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A Month of Sundays

(All Sunday morning services at 10:30 a.m.)

Sunday, December 2nd "So, still trying to save the world?" Rev. Margaret Beckman

Many of us have believed and acted on the premise that our liberal faith calls us to save the world through acts of justice, compassion and solidarity with the marginalized and oppressed. Is that theology still worthy of our allegiance? Maybe we are in the right place to reformulate our religious and personal strategy for the realities of our world as it really is - now.

Rev. Margaret Beckman serves the First Universalist Church of Pittsfield. She lives in Dedham with her partner, and was a student minister in our congregation years ago. Rev. Sara is pleased to host her this Sunday, and in turn, she will be hosted on a Sunday in Pittsfield in January, 2013.

Sunday, December 9th *We Light These Candles...* Rev. Sara Huisjen

This evening at sundown, the Jewish festival of Hanukkah begins and the ancient miracle story about having oil enough in the temple to burn for eight days will be remembered and re-told. What miracles of light and love experienced in dark times do you hold onto? What candles of hope and love do you light?

Sunday, December 16. *Come Sing a Song With Us.* Stephen Berger and Marta Rieman

Come join us for a celebration of the season with songs and words for Christmas, Hannukah, the Solstice, with a special nod to Beethoven's birthday.

Sunday, December 23rd *When Christmas Won't Come* Rev. Sara Huisjen

"Christmas," writes Rev. Earl K Holt III, "is the promise that our emptiness will be filled, our hunger assuaged and a deep darkness be flooded with light." "Christmas will come," he reminds us, "but we cannot make it come." How might we best prepare ourselves to enter into the heart of this Christmas Season, what is the promise of light and love that comes in the inner darkness?

Monday, December 24th *Christmas Eve Services*

Rev. Sara Huisjen

Christmas Pageant & Family Service 4pm

Come celebrate the holiday with singing & a children's Christmas pageant.

Traditional Christmas Eve Service 7pm

With carols, readings and candle light, we gather together to celebrate again the birth of love in this world.

**Sunday, December 30th *Memories Into Hopes:
A Celebration of the Old & New Years***

Rev. Sara Huisjen

On this *last* Sunday of the year, we will hear readings, sing songs and engage in a ritual together that invites us to make room in our lives to see where we've been, and to name the hopes & goals we bring with us into the new year.

Ministry Matters by Rev. Sara Huisjen

Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.

- Hamilton Wright Mabie

I find it hard to believe that it's already December, but alas here we are! Perhaps you, too, are breathing a little easier with the election now behind us. Hopefully, you were able to spend Thanksgiving at a table with family or friends and feel aware again of the many blessings in your life, even when times are hard...there is always so much for which to be grateful!

In the Community Room at church, members of our Senior Youth Group have set up a GIVING TREE and decorated it with the paper ornaments they made. Each of these ornaments has the name & wish of a child in Hancock County who's hoping there will be a gift for them under the tree this year, too. In seeing this tree and the ornaments, I am reminded of what this holiday season is *truly* about—making time in our lives to be there for others, being generous with all that we have, remembering that we belong to each other, and that hope & love are made real in our lives with the support of communities of people who care.

During the month of December, I hope you will consider joining us for fellowship, worship and holiday fun. A one-page flyer can be found a little later in this newsletter that lets you know about the many opportunities there will be for coming together – a HANGING OF THE GREENS event on Saturday, December 1st, and a special BLUE HOLIDAY SERVICE on the 15th for folks who are grieving, to name just two; a WINTER SOLSTICE Service, and a children's HOLIDAY PAGEANT on Christmas Eve, as well.

In this season of promise and the light's slow return, may you, too, make an effort each day to slow down enough to feel your spirit strengthened by beauty, hope & love born in darkness.

Yours in ministry,

Sara

UUCE has a NEW CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:

Welcome, Alison Stephens!

Please join me in welcoming Alison Stephens as our new, part-time Church Administrator.

This past summer, Alison & her husband Charles moved to Maine from NJ to begin building their dream retirement home on land they purchased in Blue Hill years ago. As of a week or two ago, they have officially moved in, and we are grateful to have Alison begin working for us on Monday, November 26th. Alison's hours at UUCE will be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, from 1-5pm.

Alison comes to our church community with a great deal of administrative experience, and extensive knowledge about Unitarian Universalism. For 15 years, she worked as a Administrative Assistant in a large high school in NJ, and she has also been an active member of the Titusville UU Church where her husband, Charles, served as minister. Interestingly enough, Alison first came to our congregation when Charles served here as minister over 25 years ago.

Welcome, Alison! We are delighted to have you among us.

--Rev. Sara Huisjen

Start the New Year Off Right... ***A Sacred Journey Journaling Gathering***

When: Tuesday, January 1st from 1-5pm

Where: Evelyn Foster's Home, at 173 Pioneer Farm Way, Ellsworth

Please RSVP to Evelyn by ***Sunday, December 9th*** at ewfoster@myfairpoint.net or 667-5998.

Are you someone who enjoys journaling? Do you like thinking about what your goals are for the coming year? Would you be more likely to do this if you were part of a group of people gathered to start their new year in this way?

If you answered 'Yes' to any or all of these questions, you might consider participating in a SACRED JOURNEY journaling gathering hosted at Evelyn Foster's cozy home on Tuesday, January 1st at 1pm. *The Sacred Journey* is an integrated journal and calendar that "helps you to manage the details of your everyday life while encouraging you to find time for introspection and personal reflection." For the last several years, Evelyn and a few others among us have used writing and drawing in this special journal as part of a daily practice that encourages self-reflection and personal growth. If you are interested, we look forward to sharing this journaling practice with YOU!

The SACRED JOURNEY, *DAILY JOURNAL FOR YOUR SOUL* cost \$29.98 and must be ordered by mail. If you wish to purchase one and participate in this gathering, please make a check out to Evelyn Foster for that amount and get it to her by Sunday, December 9th. For additional information about this journal or to order it yourself, check out the Sacred Journey Journal website.

May the New Year be bright with blessings for all,

Rev. Sara Huisjen & Evelyn Foster

Lifespan Religious Education

Classes are in full swing in the Carl Stehman Wing.

We still are in need of teachers for the younger children; please see Anne Ossanna if you are interested in this rewarding opportunity.

I do hope all of you will be able to attend the **FAMILY SERVICE and PAGEANT** at 4:00 pm on December 24th. Our children are creating a pageant to celebrate this holiday.

COOKIE MINISTRY: Homemade baked goods are needed to support our Cookie Ministry to the 3 Gay Straight Alliance Chapters in Hancock County. Please bring your ready to freeze baked goods to the RE Kitchen.

Parents - The script for **La Befana** will be sent home in early December. Rehearsals will be held on the 16th and 23rd of December directly after Worship Service. We will be performing a song at the Christmas Eve Pageant and will rehearse with Shawn Mercer on the 17th of December.

RE Calendar:

December 1st: Saturday from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, HANGING OF THE GREENS. Help decorate our UU Community Rooms and Christmas Tree. Traditional soups and breads will be served.

December 2nd: Empty Bowls Fundraiser will replace Potluck. Guatemala Service Trip Meeting at UU Church of BANGOR from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Please see Anne Ossanna if you need transportation.

December 9th: RE Committee Meeting directly after Worship Service

December 15th: \$25.00 monthly deposit due for Guatemala Service Trip

December 16th: LA BEFANA play practice directly after Worship Service - Brown Bag Lunch
Sr. Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm w/ Rev. Sara and Bob Dickens - Brown Bag Lunch. Please see Anne Ossanna if you need transportation

December 17th: 4:00 - 5:00 pm Children's Choir Practice with Shawn Mercer

December 23rd: LA BEFANA play practice directly after Worship Service - Brown Bag Lunch

December 24th: 4:00 pm - Family Service and Pageant - Please arrive by 3:30 pm

Adult Religious Education

Meditation Group – Every Wednesday, 9 am in the Justice Room

All are welcome to attend this on-going meditation group. You don't need to register or commit to attend every session to participate. Drop-ins are most welcome! If you have any questions please contact Linda Laing (louielang@gmail.com).

The Adult RE Committee is very pleased indeed to continue sponsoring the Paul Weiss led sessions on Wednesday evenings; details for December are described below:

Awakening Our Human Potential

Has our human evolution prepared us to realize our full potential for awareness, love, and presence in our lives?

Growing out of 50 years of study and 30 years of work at The Whole Health Center, Paul Weiss offers an ongoing and comprehensive look at our human development on personal, interpersonal, and transpersonal levels. Integrating psychology, spirituality, neuroscience, mindfulness, and the great wisdom traditions of humankind, Paul offers us a practical, experiential, and integrative path to cultivating our true human maturity in a way that sees through the darkness of our times and the confusion of our minds.

Part One of each evening will begin at 6:00 with a 30-minute Qi Gong class – that ancient Chinese art of gentle movement that helps to harmonize body, mind, heart, breath, and energy. At 6:30 we will circle together for Part Two of the program. Part One is intended as a good warm-up for Part Two. You are welcome to attend either one or both sessions.

Every evening will include a presentation by Paul, meditation and experiential exercises, and group communication. This will be not only a class offering extensive information, but also a chance to come together and develop as a community of shared practice, awareness, compassion, communication and presence.

We hope each evening will offer an oasis of steady practice and friendship that you will be able to schedule into your lives. Each class will be open to anyone; the full value of the program will offer itself if there are those who are able to take the whole journey together. We hope you can join us.

There is no charge, but donations are gratefully accepted for the work of The Whole Health Center.

December's classes are:

December 5: Healing Separation

December 12: Attention, Choice, and Evolution

December 19: Open Awareness, Intimacy, and Freedom

From the Board

UUCE BOT Meeting November 8, 2012

Present: Trustees: David Wilcock, Vice President; Karen Volckhausen, Secretary; Don Martin, Treasurer; Trustees- Cynthia Perkins, Evelyn Foster, Tom Martin; Rev Sara Huisjen, Minister; Linda Laing, Chair of Aesthetics Committee

No one was present for Congregational Comment period.
RE Coordinator's Report (see elsewhere in NUUS for details)
Treasurer's report- (See Treasurer's Corner)

Minister's Report

Some Highlights

Inter-faith Thanksgiving service is at St Andrew's at 2 pm not 3 pm as previously reported
 Small group ministry started in Franklin with 8-9 people participating
 Maine UU state action network has a statewide meeting November 10

Aesthetics Committee report

Linda Laing attended the Board meeting requesting approval for a fundraising activity for ongoing Committee projects. This consists of purchasing \$1000 worth of debit gift cards from Hannaford to sell to members of the congregation. For every \$1000 worth of cards purchased, the Committee will then get a free \$50 card to sell which = 5% interest.

A motion made and seconded to authorize the purchase of Hannaford gift cards with 2 qualifications. There will be an evaluation at end of fiscal year; with expenditures in excess of \$200, a representative from the committee will come to the Board for consultation.

Motion passed with one nay.

Report on Listening Campaign

Diana, Evelyn and Sara attended one of 6 sessions sponsored by NNED which included the Bangor, Belfast, UUCE, and Pittsfield churches. They discussed how to partner and how to share resources.

BOT Candidates report

Don has drawn up a list of possible candidates to fill Matt Slater's seat. He should have information for the December meeting

UUCE rental and events sponsorship policy

The Board reviewed a draft of a rental and sponsorship policy. Language concerning rental to people doing political activities was clarified.

A motion was made to accept the policy with said clarification. The motion passed unanimously.

Hiring committee report

Our office administrator Caitlin has submitted her resignation effective 11/2 but she is giving us some extra hours and will train the new person. A hiring task force consisting of the Board president, treasurer, and the minister is in the process of interviewing candidates. Second interviews will be conducted the week of November 12 and they hope to make an offer by the end of that week.

Housekeeping

The Board agreed to sign a letter nominating Peter Morales to president of UUA.

There has been a call for help from Central East region to do a plate split for New Jersey for a disaster relief fund to assist fellow Unitarians. Because we are already doing a plate split for the Ellsworth Free Clinic, the Board decided not to ask the congregation for more.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, December 13 at 6 PM. The first 15 minutes are reserved for congregational comment. All are welcome!

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Volckhausen
Board Secretary

Building and Maintenance Highlights

Thanks go to Jim Fisher for repairing the unexpected damage to our church sign. Jim stepped right up when he arrived at church one Sunday morning and discovered the sign plate on the ground. Again, thank you, Jim.

We replaced the doormat in the lobby with a more appropriate mat for collecting sand and dirt from our shoes and boots. We hope this will assist our cleaning person in her efforts to keep the church clean. Several weeks ago, we also replaced the outside door mat which has a better surface for accomplishing the same thing.

Keeping the church clean and neat takes the efforts of all of us.

Don Martin
Building and Maintenance Coordinator

Treasurer's Corner

Total income for October 2012 was \$13,131.84. This was \$3,996.43 more than the total expenses for the month of October, which were \$9,135.41.

Total income through October is \$56,163.75, 45.22% of budget, which is 11.89% more than the year-to-date percentage of 33.33%. Total expenses for the same period were \$33,392.86, 26.97% of budget, which is 6.36% less than the year-to-date 33.33%. Results are still positive.

Pledge income for October was \$7,057.00. Total pledge income through October was \$39,026.00 or 37.96% of budget, which is 4.63% more than the year-to-date figure of 33.33%. Plate income for October was \$507.50, \$238.33 less than last month. Total plate income through October was \$2,375.28, or 31.67% of budget. A little lower than last month, which was right on target.

The plate split for the last Sunday of the month was \$159.50, giving us a total of \$379.50 for the two months. Fundraising for October was \$4,818.34. Total fundraising is at \$7,134.47 or 101.92% of budget. This puts us \$134.47 over our goal of \$7,000, with one more fundraiser to go. The Auction raised \$10,003.16 and there is approximately \$220 still expected to come in.

Rental income for the month was \$224.00 for a total of \$1,448.24, 24, 13% of budget. Rentals are still running low. I am still expecting improvement. Expenses for October were \$9,135.14. Total expenses through October were \$33,492.68. This is still positive. We must remember that the winter months are still ahead of us, with fuel costs, snow plowing, and year-end costs of UUA dues and insurance all still to come.

First-quarter pledge statements just went out and I hope we will receive pledge payments as individuals review where they stand on their commitments to the church.

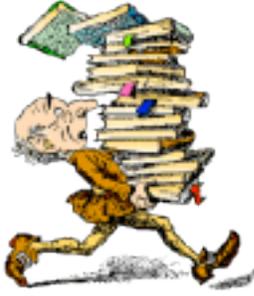
The Auction was a success in many ways, an evening of good food and fun. We raised over \$5,000 for our church and more important we raised over \$5,000 to assist those who can't afford to heat their homes this winter. The Auction also builds church community in the dinner and services that were offered and the treasures everyone went home with.

Caitlin's position as our Church Administrator will soon come to an end. She has been working limited hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to assist us through the transition.

The new administrator will begin on November 26. I am asking all of us to be patient as she gets up to speed. Caitlin has agreed to spend time training her. For this, we are very grateful.

December is a good time to make pledge payments so that you can take advantage of deducting them from your 2012 income taxes. We will be mailing out pledge statements in January and are prepared to assist you in any way we can.

Don Martin
Treasurer



FOOD FOR THOUGHT by Stephen Berger

Julian Jaynes and the Development of Consciousness

You may have seen me carrying around a big wide covered paperback with black letters. It is a book with the off-putting title: *The Origin of Consciousness in the Breakdown of the Bicameral Mind* (Houghton Mifflin, 1976).

Jaynes (the son of a Unitarian minister) was an unreconstructed naturalist – religious phenomena are to be understood by how individuals work biologically and psychologically and how social groups work. And he takes human evolution strictly seriously.

Jaynes begins with a brilliant discussion of “consciousness”, a term we often use sloppily to mean any kind of thinking or feeling. He shows how much of perception, thinking and action can be unconscious (think of how you drive to work along a road you are familiar with, in a car you are familiar with – you can be entirely conscious of something else, or just day-dreaming – unless some kind of emergency happens).

He then argues that it must be the case in human history that consciousness evolved, that it was not always present. One piece of evidence he cites for this is *The Iliad*, in which people do not reflect but respond to the voice or presence of Gods. This voice telling people what to do is Jaynes’ vision of how things worked before the development of consciousness.

There is a whole intellectual trip about how this voice occurs – for right-handed people, language occurs in the left cerebral cortex. Jaynes believed that the voices of the Gods, or of God, was our right brain speaking to our left brain, which then articulated what it heard. (The neuropsychologist Michael Gazzaniga believes our left brains have an “interpreting center” which always seeks to make sense out of what comes to it.)

Jaynes thought you could see the development of consciousness in the Tanach (what Christians call the “Old Testament”), by comparing the book of *Amos* with the book of *Ecclesiastes*. In *Amos* God speaks to the prophets who hears and obeys. In *Ecclesiastes* people try to figure out what to do without any help from any God, who does not speak. (Check it out yourself and see if you agree.) (The Tanach scholar Richard Elliott Friedman wrote a book, *The Disappearance of God* (Little, Brown, 1995) on how God gradually disappears in the course of the Tanach.)

Jaynes gives sociological arguments both for the development of the speaking Gods and of their decline. He suggests that consciousness is connected to the complexity of language, the development of metaphor, and the development of writing. And he gives so much more – I can barely sketch here a few of the many ideas in this brilliant book – it has more fascinating ideas per page than anything I have read in years.

Perhaps you have read this book already. If you haven't, please do. If enough of us want to discuss it, we could get together and do that.

The Church of the Larger Fellowship,

A unique UU congregation without walls, offers seasonal **note cards and order of service covers**. Great UU gifts at the [CLF Shop](#) for all ages and all occasions!

Beth Murray

Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF)

617-948-6150

The Church of the Larger Fellowship's mission is to provide a ministry to isolated religious liberals, promote the understanding and growth of Unitarian Universalism and institute programs to that end.

Learn more about the CLF at www.QuestForMeaning.org.

Beth Murray works Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you have an email request or question, and you think Beth is not available, please contact CLF's Executive Director Lorraine Dennis: ldennis@clfuu.org.

Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser

Our Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, December 2nd; this will replace the Potluck. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for food donations and set-up/clean-up crews. A suggested donation of \$5.00 per person/ or \$10.00/family will benefit the Ellsworth Area Minister's Discretionary Fund which is administered by the Emmaus Center to our neighbors in need. Please see Anne Ossanna for additional information or questions.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth Holiday Events for 2012

**** December 1, Saturday, 4:00 to 6:00 pm ****

Hanging of the Greens

UUCE

Help decorate our UU community rooms and Christmas tree.

Traditional soups and breads served.

**** December 15, Saturday, 3:00 pm ****

Blue Holiday Service

UUCE

This special service will address the feelings of sorrow and abandonment felt by those traditionalists and others who have lost loved ones they wish to honor and remember during this special holiday season.

**** December 21, Friday, 6:00 pm ****

Winter Solstice Service

UUCE

A traditional fire ceremony will be held in the parking area after a service honoring the end of one year and the return of the light in this auspicious year of 2012. Participants will have the opportunity to consign the old negative energies to the fire and bring in the light of the new. Offering will be designated for the EAMA Church Discretionary Fund.

**** December 24, Monday ****

Christmas Eve Services

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Two Services will be offered:

4:00 pm - Family Service and Pageant: Our children and youth will create a pageant to celebrate this holiday.

7:00 pm - Traditional Christmas Eve Service: Come join us for readings, carols and naming our thanks for the promise of love born in this world.

Hannaford Debit Cards Now Available as a UUCE Fund Raiser

The Aesthetics Committee is selling Hannaford Debit (gift) cards as an ongoing fund raising activity after each Sunday service during Coffee and Conversation. The sale of the cards will benefit our UU community by helping us to accumulate needed funds for major building improvements and maintenance, such as possibly new doors, lighting and tile in the entrance way or other identified items approved by the Board of Directors.

We will be tapping into the corporate community commitment of the Hannaford grocery chain. Your \$50 or \$100 debit (gift) cards can be redeemed for groceries, produce or at the pharmacy of any Hannaford store.

This is a win-win opportunity! Our UU community will receive 5% of each purchased card and you will be buying items you would have purchased anyway. We intend to sell these cards for several months. Other UU churches and organizations have raised thousands of dollars tapping into this opportunity. The cards have no expiration date, but please note that they cannot be redeemed for cash, only store items. We are able to accept cash or checks made out to UUCE. Credit card purchases are not possible at this time.

Please contact any member of the Aesthetics Committee for more information and to purchase one or more cards. ---Evelyn Foster, Nancy Avila, Sally Littlefield, Vicki Fox or Linda Laing

Loaves & Fishes

We did well with our offering of Thanksgiving side foods. We were the highest contributing church of the ten. This was important as there was a need to purchase 139 cans of cranberry sauce, 104 cans of peas and 11 boxes of stuffing. This was done thanks to several other Food Drives by Rotary, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, and St. Andrew's benefit supper on September 21st. We were unable to order Thanksgiving food through Good Shepherd this year due to shortages of specific foods.

Many thanks for those who signed up to pack the Thanksgiving boxes on Friday the 16th of November so that Rotary could add the turkey and chickens and distribute boxes Saturday morning the 17th. There were 314 reservations for the following sizes: 1-2 members: 102; 3-4 members 123; 5-6 members 74; and 7-9 members: 15.

WE DID WELL IN AUGUST ALSO!

At the Food Pantry, our UUCE served 238 families/802 people. We were important, because L&F added 22 new clients for August, 25.5% above last year. The August fresh produce from the Hancock Community Garden and the Black House Community Garden, as well as many personal gardens, were consistent and welcomed. Thank you gardeners.

Sue Clark, Nina Turner, Cecily Judd



**Saint Nicholas - Patron Saint of Children, Sailors, and Maidens
Celebrated Around the World on December 6th**

For the past 2 years it had been my intention to introduce and implement the Celebration of St. Nicholas to our Congregation. As a busy Mom it never happened. Hopefully, next year I can offer a Service or part of a Service on St. Nicholas and the Giving Season. And, hopefully, our Congregation will embrace the ideas and activities that go along with this Saint and establish an annual celebration at Church for the children (and everyone else!)

Please read the following about St. Nicholas, taken (and edited by me) from the St. Nicholas Center's website. If you are interested in helping formulate what a St. Nicholas Celebration could be like at our Church, please contact me at anytime.

Thank you so much,
Colleen Prentiss 374-5919

Nicholas was born during the third century in what is now the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents died while Nicholas was still young. Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made [Bishop](#) of [Myra](#) while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.

Children around the world know and love St. Nicholas—for he brings gifts and treats. Nicholas gave in secret, alert to others' needs, and expecting nothing for himself in return. It is this selfless generosity which seeks only the good of the other that made Nicholas' gifts the gifts of a [saint](#).

Where St. Nicholas is prominent, his day, not Christmas, is the primary gift giving day. Parties may be held the night before and shoes or stockings left for St. Nicholas to fill during the night. Children will find treats of small gifts, fruit or nuts, and special Nicholas candies and cookies. St. Nicholas gifts are meant to be shared, not hoarded for oneself.

A simple celebration at home provides an opportunity to tell the story of St. Nicholas, a man of faith, goodness and generosity, who gave in secret to those in need. Encourage children to identify a kindly "Nicholas deed" to do for someone else. Have children fill their shoes with pieces of carrot or bits of hay for his white horse or donkey. Place shoes outside bedroom doors or on the hearth. See that an edible treat and a simple gift appears by morning.

The real St. Nicholas is so much more than the familiar secular holiday symbol of Santa Claus. Celebrating St. Nicholas provides a corrective to an over-emphasis on the acquisitive, materialistic aspects of Christmas celebration. Celebrating [St. Nicholas Day](#) is appropriate in any church as it brings together young and old in a happy focus on this incredible saint. It is also a superb opportunity to reach out to those who do not attend any church.

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December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 RE committee 9:00 Peace&Soc.Action 10:30 Worship Service Empty Bowls	3 3:00 Violin lessons 7:00 St. Augustine	4 10:00 PATT playgroup 12:00 Al-Anon	5 9:00 Meditation 6:00 Adult RE: Paul Weiss 6:30 Coyote Group	6 12:00 Al-Anon	7 6:00 AA	8
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Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual
growth in our congregations;
A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process
within our congregation and in society at large;
The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice
for all;
Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which
we are a part.**

