

**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
**9:30 & 11:15 a.m.**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**

The Rev. Dr. Alicia Grace will be in the pulpit. Music provided by the Loft and Bell Choirs.  
Wesley Rogers, tenor

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

The Rev. Jon M. Luopa will be in the pulpit. Music provided by the Loft Choir. Anne Wood, mezzo

**CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING AT 12:20 p.m.,  
immediately following  
the second service.**

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**



If you would like to donate \$10 toward Christmas poinsettias to be displayed, and have your name included in the Order of Service on December 18th, please sign up at the Sunday volunteer table, or stop by the church office during the day. You may also donate in memory of, or in honor of another person. Deadline for orders is Monday, December 12th.

*Experience the Holiday Season at UUC*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14th**  
**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

This candlelight service is a special time to be together to share reflective words of remembrance, solace and comfort.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th**  
**FAMILY HOLIDAY SERVICE**

**9:30 and 11:15 a.m.**

**Child Dedication Ceremony at both services**

Rev. Jon M. Luopa, Rev. Dr. Alicia Grace and Beth Herrild, Director of Lifespan Religious Education, participate in this intergenerational service. Music provided by the Intergenerational Choir and the Flute Choir. Soloist: Rick Scheyer, baritone.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23rd**  
**FAMILY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

**7:00 p.m.**

Intergenerational service of music, poetry, and Santa Lucia. Music provided by the Intergenerational Choir and Bell Choir. Cookie reception after the service.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Two evening services, 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.**

Christmas Carol Sing-a-long beginning at 8:40 and 10:40 p.m. Lessons and carol featuring readings, and music by the Loft Choir

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**One service at 10:00 a.m.**

The Rev. Dr. Alicia Grace will lead the service.



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**UNITARIAN LUMINARIA  
SINGERS**

Please come and enjoy the singing of the Unitarian Luminaria Singers at the Green Lake Pathway of Lights on Saturday, December 10th. We will be singing at the arch behind the Green Lake Community Center at 5:00 p.m.

**Senior Focus**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19th**

Author Richard LeMieux will discuss his book *Breakfast at Sally's* and the fellowship he discovered during his period of homelessness. **Susan Wake** will tell us about a new UU project with homeless families. Please bring a small item for hygiene packs for homeless: toothbrush, small toothpaste, small shampoo, etc. Monday the 19th at 11:00 a.m. Please call the church office by early Friday morning (12/16) if you are staying for lunch.

Submission deadline for The Gateway is on the Monday one week prior to the publication date, and must be submitted via e-mail to Donna at: [churchoffice@uuchurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@uuchurch.org)

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University Unitarian Church's

## BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Held in the Sanctuary at UUC

This candlelight service is a special time to be together to share reflective words of remembrance, solace and comfort.



*At UUC, we offer this special evening service to remember we are not alone.*

*Light refreshments will follow the service.*

*Everyone is welcome.  
Bring a friend.*

Led by the UUC Care Ministry Team



G.F. HANDEL'S

# MESSIAH

SING-AND-PLAY ALONG

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Tickets are students \$10, seniors (65+) \$12; regular admission \$15, and can be purchased **only at Brown Paper Tickets**, <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/205668> or by phone at 1-800-838-3006. Messiah scores will be sold between services and at the event. Scores can also be borrowed at the event. We need volunteers to help make this a wonderful community event. You can help by baking cookies or other munchies, serving refreshments, passing out scores, or many other helpful chores.

If you can help, contact Ruth Conn at [pdrconn@comcast.net](mailto:pdrconn@comcast.net), or 206-527-5042. Be sure to buy your tickets early!

## Art Committee

**ARTISTS' RECEPTION  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**



The Art Committee is pleased to present "Creative Vision: The Photography of Frank Dobrushken" and "Landscapes of the Northwest and Sweden: Watercolors by Frank Swant" for our December art show.

Mr. Dobrushken loves the static beauty of architecture against the forms of nature, the grace and uncertainty of working with models, and the joy of creating abstract images that reveal new dimensions to common things. Mr. Swant turns memories of favorite places into watercolors, using a realist style. He focuses on creating a pleasing design, often emphasizing the transparency of watercolor and at other times using brushstrokes to create a feeling of texture.

A reception for the artists will be held on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome, refreshments will be served, and a portion of each sale benefits the church.

## Board of Trustees

### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>

The Board of Trustees has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service (around 12:20 p.m.). We will be voting to approve the mission and vision statements submitted by the planning team. This will help focus their efforts on specific high-level recommendations to the Board. We will *not* be voting on any fiscal matters at this meeting.

-- Rochelle Coffey, President

#### Mission Statement:

UUC is a community  
that covenants to  
awaken spirit,  
nurture hope and  
inspire action

#### Vision Statement:

We will create a more connected multigenerational community where all individuals welcome, value, and support one another and contribute to the common good.

We will risk leaving the safety of known ways in order to open ourselves to experiences of awe and mystery and deepen our sense of gratitude and awareness that we are connected to creation.

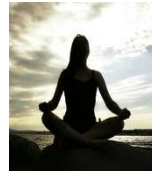
We will be responsible stewards of the gifts we hold in trust, endeavoring to leave a generous and sustainable legacy for those who come after us.

We will vocally and actively oppose injustice and stand in prophetic judgment of all that would diminish the equality and dignity of human beings or harm the web of life.

We seek partnership with those who share our goals and creative dialogue with those who challenge us in our search for larger truths.

## UUC Meditation Group

The UUC Meditation Group meets every Wednesday throughout the year from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Meditators of all ages and abilities are welcome to attend.



Here is our current schedule:

December 7<sup>th</sup> - Tonglen

December 14<sup>th</sup> - Bone Dreaming

December 21<sup>st</sup> - Peace and Joy

December 28<sup>th</sup> - Silent

If you have any questions please contact Mark Lee at [leemrw@msn.com](mailto:leemrw@msn.com).

We also have complete information at <http://groups.google.com/group/uuc-meditation-group> and

<http://groups.google.com/group/uuc-meditation-group/web/information>

### INTERESTED IN TAEKWONDO?

Are you interested in traditional Taekwondo? Cynthia Good Mojab, a World Taekwondo Federation 2nd dan black belt, is considering applying to start a new UUC group for the intergenerational practice of traditional Taekwondo.

Are you interested in both the philosophical and physical aspects of the art? Have you ever wished that you could practice Taekwondo alongside your children? With your parents? As an elder? Would you welcome the opportunity to return to Taekwondo after a pause? Would you like to improve your health and learn self-defense? Do you enjoy intergenerational gatherings? If so, then please contact Cynthia, 503-608-4675 or [cgoodmojab@comcast.net](mailto:cgoodmojab@comcast.net) and/or see <http://lifespantkd.blogspot.com/>.

*By Beth Herrild, Director of Lifespan Faith Development*



Greetings, Everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, whether peaceful and calm or chaotic and full of activity. We receive many questions about the different activities and worship services during the holiday season. So, below is a brief overview:

**Blue Christmas - Wednesday, December 14th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.** This candlelight service is a special time to be together, to share reflective words of remembrance, solace, and comfort.

**Family Holiday Service - Sunday, December 18th at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.** This is our intergenerational holiday service, and we'll sing, hear beautiful music, listen to stories, and much, much more. Part of the *much, much more* is our nativity tableau. Our children dress up as sheep, stars, angels, wise people, Mary, Joseph, shepherds, and perhaps even a donkey, as this unique story unfolds. So children, be thinking about what part you would like to play, and be ready to choose a costume right before the services that morning! Volunteers will be staffing tables in Nathan Johnson Hall to help children choose costumes and get dressed. These are low-stress, non-speaking roles. Children sit with their families and come up as they are (very obviously) cued. No rehearsals are necessary. It is lots of fun!

**Child Dedication Ceremony also on December 18th.** Another part of the *much, much more* during the family holiday service (above) on Sunday, December 18th is a Child Dedication Ceremony at both the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. services.

If you would like to participate, please email Beth Herrild at [beth.herrild@uuchurch.org](mailto:beth.herrild@uuchurch.org). Please also feel free to call me if you have any questions, at 425-417-6500.

**Family Candlelight Service - Friday, December 23rd at 7:00 p.m. with a cookie reception following.** Our family candlelight service is on the evening of December 23rd at 7:00 p.m. This is not just for families with young children. We would love to have participation from people of all ages. If you are in the third grade or older (middle school, high school, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50, 60s, 70s...you get the gist of it!) and would like to participate in this service, please email or call Beth Herrild as soon as possible at [beth.herrild@uuchurch.org](mailto:beth.herrild@uuchurch.org) or 425-417-6500. We need 20+ people to do readings and also at least six children to be *Star Children*. **The rehearsal for this service is on Saturday December 17th at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.**

**Christmas Eve Services on Saturday, December 24th at 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.** These services are a little more peaceful and sedate than the family candlelight service. Children are welcome, however, these may be more challenging for some children to sit through. Lots of wonderful music and candlelight, with Christmas readings, prayers, and reflection.

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – One intergenerational service at 10:00 a.m.** No childcare or RE classes.

### **Giving Tree**

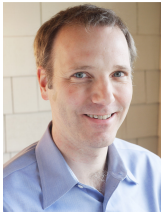
I'd like to thank everyone who has already chosen a gift from our Giving Tree and/or volunteered to help organize this wonderful yearly tradition here at UUC. This year we are supporting several organizations/groups in our community, including the families of Brettler Family Place, residents of The Theodora (low-income seniors, veterans, and adults with disabilities,) residents of the houses that UUC owns, and Children's Home Society of Washington. The Giving Tree will be in Nathan Johnson Hall through Sunday, December 11th. Gifts, checks, and gift cards must be returned by end of day, Tuesday, December 13th. The agencies will be coming to pick up our donations on Wednesday the 14th. There will be many happy individuals and families in the Seattle area whom we have helped this holiday season. Thank you!

In peace,

*Beth*

## Notes from the Office

By *Byron Krystad*, Director of Operations



### ABBONDANZA TO THE RESCUE!

When we met as a congregation in May and June of 2011 to discuss the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2011-12, I included in the financial reports the status of our capital plans in the church building. They were minimal, to say the least. In fact, they were non-existent. The reason? All remaining capital funds had been assigned to the new furnace and ventilation system, and there was no plan to receive new funds.

Given that we were in the midst of our Year of Discernment, this made sense. And given that we were approving a much-needed boost in our annual maintenance budget, we knew that we would have enough to make needed repairs and upgrades without busting the bank. However, it was the first year in some time that we did not have an extensive (albeit unfunded) capital improvement plan.

Then came the auction – Abbondanza! With a fun “raise the paddle” video from the staff and a deeply moving message from Ken Mundt, those members present made an amazing show of support by **raising over \$29,000 in funds for taking care of this building during the remainder of this church year.** I found the experience very moving, and offer my deep gratitude for everyone’s generous gifts to lift up this special place.

Now, of course, comes the rolling up of sleeves and the job of using those funds wisely to start on many items on the long list of deferred maintenance and upkeep around our church. I will be calling on the team of stalwart folks who make up the Building Advisory Group to join me in early January to create a plan of action. We will scrub the list of projects for priorities, looking for results that will show off our church building to as many people as possible. There will be new faucets, paint, light fixtures, doors, and many other satisfying results.

**From January through June, I will be regularly writing news and reviews of the work being done in the Gateway and the eNewsletter** so you can see the fruits of your generous gifts all around you. I will also let everyone know of opportunities to join other volunteers when we have projects that, with the right materials in the right hands, can allow members to make a direct connection with their church through their own good work.

Thank you again for your amazing support for this church – both its people and its place.

## UU Humanists

### DISCUSSION AND DESSERT Thursday, December 8th

We’ll take some time for the folks in our group to get better acquainted and share some treats. Please bring dessert, fruit, or cheese and crackers to share. Coffee, tea, and table service will be provided. Bring other beverages if you wish. Also be prepared to share your hopes for the future.



All are welcome to join us in Knatvold at 7:00 p.m.

## Partner Church

The Partner Church Committee is planning the visit in late April and early May of the Szabó family from Alsorakos, Transylvania. József Szabó is the minister of our partner Unitarian church there. We are interested in hearing from any University Unitarian church members who would be willing to make in-kind donations to help defray the plane fare costs of the four family members. In-kind donations might include frequent flier miles. Another possibility is miles or credits that you have earned from credit card companies such as Capital One. Please contact Rhonda Peterson, [rpeters2@earthlink.net](mailto:rpeters2@earthlink.net), if you can help.

**Pete Guest** gave a research paper at the annual meeting of Unitarian Universalist Historians in Los Gatos, California in mid-November. His paper was entitled, "The Decline of the Universalists: Big to Small or Small to Smaller?" The paper traces the facts and social causes of the decline of the Universalist denomination in the late 1800s and early 20th Century.

# University Unitarian Church Events Calendar

## Wednesday, November 30, 2011

11:00 am	Wednesday Forum	Knatvold
7:00 pm	Meditation	Emerson
7:30 pm	Men's Group	Potter

## Thursday, December 1, 2011

4:00 pm	Social Justice Steering Comm.	Potter
5:30 pm	Covenant Group Facilitators	Knatvold
6:10 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	NJ Hall
7:00 pm	Covenant Group	Bridges
7:00 pm	Human Resources Committee	Howe
7:15 pm	Loft Choir Rehearsal	Chapel, NJ Hall

## Friday, December 2, 2011

2:30 pm	Covenant Group	Bridges
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## Saturday, December 3, 2011

9:00 am	Art Hanging	Chapel, Gilmartin
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## Sunday, December 4, 2011

9:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
9:30 am	Worship	Chapel
11:15 am	Worship	Chapel
1:00 pm	Art Reception	Chapel, Narthex
1:00 pm	Flute Choir Rehearsal	Potter
1:00 pm	Soul Work	Bridges
1:00 pm	Spirit Play Teacher Meeting	Pennell
1:30 pm	Young Adults	Knatvold
5:30 pm	Ukulele Song Circle	Knatvold

## Monday, December 5, 2011

6:00 pm	IGC Choirchime Ensemble	NJ Hall
6:15 pm	Unitarian Luminaria Singers	Knatvold
7:00 pm	ARE-Intergenerational Women's Group	Frazee
7:00 pm	Intergenerational Choir	NJ Hall

## Tuesday, December 6, 2011

1:00 pm	Covenant Group	Bridges
7:00 pm	Wellspring	Howe

## Wednesday, December 7, 2011

11:00 am	Wednesday Forum	Knatvold
7:00 pm	Covenant Group	Bridges
7:00 pm	Evening Contemplative Service	Chapel
7:00 pm	Meditation	Emerson
7:00 pm	Young Adult Affinity Group	Frazee
7:30 pm	Invitational Men's Group	Potter

## Thursday, December 8, 2011

6:00 pm	UU Humanists	Knatvold
6:10 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	NJ Hall
6:30 pm	Leadership Development Committee	Potter
7:15 pm	Loft Choir Rehearsal	Chapel, NJ Hall

## Friday, December 9, 2011

No church events scheduled

## Saturday, December 10, 2011

No church events scheduled

## Sunday, December 11, 2011

9:00 am	Church School	Classrooms
9:30 am	Worship	Chapel
11:15 am	Worship	Chapel
12:20 pm	<b>Congregational Mtg. After 2nd service</b>	
1:00 pm	Flute Choir Rehearsal	Pennell
1:00 pm	Immigrant Justice	Frazee
1:00 pm	LRE Committee	Howe
6:30 pm	Ukulele Song Circle	Knatvold

## Monday, December 12, 2011

1:30 pm	Covenant Group	Bridges
6:00 pm	IGC Choirchime Ensemble	NJ Hall
7:00 pm	ARE-Intergenerational Women's Group	Frazee
7:00 pm	Intergenerational Choir	NJ Hall
7:00 pm	Wellspring II	Howe

## Tuesday, December 13, 2011

6:30 pm	UUC Women's Group	Knatvold
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## Wednesday, December 14, 2011

11:00 am	Wednesday Forum	Knatvold
7:00 pm	Blue Christmas Service	Chapel
7:00 pm	Board of Trustees Study Session	Knatvold
7:00 pm	Meditation	Emerson
7:00 pm	Planning Team	Howe
7:00 pm	Seattle Threshold Singers	Channing
7:30 pm	Men's Group	Potter

## THE GATEWAY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

We are a Green Sanctuary, and focusing on electronic delivery of information moves us closer to that goal.

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[churchoffice@uuchurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@uuchurch.org)

### UUC Weekly eNewsletter

The UU eNewsletter is sent out **weekly** to everyone who is currently signed up for email notification of the Gateway. Weekly announcements received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Mondays will be emailed on Wednesday afternoon. For more information, call or e-mail Donna at the church office.

