

OUR CHURCH LIFE

CHURCH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2014

Dec. 5 Friday 11:30a.m.: Men's Fellowship Lunch in the Annex. News, Views and Thought Provoking discussion.

Dec. 7 Sunday Forum 9a.m.—9:45a.m. Suzanne Tomerlyn of Kerrville Cares, who will talk about the programs for battered and abused women and children in Kerrville.

Service 10a.m. *Isolation, Silence, and the Meaning of Community.* Sam Jones What is the difference between isolation and silence? What is community, and how can it save us? **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO FOLLOW SERVICE**

Dec. 10 Wed. Board Meeting 6:30p.m. Annex

Dec. 12 Friday 2p.m.: Needles, a crafting group in Annex. Open to all.

Dec. 14 Sunday Forum 9a.m.—9:45a.m. Rick Trzcinski, Yoga Instructor and VA Volunteer, who will talk programs and activities at the VA center in Kerrville .

10a.m. Service *The Reasons for the Season,* Rev. Scottie McIntyre Johnson In case you haven't been in a retail establishment or turned on the TV recently, let me tell you we have entered the Christmas season! In the United States, where, according to a Pew Research survey, self-identified Christians make up 78.4% of all adults and where conservative religious voices speak loudest and most often, you have also, no doubt, heard messages decrying the com-

mercialization of Christmas and proclaiming Jesus as "the reason for the season." Some have even suggested that we Unitarian Universalists have no right to celebrate this holiday at all. On the contrary, Christmas as we know it today would not exist if it were not for the contributions of Unitarians and Universalists, and, in fact, there are many valid and wonderful "reasons for the season"! Come hear some of them on December 14.

Dec. 18 Newsletter Deadline

Dec. 19 Friday 11:30a.m.: Men's Fellowship Lunch in the Annex. News, Views and Thought Provoking discussion.

Dec. 21 Sunday Service 10a.m. *Christmas Service* Rev. Diane Eller POTLUCK

Dec. 28 Sunday Forum 9a.m. Casual Coffee and Conversation – thoughts on the Holidays, joys of 2014 and hopes of 2015

Service 10a.m. *The problem with men.* Rev. Scottie McIntyre Johnson Recently, a young women—a former student of mine at UT—interviewed me on the topic of masculinity. I want to share my responses since I am sure that they will generate conversation, discussion, and perhaps a little consternation.

TEXAS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST JUSTICE MINISTRY UUCHC CHAPTER

We have had our first meeting of the Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry, UUCHC Chapter. Nine enthusiastic members met to explore justice issues in our area. We have all been hit hard with this election and may pay dearly for the apathy and complacency of millions who did not show up at the polls to protect women's reproductive rights, economic justice and Medicaid expansion as well as other countless possible losses of individual freedom.

Each and every one in our Congregation is a member of TXUJMJ. Three have been chosen to lead this chapter (Jan Lentner, Karen Burkett and Monte Hensley) and we would like to invite you to attend our next meeting on December 17 at 3pm in the Annex. We will be exploring further issues to determine our direction as well as planning our trip to Austin on January 20 to attend the first ever TXUJMJ Legislation Day in which everybody is welcome to attend. If this interests any of you, please see Jan, Karen or Monte

OUTREACH NOTES

CAM needs blankets, men's clothing, and – always – canned veggies. Second Sunday is CAM Sunday, but we'll take your offerings any Sunday.

The way you spend Christmas is far more important than how much. - *Henry David Thoreau, a famous Unitarian author.*

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Child care for children, provided every Sunday **with advance notice**, 9:45am—11:15am. Please call or email Joyce Randle 257-2346 rjpa47@stx.rr.com, the **Saturday before.**

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Chalice Table/Greeter

Following is the roster for decorating the chalice table and greeting members and guests. If you cannot participate on the Sunday listed, please contact Shari Gore, 367-3142

Dec. 7 Schloss Family Dec. 14 Schlosser Family
Dec. 21 Smith Family Dec. 28 Steves Family

SUNDAY MORNING SNACKS

Dec. 7 Mary & Bill Dec. 14 Judy Ashcraft
Dec. 21 Open Dec. 28 Open
Sign up on back table in church.



A NOTE FROM OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our church "Giving Tree" is ready for you to choose a name. Please help spread holiday joy to Veterans (many without family or isolated by distance) staying at the Kerrville VA Hospital by including a Vet in your gift buying this holiday season. Each card on the tree has a name and a wish list along with a gift card to attach to the present.

Wrapped and tagged gifts are due in the church by Dec. 14th. The tree is on the table in the back of the church. For more information on how you can help please contact anyone on the Social Committee (Jan Lentner, Judy Ashcraft, Ann Galland, Ellen Jackson, Meredith Hensley).



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