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Grounded in faith, we come together to nurture the soul, inspire hope and bring into being a more just and loving world.

“Wonder takes our breath away, and makes room for new breath. That’s why they call it breathtaking.”
—Anne Lamott
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December is here. Another year draws to a close and we are cast into the cacophony and bustle of another Xmas holiday season. May you all find ways to take a Sabbath from the demands of family, society, work and commerce.

I, like many of us, look forward to the promise of family and friends gathering to make the holidays special. Deeply fond memories of the holiday season—favorite foods, cherished rituals, and loved ones gathered for feasting—fill many hearts. Yet not everyone looks forward to the holiday season. Many have families who make this time less than restful; others have memories of loss or misbehavior they would rather soon forget. If you fret the holidays as a time of stress or family drama, please make an appointment with the Care Team so we can be present to your concerns.

But no matter how you feel, please join us this December. Here we gather in covenant, a chosen, new family of fellow spiritual seekers and justice doers. So whether you assist our kids in our Holiday Pageant on December 15th, look forward to the Winter Solstice, sing in the choir during Holiday services, help serve meals at MESH, or simply come and enjoy one another’s company amidst the beauty of our service and justice offerings, please make coming to UUCM a priority in this holiday season. Your presence brightens our sacred time and space. It is better here, as always, with you and yours among us.

In Faith, Mystery and Promise,

Rev Scott

My Intern Commissioning Ceremony was a beautiful expression of trust and commitment. I was awestruck by how meaningful a declaration of who we are to each other could provide a deeper sense of belonging. I was awestruck. Our declaration of presence and commitment to one another provided a deep sense of belonging. As humans, we are always searching for that belonging and when we find belonging, it feels awesome! Thank you for giving me an awesome experience and for welcoming me to the Ministry team with exuberant enthusiasm.

As we ponder awe this month, I am taken by how often ordinary things can be awe-inspiring. The human body is extraordinary and often is used in ways that seem ordinary. While the human body is often used in ways that seem ordinary, it is utterly extraordinary.

Have you considered the invisible, incredible things that happen when you do something as ordinary as washing your hands? Think about how simple soap, water, and rubbing protects our bodies from all of the microscopic yuck that comes in contact with our hands. Now that I have you thinking about that, consider how vital human touch can be for a majority of humans. Right? Not only do our hands have the power to bring healing, but they also have the potential to be a vector of disease. Awesome and awful!

How many other examples can you think of that can be both awesome and awful? As you ponder those things, I will leave you with a link to proper handwashing procedures. If you are like me, you want to spread the awesome and forgo the awful. Remember, there is awe in the ordinary. As Albert Einstein stated, “There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle”.

Click here for the link about handwashing: www.cdc.gov/handwashing/show-me-the-science-handwashing.html.
AWE

What does it mean to be a people of awe?

Collect Awe Stories in Person and Online

One way to get more awe into our lives is to borrow it from others. That’s right. It turns out that we can feel awe when we listen to others share their awe stories.

So this month, dive into some vicarious awe. Here’s your assignment: Collect Five Stories of Awe.

Anyone is fair game. Life Partners. Parents. Siblings. Neighbors. Co-workers. Even strangers! Take them out for coffee or just ask if they have 5 minutes. Sure, you’ll be nervous. It’s a peculiar thing to ask people about. But trust us, everybody’s got a great awe story, and everybody is secretly dying to share it!

Then spend a bit of time comparing and contrasting the stories. Which of those similarities or key differences spoke to you. Where is the gift (or challenge) in that for you?

And to add to this experience, here are 31 online doses of awe - one awe-filled YouTube video for each day of the 31 days of December. It’s a lot like those advent calendars some of us had as kids. We’d peel back the cardboard door, discover some magical new gift and our entire day would be transformed.

Here’s the link to the YouTube playlist that contains all 31 of the videos: www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvXOKgOQVYP7pFA1YKzco1SkOZHkkn7v

Next Month’s Theme is...INTEGRITY!
Soul Matters for Family Ministry
December’s theme is “AWE.” Awe is the feeling we get in the presence of something vast that challenges our understanding of the world, like looking up at millions of stars in the night sky. When we look at the stars, we wonder what is out there. Are there other worlds? Are there people like us? Looking at the stars is a time to wonder.

Story
Draw Me a Star by Eric Carle (Book)
“Draw me a star. And the artist drew a star. It was a good star. Draw me a sun, said the star. And the artist drew a sun. And on the artist draws, bringing the world to life picture by beautiful picture until he is spirited across the night sky by a star that shines on all he has made. In Draw Me a Star, Eric Carle celebrates the imagination in all of us with a beguiling story about a young artist who creates a world of light and possibility.” - Amazon
Theme Message: A journey through the sky, the day, the night, and life with all its vast possibilities.

Activities
Star Drawing
Cut out star shapes from yellow construction paper. Invite your child to decorate the star and provide a variety of colors of tissue paper and glitter glue.

Make a Wish Upon a Star
Invite children to think of a wish they would like to make upon a star, the next time they see one. The first star of the night is often the wishing star, but it could also be the first star that the child sees. When they take their star drawing home, it will help remind them to make a wish upon a star.

Awesome Video: An Entertaining Tour of our Awesome Universe Video (minute 0 - 9:20)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=20&v=7w7479TF0cl
Awe can be inspired by watching a video of the stars. Great photos, and summary of the story of the universe and the miracle that we are able to observe it.

Glitter Galaxy Ornament
Learn how to make this Glitter Galaxy Ornament, using a concoction of water and Collage Pauge. It only takes 5 minutes for each ornament!
Family Ministries—Revitalizing Worship for Families

From Lily Rappaport, Developmental Director of Family Ministries

In November I attended the Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA) Fall Conference in Baltimore. The conference theme was “Theologies of Suffering and Wholeness: Companions in Liberation” and was full of inspiring and wonderful learning. Keynote speakers were Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt, President of Starr King School for the Ministry, Dr. Elias Ortega, President of Meadville Lombard Theological School, and Rev. Sofia Betancourt, Assistant Professor of UU Theologies and Ethics at Starr King School for the Ministry.

The speakers drew on uses of honey as metaphors for kitchen table faith development, the faith formation that happens outside of our congregational walls, for the faith formation that happens in everyday moments and in our homes. Honey as theology 1) sweetens and nourishes, 2) is ritual offering, 3) cosmetic medicinal. They approached theologies of suffering and wholeness with the goal of strengthening spiritual practice and deepening our UU engagement.

One workshop called “Jubilee Kids! & Jubilee Adults” co-led by Paula Cole Jones, field staff for Central East Region & Sheila Schuh, Director of Religious Education at First Unitarian Church in Rochester, NY, shared the transformative power of two distinct programs which offer a means to build a more multicultural, inclusive Unitarian Universalist community of communities. Jubilee Kids is a curriculum for UU children which supports healthy racial and ethnic identity development and builds skills for responding to racism and mono-cultural norms. Jubilee for adults is an immersive program that aims to engage adults in the work of dismantling the structural and institutional racism in our UU congregations and beyond.

"Holding Them Whole: Faith Formation and Gender Identity” was a workshop by CB Beal, M. Div, recipient of the Angus Maclean Award for Excellence in Religious Education, provided great tips for closing the gap between the experiences of trans and non-binary people in our UU communities. “We are in an amazing time when many of our young people have a more fluid understanding of gender identity than those of us who were raised within a binary understanding of gender." We learned about needs of trans, non-binary, gender non-conforming, and gender creative young people and what we can do to support them, touching upon issues of language, privacy and rights, and advocacy.

Religious Education Calendar

Tue. 12/3  RE Committee meeting 7:30-9:00 in Peierls
Thu. 12/5  8th Grade OWL Parent Orientation 7:30 - 9:00 pm in Peierls
Sat. 12/7  Pageant Rehearsal 10am-12pm Sanctuary
Sat. 12/7  RE Round-Table Talks 10:30am to 12:00pm in Peierls
Sun. 12/8  8th Grade OWL Parent Orientation 12:30pm – 2:00pm Mortenson, Peierls
Sat. 12/14  Pageant Rehearsal 10am-12pm
Sun. 12/15  Holiday Pageant 9:30am to 12:30pm.
Sun. 12/22  Children’s Chapel K-5 in Rotunda
Tue. 12/24  Family Christmas Eve 4pm – 5pm
Sun. 12/29  Fire Communion Service
Sun. 1/5  8th Grade OWL begin
Sun. 1/5  COA Meet Your Mentor Pizza Party 12:30pm – 2:00pm Peierls

Thank you to all of those who supported our Senior Youth at their Pancake Fundraiser on October 20, 2019. They raised $303 for their upcoming activities!
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT WITH UUA PROGRAMS AROUND OUR REGION

1) Often you may see postings for UUA high school cons for youth grades 9 to 12: These event is a social con for youth in grades 9-12. Social cons provide a safe space for UU youth to meet other youth and explore their religious identity. At cons, UU youth from different congregations come together for a weekend of worship, workshops, and fun! Registration and info at: https://www.uua.org/central-east/events/youth. Follow our congregations Facebook page for how to register! Be on the look out for high school autumn CON by following UUCM on Facebook and checking the above link.

2) YAC YAC YAC--what’s that? YAC is the YOUTH ADULT COMMITTEE of the Metro NY Region of the UUA. YAC is open to all high school youth (and adults) who seek to support youth programming and engagement and support regional learning with working cons, social cons and chaplain training for youth. The next YAC meetings are January 25, 2020, March 21, 2020 and May 9, 2020. These YAC meetings offer tools for planning events, team building and youth leadership in our region. All are welcome and find out more! https://www.uua.org/central-east/youth/districtyouth/metro-new-york

8th Grade OWL Class Parent Orientation

Once again, UUCM will be offering the Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education program to 8th graders this year beginning in January 2020. A required parent and guardian orientation session will be held Sunday, December 8, 12:30-2:30 PM, in the Peierls Room. Childcare will be provided in the Mortenson Room.

OWL is offered at no additional cost for those youth who are registered for the UUCM 2019-2020 RE program year. For those who are not registered for this year’s program, the fee is $75 for UUCM members and $100 for non-members.

Space is available in the class, so we are welcoming students outside of our UUCM community. Contact Jennifer Bell at jenny@varnelis.net for more information about OWL.

Our Holiday Pageant is Coming Up!

We welcome children and youth (aged 5 and up) who are registered in the RE program to be a part of this wonderful tradition. No acting experience necessary; speaking and non-speaking roles available. Stage managers and crew are also needed. Performances will be during both the services on Sunday, December 15, 2019. While we realize that all families have busy schedules, we do ask that your children attend all rehearsals; Please reach out to Lily (dfm@uumontclair.org) if you have any questions. We are also looking for adults to help with rehearsals!

Rehearsals will take place:
- Saturday, December 7, 2019, 10am – noon,
- Sunday, December 8, 2019, during Sunday school, 11:15-12:15
- Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, December 14, 2019, 10am - noon.

If you are interested in participating or helping with the Pageant, you can sign up by clicking on link below: https://tinyurl.com/Holiday-Pageant-signup.
Commissioning of the Intern Minister, Antonia Bell-Delgado

These are the words from the Commissioning of the Intern Minister, Sunday November 11, 2019. Please read them, to understand what it means to be a teaching congregation, and to embrace these shared commitments.

Internship Team Member: Our congregation is proud to be a teaching congregation. Founded by women, called to provide their children a liberal religious education - we continue to embody this commitment with our religious education program and our internship program. That said, the last intern hosted by our congregation finished in 2007, 12 years ago. Planning his retirement, and feeling the loss of this program, now minister Emeritus, Charles Blustein Ortman, set forth a fund to revitalize our internship commitment. In gratitude of Rev. Ortman, and in commitment to our internship program, today we will commission our ministerial intern, Antonia Bell-Delgado.

Rev. Anya: Intern Antonia Bell Delgado, will you join me here by the pulpit.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Montclair, we have begun a new thing. As we assume the mantle of a Teaching Congregation, it is up to each of us to offer Intern Antonia support and compassion as xe grows into the visionary minister xe has been called to be. It is up to us to create the safe container where xe can succeed and fail, where xe is free to create a ministry here with us.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Montclair - Will you trust yourselves and Intern Antonia? Will you allow xyr to bring xyr full self? Will you keep your hearts and minds open, and be willing to learn a new way, a new pronoun, a new relationship, a new kind of ministry? If so, please answer “We will!”

Internship Team representatives, you have covenanted together promising your heart and mind to decenter whiteness, counter oppression, ensure that no voice is silenced by the voices of others, to fulfill your responsibilities, and to hold yourselves and one another accountable to these promises, to this covenant.

Will you, with your leadership, hold our congregation to these same promises? Will you lead, boldly and with purpose, so that we know how to be in right relationship with Intern Antonia? If you will, please say “We will.”

Intern Antonia, thank you for your commitment to serving as a Unitarian Universalist minister. Thank you for listening to your call. Thank you for having enough faith in us, to trust us as your teaching congregation, and me as your supervisor. Will you give generously of your wisdom and compassion - trusting us to do our work, as you trust us to shape your ministry? Will you help us to live our mission and to live toward our vision? Will you be present, in heart, mind and spirit? If so, please say, “I will.”

We enter into this commitment with humility and conviction. May we remain wide awake and never forget the sanctity of this relationship. Amen. ...now let the people praise!
STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

UU Marketplace News
Supermarket Gift Cards: The holiday season is quickly approaching! As you go to the grocery store for special holiday meal supplies or regular trips, please consider supporting UUCM by using gift cards. Shoprite and Kings grocery store gift cards can be purchased (cash or check only please) any Sunday during Connection Cafe. Shopping with gift cards helps the congregation make money while not taking any additional money from you. Buying a $20 gift card costs you the same amount, $20, and you can use that gift card at the store on your regular grocery shopping trip. Please consider taking this simple step to support our congregation's programming!

The UU Marketplace committee is trying to recruit additional members. Members simply commit to one hour of volunteer service each month. If you have been thinking about getting involved at church but feel you just don't have time, this might be the committee for you.

For more information or to volunteer please contact Tanya Dixon (k.tanya.dixon@gmail.com) or visit the Marketplace table at Connection Cafe.

UUCM Emergency Plan Questionnaire
In order to develop a meaningful emergency plan for all who attend UUCM, we ask that every attendee complete this questionnaire online (https://forms.gle/NMnpXtcdStSfsecD9) and or print and return it to designated baskets in the Narthex. Some who do not appear to have mobility challenges might very well need assistance under emergency circumstances for other physical, cognitive or psychological reasons. Please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire so that the UUCM Emergency Preparedness Safety Team can take the needs of each person into account. If you have any questions or do not feel comfortable completing this survey, please contact Mary Moriarty at marymoe.55@gmail.com.

Please note: If after reading this questionnaire you do not identify as either someone in need of assistance or someone who would be an emergency volunteer, please provide your contact information and answer "no" to those two questions so that we know you have completed the survey.

Seasons of Life Fund
The Seasons of Life Fund is an outlet for self-expression at the milestone moments of life: the birth of a child, the death of a parent, a dear friend’s benchmark birthday. The Seasons of Life Fund accepts donations in any amount to be used toward programs and services that fulfill our mission.

Connie Love recently donated $50 in honor of Terry Last.

Shopping on Amazon!
With back-to-school season upon us, did you know you can support UUCM by shopping on Amazon? By visiting the following link: www.uumontclair.org/amazon, 4% or more of your total purchase amount will go towards supporting UUCM.

Amazon recently donated $81.89 and Amazon Smile gave $35.81 to UUCM!
FAQ’S

How do I schedule a meeting with a minister?
Contact Rev. Scott and Intern Antonia directly. To schedule a meeting with Rev. Anya please use this application: https://calendly.com/revanya.

How do I submit an announcement?
For Sunday announcements, all requests need to be sent to our Office & Communications Manager Jaclyn Puleo (officemgr@uumontclair.org) by Wednesday. We also send out our weekly email blast on Wednesday. All announcements are included in the blast and also added to our website and social media pages. UUCM-related events take precedence over outside events but we do our best to accommodate all requests.

Where can I park?
Although we do not have our own parking lot, there are several parking options within easy walking distance. Visit: https://en.parkopedia.com/ for an interactive map. There is parking available next door for an all-day Sunday price of $5. Parking is also permitted at metered spots on the street and is free after 7:00 PM and on Sunday. The driveway at UUCM is reserved for employees during the week and on Sunday for those needing handicapped access ONLY.

Can I get a Member Directory?
If you are a member, you can access the UUCM directory via Realm. If you are not currently on Realm, please let us know when any changes are made to your address, phone number, and/or email address so we have the most current information.

Can I get some photocopies made for my committee?
We will be more than happy to make copies for your UUCM-related committee, group or event. Since the staff is most familiar with our machines, we ask that you submit all requests to the office during regular office hours.

How do I make a monetary donation to UUCM?
Checks may be made out to UUCM. Please use the memo line to indicate to us your intentions (i.e., Annual Pledge, Plate Collection, MESH). You can also make donations via electronic funds transfer (EFT).

How do I submit a reimbursement request?
All requests must come from the head of your committee or group and be received a week in advance of need. Submit your receipts to your committee leader and have them contact the Administrator.

Who Should I Contact?
Oftentimes, many members confuse the duties of our Administrator Danielle Carlo and our Office & Communications Manager Jaclyn Puleo. We’ve created this helpful chart below that can help clarify our duties. And as always, please reach out to us if you have any questions.
UUCM Sacred Wheel (CUUPS)

UUCM Sacred Wheel (CUUPS-Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans) is hosting a presentation on *African Bantu folktale, mythology and ritual* led by two of its members, Lauren Tyler-Fuller and her daughter, Miriam Fuller, on Sunday, **December 1, 2019** at 12:30 PM in the Peierls Room. Bantu is a general term for over 400 different ethnic groups in Africa, from Cameroon, Southern Africa, Central Africa, to Eastern Africa, united by a common language family (the Bantu languages) and in many cases common customs.

UUCM Sacred Wheel (CUUPS) is holding a **Winter Solstice celebration** on **December 22, 2019** at 12:30 PM in the Rotunda. The Winter Solstice is the shortest day of the year and takes place every year on the 21st or 22nd of December (Northern Hemisphere). We know today that the Sun will return, because the course of the Sun and the other planets in our system have been scientifically explored. Our ancestors did not take the return of the Sun for granted, and in addition they were suffering much more under the hardships of severe winter weather than we do today. For an agricultural society, whose survival depended mostly on crops, the return of the Sun was not just a matter of casual celebration, it was rather a matter of life or death.

Both events are free of charge. Nonperishable food donations for the local food pantry are requested. For more information, contact sacredwheelcuups@uumontclair.org. UUCM Sacred Wheel is also on Facebook at: facebook.com/groups/UUCMSacredWheel.

**Music Opportunities for Christmas Eve**

We invite youth and adult instrumentalists to participate in the **Family Orchestra** that will play in the family service on December 24, 2019 at 4:00 PM. Rehearsals are:

- **Saturday, December 14, 2019** from 4:00 to 6:00 PM
- **Saturday, December 21, 2019** from 10:00 AM to Noon

If you would like to participate, please contact Markus Grae-Hauck at musicdir@uumontclair.org.

Like every year, all youth and adult singers are welcome to join the **Holiday Choir**. We will sing in the candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 7:00 PM. Here is the rehearsal schedule:

- **Saturday, December 7, 2019** from 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- **Wednesday, December 11, 2019** from 7:30 to 9:00 PM
- **Saturday, December 14, 2019** from 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- **Wednesday, December 18, 2019** from 7:30 to 9:00 PM
- **Saturday, December 21, 2019** from 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- **Monday, December 23, 2019** from 7:00 to 9:00 PM - FINAL DRESS

Every singer must attend at least four of the six dates, and attendance at the final dress rehearsal is mandatory for everyone.
On That Note...
From Markus Grae-Hauck, Director of Music Ministries

What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that brings my heart such bliss
and takes away the pain of my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down beneath my sorrow's ground,
friends to me gathered round, O my soul.

To love and to all friends I will sing.
To love and to all friends who pain and sorrow mend,
with thanks unto the end I will sing.

- Connie Campbell Hart

These lyrics come from hymn #18, What Wondrous Love. No other text I know expresses the essence of a spiritual community in so few words. During this dark time of year in particular, the message of gratitude for the support and friendship we experience rings clear and true.

If you are “sinking down, sinking down” with the pain of your soul, you are not alone. Feeling isolated, disconnected, and overwhelmed is not an indication of having failed; it is a sign that you are alive. And that is all that is required to be part of our community. Come, be nourished, and know that your presence is healing to others.

Child Dedications
Child Dedications at our Congregation are scheduled on Sundays, December 1, 2019 and April 12, 2020. Rather than provide baptisms or christenings, UU’s offer child dedication ceremonies for infants and children. Child dedications are opportunities to bless the new life of the child, express the parent or parents’ hopes for the child and express the congregation’s commitment to support and nurture for the child. Email Rev. Anya to reserve your space: RevAnya@uumontclair.org.

Friday Night Vespers Service
Come to the altar and experience a House Music* Vespers service! You read that right! Intern Minister Antonia Bell-Delgado will be providing a house music vespers service on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Come out and support Intern Antonia’s class project to provide a sensory rich worship experience. There will be dancing, a blessing circle and house music. No dancing skills necessary and EVERYONE is welcome. The service is just 30 minutes long so you can get back to doing whatever you do on Friday nights with a lifted spirit. This is a kid friendly event.

Please contact Intern Antonia at intern@uumontclair.org for more info.
*(One song will be Trap music)
What is Realm?
Realm is our interactive system that we use for:
- Giving
- Pledging
- Small and Large group communication

Ever wish you could message your covenant group, committee, or team all at once and not have to search through emails for responses? Ever wanted to see your giving statements any time you wanted? Or make or change pledge payments without calling the office? Realm will help with that! You will also receive an email to Opt you into the Online Directory if you are already apart of the current directory.

Giving and Pledging through Realm
- Giving as a visitor — Not a member? You can give to The U by clicking this link: https://onrealm.org/uumontclair/Give
- Giving as a member - Do you already have a login? Want to keep track of all of your groups, communications and need a tax statement at the end of the year? Click here (https://onrealm.org/uumontclair) to login to Realm to give to our various funds including Sunday Plate, MESH, Flowers and Season of Life.
- Don’t have a login? Reach out to our Administrator at admin@uumontclair.org

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Newcomer Connections
Our Newcomer Connections will be held on Sunday, December 1, 2019 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM in the Alliance Room. A Membership Team member will be present at the Welcome Table to meet guests. You will know them by the "Newcomer's Connection" sign. Are you new to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Montclair? Are you visiting or "Congregation Shopping" for yourself or your family? Do you want to know a bit more about our congregation and the Unitarian Universalist tradition? Join with one of our ministers and other newcomers to for a short, honest, in-depth conversation. All of your questions will be honored. Childcare is available in our Nursery. Children age 12 and above are welcome to participate. RSVP with our Administrator.

New Member Covenant Group
Brand New to UUCM, or new in the past few years? Join a welcoming group of other newcomers for a New Member Covenant Group co-facilitated by Rev. Anya and other relative newcomers. This group is for new members and visitors who wish to know the congregation better. We will meet next on Thursday, December 5, 2019, at 6:45 PM in the Mortenson Room. Please RSVP to Rev. Anya (revanya@uumontclair.org).

Pathway to Membership Class
Join us on December 7, 2019 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Rotunda as we deepen our understanding of the intricacies of the UU tradition as well as the complexity of our congregational life. This class is your path to becoming a member and joining UUCM. Childcare will be available. Please RSVP to our Administrator Danielle Carlo (admin@uumontclair.org) if you wish to attend.

New Member Signing Ceremony
We will be having a signing ceremony on Sunday, December 8, 2019. Those wishing to join UUCM are invited to contact Rev. Anya (revanya@uumontclair.org). Membership at UUCM is available to those who have participated in the Pathways to Membership class or another comparable learning experience. We also extend an invitation to those who have joined UUCM but have yet to be recognized in a public ceremony.
Connection Café

Connection Café is our weekly gathering held between services in Fletcher Hall. Each Sunday, a different group or committee will be our Connection Café host. We have a SignUp Genius page which lists our upcoming hosts. By scheduling hosts this way, all of our groups have an opportunity to use Connection Café to popularize their activities, and all of us share the responsibility as equally as possible. If you are a part of these groups and need to swap a date or need financial reimbursement, please contact Nicole Gray.

Easy to follow instructions for set-up, coffee making, clean-up and running the sanitizer are all posted in the kitchen to make your Connection Café volunteer experience comfortable.

Tables for Groups at Connection Café

1. The tables are first come first serve. Arrive early and claim your table. There are sign up sheets in the kitchen. Please do not move the tables after they are set up.
2. Find table signs for all of our groups and committees in the kitchen, adjacent to Fletcher Hall. Look on the Connection Café shelves in the corner. Find your sign and place it in a plastic sign holder. Then put your sign on a table.
3. And please share your table with at least one other group - it’s fun, and saves space!
4. When you finish, return your sign to the Connection Cafes shelves in the corner of the kitchen.

Enjoy connecting with our beautiful congregation! Feel free to contact Nicole Gray, John Lytle or Carol McGough at connectioncafe@uumontclair.org if you have any questions.

Our upcoming hosts for December are:
12/1: Men's Group
12/8: Coming of Age
12/15: Harvest the Power
12/22: Sacred Wheel
12/24: Wassail Fellowship
12/29: Connection Café Team

Let's Connect at the Connection Café

Do you have a room for rent? Are you looking for a room? Do you have a need for an Attorney? Are you an Attorney? How about a babysitter? There will be a table set up during Connection Café in Fletcher Hall every other Sunday. Led by UUCM member Petra Kershaw, this project is in an effort to "bridge the gap" between those folks who are looking for help in their lives and for those folks who have something that they would like to offer someone. You will find index cards which you fill out with your name and contact information on it. Then list what it is you have available. The same applies to someone who has a need. And any feedback or questions are always welcome by contacting Petra at pebblesk2008@gmail.com or 347-448-1814.

Wassail Fellowship

Seeking helpers! Every year we have a festive holiday gathering in Fletcher Hall following the 7:00 Christmas Eve service, featuring sweets and savory snacks, and non-alcoholic Wassail punch. We are seeking contributions of finger foods such as cookies, cheese & crackers, etc. We also need help with set-up, clean-up and serving. Please contact Deb Ellis at debellisnj@gmail.com by Wednesday, December 18, 2019 if you are able to donate food or help.
Mantel of Giving

Each year we partner with a school in downtown Newark to bring some holiday cheer to our young friends. Each child is asked to put three wishes on an ornament and we ask our congregants to sponsor a child (or more) and at a minimum grant one of the wishes as well as give them at least one of the books on the list provided. The wishes are up and we'll be accepting them back November 24 thru December 1, 2019. Mantel of Giving connects UUCM with the inner city life of kids who might not otherwise have a holiday season and we’re grateful once again for any help you can provide. If you have questions, don’t hesitate to ask Kate Conroy (k8conroy@gmail.com).

LGBTQ+ Youth Drop In

Our LGBTQ+ Youth Drop In at UUCM is for youth ages 11 to 17. It is a community offering that will run the second Sunday a month from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the Tomlinson Room. Our next gathering will be on December 8, 2019.

Join us, bring friends, be you! "Drop In" is a welcoming space for queer and trans+ youth. Games, snacks, laughs, art, and conversation will all be available. Activities are available, but you can also just hang out.

Facilitated by two community educators who are GSA advisors and GLSEN educators, the purpose is to create a safe space for LGBTQ+ youth in our community that fosters resilience and equity. For more info, email: steviet65@gmail.com or crazyarteacher@yahoo.com.

Sharing Our Riches

Sharing Our Riches recipient for December 2019 is the Trevor Project. The Trevor Project is the world’s largest and only nationally accredited organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender queer and questioning young people under 25. Founded in 1998 by the creator of the Academy Award – winning short film TREVOR, the Trevor Project has worked to save young lives by providing support through Trevor’s free and confidential crisis services programs, including TrevorLifeline, TrevorChat, and TrevorText. They also run TrevorSpace, the world’s largest safe space social networking site for LGBTQ youth, and operate innovative advocacy, research, and education programs across the country.

There are over 5 million LGBTQ young people in the United States, and around 1.5 million experience some form of crisis each year that could be served by Trevor’s services. In order to reach these young people, Trevor is undertaking a transformational change. With your support, Trevor will be able to deliver support shaped to the needs of LGBTQ youth on a larger scale than ever before.

Grounded in our faith, we support the Trevor project as they nurture the soul, inspire hope, and bring into being a more just and loving world. The Trevor Project aligns closely with our Unitarian values. By supporting the Trevor Project we help them continue to promote social justice by furthering their work to dismantle homophobia, racism and all forms of oppression. To learn more about the Trevor Project check out thetrevorproject.org.
Our Monthly MESH Collection

Montclair Emergency Services for the Homeless (MESH) is a local, faith-based organization dedicated to providing basic and essential services to Montclair’s most vulnerable homeless adults and families. When there is a month with 5 Sundays there will be just one Offering collection at each service, and MESH will get the entire collection. Our next 5th Sunday collection will be on December 29, 2019. Every penny received is used to buy food for the guests. No exceptions. Thank you so much to everyone who contributes to UUCM MESH via the UU collection, donations in honor or memory of an event or person, or out of extreme generosity. For more information, please contact David Bronstein (dbbronst@gmail.com).

MESH will also be holding their 6th Annual Shades of Winter Dinner Concert on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 3:00 PM at St. John Episcopal Church, 55 Montclair Avenue, Montclair NJ featuring the voices of their partnership. Tickets are $20/adults and $10/children. RSVP to pattydreher@hotmail.com or call (862) 621-9488 for more information.
A Climate in Crisis: The Fight for Justice in a Warming World
Join the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO) for a panel discussion on creating inclusive climate policies to marginalized and forgotten groups on Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM at the Salvation Army International Justice Commission, Salvation Army Auditorium, 221 E. 52nd St., New York, NY. The panel features a list of speakers who represent communities at the forefront of climate change and are leaders in the movement for an equitable world. This panel will be an interactive intergenerational event with a focus on action. Tentative panelists include: Daphne Frias (Deputy Director of Global Outreach for Zero Hour, New York State Director for March For Our Lives), Vladimir Cuk (Executive Director of the International Disability Alliance), Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (14th District of New York (invited) with Moderator: Dr. Scott Carlin (Co-Chair for the International Day of Education for Global Citizenship Associate Professor of Geography at Long Island University’s LIU Post) For more information contact international@uua.org.

UU Faith Action NJ to Honor Rev. Anya and Rev. Scott
Help UU FaithAction NJ (formerly UU Legislative Ministry of NJ) celebrate its 10th anniversary and honor our congregation’s ministers, Rev. Anya and Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael, at a glamorous AND Earth-friendly Gala!
UU FaithAction is our collaborative social justice ministry that mobilizes all 21 UU congregations across the Garden State (and our friends!) to support progressive social change. To ensure we will be celebrating another decade of NJ justice advocacy with a powerful UU “voice,” the Board, staff and supporters of FaithAction are throwing one major fundraising event for 2020: The Gala.
That’s not all. The evening will also include tributes to all current settled UU ministers or similar congregational leaders in New Jersey. Come and celebrate Rev. Anya and Rev. Scott and hear our justice witness honored and named out loud.
Prepare for an Evening of UU-inspired Luxury, Celebration, Humor and Recyclable Everything!

When: 6:30 pm, Friday January 10, 2020 (snow date January 24)
Where: Beacon UU Congregation in Summit, 4 Waldron Avenue, Summit, NJ
How: Buy a ticket or two or go all in for a table and invite your fellow congregants!
Tickets available by clicking this link: UU Gala Tickets! (https://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51510/c/301/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=11616)

$100 per ticket. There is a $45 option for those on a limited income and $150 option to help fund those who cannot pay the full $100. Tickets for children 18 and under will be $15.

Dress: Smart casual (with extra points for gowns and other festive gala wear)

The Meal: Dinner will be nut-free with vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options as well. Cash bar for beer and wine. There will also be infant and childcare provided.

If you are in a position to be more generous, sponsorships are also available: $300 to $5000, as well as the chance to “gift” specific items, like food or the bar beverages.

Help shape the second decade of UU FaithAction NJ, honor our ministers and ministries, and enjoy a fun evening out with friends and fellowship!
Racism As I See It

Submitted by Jane Gaertner and Anneliese Scherfen on behalf of the Undoing Racism Committee

Mass incarceration, lack of universal health care or good parental leave laws, “this is all the legacy of racism and slavery and it’s hurting everyone,” said Nikole Hannah-Jones, creator of the NYTimes “1619 Project” (https://pulitzercenter.org/sites/default/files/full_issue_of_the_1619_project.pdf) at a recent NJPAC event. Her focus is the centrality of slavery to the United States of America. This year marks 400 years since the first enslaved people were brought to the shores of what is now the United States of America. The Undoing Racism Committee coordinated with a variety of community groups to commemorate this solemn anniversary, with a vision to work for a Just Future. The September film series linked legacy of enslavement to the disparities in the current criminal justice system. Dionne Ford spoke at the Montclair Public Library about Slavery’s Descendants, her book with stories of reconciliations and reparations. The Montclair History Center held a tour focused on Montclair’s African American history. We held a rally, march & play on October 24th. Andrea McChristian of New Jersey Institute for Social Justice asked the crowds to join NJISJ to work to close New Jersey’s youth prisons, restore the voting rights of current and formerly incarcerated, and demand reparative justice in New Jersey. Montclair State University students, alum, and NAACP Collegiate Chapter members staged a powerful reading of a short play based on 1882 NY Times interviews of two people born into slavery in New Jersey. The reading was followed by a panel discussion that centered on the not so distant history of slavery in New Jersey.

Progress Towards a Just Future also includes intersectional work with the LGBTQ community. The final program in our 400 years series presented Rev. Dr. Traci C. West, activist scholar, on how do we address methods of achieving anti-racist solidarity and ending gender violence, and how do we expand our work and be held accountable? These are but a few moments looking back and looking forward. The work is still needed, the work continues.

Proud of Township Proclamation- Undoing Racism Committee and Social Justice Coalition
On October 29th, through work with the Undoing Racism Committee and others, Montclair Township issued a proclamation (tinyurl.com/400-years-proclamation) recognizing 400 Years of Inequality. Thanks to Eileen Birmingham, Johanna Foster, Wendy McNeil and Anneliese Scherfen, who worked with the Civil Rights Commission and Dr. Rene Baskerville, 4th Ward council member, to remember the struggles and victories of those Africans and their descendants, as well as the indigenous people of this land whose land was stolen from them. We are grateful that Rev. Scott was present for the proclamation’s reading. Please take a few moments to take cognizance of this event and participate in future events as you can. You can visit the YouTube link (https://youtu.be/gybBmvuS6Ko) to see the Montclair Council Meeting excerpt Oct. 29, 2019.
Pre-Holiday Fair Trade Show and Sale

Our 12th annual Pre-Holiday Fair Trade Show and Sale will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Fletcher Hall. We will feature goods from the returning Rain Lily and Women Helping Women. Enjoy the wonderful assortment of fair trade jewelry, scarves and much more from Asian, Indian, Guatemalan and Ecuadorian fair trade artisans. Your purchases help to improve the lives of women engaged in these handicrafts and the lives of their families. Katie Mahoney, owner of Rain Lily, and Gayle Jones, a fellow UU from Plainfield and one of the founders of Women Helping Women, will donate a generous percentage of their sales to our UUCM. Rain Lily and Women Helping Women supported our Auction fundraiser, too, with their donated goods for a beautiful Fair Trade Basket! Visit www.rainlilyshop.com to preview some of the items or contact Francesca Elms (francescaelms@verizon.net) for more information.

Social Justice Coalition Town Hall Meeting

The Social Justice Coalition will be holding its first town hall meeting on Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 12:30 to 2:30 PM in Fletcher Hall to discuss the congregation’s campaign to improve Montclair’s score on the Municipal Equality Index. The Index is a nationwide analysis of the town’s effectiveness is responding to the needs of its LGBTQ community. On a scale of 1 to 100, Montclair scored a dismal 48. The SJC will provide a more in-depth analysis of the report, we’ll discuss what we have done to address the issue so far and where we see ourselves heading to bring the score up to a perfect 100. Email us at socialjustice@uumontclair.org if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

Cards for the Incarcerated

From UUCM Member Judith Rew

The Church of the Larger Fellowship, which is the UUA’s online, virtual congregation, sponsors a project called the Worthy Now Prison Ministry. This allows incarcerated individuals to join a UU congregation and for that receive printed materials in the form of a newsletter and self-taught class materials on a range of subjects relating to our faith. At present there are well over 1,000 members, all over the country, including a number of people who have been released and remain active UUs.

One of the most important aspects of this ministry is a Pen Pal program. Individual UU’s (like me) apply to be a Pen Pal and are assigned one (or more if one has the time). I currently correspond with a man in prison in Texas.

We also prepare greeting cards around the December holidays, to send to every member. These cards are collected by pen pals like me in our congregations and/or among our friends and family, filled out with a simple greeting, sealed, stamped, and sent to the UUA office to be distributed. Once again I will be collecting cards during Connection Café during the month of November for as many weeks as it takes to get all the cards I buy filled out and stamped. Please stop by to sign a card with a little message and learn about the project. I’m happy to share any information I have about becoming a Pen Pal as well.

I don’t ask for money for this project but I wouldn’t mind the contribution of a few stamps.

As a “bonus” I am going to add to the table a little display of the cards my inmate Pen Pal has designed himself, as he is a very fine artist. I think you’ll enjoy it and I know he will appreciate sharing his gifts with you.

Questions? Call 973-495-2653 or email: jrew7@comcast.net
Care Team Ministry

We are looking for congregational support in identifying members who are in need of support. If you know of someone who has been missing from the services for a while, please forward the information to Arlene Marin (arlenemarin@hotmail.com) with ‘CTM’ in the subject line so the team can follow up. If you are in need of support or know of someone who could benefit from the services the Care Team provides, please contact Arlene.

Looking for Volunteer Opportunities? The UU Care Team Ministry is a wonderful way to do service and help out your fellow UU’s. The Care Team provide meals; offer transportation to and from the UU; visit members who are house bound or in the hospital; write cards of sympathy, support, or joy; and reach out with calls to ensure that members who are struggling know they are not alone.

If you need direct help, such as a call, visit, or meal, please do not hesitate to contact Arlene Marin at (973) 768-9121 (voice or text) or email at arlenemarin@hotmail.com.

If you need help for whatever reason, please do not hesitate to contact:
Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael at (973) 744-6276 ext.11 or email at revanya@uumontclair.org
Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael at (973) 744-6276 ext.11 or email at revscott@uumontclair.org
Rev. Anya is the point of contact for our Care Team Ministries, but both Rev. Anya and Rev. Scott are available for pastoral care.

We will all work to insure that you get the support you might need.

Elegant Treasures White Elephant Sale

Trying to declutter? Our Positive Place, a UUCM Covenant Group for those whose lives are affected by mental illness, will reprise its “White Elephant” sale during Connection Café on December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019. We’d appreciate donations of your gently used items. Reach out to Carol McGough (862) 276-7570; carolpeck-ltdc@yahoo.com to arrange for drop-off, or simply bring your items to our table starting on December 1. All proceeds of the sale will benefit the new UU Mental Health Network (uumentalhealth.org), established just this year to help us learn how to welcome and advocate for those living with mental illness in our congregations and beyond.

Sunday Flowers

Our Sunday Chancel flowers honor a memory or a person. The price of the donation is reasonable and your dedication will be acknowledged in the Order of Service. For information on available dates, email Elizabeth Walsh at elizabethwa015@gmail.com.
Ongoing Groups at UUCM

Below are our groups that meet on a regular basis and their upcoming meeting dates.

**The Oneness Blessing** is a sacred and relaxing meditation experience that brings greater peace, joy, and connection with all life. A brief introduction and talk will be followed by a guided meditation and the Blessing. We meet on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Rotunda. Our next meeting will be on December 2, 2019. Contact Brad Hyson (giantsmileb@gmail.com, 401-575-9973) for info.

The **Senior Lunch Bunch** meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month from 12 Noon to 1:30 PM in the Mortenson Room (bring your own lunch). We will meet next on December 11, 2019. (no meeting on December 25). Our recent meetings have focused on simply sharing general conversation about things that we have done recently and things going on around us. Remember, all UU's and their friends are welcome; there are no age constraints on participation: All are welcome. For more information, contact Gary Sanderson at (973) 857-3447.

Our **UUCM Women's Group** is changing our meeting times from the first Friday to the second Friday of the month, starting in December. Our next meeting will be on Friday, December 13, 2019 (7-9 pm) at Hilary's house. This will be a Holiday celebration. It would be lovely if members could bring a snack or drink representing your holiday tradition. We can talk about that and we'll be having a White Elephant (aka Yankee Swap), like last year. If you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped, previously loved item that you are ready to pass along, that someone else will love. An email with the directions and details will go out one week ahead. Please contact either Marcia Mandel or Maryann Ficker at womensgroup@uumontclair.org to get info or get on the email list.

The **UU Men's Group** meets on the second Saturday of the month at UUCM. Our next meeting is Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 8:30 to 10:30 AM in the Alliance Room. Are you looking for spiritual depth, or to meet other members of the congregation with questions about male identity and roles? Then please join us at the Men’s Group monthly meeting where we discuss what is important in our lives with spirit, depth and humor in a confidential environment. Coffee and snacks provided. All men are welcome. We look forward to seeing you! Contact Christian Turek (cpaturek@gmail.com) for information.

The **Younger Adults Group** meet on the third Sunday of each month to celebrate each other’s company, chat about the unique challenges of being a younger adult in this era, and practice our faith together. Our next meeting will be on December 15, 2019 from 2:00 to 5:30 PM in the Mortenson Room. Welcoming all UUCM Members ages 20-35. Hope to see you there! Email: bridgett.kallinger@gmail.com for info.

Our **Grief Support Group** provides a caring and confidential environment that allows its members to share their experiences with others around their loss. We all experience losses throughout our lifetime, whether they are a loss of loved ones, others important to us, or important parts of our lives. The group is facilitated by an experienced group leader and participation guidelines are provided. The group meets on the third Monday of each month between 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM in the Alliance Room at UUCM. Our next meeting will be on December 16, 2019. Please call Dick Kessler @ 973-890-1039 (e-mail: dick@dickkesslerphd.com) for info.

The Crazy QUUilters meet in the Rotunda on the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Rotunda. Our next meeting will be on December 21, 2019. This past year the Crazy Quilters have shared 9 quilts (including 5 baby quilts) with the congregation, donations to the annual auction and a installation stole for Terry Cummings. We have created a queen-size quilt (pictured here) which we will raffle off to support our future work. Tickets are $10 or 3 for $25 will be sold at Connection Cafe. The drawing will be on 12/29/2019. We have also decided to offer the companionship of our monthly meetings to other crafters. If you knit, crochet or do other hand work you are welcome to join us for about 4 hours of shared creating. The workshop is open to all willing hands (previous experience not required). We share a potluck lunch during our meeting. For info, contact Arlene at (973) 748-9194 or arlenemarin@hotmail.com.
To share a remembrance during Sunday services, you will find a small table with candles and remembrances book by the Chancel. Please write any joy or sorrow you have in the book, light a candle, and indicate whether you want your remembrance shared or kept private.

Sharing Remembrances in Worship works best when we share our souls’ yearnings with the worship leader before Sunday morning. To have your request read aloud during the pastoral prayer, email: Remembrances@uumontclair.org by Thursday. If you would prefer not to have your concern read aloud, email your name, address, phone number to PastoralCare@uumontclair.org and explain your situation or concern.

- Rev. Scott lit a candle of thanks for those who answered the call for our SWET events, including Hank Fandel, Ted Hunter, Ann Trip, and Zach and Steve Ramshur.
- Glendora Simonson lit a candle of remembrance for her uncle James who recently passed away at 103 years old.
- Wayne Foti lit a candle of healing for Menachum Schlomo, a young man in an induced coma after being rear-ended in his car in Linden.
- David Gaynes lit a candle of Joy in celebration of the life and memory of his brother Seth Gaynes who would have turned 45 years old on November 22nd. Seth died tragically at the age of 14 but his short, extraordinary life continues to transform the lives of all who knew him. Seth would be so proud to know he has been made an uncle three times over.
- Diane Marzo lit a candle in remembrance of her father, Richard Marzo, who recently celebrated 91 years of life, and died on November 10, 2019, leaving four adult children and five grandchildren. He will be deeply missed.
- We lit a candle to remember the joyful life of Chris Muldow. Chris died on November 8, 2019 surrounded by friends and held by her partner, Maria Towe. After a courageous battle with Mesothelioma, we rest in the assurance that Chris is at peace.
- We lit a candle for yet another school shooting - show us ways to prevent our children from turning their outrage into violence.
- Sue Raufer lit a candle in loving memory of Joan McGirr, her best friend Barbara’s mother who died suddenly on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. Sue also shared that on November 5, 2019 she lost her beloved sister-in-law, Nicki Corsen Raufer. Sue’s oldest brother Roger’s wife, Nicki has been a part of her family for most of her life. She was a soft-spoken educator who was always there for Sue at critical times in her life.
- We lit a candle for the 20 veterans who take their lives every day.
- We are saddened by the passing of member Edward Kopelson on October 26, 2019.
- Norma Tassy lit a candle of support for her mother, Catherine Tassy, who recently entered hospice. Please keep Catherine, who loves the sea, in your thoughts and prayers.
- Carolyn Burr lit a candle of joy and celebration for her husband David Lewis whose birthday was on November 3rd.
- Lauren Carlton lit a candle of prayer for Luis DeLeon, known to many in our congregation and recently detained by ICE. We hope that we can help him.
- Anne and David Sailer lit a candle of love and support for Maria Towe and her wife, Chris Muldow. We hold them both in our hearts as Chris’ life on earth comes to an end.
- Steve Crooks lit a candle of remembrance honoring the one year anniversary of the passing of a beloved father in law, George. His memory is a blessing.
- Elaine Gibson lit a candle of sorrow for Amari McDonald, her best friend since she was 11 years old, who passed away on November 1, 2019. Please wish her a restful and peaceful final journey. She leaves a huge whole in her life and many others.
- Deborah Ann Tripoldi lit a candle of thanks for all of her friends, especially at UUCM, for their continued support through this difficult time and a candle of hope that full-time work in her field comes through soon.
- David Lewis and Carolyn Burr lit a candle of support, courage, love and hope for David’s daughter, Melissa Lewis, who was diagnosed with breast cancer.
- The Parente family lit a candle of joy for Andrea Parente who just passed the NY Bar Exam. She is advocating at Disabilities Rights NJ located in Trenton.
- David Bronstein lit a candle of healing for his dad, Irving Bronstein, who was in the hospital on October 28, 2019 awaiting gallbladder surgery. Thoughts and prayers for Irving and David’s mother Ginger.
UUCM Meeting & Events
Sun Dec 1, 2019 Child Dedications at both services, Children’s Chapel 9:30am & 11:15am “Something’s Stirring” Sanctuary 12:30pm - 1:30pm Newcomer Connections Alliance 12:30pm - 2pm Our Positive Place Covenant Group Mortenson, Rotunda 12:30pm - 2pm UUCM Sacred Wheel CUUPS Peierls
Mon Dec 2, 2019 3pm - 6pm After School Tutoring Program Mortenson, Rotunda 7pm - 9pm Oneness Blessing Rotunda 7:30pm - 9pm Monday Nighters Offsite in Glen Ridge
Tue Dec 3, 2019 7pm - 8:30pm Care Team Ministry Rotunda 7pm - 8:30pm Emergency Preparedness Meeting Mortenson 7:30pm - 9pm RE Comm Peierls 7:30pm - 9pm Strategic Planning Team Alliance
Wed Dec 4, 2019 3pm - 6pm After School Tutoring Program Mortenson, Rotunda 6pm - 8:30pm MESH Cafe (Guests) Fletcher Hall 7:30pm - 9pm 5 Questions Adult RE Peierls 7:30pm - 9pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
Thu Dec 5, 2019 6:45pm - 8:15pm New Member Covenant Group IV Rotunda 7:30pm - 9pm 8th Grade OWL Parent Orientation Peierls 7:30pm - 9pm Engaged Theology: Yule Tide Bible Study Mortenson 7:30pm - 9:30pm Harvest the Power Alliance
Fri Dec 6, 2019 7pm - 9pm Women’s Group Moves Monthly
Sat Dec 7, 2019 10am - 12pm Pageant Rehearsal Sanctuary 10am - 2pm Pathways to Membership Rotunda 10:30am - 12pm RE Town Hall Round Table Discussion Peierls 2pm - 4pm Holiday Choir Sanctuary
Sun Dec 8, 2019 Children’s Chapel, Justice Sunday New member signing 9:30am & 11:15am “Between Awe and Aweful” Sanctuary 10:30am - 11am Talk and Tour Nathez 12:15pm - 1:15pm Out Front Alliance 12:15pm - 12:45pm Talk and Tour Nathez 12:30pm - 2pm 8th Grade OWL Parent Orientation Mortenson, Peierls 12:30pm - 2:30pm Book Discussion Sub-Peierls 12:30pm - 1:30pm Communications Team Meeting Rotunda 12:30pm - 2pm SJC Town Hall Meeting Fletcher Hall
Mon Dec 9, 2019 3pm - 6pm After School Tutoring Program Mortenson, Rotunda 7:30pm - 9pm UU Dream Group Rotunda
Tue Dec 10, 2019 7:30pm - 9pm Council On Ministries Mortenson 7:30pm - 9pm NLDC Alliance
Wed Dec 11, 2019 12pm - 1:30pm Senior Lunch Brunch Mortenson 3pm - 6pm After School Program Mortenson, Rotunda 6pm - 8:30pm MESH Cafe (Guests) Fletcher Hall 6:45pm - 8pm Covenant Group Facilitators Alliance 7:30pm - 9pm 5 Questions Adult RE Peierls 7:30pm - 9pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
Thu Dec 12, 2019 7pm - 8:30pm Membership Committee Rotunda 7:30pm - 9pm Engaged Theology: Yule Tide Bible Study Mortenson
Visit https://www.uumontclair.org/calendar/ for more info and events.
DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 & 11:15 AM
*Unless otherwise noted

December 1, 2019
"Something’s Stirring"
Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael

December 8, 2019
"Between Awe and Aweful"
Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael

December 13, 2019 (7:00 PM)
“Come to the Altar: Friday Night Vespers”
Intern Minister Antonia Bell-Delgado

December 15, 2019
Holiday Pageant
Rev. Anya & Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael

December 22, 2019
“Starstruck”
Intern Minister Antonia Bell-Delgado

December 24, 2019 (4:00 and 7:00 PM)
“Family Christmas Eve”
Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael and Becca Seibert
“Come to the Manger: Candlelight Christmas Eve”
Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael

December 29, 2019
Fire Communion
Rev. Anya & Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael