiser*. We have done these in the past and dinners are well received. It's a simple process: Some congregants open their homes to host a dinner at a prescribed price per person and the rest of us purchase the dinners thru a silent auction process and show up to enjoy the food and company.

As a host, let us know what type of dinner you will serve (e.g., Italian, Thai, Meat-Lover, Vegan, etc.), set a price per person, a date for the dinner (as specific as possible), and the number of guests you can accommodate. In previous years we have had a Derby Dinner, a Mardi-Gras celebration, Dinner with Piano Music, a Texas BBQ, etc. You get the idea, the more choices the better!

Currently, we have about 7 or 8 dinners on hand ranging from Gourmet Thai to Italian, from a Beer and Brats Picnic to a Sunday Brunch and others. If you are interested in hosting a dinner contact us via e-mail (jandphoff@yahoo.com), or talk to us at Church. The dinners will be available for purchase at our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 22 @ Twin Lakes Lodge. Hope to hear from you—these are a lot of fun!

**John and Pinkie Hoffmann - jandphoff@yahoo.com**

## Membership News



*New Member Welcome Services:* Will be Scheduled As Needed

### Spotlight on Some New UUCGT Members:

**Karl T. Kristen** joined UUCGT April 19 having dropped in occasionally through the years. He was formerly affiliated with UU in Grosse Pointe and New Orleans and UCC (United Church of Christ) in Birmingham, MI. Karl felt comfortably stimulated by the sphere of influence in our congregation. He is a retired physician who practiced diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine. Living close to the water in Suttons Bay, Karl enjoys boats and the weather in summer. In winter he's busy getting boats ready for the next summer! Karl's four adult children live elsewhere, but several family members celebrated with him at the New Member Welcome Service on June 7th. He rapidly became involved in Vocal Ensemble and also participates in Northport Community Orchestra. Karl looks forward to continued spiritual growth with the UUCGT community.

**Tom Darnton** signed the Member Book on December 14, 2014, and very soon became involved with the Leadership Development Committee. His experience in the Ann Arbor UU congregation with Stewardship and Board led him to want to contribute to UUCGT. Tom practiced law in Ann Arbor for 40 years, mostly in small firms and he received training as a mediator in dispute resolution. To participate at UUCGT Tom makes the drive from Charlevoix where his family has been rooted since the early 1900's. Perhaps Tom would lead interested members on a hike through the Darnton Family Nature Preserve some time. He lives on Oyster Bay where he and his family maintain a small fleet of both power and sail boats. His primary "ride" is an 18 foot wooden keel sailboat built in 1937 and restored in 2006. Like Karl Kristen, there are two seasons for Tom - sailing and maintaining the boats. When Tom is not busy as a licensed realtor, Tom enjoys reading history and historical fiction. He especially enjoyed The Boys on the Boat and getting to hear the author Daniel James Brown in Charlevoix.

**WELCOME Karl and Tom!** Ship Ahoy! and we're glad you've settled your sails with UUCGT! We will spotlight more 2015 Members in upcoming Beacons.

**Chris Walter**  
**Chair, Membership Team**  
chris9709@sbcglobal.net or 421-3069

**The entire Membership Team** — Cathy Annelin, John and Pinkie Hoffman, Sue Pyne, Charlotte Shea, Chris Walter, Rick Walter, and Jane Watts — continues to Welcome, Greet, Facilitate into membership, and Nurture (in Partnership with other groups at UUCGT) prospective, new and current members.

**However, we believe it is the responsibility of the entire congregation** to notice when members are missing for a while, and take the time to reach out to them - phone call, e-mail, meet for coffee and chat. **In addition, let's continue to bring truth to the claim made every Sunday**, that if as a visitor or new attendee, you hold a yellow mug, a member from the congregation will speak with you, get to know you, and answer questions about membership in UUCGT.

*We invite any interested persons to become a member of our Membership Team.* We have fun meetings planning for routine and new activities. If you enjoy people and love talking with them, then this is the Committee for you!

**ATTENTION ALL NEW MEMBERS** within the last year: Just a friendly reminder that some of you still need to fill out the **Bio Sheet, Member Interest Survey and Pledge Form found in your New Member Folder.** Please take the time now or ASAP to **complete and turn the forms in** to the office or Welcome Table. Questions? Contact one of us. Thank You So Much!

### **FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS - IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS:**

**November 8th: 15 Minutes With the Rabbi** 10:00 - 10:15 am  
Individuals or small groups, informal chats for prospective members interested in learning more about UUCGT.

**FUTURE 15 Minutes With the Rabbi in 2016:**  
February 14, April 3 and May 8

### ***Prospective Member Orientation Sessions in 2016:***

February 7 and April 24: 12:00 noon-1:15 pm. History of UUCGT; Getting acquainted; Brief Q/A about UUism with Rabbi Chava; Board and Membership Committee reps. Please Register. (Indicate child care needs - several week notice required)

# Social Justice and Action

## Social Justice Book Group

There are many issues that seem dire in the world today: the refugee crises; the increase in financial inequality in our nation; the rights of women; gun control; the political attacks on voting rights; and more. One issue that may not be apparent to us isolated up here in our ideal little town, is the assault against Black. Black Lives DO Matter! So how come all this news about the police shootings and mistreatment of Blacks? Is it a planned encroachment on their rights to life and the freedoms of our constitution? Yes, it is! It has become so apparent that it is even called the "New Jim Crow."

Those of us concerned about the justice and the rights of all have decided to start a book group, open to all interested: the Social Justice Book Group. We will begin monthly meetings in January, like the second Monday evening in the RE room here in our UU building. This group will be open to all, even to those outside of UU. We can organize how, where we want to meet at the first meeting, January 11, at 6 PM to 8 PM.

Below is a list of suggested readings. We can add more later if we want. The original plan is to read these, discuss, learn, grow more aware, share our own feelings, and ask what we can do. We plan four monthly meetings. Please let me know if interested so I can send you the excerpts.

*The Invisible Knapsack*, by Peggy MacIntosh  
<http://ted.coe.wayne.edu/ele3600/mcintosh.html>

Excerpts from *Where we Stand: Class Matters*, by Bell Hooks

To be sent to you individually:  
*The New Jim Crow*, by Michelle Alexander  
*Between the World and Me*, by Ta'Neahsi Coates  
*Americanah*, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

**Emmy Lou Cholak**  
**sjatcmi@gmail.com**

## All About Us

### We hold in our hearts:

Bill Wells who will be at Tendercare in Suttons Bay for Rehabilitation.

Paul Ward who had surgery for prostate cancer last month. We are glad to see him back at Sunday services, and will be returning to work soon.

Nan Worthington and her family as they lost her mother, Ruth Worthington, after 96 years of giving and caring for others.

### We continue to be mindful of:

Millie Putz had another surgery for her back. She is still wearing her brace, and we are glad to see her back in Sunday Services.

All those of us who suffer with silent pain of Body or Spirit.

### We Share in the Joys:

Rev. Cassie Howe and husband, Ben Gerhault, whose baby boy, "Frances", was born October 3.

Steve & Becky Somsel celebrated 29 years of marriage, together in love and acceptance and also humor.

Hooray! for Aiden Schleuder who came in 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in his **first** Fencing tournament.

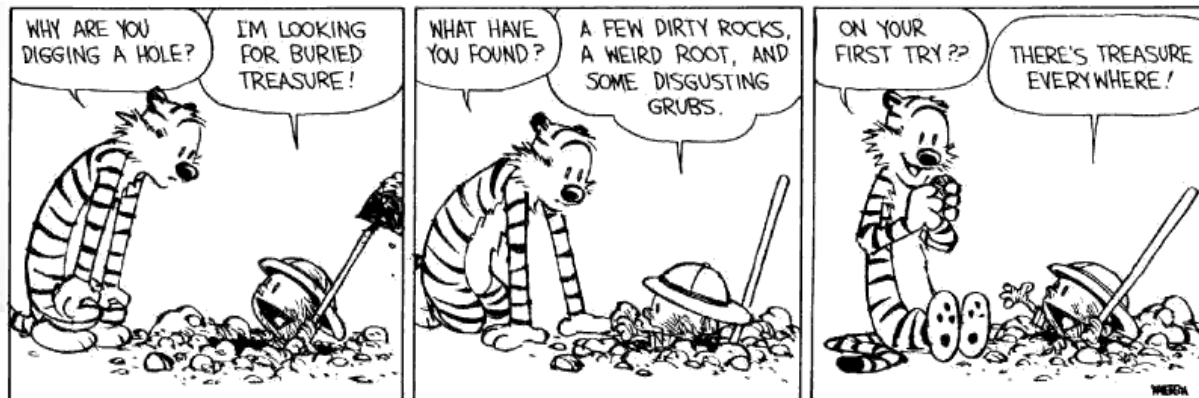
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### December 2015 (Continued from back page)

- 01 **Tue** Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM 4:30 PM
- 02 **Wed** Silent Meditation Rabbi Chava 10:00 AM 10:30 AM
- 02 **Wed** Stretch & Exercise Class Judith Briggs 11:00 AM 12:00 PM
- 02 **Wed** Sunday Services Committee Nancy Cotcamp/Hal Gurian OFF 1:00 PM 3:00 PM
- 02 **Wed** Wednesday Night Potluck Sandra McDonald 5:30 -7:00 PM
- 02 **Wed** International Folk Dances Richard Fidler 7:00 PM 9:00 PM
- 03 **Thu** Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM 3:30 PM
- 03 **Thu** Vocal Ensemble 7:00 PM 8:30 PM
- 04 **Fri** Facilities Committee Dave Halsted 10:00 AM 11:00 AM
- 05 **Sat** LGBTQ Support Group Nick Erber & Rachel Snyder 1-2:30 PM
- 05 **Sat** Two Cellos Concert Crispin Campbell 8:00 PM 10:00 PM
  
- 06 **Sun** **Sunday Service (one service) 10:30 AM**
- 06 **Sun** Arts & Exhibitions Group Beryl Striewski 12:00 PM 12:30 PM
- 06 **Sun** Mindfulness Meditation Group Fleda Brown 2:30 PM 6:30 PM
- 06 **Sun** UUCGT Hanukkah Dinner 6:00 PM 9:00 PM
- 07 **Mon** Stretch & Exercise Class Judith Briggs 11:00 AM 12:00 PM
- 07 **Mon** UU Men's Group Dave Halsted Minerva's 5:30 PM 7:30 PM
- 07 **Mon** Open Gay AA Meeting 7:00 PM 8:30 PM

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## Lifespan Religious Education Update



### Religious Education and Programming for Children, Youth, and Families!!

#### Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

**Nursery:** for children who are 4 years old and younger

**UU Youngers (preschool-1st grade):** Chalice Children Curriculum

**UU Mids (2nd-5th grade):** Our UU Principles & "Kid President's Guide to Being Awesome"

**UU Youth (middle/high school):** Heeding the Call: Qualities of a Justicemaker Curriculum

#### You can still register!

We are aware that many families cannot have their children here every week - even in the best case scenario. This being said, families that would like this content based, interactive option to be part of their lives are encouraged to sign up for the 9:00am program - even if their children cannot be in attendance every week. We will provide the materials (via email) for families to "keep up" on the classroom happenings while they are unable to attend.

#### Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

**Nursery:** for children who are 4 years old and younger

**Children's Programming (preschool-5th grade):** Encouraging Little UUs!

This is our one-room schoolhouse model for those families who choose to attend the 10:30am service. Children will remain in the service until after Story Wisdom and then will leave for their program opportunity. We encourage youth (middle/high school) who join us to attend the 10:30am service, affording them the opportunity to build connection with adults in our community and begin to take more active roles in the service itself. **Registration is likewise required for this program.**

*We invite you to find ways to embrace the more expansive nature of these opportunities.*

**PLEASE NOTE!! There is NO 9am program for children on 11/1 (All Congregation Sunday), 11/22 (Twin Lakes Sunday), & 11/29 (Thanksgiving Break)**

**"Friday Night Out"** for November is 11.13.15 – please register by 11.10.15.

#### UUCGT Service Projects

We collected socks for our local neighbors during **Socktober!** (final count forthcoming) as we learned about our UU Princi-

ples during the month of October, which proved to be a fun, educational, and rewarding experience. This year our winter service project will take a new turn as we look for ways to make a difference, while finding opportunities to teach our children about the spirit of giving. Since family lives have become increasingly busy, the Women's Resource Center Toy program has fallen on the shoulders of a handful of adults in recent years. Given this, the Lifespan Experience Committee began exploring the hiatus of the WRC Toy project last year. At this time, we will be giving this project a break, and perhaps we will revisit it again in the future. We began communication with the WRC regarding this last year. This winter we will be focusing our attentions on the creation of a "Heifer Tree" – with proceeds to support the work of Heifer International (<http://www.heifer.org/>). We will launch this at our Twin Lakes Thanksgiving Potluck. Please watch your FLASH for details.

#### Brewing Community/Wednesday Supper/Colloquium:

**Brewing Community** generally meets on the last Thursday of the month, but will gather on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm due to the Thanksgiving holiday. This month we will meet at Rare Bird.

**Wednesday Supper** is a wonderful opportunity to gather with your UUCGT family! Social time is 5:30-6pm, with dinner served at 6pm. Please watch your FLASH for greater detail about Wednesday Suppers.

#### **Colloquiums** – November 11 & 25, 7-8pm

This month our Leadership Development Committee will be offering an informational series on opportunities within our congregation. Please watch your FLASH for greater detail.

#### Closing Thoughts...

There really is treasure everywhere, as this month's cartoon so humorously offers! From the depths, in the most unlikely of places, in the ordinary happenings of each day – wonder can abound if we are only open to it.

"You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserve your love and affection."

— [Gautama Buddha](#)

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### Calendar

All events and programs take place at UUCGT unless otherwise noted and are open to everyone.

#### November 2015

01 Sun **Sunday Service (one service) 10:30 AM**  
01 Sun Committee on Ministry Appreciative Inquiry 11:30 AM  
01 Sun Arts & Exhibitions Group Beryl Striewski 12:00 PM 12:30 PM  
01 Sun Mindfulness Meditation Group Fleda Brown 2:30 PM 6:30 PM  
02 Mon Stretch & Exercise Class Judith Briggs 11:00 AM 12:00 PM  
02 Mon UU Men's Group Dave Halsted Minerva's 5:30 PM 7:30 PM  
02 Mon Open Gay AA Meeting 7:00 PM 8:30 PM  
03 Tue Policy Committee 10:00 AM 12:00 PM  
03 Tue Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM 4:30 PM  
04 Wed Silent Meditation Rabbi Chava 10:00 AM 10:30 AM  
04 Wed Stretch & Exercise Class Judith Briggs 11:00 AM 12:00 PM  
04 Wed Sunday Services Committee Nancy Cotcamp/Hal Gurian OFF 1:00 PM 3:00 PM  
04 Wed Wednesday Night Potluck Sandra McDonald 5:30 -7:00 PM  
04 Wed International Folk Dances Richard Fidler 7:00 PM 9:00 PM  
05 Thu Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM 3:30 PM  
05 Thu Vocal Ensemble 7:00 PM 8:30 PM  
06 Fri Facilities Committee Dave Halsted 10:00 AM 11:00 AM  
07 Sat LGBTQ Support Group Nick Erber & Rachel Snyder 1-2:30 PM  
  
08 Sun **Lifespan Experience 9:00 AM**  
08 Sun **Sunday Service 10:30 AM**  
08 Sun UU Book Club Karen Mars TBA 2:00 PM 4:00 PM  
08 Sun Mindfulness Meditation Fleda Brown 5:00 PM 7:00 PM  
09 Mon Stretch & Exercise Class Judith Briggs 11:00 AM 12:00 PM  
09 Mon Open Gay AA Meeting 7:00 PM 8:30 PM  
10 Tue Personnel Committee Karl Love 12:00 PM 1:00 PM  
10 Tue Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM 4:30 PM  
11 Wed Silent Meditation Rabbi Chava 10:00 AM 10:30 AM  
11 Wed Stretch & Exercise Class Judith Briggs 11:00 AM 12:00 PM  
11 Wed Wednesday Night Supper-\$5 donation Sandra McDonald 5:30 PM 7:00 PM  
11 Wed Colloquium Leadership Development Comm 7:00 PM 8:00 PM  
11 Wed International Folk Dances Richard Fidler 7:00 PM 9:00 PM  
12 Thu Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM 3:30 PM  
12 Thu CUUPS Sarah Montgomery-Richards 6:00 PM 7:00 PM  
12 Thu Vocal Ensemble 7:00 PM 8:30 PM  
13 Fri BREW Crew downtown TC 10:00 AM 12:00 PM  
13 Fri Friday Night Out Sarah Montgomery-Richards 5:30 -9:00 PM  
14 Sat PROGRAM COUNCIL 9:00 AM 11:00 AM  
14 Sat LGBTQ Support Group Nick Erber & Rachel Snyder 1-2:30 PM

15 Sun **Lifespan Experience 9:00 AM**  
15 Sun **Sunday Service 10:30 AM**  
15 Sun Mindfulness Meditation Group Fleda Brown 5:00 PM 7:00 PM  
16 Mon Stretch & Exercise Class Judith Briggs 11:00 AM 12:00 PM  
16 Mon Open Gay AA Meeting 7:00 PM 8:30 PM  
17 Tue UUCGT Board Meeting 12:30 PM 2:30 PM  
17 Tue Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM 4:30 PM  
17 Tue Transgender Day of Remembrance 5:00 PM 7:00 PM  
18 Wed Leadership Development Dottie Cain 9:30 AM 11:30 AM  
18 Wed Silent Meditation Rabbi Chava 10:00 AM 10:30 AM  
18 Wed Stretch & Exercise Class Judith Briggs 11:00 AM 12:00 PM  
18 Wed Membership Committee Meeting Chris Walter 4:00 -5:30 PM  
18 Wed Wednesday Night Potluck Sandra McDonald , 5:30 -7:00 PM  
18 Wed International Folk Dances Richard Fidler 7:00 PM 9:00 PM  
19 Thu Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM 3:30 PM  
19 Thu Brewing Community John Hoffmann Rare Bird 5:00 -7:00 PM  
19 Thu Vocal Ensemble 7:00 PM 8:30 PM  
21 Sat LGBTQ Support Group Nick Erber & Rachel Snyder 1-2:30 PM  
21 Sat Congregation Beth Shalom Terry Tarnow 5:00 PM 9:00 PM  
  
22 Sun **Sunday Service (one service) 10:30**  
22 Sun **Twin Lakes Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner** (after service)  
22 Sun Mindfulness Meditation Group Fleda Brown 5:00 PM 7:00 PM  
23 Mon Stretch & Exercise Class Judith Briggs 11:00 AM 12:00 PM  
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26 Thu **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**  
28 Sat LGBTQ Support Group Nick Erber & Rachel Snyder 1-2:30 PM  
  
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