



News & Notes

Music makers of all ages, levels, and instruments are welcome to join our **Monday Music Gathering**, which meets every other Monday evening in the high school classroom from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (December 1, 15 and 29). For more information, contact Lee Criscuolo.

Take a break from holiday preparations and relax with the **UU Women's Group** on Monday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. at **Pancho Villa** in Central Park. Enjoy casual conversation and dinner with a great group of women. No reservations necessary, and newcomers are especially encouraged to join us.

The Insight Meditation Community of Fredericksburg meets on Thursdays in Dragonfly Yoga Studio (810 Caroline Street) at 7:00 p.m. A day-long retreat, *Mindful Relationship: Self, Others & the Earth*, with John McLaughlin, Todd Drake and Bill Brooks, will be held December 13 at UUFF. For more details, visit www.meditatefred.com.

Simplify your life and earn money for the Fellowship by doing your **holiday shopping online at Amazon.com**. Remember, visit www.uuffva.org first, and click on the Amazon logo there. The UUFF earns a percentage of every purchase that results from a click-through from our site, and the funds have been adding up to a small but steady monthly income.

In case of **inclement weather**, call the Fellowship at 310-4001 to see if services or events have been cancelled, visit our website, www.uuffva.org, listen to radio station B101.5, or check www.b1015.com.

Please note that the **newsletter deadline** for the January issue will be Saturday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m., a week earlier than usual because of the Christmas holiday.



A UU Christmas Carol

Holiday Pageant ❖ Sunday, December 14

Join us on December 14 as talented members of the Fellowship present our twist on a holiday classic. *A UU Christmas Carol*, written and directed by Chris Johns with musical arrangements by Jason Michael, is loosely based on Doug Muder's "The Ghosts of Unitarian Christmas." Like the versions of both Muder and Charles Dickens, our modern day tale focuses on the universal values of love and acceptance. The pageant features a cast of all ages, and our choir will add their voices.

—Chris Johns



Holiday Hors d'Oeuvre Buffet

Sunday, December 21 after the service

On **December 21**, we'll spread some holiday cheer after the service at our annual holiday buffet. This year, we'll make it an hors d'oeuvres buffet of sweet and savory finger foods. Please bring a dish that's easy to eat—think small plates, no utensils. Share your family's favorite holiday treats, whether homemade or store-bought, and make plans to stay after the service to enjoy this special social time.

—Friendship Committee

Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 24 ❖ 7:30 pm

Our intergenerational Christmas Eve service on Wednesday, December 24 at 7:30 p.m. will include a meaningful message, special music, and the singing of beloved carols. The service will conclude with a UUFF tradition, singing *Silent Night* by candlelight. Please plan to join us for this annual gathering to celebrate the Christmas holiday.

—Rev. Walter Braman



❖ WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS! ❖

Five newcomers recently signed the membership book: **Bonnie and Eddie Rossi, Mandi Restivo-Walsh, Kristen Tuxbury, and Anita Holle**. We're glad you're a part of our UUFF community!

FROM THE Minister's Desk

Rev. Walter Braman



"Wonders are many, but the greatest of all is the human being."

—Sophocles

When I was in seminary, Simon and Garfunkel made a recording of "Silent Night" with an undercurrent of news reports running in the background. The news reports were all disturbing and negative: war in Viet Nam, crime, racism and civil rights confrontations, economic problems. The contrast made for a very moving and disturbing recording. I am sure that this found itself wound into many sermons that year – especially around Christmas time.

Because we so often delight in cynicism, we heard more of the news reports than of Joseph Mohr's beautiful hymn. And we might also note that this recording could still be played today – perhaps with different news reports, but that idea would still be the same as would our reaction to it.

But I don't hear it that way any more. What changed my mind? Many things

that have made me look at cynicism as a poor reaction to our world today. I mention one in particular today: my viewing of Picasso's "Guernica."

Guernica? Are you kidding? No. Let me explain.

Guernica is a horrible painting. I've seen the original and it is as horrible as the prints. I did not say it is a bad painting, it is a great painting. But it is horrible, as Picasso intended it to be. The painting is the artist's reaction to the bombing of the Spanish town of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War in which Fascist forces attacked the town in history's first aerial bombardment of a civilian population. The painting portrays twisted bodies shrieking in agony and shock, revealing devastation in all parts of the picture—except one part. In the exact middle at the bottom is a small flower in full bloom.

I see beauty and hope growing out of the devastation. I see that little flower almost mocking the Fascists who created the horror: "Do your worst, we'll come back. We win." I see who we are in this.

I can listen to that Simon and Garfunkel piece again. But this time I will hear "Silent Night."

As I write this today, some of our brothers and sisters decided to kill one

another, and some of our brothers and sisters landed an information gathering device on a comet. As I weep for the depth we too often reach, my heart also sings at the heights we can reach.

Our faith calls us to seek out the highest and reach out to those who have lost touch.

May your holiday be a holy one,
Walter

Understanding Medicare

Monday, Dec. 1 at 7 pm

Join us for the last of four sessions designed to help us navigate Medicare's complexities. Guest speaker Dan Green will present an informative Powerpoint talk on *Protection Against Medicare Fraud*. The presentation will be held in the main hall at the UUFF.

With Medicare open enrollment season upon us, this series is timed perfectly to help beneficiaries, caregivers, and family members better understand their insurance options and assist them in making informed decisions. Bring your questions—get answers!

—Life Preservers Group

ArtsBeat

We're going to keep this really concise this month; a lot of announcements and "shout outs" to deserving people and the like.

Handchimes will perform on December 7 with two pieces to ring in the holiday season: "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" and the Chipmunk's "Christmas Don't Be Late." Adult Choir performs next on Pageant Sunday, December 14, then December 21 for Walter's Service of Carols, and again on December 24 for Christmas Eve.

Volunteer musicians are needed for the services that Kana is not scheduled to play. If interested and willing to help out by sharing your talents, please contact

Offertory Coordinator Bernadette Jones with your availability and abilities.

Congratulations to **Christie Johns** for conducting her final home game for Riverbend High School's Emerald Sound and Guard Marching Band. Congratulations to former UUFF office administrator, **Lynda Allen**, on the publication of her new book, *The Rules of Creation*. More information can be found on her website: <http://therulesofcreation.com>. Congratulations to new UUFF office administrator, **Nancy Michael**, on the passage of her comprehensive exams. She is now an official All But Dissertation (ABD) doctoral candidate. And lastly, my new children's book, *Daddy Doesn't Purr (But I Love Him Anyway)*, debuted on Amazon on November 12. More information on that can be found at amazon.com.

In the arts about town, **Daniel Kilmartin** and **Claire Watkins** will be in

Guys and Dolls Jr. with Stage Door Productions. The show runs Friday, Nov. 21 at 7 and Saturday, Nov. 22 at 2:00 and 7:00 at Chancellor High School. *It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play* is now open at Riverside Center through January 4. It was music directed by myself and I am one of only seven actors playing multiple characters in the beloved holiday classic. Also at Riverside, **Taylor** and **Chris Johns** are in the ensemble of *Babes in Toyland* which runs November 29 through January 3. Check out both shows if you have a spare moment during the holidays.

Adult Choir rehearses 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, Handchimes rehearses 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays, and UUth Choir is on Sunday mornings at 11:45 a.m. Come out and join us.

—Jason Michael, Music Director



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Ever wonder what happens at board meetings? They are open to anyone but we rarely have visitors. We always meet on the second

Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the board room. If you had come in November, you would have found us rushing in after work, McDonald's bag in hand in one instance, tired but eager to begin so we could leave by 9:00.

Opening words, then we check in. Not to tell about our week's activities, but to let the others know what emotional state we are bringing into the meeting. Of course, there is always baggage. As we gather, it is good to be aware of all of the different places that we are coming from, to light our little LED chalice, and to come together.

Our minister, Rev. Walter Braman, always attends out meetings. He is an important resource for us and we are fortunate that he consistently makes the effort to attend. His report starts our meeting.

Next on the agenda is money. It is almost time for the budget to become finalized for the next fiscal year and Craig Cherry, Finance chair, discusses that process and answers questions. He and BoT member Jim Yeatts discuss plans for a Stewardship Ministry and an endowment for the UUFF. We are already behind schedule.

Next on our agenda, there are several votes that we need to take and I try to move along as quickly as possible. Barry Waldman, BoT member and our go-to person for legal advice, is not at the meeting but he has been looking over some paperwork to get started on the art shows for our front hallway. What we need right now is a "curator" to take charge.

Valerie Setzer, BoT vice president and Council of Committees chair, has a report for us from the CoC. The CoC is the workhorse of our Fellowship and consists of the chair of each standing committee—11 in all. She tries to condense a tremendous amount of work and information into a short report. It is impressive how much gets done at the UUFF.

George Solley has our next report on the BoT retreat from one week ago. We now have a long to-do list and a general agreement on our direction as a board. We also have a new way of signaling to one another when we get off topic and ramble on—we call out "rubber chicken." And George has already used it!

Diane Elstein, past President and still BoT member, had been tasked at the retreat with explaining the governance of our Fellowship. She shared her chart that explains our organizational structure from top to bottom. Yes, we are actually organized and now we can prove it!

Nora Wilson-Lesser has been attending meetings on race relations in Fredericksburg and she gave us an update. The board is making a small contribution to this group and we want to be a part of the good work that they are doing.

Lastly, and probably most importantly, we addressed our new Donation Policy draft. An ad hoc committee (myself, Valerie Setzer and David Lovegrove) has been trying to formulate a new and workable policy for accepting donations. It is much more difficult than one would expect, with so many variables to consider. Our effort to have a simple, concise, workable, legal policy was presented to the BoT last night by Valerie Setzer and will now be presented to the CoC for further comments. Within a few more months, the BoT will hopefully approve it and we will have a new UUFF Donation Policy.

We check out. One or two words about how we feel at the conclusion of the meeting: "relieved," "tired," "already checked out," "I like our group," "something accomplished." This is what we take out of our meeting. Closing words and we are done.

For more details, check out the excellent minutes that Charles Lopez, BoT secretary now for the second year, takes every month. They are posted on the bulletin board near the handicapped entrance and across from the kitchen.

Do you think that you would like to serve on the BoT at the UUFF? The nominating committee will begin meeting soon to choose the new nominees for the BoT which will be presented at the annual meeting in June. Nancy Krause, Sheila Clark, Andy Cameron, Susan Calhoun-Sousie, and Ainsley Brown are

the nominating committee members and will soon be looking for names. Let one of them know that you are interested. That's how it works. I should stop now before someone calls "rubber chicken."

—Jane Ellen Teller

COMMUNITY ACTION CORNER

Holiday Helping

In November, the Community Action Committee worked with the Bragg Hill Family Life Center to provide Thanksgiving dinner baskets for four low income families in our area. The center is a nonprofit organization that works with underprivileged families and at-risk youth, providing free services to Planning District 16 families.

On December 15 and 22, we'll be making desserts and serving meals at St. George's Episcopal Church, and we'll be cooking at the Respite Center on December 19. In December, we'll also be working with non-profit organizations to give holiday gifts to local underprivileged children. We are prepared to help address other needs within the local community as they arise during the holidays.

If you're able to lend a hand with these projects, or are interested in helping with other committee plans, please contact Curt Swinburne. Sign-up sheets for our current efforts are on the bulletin board outside the UUFF kitchen. We're always looking for new committee members. Please join us on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the lobby of the downtown Marriott.

Community Giving

If you are looking for other ways to give back this holiday season, here are some links to more volunteer projects in our area that you can get involved in, plus some tips for charitable giving:

news.fredericksburg.com/doinggood/
www.fredericksburgva.gov/index.aspx?NID=845
nonprofit.about.com/od/fordonors/a/Rational-Compassion-Tips-For-Safe-Holiday-Charitable-Giving.htm

—Curt Swinburne

CHRIS JOHNS, Director of Religious Education

'Tis mere weeks before Christmas and all down the hall,
We hear sounds of our children just having a ball!
The RE Committee's gearing up for the season.
There's so much to celebrate and we've got good reason!

With the holidays nearing, there so much to do!
There's carols to sing and a lesson or two.
We celebrate the season, in our own special way.
"Our own brand of tradition," I've heard many say.

We're UUs, you see – no two worship the same.
There's so many holidays, we should call them by name.
There's Hanukkah and Kwanzaa and Christmas and Yule,
And I hear there's a Chalica! Now that's really cool.

We start with a Feast, our Thanksgiving tables brimming,
With good stuff galore. In treats we'll be swimming!
Then it's off to rehearsal. It's Pageant time soon!
The actors will act and the choir will croon.

By December 14th, with the cast all prepared,
We'll don pretty costumes (and try not to be scared!).
The play will commence, a classic with a twist.
Why, it's our own Christmas Carol! Not one to be missed.

The 19th of December will bring reason to shout!
It's a holiday fundraiser! It's a Parent's Night Out.
You can shop without children or take in a show.
Your kids will be safe, wherever you go.

On the 24th we will gather in the cold winter weather,
To stand side by side and raise voices together.
Through words and through song, our hearts we will tend,
As we rejoice on this night with our family and friends.

Now is the time for good will and good cheer,
For peace on this earth and in the coming New Year.
Dear friends, we are wishing you a Season to remember.
So from RE to you – a very Happy December!

–Chris Johns

Parenting Community Circle

Looking for a supportive space to discuss parenting? Please join us on the first Sunday of each month from 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. at the UUFF in the Preschool classroom. All discussion topics will be group-driven. Bring a sandwich; we will provide drinks and snacks. Babysitting will also be provided for a small fee (\$3 per meeting, per child). For more information, please contact Mandolin Restivo-Walsh or Susan Park.

–Susan Park

Sunday Discussion Group



The Sunday Discussion Group meets after the service on most first, third, and fifth Sundays from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Clara Barton (Board) room. Please visit our website at <http://uuffva.org/home/congregational-life/interest-groups/sunday-discussion-group>. All are welcome to participate or just sit in on discussions of interest. The topics scheduled for December are:

Dec. 7: *Is religion or nationalism worse?*

Dec. 21: *Is economic inequality good/bad?*

–Steve Sanders

RE Fundraiser Event Series

Parents' Night Out!

Friday, December 19 ▪ 6-10 pm

The first Parents' Night Out was a crazy success (just ask the kids—none of them wanted to leave!) We ate pizza and carrots, and had lots and lots of fun. The babies hung out in the nursery, while the bigger kids played, made a craft (if they were so inclined), played board games and watched movies.

A big thank you goes out to the volunteers who came. Nancy Douglas was in the nursery, while Valerie Setzer and Jane Ellen Teller helped out with the bigger kids. We had several middle and high school age kids offer their help too: Elizabeth Cameron, Anna Slominski, Elena Noll, and Taylor Johns. Thank you to all who helped! I still need volunteers for the next event, so if you have the time and interest, let me know. The pizza is on us!

The next PNO is scheduled for **December 19, 6-10 pm**. We timed this so that busy parents can use the time to shop, wrap gifts, or just get some much needed time out. **Please RSVP to me by December 14** to reserve a spot for your children, or to volunteer to help. Hope to see you or your kids there!

RSVP to Kirsten Willis via text, phone, email or Facebook.

–Kirsten Willis



The kids had a great time at our first Parents' Night Out in October.

MINISTERIAL SEARCH UPDATE



Finding Common Themes

The Ministerial Search Committee has tabulated and analyzed the responses to its congregational survey, and is using the results to more precisely define who we are, what we value in our UUFF experience, and what we seek in a new minister. The committee's survey report, addressing these themes, was recently emailed to the congregation. For those needing a paper copy, a limited number will also be available at the Fellowship. If you still need a copy, or are interested in seeing the raw, unabridged survey tallies, contact Steve Elstein.

About 70 people participated in our eight cottage meetings for adults, plus sessions with staff and our middle and high school youth. Here, we heard everyone's voice, but were most interested in capturing the common themes of our discussions. Not surprisingly, both survey results and cottage meeting discussions converged on similar ideas.

The Minister We Seek

Based on our survey and cottage meetings, here are just a few of our findings regarding qualities and abilities we seek in our next minister:

- A personal approach that is empathetic, friendly, open and inviting.
- A sense of humor.
- Meaningful, thought-provoking sermons, delivered in an engaging style.
- Respect for our religious, philosophical and political diversity.

- A facilitative, cooperative leadership style.
- Ability to lead the congregation in new directions while respecting our long-held traditions.

For a fuller description of the ministerial attributes we most value, see our survey report.

The Next Steps

Our Congregational Record (CR), which profiles our congregation in detail, is complete and submitted, and our informational packet will be finalized by the end of November. Beginning in December, ministers in search will be able to access the CRs of all congregations in search, and begin to make a list of those they are interested in.

In January, ministers will be put in contact with all of the congregations they are considering. We will share our packet with them, and also receive their materials, which provide equally detailed information about their experiences and strengths. The number of ministers in search varies from year to year, as do the number of congregations in search. This year, there are 42 congregations in search in the U.S., down from last year, which is promising for us.

December will be a quiet time for the Ministerial Search Committee, but things will pick up again in January, as we contact interested ministers and begin the process of narrowing down our choices. We'll pore over their resumes and records, interview them via phone and Skype, and check

references, focusing in on a select set of ministers we feel are a good fit for us. Neutral pulpit visits will be set up, where the committee will meet candidates face-to-face, see how they handle Sunday services, and consider their sermons.

By April, we will have completed our goal to find the minister best suited to join us at the UUFF. At our spring candidating week, the congregation will get to meet our candidate up close, discuss issues, interact at social events, and see him or her lead two Sunday services. At the end of the week, members will vote on whether to call the candidate. This step requires an overwhelming vote in support of a search committee's recommendation for a minister to be called.

Save the Date! Beyond Categorical Thinking

On January 25, we will have a special service followed by a workshop led by a UUA facilitator on "Beyond Categorical Thinking." This program, open to all, is designed to promote inclusive thinking and prevent unfair discrimination during our congregation's search for a settled minister. The service introduces the topics and gets us thinking. Then the workshop goes into more depth, utilizing conversations and case studies from other UU congregations. The Ministerial Search Committee will provide lunch between the service and workshop for all participants. We encourage your participation.

—Ministerial Search Committee

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS



It looks like the President will be taking action very soon to grant relief from deportation for millions of undocumented people living in the US. The Social Justice Committee will work to support members of our community who qualify for relief from the constant fear of deportation and family separation as well as those who may be left out of upcoming action. Hopefully we will have more info on this in the very near future!

We will also be calling for holiday donations for the Unaccompanied Minor

Refugee Program in Richmond. Please look for details in the UUFF weekly announcements.

Our committee was proud to endorse the Town Hall on Race Relations that took place on November 15. We are happy to support and be a part of efforts in our area to work for equality and justice in our community and in our relations with one another.

We hope everyone has a wonderful rest of 2014!

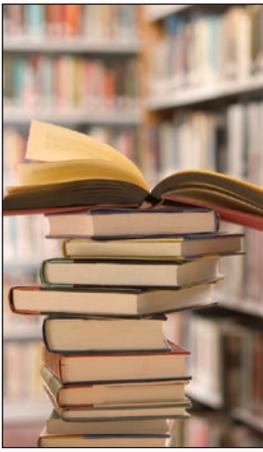
—Jenny Bishop

IN OUR HEARTS

Joni Wilson's mother, **Juanita H. Wilson**, passed away in October after a long battle with Alzheimer's. A memorial service was held at the UUFF. Please keep Joni and her family in your thoughts.

Randy Walther had an ablation procedure done recently to address cardiac issues. Randy's feeling great, and we wish him continued good health.

We were glad to hear that **Wilma Young's** recent cataract surgery went well. Wilma turns 95 in November, and we send all our love and best wishes to this special lady.



GREAT BOOKS

The Great Books discussion group has chosen its next anthology, "Short Story Omnibus." It has 39 titles spread over 700 pages.

This collection breaks new ground as a resource for the variety and richness the short story form offers. The collection features selections in four categories: short stories, sudden fiction, novellas, and graphic stories. These stories, spanning a century and a half, are among the greatest ever written, and come complete with discussion questions and brief author biographies.

Here are the first 20 short stories:

- A Passion in the Desert**
Honoré de Balzac
- The Black Cat**
Edgar Allan Poe
- The Real Thing**
Henry James
- A Lady with a Dog**
Anton Chekhov
- The Yellow Wallpaper**
Charlotte Perkins Gilman
- Her First Ball**
Katherine Mansfield
- Indian Camp**
Ernest Hemingway

- The Diver**
V. S. Pritchett
- Gimpel the Fool**
Isaac Bashevis Singer
- The Wall**
Jean-Paul Sartre
- The Country Husband**
John Cheever
- The Ledge**
Lawrence Sargent Hall
- Looking for Mr. Green**
Saul Bellow
- Sonny's Blues**
James Baldwin

- Argument and Persuasion**
Donald Hall
- The Professor's Houses**
Ursula K. Le Guin
- Lost in the Funhouse**
John Barth
- Tomorrow and Tomorrow and So Forth**
John Updike
- Cathedral**
Raymond Carver
- The Man from Mars**
Margaret Atwood

No special background is necessary. The cost is \$35-\$40 depending on tax & shipping. You can order this anthology from the Great Books Foundation in Chicago at 1-800-222-5870 or online at www.greatbooks.org. The first session with these selections is Dec. 11.

Our group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas. We meet in the Thoreau (middle school) room at the UUFF. For questions contact Ron Smith. We welcome new members at any time.

—Ron Smith

Steps Along The Path...

One year ago, as the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees were in the final stages of establishing a budget that would represent our commitment to the UUFF and our desire to have a full-time minister, the draft budget was larger than any time previously and a much larger annual increase than any previous time. The necessary increase in pledges from the congregation was a stretch, but all of you stepped up to pledge your support, representing probably our largest single-year increase.

We're almost half-way through our fiscal year (started July 1), and we need to keep up with what we committed to in the passion of last year's stewardship campaign. As our Ministerial Search Committee heads out early next year, an important thing they need to be able to show candidates is that we can reliably afford to pay a minister.

So as we close out 2014, please review your pledge commitment and consider catching up to what you pledged. We're not long from starting another stewardship campaign, and not only do we need to maintain what we reached last spring, there are also new demands as our Fellowship continues to grow, programs improve, and we require even more to give us what we want. Each of us plays a role in ensuring the UUFF continues. THANK YOU for your support!!

—Craig Cherry



VEGETARIAN GROUP

The Autoimmune Answer

As the calendar year draws to a close, we bring you a personal story that will touch your lives. At one time, Jill Harrington's body was so swollen with inflammation from systemic lupus, she could barely walk. She's now vibrant and active and has been free of lupus symptoms for over 13 years. Jill is also now the author of the best-selling book, *The Lupus Recovery Diet*.

On Saturday, December 6, from 11:30-1:00, come join the Veg Group to learn about the diet and lifestyle that changed Jill's life, and also the lives of hundreds of other people as Jill gives a presentation on "The Autoimmune Answer." It is the same diet that ALSO reverses Type 2 diabetes, lowers blood pressure, normalizes cholesterol levels, and makes weight loss easy! You'll even get a taste of a "magical" green smoothie, a delicious way to sneak in a lot of leafy green vegetables! You can read more about Jill at www.LupusRecoveryDiet.com.

As usual, our Veg Group meeting will start at 11:30 with our famous vegetarian and vegan potluck, and we encourage everyone to bring a dish. Gluten-free and vegan dishes are especially welcome, so that everyone can enjoy the whole spread! If you are new to this type of cooking and eating, just bring yourself and a small donation. Silverware, plates, cups, and cloth napkins are provided. We always have extra to share!

All are welcome – you do not need to be a vegetarian to enjoy the good food and fellowship. Bring your friends, family, and little ones! We also offer support, a lending library of books and videos, recipes and ideas. Questions? Contact Gloria Lloyd or Christine Carlson. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/UUFFVegGroupofFredericksburg>. Can't wait to see you there!

—Christine Carlson

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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|  Service 10:30 am 7 UUth Choir 11:45 am Sun. Discussion 12 noon Teen Girls' Group 12:30 pm | Music Gathering 1 6:30 pm Understanding Medicare 7 pm | Adult Choir 7 pm 2 Men's Group 7 pm <i>Primavera</i> | Mood Support Group 10:30 am 3 Handchimes 7:15 pm | Council of Committees 4 7 pm | 5 | Veg Group 6 11:30 am |
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| | | | | Jan. 25: Beyond Categorical Thinking Jan. 31: Chili Cookoff Feb. 28: Circle Suppers Mar. 13: St. Patrick's Day Potato Bar <i>Look for details in upcoming newsletters!</i> | | |

Activities are held at the UUFF unless otherwise noted. All are subject to change. For contact information for individuals, see the UUFF Directory or call the office.

SUNDAY SERVICES ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 AM

DEC. 7

War, What's It Good For? Rev. Walter Braman
A response to Ian Morris' very well written book.
Handchimes Choir performs. Lay leader: Lee Criscuolo

DEC. 14

Pageant: A UU Christmas Carol
UUFF Cast, directed by Chris Johns
A UU twist on a holiday classic.
Adult Choir performs. Lay leader: Chris Johns

DEC. 21

Service of Carols and Readings, Rev. Walter Braman
Adult Choir performs. Lay leader: Don Reed
Holiday Hors D'oeuvre Buffet follows the service.

DEC. 24, 7:30 PM

Christmas Eve Service:

The Holly and the Ivy, Rev. Walter Braman

Our Christmas Eve service of light and music. Intergenerational.
Adult Choir performs. Lay leader: Susan Calhoun-Sousie

DEC. 28

Drumming, Ken Crampton

Drumming is a powerful tool for expression, connection and healing. Ken is a local musician who has been building community through drumming for many years.
Lay leaders: Jane Ellen & Hugh Teller

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The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fredericksburg fosters a welcoming and intentionally diverse community of those who seek philosophical, spiritual, intellectual or religious growth in a forum of mutual respect. Affirming the principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association, we value social justice, respect the interdependence of all life and are united by a desire to make ethical decisions on issues of mutual concern.

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