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A Welcoming Congregation

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Family Candlelight Service

December 24
5 and 7 pm

Yule/Winter/Solstice Ritual
December 21
7pm

CUUPS New Year Purification Ritual
January 1
7pm

CELEBRATE HERE, WITH US

Dear UUCF Members and Friends,

CARL'S COLUMN

Rev. Carl Gregg

At UUCF, we are part of a much larger Unitarian Universalist movement, which, in turn, is part of an even larger progressive movement in the world. Recently, two leaders in our larger UU movement have spoken out about the refugee crisis. UUA President, The Rev. Peter Morales, issued a statement condemning a wave of American politicians—including the governors of thirty states—who have called for banning refugees from Syria: "Syrian refugee families fled their homes to escape the terror of both the Bashar al Assad regime and the ISIS militants. After their harrowing escapes into safer territories, these families are now facing more persecution and suffering as our nation turns its back on them and their plight. It is unconscionable."

Likewise, UU Service Committee President Bill Schulz said that calls by U.S. presidential candidates to close mosques, restrict refugee status to Christians, and bar Syrian refugees "are a betrayal of all that this country stands for. UUSC will never relent either in our condemnation of terrorist violence or our abhorrence of ethnic and religious stereotyping and scapegoating. Refugees deserve our sympathy and embrace."

One way to let your voice be heard on behalf of the refugees is through the International Rescue Committee (visit: rescue.org/take-action). In this spirit, I am grateful to UUCF member Lori Duke whose recent holiday gift sales in the atrium went 100% to support the UUA's Refugee Fund. Thank you, Lori, as well as to all who purchased gifts.

As we enter into the holiday season, our hearts rightly break for all those seeking basic dignity, safety, and human rights. I am grateful to be on this journey with you of building the Beloved Community, standing on the side of love, and working for peace, liberty, and justice for all.

Carl
<minister@frederickuu.org>

Board of Trustees Notes

The UUCF Board of Trustees is reviewing our progress on executing the UUCF strategic plan. This involves considering what we have accomplished, what remains to be done, and how we plan on getting there. Along the way, the Board is keeping alert for new ideas for future updates the congregation may want to consider in the next strategic plan.

Another area of interest for the Board is reviewing Board Policies and Procedures to bring them up to date, and where possible, streamline them. We are working closely with Rev. Carl to maintain appropriate oversight of UUCF operations while eliminating inefficiencies by ensuring roles and responsibilities of the Minister and the Board do not unnecessarily overlap. Part of our considerations also include looking at how our Policies and Procedures can best complement the UUCF By Laws.

A recent Board initiative now being facilitated by Board member Mike Morse is trying to come up with a UUCF "tag line." This would be something that is a phrase that is very brief and easily memorable that captures the essence of what it is we at UUCF are about. It would be included at the top of our orders of service and our goal is that every UUCF member would take it to heart and remember it so they can use it in conversations telling folks what we're like.

~~Steve Berte, BoT Vice-President *<board@frederickuu.org>*

SUNDAYS AT UUCF

Sunday Services

9:30 and 11:30am

Dec. 6: *Family Styles: Ways People Believe,* the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg

Dec. 13: *Asherah,* the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg

Dec. 20: *A Winter Solstice Spirituality of Night and Dark,* the Rev. Carl Gregg

Dec. 27: *The Ghost of Christmas Past,* the Rev. Sea Raven

Friendly Forum, in room 113

10:30am

Each Sunday the Friendly Forum meets for 50 minutes to discuss Congregational and/or Current Events.

Weekly topics are listed in the Mid-week Announcements.

Our tradition of discussion is long-lived and much loved. Join in!

UU PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

UU Progressive Christian Fellowship
First Sundays throughout the Year

UU Progressive Christians are followers, not worshipers, of Jesus; we explore in worship the meaning of a Cosmic Christ that embodies the UU principles and respects the fourth source of Unitarian Universalism.

Join us Sunday, December 6 from 10:30 to 11:15am in the Chapel for a celebration of Advent.

Communion will be served. All are welcome.

~~Sea Raven, D. Min.

EARTH-CENTERED SPIRITUALITY

WITH FREDERICK CUUPS

Our Earth-centered Spirituality Group meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:30am in the Chapel.

Join us for a Yule/Winter Solstice Ritual
December 21 at 7pm
Mid-week bulletins and Orders of Service on Sunday will have further announcements.

For more information, please contact Irene Glasse irene.jericho@gmail.com or Charles Haney chazhaney@yahoo.com.

UUCF BUDDHIST FELLOWSHIP

Our UUCF Buddhist Fellowship meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We meet at 10am for meditation, followed by discussion/sharing from 10:35 - 11:20am. We meet in the Chapel and newcomers are always welcome.

After a very delightful session with Bhante Sujatha on November 8, we are returning to our study of *Buddhism without Beliefs* by Stephan Batchelor.

For our December 13th meeting, we should be approximately at the 10th chapter in the book if you are intending to read ahead. Please feel free to attend and share whether or not you have had a chance to read the book.

~~Nancy Hutchins

buddhist@frederickuu.org

ATHEISTS, HUMANISTS, AGNOSTICS

Always challenging discussions!
December 6 at 12:45pm
December 20 at 12:45pm

Phyllis Liddell at phyllis.elaine@comcast.net.

RELIGIOUS REFUGEES

December 13 at 12:45pm — Sharing ways our youthful religious 'rules for life' worked (and/or didn't).
December 27 at 12:45pm — Religious influences on our relationships.

Nancy Pace njcpace@icloud.com

FISCAL NOTES as of October 31, 2015

General Operating Fund	Month of October	Fiscal Year To Date July through October 2015	% of Annual Budget – 33 % through the year
Contributions:	$22,135.95	$167,205.68	44%
All Other Income:	$ 33,622.33	$ 47,230.36	55%
Total Income:	**$55,758.28**	**$214,436.04**	**46%**
Employee/Staff Expense:	$16,116.86	$ 64,756.92	28%
Facilities Expense:	$13,347.85	$ 60,392.35	35%
All other Expenses:	$ 8,114.25	$ 16,841.76	26%
Total Expenses	**$37,578.96**	**$141,991.03**	**31%**
Difference(Net):	**$18,179.32**	**$ 72,445.01**	

Did you know?

For the month of October, we took in $18,179.32 more than we spent. Our available cash in the General (Operating) Fund is **$150,642.84** as of October 31, 2015, less the $60,000 reserve leaves us $90,642.84. You guessed it, the reason we had such a good month…. The Auction. Thanks again everyone!

In other news, our bookkeeper, Nita, turned in her resignation in November, so we will begin another search with the hope of hiring someone after the first of the year. She was a big help to me; I look forward to getting someone else trained!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Janice

Become a Pioneer of our Future!

Contribute to our Mortgage Reduction Fund

From our Mortgage Reduction Fund Chair, John Menke <john@menkescientific.com>

* We have a donor who has offered $40,000 in matching funds for donations to the MRF. Your money is doubled!
* We have received donations of cash, checks, stocks, and a number of commitments that more are coming. Join the pioneers.
* Members and friends of UUCF this week will receive a letter from Menke, Ladner, and Gregg describing the MRF campaign.
* Beginning next Sunday, there will be an Order of Service insert with a form to make a donation to MRF easier for you.
* Stocks and other items can be donated. While the donor should consider their own tax situation, in many cases the best thing to do is to donate the stock (i.e., sign it over to UUCF-MRF). UUCF has arranged for a brokerage house to redeem the stock or bonds for cash for application to the mortgage.
* Some of the original donors (cornerstone and foundation donors) have already donated again this year. But we need the involvement of everyone, especially those members or friends who have not had a chance to join the UUCF pioneers.
* How many of us have given up our facelift savings to help UUCF??

"This is a place of fellowship and developing friendships, learning for all ages, music enjoyment and performance, social activities and worship."
Carl Kruhm, former President of the Board of Trustees, deceased

WE CAN GET THERE!

"We now have the opportunity to help take the next step of reducing the principal on our mortgage to free up funds for our programs, which are the lifeblood of UUCF. Let's give generously to that vision of the future"
Marney Bruce, Contributor

Chalice Lighter Program

Who is a Chalice Lighter?
A member who pledges to answer a call for $20 three times a year, or $60 once a year. My $20 alone may not make much of a difference to a growing congregation, but together our many $20 pledges can go far in helping grow Unitarian Universalism in our region.

Chalice Lighters enroll to support grants to organize new congregations in our Joseph Priestley District, to help congregations buy land and buildings, and to help congregations afford their first minister or other staff leading to becoming full service.
It is huge financial and organizational stretch for small congregations to move from rental spaces using "church in a box" to having their own home. A Chalice Lighter Call letter or email notifies Chalice Lighters of the results of a grant-giving session of the JPD Growth Committee and it is time to send in their pledged amount to support the grants. There are currently 3 of these grant-giving sessions a year, giving approximately 2 grans of 20 thousand at each session.
Many Chalice Lighters pay for a year at a time to simplify record keeping. The current suggested pledge is 20 dollars per call, or 60 dollars per year. Pledges of more or less are welcome.

We at UUFF and later UUCF have been the recipient of grants as we have faced growing needs in the past.

1. Grant of $2,016 awarded in spring 1990 for ministry.
2. Grant of $9,622.50 awarded in fall 1994 for ministry.
3. Grant of $10,758.33 awarded in in winter 1994 for RE.
4. Grant of $11,736.33 awarded in spring 2000 for building.
5. Double-grant awarded in spring 2002: $12, 672 for building and $12,672 for publicity.

Currently the JPD has a record for Frederick, MD of 30 Chalice Lighters, membership of 221, representing 14% participation in the program.

Please consider joining the Chalice Lighters and help support other congregations as we have been helped in the past and may again in the future.

JPD Chalice Lighters
jpduua.org › jpd-chalice-lighters

Karen Butler

Social Action Committee

JUSTice + ACTion = JustAct
http://uusocialjustice.org/nws

Mary Kruhm, Chair

The first in a series of articles written by UUCF members, sharing their thoughts and ideas about the social revolution that is taking place in our country.

To Build Beloved Community

from Nancy Pace

Our longtime strong advocacy for minority interests urges a congregational decision to more visibly and frequently stand together with our African-American brothers and sisters in their direct actions challenging the institutionalized injustices of systemic racism that diminish the American experience for all of us.

We have a legacy of "deeds not creeds." Our work for a better world calls us to unexpected places to put our faith into action, break down divisions, heal isolation, and honor the interconnectedness of all life. We model these commitments by creating just, welcoming, inclusive congregations and by acting in partnership with groups and communities most impacted by injustice.

Wearing and carrying clear, positive, unifying statements affirming exactly what we support, we can reject the polarization that too often blames the victim. Without adversarialism or divisiveness, we can be visible allies of all people of color, standing on the side of love and getting in "necessary trouble" if need be—because it is the right thing to do. If we do not stand for brotherhood, peace and justice for all Americans, what *do* we stand for?

By adding UUCF's peaceful, enthusiastic presence to Black Lives Matter gatherings, we build strong inter-racial relationships; strengthen our community; mobilize action on urgent anti-discrimination efforts; energize dialogue and effective action; and avail ourselves of rich experiential learning.

To join this movement of radical hope is to declare that we care about the perspectives of people of color, want their voices heard, and affirm their worth and dignity as precious fellow-Americans. Can we hear the cries of sufferers caught in a tragic historical tradition of racist aggressions, educational and economic discrimination, merciless imprisonment and electoral disenfranchisement—and not stand with them?

See uua.org (Black Lives Matter) and showingupforracialjustice.org.

Next Social Action Committee Meeting—December 15, 2015, 5:30pm, brown bag meal at 5pm

Email SAC@frederickuu.org if you would like copy of draft agenda; items will include review & discussion of goals for social action work at UUCF & final arrangements for serving at Soup Kitchen on December 26th

Our Split-Plate offering for December 20

Lilian Ochieng

For many years, UUCF as a congregation and as individuals has helped support Lilian Ochieng financially as she attended high school and now college. She is an industrious, intelligent young woman who would never be able to become educated without outside help. When she received funds she always responded as the example below illustrates:

> I am very grateful for the help. That is so kind of all of you. Words may not fully express how grateful I am, thank you so much.
> Promise to make all of you proud by doing my best in my academics. I will never let you down.

Lilian has not let us down since we first supported her when she began high school at a very prestigious and demanding private school, since Kenya offers free education only through grade 8. After graduation, Lilian received a scholarship to Moi University's medical program, but this covers only tuition and lodging.

A number of us, including Bob and Jane Ladner, Mary Fletcher and Bob Hudgins, Sandi Smith-Gill and I, visited Lilian in Kenya. We have seen her grow into a young woman, beautiful inside and out. Many of you have personally sent gifts of support. All along the way she has appreciated whatever we have done for her and sends her transcript so we can see she is becoming a competent doctor.

This holiday season, as she begins a new academic year (trimesters run January-December 2016) and enters her clinical program, we asked Lilian how much she needs. She wrote: "For the next academic year I might need approximately KSh 45000 (US$441) for my school fee and KSh 7900 (US$ 77.50) for the textbook we shall use next year, *Hutchison's Clinical Methods*."

This seems a bare minimum and does not count food and books, travel, clothes, and incidentals to enrich her life. Please give generously at the December 20th split-plate collection. Checks with her name in the memo line will go entirely to support Lilian; other money collected will be split with UUCF.

~~Mary Kruhm

Help Needed at Soup Kitchen, December 26

UUCF volunteered to cook, serve, and clean-up at the Frederick Soup Kitchen, 14 East All Saints Street, on Saturday, December 26th.

We plan a menu similar to the one we served in August—tuna noodle casserole, canned fruit, tossed salad, rolls, cookies or cake. If you can contribute one of these items, help set-up and serve (4-6pm), or clean up (6 until done), please e-mail SAC@frederickuu.org or phone Mary, 301-712-6828 with your preference.

WE ESPECIALLY NEED SOMEONE WITH EXPERIENCE IN THE SOUP KITCHEN IN THE PAST TO DIRECT US WORKER BEES and to RUN THE DISHWASHER.

Note: Please do not confuse this Soup Kitchen dinner with dinners Patricia Cronin is coordinating for the Family Emergency Shelter.

Blanche Ames Gallery Presents

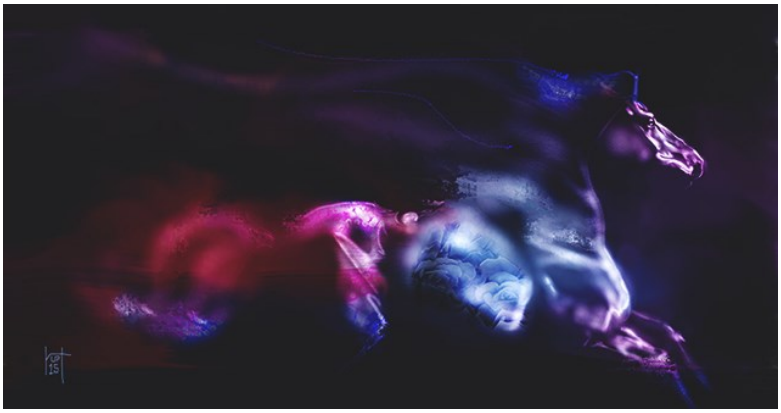
KURT KRAUS
DIGITAL ARTIST

An opening reception for the show will be held at the gallery on Sunday, December 6 from 12:30 until 2pm.

The Exhibit will hang through January.

December 6, 2015, through January 2016 the Blanche Ames Gallery will be showing the digital paintings of Kurt Kraus.

Kurt originally started in oil, pencil, and acrylic, but has in recent years found a true passion and fascination for digital painting. Coming of age with the advent of computers, he became intrigued with their power and capabilities. Currently, the computer has become his tool of choice. Though he uses other media, it is here you will truly appreciate his style, use of color, and love of the "brush."



Monica Greene's dear mother Peggy Cole has died. We remember Peggy's sweet spirit and lovely smile and send our sympathy to Monica and Roy.

Turner Stokes is recovering from a kidney infection and is in INOVA hospital in Leesburg. Phone calls and emails are appreciated. (See article on Turner on p. 9.) Sunday does not seem the same without you and we sure miss the mid-week announcements too!

Sharon DiMaria is at home recovering from surgery for the removal of a kidney. She hopes to return to UUCF soon. We hope you do too, Sharon!

Sue Thomson is back with us after a surgery to remove varices in her esophagus. The condition is the result of Sue's liver transplant. She will need more varices removed in December. Hopefully you will be up and about before the December holidays, Sue.

Adult Spiritual Enrichment offering for December

Advent in the Year of Luke
Sea Raven, D.Min.
Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., starting December 1 (3 sessions) in Room 113/115

Luke is probably the most beloved Christmas story-teller, but what was he really up to? And When? And does it matter? We'll look at liberal Christian scholarship, new translations, and see if the story still speaks to us today. Session 1: John the Baptist: The voice crying in the wilderness. But for what? Violence or Non-Violence? Justice or Revenge? Session 2: Mary the Mother of God? Really? Session 3: Where is the New Jerusalem? Maybe it's time for a Different Bethlehem. Contact Sea Raven (searaven.morse@gmail.com); sign up in the ASE book in the Atrium.

Recommended texts: Portions from the Gospel of Luke; The Complete Gospels (Polebridge Press, 2010); The Five Gospels (Polebridge Press, 1995); Handouts Supplied by Sea Raven

Suggested Donation to UUCF: $5 per session (requested not required) Childcare can be provided with 72 hours notice to DRE Lora Powell-Haney at education@frederickuu.org.
Contact Sea Raven with any questions at searaven.morse@gmail.com or 304-433-5949.

BOOK CLUB

Because our regular meeting day is the day after Thanksgiving, we always have our November book club meeting the first Friday in December. This year that date is Dec. 4 and we will meet at the home of Fanny Johnsson at 7:30.

The book we will discuss is "Indiana" by George Sand. We look forward to seeing you for a lively discussion.

COMMUNITY PAGE

UNSUNG HEROES

There are so many people who volunteer their time to keep UUCF running smoothly. Two outstanding volunteers are Turner Stokes and Rick Holt. Both of them give Information Technology support to the congregation but each in their own unique way.

When someone steps up and shoulders responsibility, few of us realize that this person might be accepting a job, in these cases, lasting years. Yet Turner Stokes and Rick Holt did just that. There is no thanks that is great enough to repay what they do for us.

Turner Stokes (who is 88) has been a member of UUCF since 2003 when he was seeking an interest that would help fill the void that was left by the death of his wife LaVerne. Turner began his volunteering career at UUCF when he was appointed as Webmaster. He also managed the Unison and became a member of the UUCF Volunteer Office Staff. He created our invaluable email list along the way, too. He also spent several years as a worship associate to tighten his relationship with his fellow congregants. In addition, Turner preaches a sermon every year or so.

Turner continues his volunteering with his current position as Information Technology Administrator. In this role he is responsible for making sure that our computers, our Wi-Fi network and our sound system all stay operational and state of the art and he manages the Mid-Week Announcements.

Turner's interest in his volunteer position stems from his pre-retirement career in electronics. He feels this is the best way to support the congregation and it has kept his technical talents fresh.

When Turner is not using his talents in the UUCF office he is very involved with the American Association for Nude Recreation. He was elected to the AANR Hall of Fame in 2006 because of efforts in helping to create government-sanctioned clothing-optional beaches, including Gunnison Beach New Jersey, now managed by the National Park Service. Turner is a lifelong Democrat and atheist and a member of various Humanist and Atheist organizations. He is a regular reader of *The Washington Post*, *The New York Review of Books* and of both fiction and non-fiction.

When Turner was ready to turn over his duties as Webmaster, Rick Holt stepped up to take on that responsibility. Rick is a fourth generation Unitarian, the grandson and great-grandson of Unitarian ministers.

Rick works as Webmaster and programmer for UUCF. He has developed valuable applications to make it easier for people to communicate. Some of his applications have been the church calendar, the on-line directory, registration for Adult Spiritual Enrichment, registration for Chalice Communities, registration for Child Care, the matrix of Sunday Services which includes sermon topics, who is speaking, doing music, and handling the sound system. Rick also created the program that lets committees and individuals create their own web pages. Most recently Rick developed a new program for managing the UUCF annual auction.

Rick joined UUCF in 2007, having moved back to Frederick County from New York. In New York, he was a member of the Mount Kisco Fellowship where he served as Music Director, Webmaster, and held several other positions including two terms as Board President. Prior to that, he was a member of the Rockville, MD UU Church.

He chose his volunteer position for two reasons. First, Rick loves helping people communicate and he loves programming. But also, his hearing loss limits his person-to-person communications so this job is perfect for him.

Rick has many interests outside of his work at UUCF. He likes to cook (and eat); he is a history enthusiast, especially church history but also American and British history. Rick is interested in biology, particle physics, geography, mapping, and photography. He is the Webmaster for the Star Island Arts Conference and helps with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

With all the outside interests enjoyed by Turner and Rick, it's amazing they have any time to volunteer at UUCF! None of us could do what we do efficiently without the foundation built by them.

Turner Stokes and Rick Holt are definitely unsung heroes of UUCF and we are so grateful for their contributions.

~~Susan Berte, Features Reporter

CLASSIFIEDS

If you have a **personal, sales, or service ad** you wish to share with our mailing list, please send it to me by **December 20**. With a request, ads may run for two consecutive months. Classified ads should not exceed 100 words and may be accompanied by a picture. No business cards or display ads, please. Tibby Middleton, Editor midken@comcast.net.

HOME/RETREAT IN THE WOODS

Sea Raven's wooded retreat on 1.3 acres in nearby Gerrardstown, West Virginia is now for sale.

Three newly carpeted bedrooms, two full baths; open floor plan with an abundance of windows to allow you to appreciate nature even from the inside. Loft master bedroom with skylights; Basement is finished for a large family room with office space. Special features: wood floors/ wood fireplace plus propane stove/ screened porch/ decks/ shed. Upgraded windows, central air and heat pump. 90 miles from D.C.; easy commute by Maryland MARC Train.

Contact Sea Raven with any questions at searaven.morse@gmail.com or 304-433-5949.

Instead of more “things,” consider a gift honoring or memorializing a loved one. The loving thought is there but the consumerism is absent. Contact Mindy Andros with any questions: <mindy302@gmail.com>

UUCF Holiday Gift Opportunity

The Giving Tree Project

#whyIgive

Why I give...

To

Honor
Love
Support
Remember
Grow
Reflect
Commemorate
Build
Sustain

This holiday season take a moment to honor, memorialize, or just make a meaningful holiday gift to UUCF in the name of a person (s) that are near and dear to your heart.

If *YOU* are the person that would appreciate a gift to UUCF to be on your "wish list". Let your circle know! Pick up a *Giving Tree Project* post card in the atrium for them.

To share and archive your special giving tree story "Why I give..."
email your gift donation photo and story to:
Mindy Andros // mindy302@gmail.com

UUCF Giving Tree Project

Donor Name:_____

Donor Adress:_____zip: _____

Amount: _____ $25 _____ $50 _____ $100 $_____ other Donation can be Cash, Check, or Credit Card

Contribute Online: **frederickuu.org/give** (Click on the "Donate" button. Then note that your donation is for the "Giving Tree Project"
** Your tax deductible gift will be acknowledged by UUCF at the end of the year and a receipt will be sent to you.*

In Honor of :_____

In Memory of :_____
**A card will be sent to the person (or family) notifying them that a gift has been made in their name.*

UUCF Giving Tree Ornament Options:

** Please note: donation amounts are confidential and will not be shared on the tree. This is simply a special way to honor the names associated with your holiday gift.*

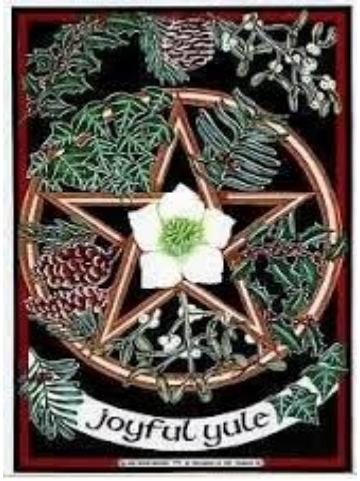
_____: Personalized Photo with name and a special quote pulled from your "giving story"
Email Giving Story with photo **Mindy Andros: mindy302@gmail.com**

_____: A holiday chalice ornament with name only on the giving tree

_____: I wish to *not* have my giving story included on the giving tree

More Holiday Celebrations and Gift Ideas

Frederick CUUPS Yule Ritual



Join Frederick **CUUPS for an open, family-friendly** Yule Ritual! Yule, the Winter Solstice, falls on the shortest day and longest night of the year. Pagans welcome the rebirth of the Sun with feasting, dancing, music and festivities. Decorations include wreaths, boughs of holly, mistletoe, evergreens, and lots of lights.

We will share a Yule celebration (led by Lora). Potluck to follow, please clearly LABEL any offerings with the ingredients included.

Date: 21 December 2015
Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

New Year's Day Purification Ritual

Enter 2016 from a centered place of peace. Release the energies of the last year, and set a harmonious tone for the year to come. Attendees are invited to move through the Elements, releasing the shadows of 2015 as they go.

Elemental Guides will be available at each Quarter to offer a way to move into the energy of a new year. End your Purification journey with a walk to the center of the Labyrinth to receive any messages for the new year.

Date: 1 January 2016
Time: 7pm

GIFT CARDS!

NOT SO IMAGINATIVE,
BUT ALWAYS SO PERFECT!!

You can't go wrong by giving kids to seniors the cards that let them choose exactly what they want — Game Stop, Lowe's, you name it, our **Scrip Table** has them.

On Sundays, check out the Scrip Table and get your shopping done the easy way!

AMAZON ON-LINE!

http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/redirect-home/uucf04-20

You will be taken to your own account as usual, but a percentage of your purchases will go to UUFC!

Thinking about Joining our Congregation?

Next Pathways to Membership class: December 5, 2015, 9:00am – 1:00pm

Are you considering membership at UUCF? Join the Membership Committee for **UUCF 101**, an intensive 1-day exploration of Unitarian Universalist history and principles, specific information about our own congregation, and individual spiritual journeys. Light refreshments will be provided, and child care is available with 72 hours notice.

Register in one of the following ways: Call the church office at 301-473-7680; sign up in the notebook at the Religious Education cabinet in the atrium; or register online at http://www.frederickuu.org/ase/.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st – Janice Schlepp, Nancy Terry, Michael Vlahos, Jr.; 2rd – Nancy Lohrey; 4th – Barbara Kenny, Dottie Hall; 5th – Michelle Terry; 8th – Kristina Carrigan, Georgia Dean; 9th – Stan Schlepp; 13th – Sue Thomson; 17th – Carole Larsen, Turner Stokes; 18th – Zakir Bengali; 19th – Maggie Hill (Deacon); 23rd – Fanny Johnsson; 28th – Sean Gribben; and 30th – Renee Wilson, and Todd Thompson.

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