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Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord

Parish Notes



Wonder



Newcomer Corner Dec 4

If you're relatively new to our church, please stop by the Newcomer Corner after the worship service to chat with our Director of Membership (Lea Smith) and our Greeters. We'd love to hear what brought you here! We'll be in Fellowship Hall, so grab a cup of coffee and come chat with us. You can request more info on our programs, learn how to become a Member, sign up for our e-newsletter, request a permanent name tag, or pick up some literature to learn about us. The Newcomer Corner is offered on the first Sundays of every month.

COVID : Still at Phase 2 and Mask Protocol

Masks Strongly Recommended for Worship. Masks are required for all who have a known exposure to COVID or who have any symptoms of respiratory illness. (Even if it's "just a cold," think how others will appreciate you not sharing it!)

We encourage all of you to receive a bivalent COVID booster to help flatten, once again, the rising curve of infections in our community.



Pastoral Corner

Our Pastoral Care Associates are available to listen as you discern your journey – whether you are wrestling with transitions, spiritual questions, other issues, or would just like to share your story. Call or email, or look for the green “Pastoral Care Associate” ribbon on their name tags on a Sunday, to begin a conversation. Pastoral Care Associates are volunteers who receive training from and meet regularly with our professional staff.

Pastoral Care Associates are ready to listen to you, visit with you, talk to you on the phone or just be present with you at home, in the hospital, or here at church.

Contact our Pastoral Care Associate by emailing lyn@concorduu.org.

Cover photo of day out for Renee West, after foot surgery, with Kits Tunney and Deb Bruss

Minister's Musings: Wonder of Children

by Rev. Lyn Marshall, Minister of Lifespan Faith Development

What would happen if...

...children stayed in worship?

Several years ago when the congregation did some focused discernment about how we wanted our faith development program to evolve, many ideas emerged, and we have done a lot of experimentation to see what worked well, and what didn't. We started with children's programs before church, and that was... okay, but not great. Then we tried after church, with Second Hour for adults and the community lunch, and that was much better.

Another thing that was a matter of debate is whether children older than nursery age should stay in the worship service, learning by experience what adults do when they attend church. Some parents strongly advocated for this, others advocated for children to have an alternative place to go for at least a part of the service.

For the month of December, let's wonder together: how can we make our sanctuary and our services welcoming to children and families? Instead of having children leave for the Children's Village, we will include them in the sanctuary for worship. It will be everyone's job to help make it a positive experience for families as we help children learn appropriate and respectful behavior in multigenerational community. The Rainbow Room will be open for infants and toddlers. Faith exploration classes after worship will be the same, from 11:30-12:30 on first through third Sundays.

I look forward to exploring together how we can make our sanctuary a truly welcoming place for families with children, and I welcome your ideas and suggestions! lyn@concorduu.org

September Community Plate Offerings

Helping live out all 7 UU Principles
through donations

Here are our Community Plate donations that we sent to the worthy organizations that you as a caring congregation supported. **Thank you for your generosity.**

- \$259.12 9/4 **Hero Pups**
- \$589.009/11 **Concord Multicultural Festival**
- \$595.949/18 **CROP Hunger Walk**
- \$708.12 9/24 **UU the Vote**



DECEMBER Worship Services

Live stream our worship services at concorduu.org/live

12/4/2022 “What Are You Wondering? A Question Box Service” Rev. Lyn Marshall

What questions are you wrestling with or wondering about in your life? In this service, you choose the topics with your questions, and Rev. Lyn will respond! Online participants will have the opportunity to ask questions in the chat, while folks in the pews will be invited to write a question on paper. Let's wonder together!

12/11/2022 “Art and Wonder” Rev. Lyn Marshall & Congregants

Wonder and creativity are closely connected. In this service, we will explore how wonder begets poetry, music, visual art, and other expressions of human creativity.

12/11/2022 Taizé Service @ 7 pm | Music, Song, Poetry, Candles

For more information visit concorduu.org/worship/taize-services/

12/18/2022 “Human Migration” Rev. Lyn Marshall & Eva Castillo

Rev. Lyn Marshall and special guest Eva Castillo will lead a service focusing on migration and current U.S. immigration issues. Eva Castillo is the Director of New Hampshire Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees. This will be the final day to view the 45,000 Quilt that is on display at the church, a quilt that was created to draw attention to the average daily number of migrants who are being held in detention in the United States.

See Yule & Christmas Eve Schedule on pages 8 & 9

12/25/2022 “Wonder as a Gateway to Everything” Intern Minister Dan Frye

To experience true love of oneself and others, one must first wonder. To appreciate and understand those with whom we do not agree, one must first wonder. To reach the highest highs, the lowest lows, and our deepest thoughts, one must first wonder. Let's explore the road of wonder together as a gateway to almost everything (spiritually, emotionally, and otherwise). Wonder promises to be an expansive starting point on our own and our shared spiritual journeys.

January's theme is: Finding our Center

Please send us pictures for our new
MONTHLY SLIDE SHOW
that you feel represents this theme.

Send to diary@concorduu.org by Dec 28.

Office Offerings:

Help us help you with your church projects

If you are involved in a church event or project, the forms below will be helpful to you. They can be found on the church website - click on "[Congregants](#)" at the upper right of the church homepage.

- [Church Group Room Request Form](#) – Submission of this form does not guarantee the space and time requested. You will be contacted by phone or email to confirm your request.
- [Special Event Planning and Marketing](#) – Fill this out to give staff more info about your special event once it is scheduled, so we can help with publicity, equipment, etc
- [Request payment or reimbursement](#) – Submit this form and upload a receipt to request reimbursement or authorize payment to a third party from church funds. Please get committee chair approval of your expense before you submit this form.



Auction Geologic Tour with Larry Davis

Submitted by Jim Schlosser

Larry Davis hosted me on a fantastic geologic tour of the north country that I won at last year's Congregational Auction. Beginning to understand how eons of geologic change shaped the mountains and streams so close at hand was a real joy. Larry has 50 years of environmental education under his belt and was a wealth of stories and science.

More Office Offerings

On Sundays, our office staff, Lea Smith and Heidi Page, have vital roles to play with the worship service, faith development programs, and connecting with newcomers. Therefore we humbly ask that whenever possible, please contact Lea or Heidi during the week to do your church "business." We also ask that you not socialize in the church office. As much as they want to chat with you, they have to stay focused on the worship service and other Sunday duties!



December Sunday Faith Development programs:

For kids

- **Rainbow Room Nursery:** open every Sunday for the little UUs, ages 0 – 4.
- **NO Children's Village:** Children are welcomed to join the service in the Sanctuary
- **Children's Faith Exploration:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays 11:30 to 12:30.
 - **Exploring Spirit,** ages 5-ish to 11-ish
 - **Building Bridges,** ages 12-ish to adult

For adults

Second Hour Adult Service Learning and Practice on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of every month from 11:30 to 12:30. Choose from a variety of enriching programs to develop your faith and connect in love and service.

For everyone

All are welcome to a free Community Luncheon on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:30. ***If your Covenant group or organization, or family would like to lead one of the luncheons or for more info about what is involved with hosting, or if you are ready to sign up, contact Lea Smith at lea@concorduu.org, 603-224-0291 ext 4#***



Make Room for Next Season

Sports Equipment

Submitted by Kath Butcher

I am collecting used youth sports equipment for New Americans in Concord. All sports items such as soccer, basketball, lacrosse, softball, baseball, etc. will be accepted at any time, except skis and ski-related items. I will store the donations in my garage and provide an inventory to the local volunteers. Currently we can use shin guards, soccer socks, indoor soccer cleats/sneakers, soccer or basketball clothing, basketball sneakers, sports bags, etc. We can always use youth sneakers and sturdy sandals. I can be reached at kathb123@comcast.net or 603-724-3452 (text is best but voicemail is okay).



Hearing Aid Help Needed

Do you have a telecoil-equipped hearing aid? Our Director of Facilities and Technology, Robert Baker, is looking for someone to work with him in understanding how our "loop system" works with your hearing aid. If you can help, email robert@concorduu.org.



Celebrating Success

We are celebrating the success of our October Targeted Appeal to hire consultants to help us plan handicapped accessibility at our west entrances and structural repairs to our roof. You blew away our goal of \$1700 by collectively giving about **\$3100!** Thank you so much to the 30 households that each donated anything from \$10 to \$500.

October Board of Directors Highlights

Submitted by Craig Whitson

- The Board finalized a "Powerful Question" to be used for discussion with congregants regarding the Church's future direction.
- A policy was agreed upon to monitor the process that enables improved tracking and documentation practices.
- Karen Cox will be joining the Nominating committee.



The Winter Solstice Yule Ritual! The magic and mystery returns! Wed, Dec 21 @ 7pm

The time for one of our most charming ceremonies has nearly arrived.

On Wednesday 12/21/22 at 7 pm, we'll have music, candles, songs and the enchanting Stag Dance!

The [Winter Solstice](#) has been celebrated for millennia by cultures all over the world. Many of our traditions are descended in spirit from the ancient religions of Europe, and honor the divine as manifesting in nature, the turning of the seasons, and the powerfully cyclical nature of life. The Solstice is a powerful symbol that the darkest days are behind us (literally) and the new light of a new year comes.

We invite all of our friends, old and new, to join us for a night of spirit and fun and celebration. We will share the story of the fading and return of the light. There will be music and meditation with an opportunity to reflect on the year ending and the promise of the new year. There will be dancing, both the stag dance and a closing dance with song and merriment for everyone who attends. The Earth-Centered Spirituality Group (ECSG) looks forward to seeing you all.

Please bring snacks or foods (that do not require reheating) and drinks to share for the social hour after the service. You may work up an appetite from the final dance! If you do bring food (especially homemade), please include a card with allergens or ingredients and if it's gluten-free, vegan, etc. Food items will be placed in the parlor on designated and marked tables.

If you arrive early, please park in the Concord Orthopedics lot to free up parking for late-comers.

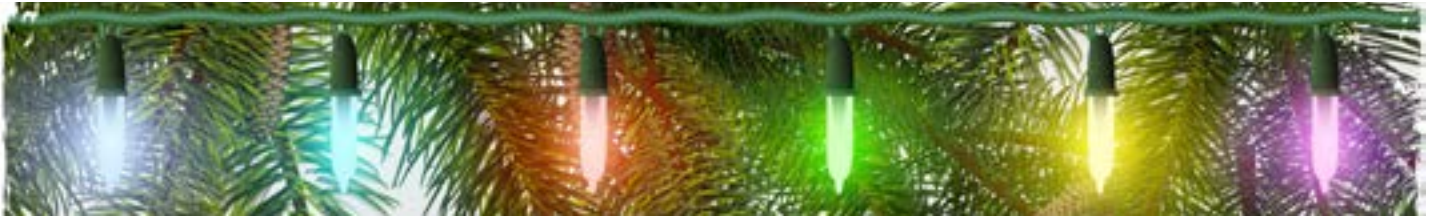
And please pray/spell/wish for clear weather so we can make the final offering in the grove immediately following the service.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the service this year, you're most welcome. **Rehearsals are Dec. 11 & 18 at 2 pm.** Please use the volunteer link and we'll respond to you as soon as we're able. <https://uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/2022YuleSignup>

GIVING TREE

This year, our GIVING TREE gifts will go to the HOMELESS population in Concord who frequent the Friendly Kitchen. Donations will be gift cards to businesses close to downtown for food and coffee, and/or hand warmers. Please take a tag from the tree, found in Fellowship Hall. Your gift cards should be put in the lock box beneath the tree and the hand-warmers in the basket. Multiple cards or warmers can be gifted from one tag. As a strong presence in our community, we continue to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Thank you in advance for your generosity.





Holiday Services on Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Ushers, Greeters, and Lighting Volunteers

Our traditional Christmas Eve services at **5 pm and 9 pm** need several people for each service to serve as ushers, greeters, and manage the lights. In addition, we could use a "lead volunteer" for the 9 pm service - someone to make sure that other volunteers know their roles, and to help support the staff with any unexpected practical tasks.

Thank you to our gracious Christmas Eve Logistics Coordinator Deb Cooper, who will manage volunteers overall and provide direct support for the 5 pm service.

To sign up to help in any way, go to <https://uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/2022HolidaySignups>

Christmas Eve

Our Christmas Eve services at 5 pm and 9 pm with a 6 pm special Holiday Social Time in between services. The new schedule for the evening is:

5:00 pm “Carols, Candles & Stories” In-Person & [Livestream](#)

A service for all ages full of tradition, music, candle lighting, and a "live" no-rehearsal pageant with appearances of animals, angels, kings and more. *(Please see Lyn's request below for participation in the pageant.)*

6:00 pm “Holiday Social Time”

All are welcome to share a special Holiday Social Time in Fellowship Hall and the Parlor. Have a bite to eat and cup of cider while sharing the company of friends.

9:00 pm “Christmas Eve Music & Reflection” In-Person & [Livestream](#)

A contemplative service of music, readings, carols and reflections. May peace come to our hearts and the world.

Christmas Eve No-Rehearsal Pageant

Our No-Rehearsal Pageant is back for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve service this year. All are welcome to come a little early, choose a costume, and join the living Nativity we create through story and song during the service. We do pre-cast the lead roles of Mary, Joseph, and the Baby Jesus, but there is no obvious candidate for Jesus in the congregation this year. If you have a grandbaby, a new niece, nephew, or neighbor who would like to join you at the service, please let us know!

We are also willing to consider requests for other roles from deeply committed shepherds, angels, Magi, etc. Please contact Rev. Lyn Marshall, lyn@concorduu.org if you would like to play a particular role or to nominate a special baby in your life to play our Jesus this year.

DECEMBER

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to our Members, Friends, and their children, for whom we have birthdays in our church records. If you want to be included on future birthday lists, enter your birthday into your Breeze profile or email it to heidi@concorduu.org.

- 1 Molly Dunham
- 3 Teresa Lacy
- 5 Patty Bass
- 6 Noah Devlin
- 8 Andrew Clough
- 10 Paula Van de Werken
- 17 Clay Donachie
- 17 Reese Donachie
- 20 Jenna Bourassa
- 20 Katelynn Ahern
- 25 Cathy Menard
- 26 Helga Barnard
- 26 Susan McTague
- 30 Matthew Downie

Games & Chocolate

Friday, December 2



6:30-8:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Come join us for the first Friday of every month & bring a friend.
Snacks welcomed but not necessary.



Community Luncheons: 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month

Do you love to cook? Or are you able to follow instructions to make a simple meal? Might you consider hosting a Community Luncheon for a Second Hour Sunday this coming winter or spring? You'll be following in the footsteps of these folks who have hosted or will host though January of this church year:

UU Book Group (coordinated by Belinda Nerl)

Friendly Kitchen Cooks (coordinated by Fran Philippe)

Operations Leadership Team (coordinated by Betsy Black)

Belinda Nerl and Larry Davis

Emmett Leblanc

Fall 2021 Exploring Membership Group (coordinated by Faith Miller Lakowicz and Sarah Keniston)

Beth Corcoran's Covenant Group

You can sign up with your church group, pair up with a friend, or sign up solo and recruit help on the fly (you'll find people are willing to pitch in if you just ask!) The church will reimburse you for any economical meal you choose, and we have step-by-step instructions if you choose to offer spaghetti or frozen lasagna.

Hosts are needed for Jan 15, Feb 12 and 19, March 12 and 19, and beyond. To sign up, contact lea@concorduu.org or let any of the office staff know your chosen date.

Unitarian Universalist Friends of Refugees (UUFoR)

Submitted by Bevan Tulk

In November we had our first "Harvest Box" project of creating culturally appropriate foods for several Concord refugee families. We provided them with a large box of fruits and vegetables, rice and, if desired, a meat such as goat or chicken. We are especially thankful for Cheryl Bourassa's long hours organizing the purchasing, packing and delivery of the many boxes. We also want to thank the Youth Group for their contribution of packing and moving those heavy boxes and all the volunteers that helped make this a successful outreach project. What a full and meaningful time.

We are very aware of the increased number of refugees we are supporting and those waiting. We have been called to support the increasingly diverse needs of families. A refugee family has all the same needs as we do to live in the City of Concord. A job that meets their cost of living, rent, food, transportation, clothing and household goods, medical care, social, spiritual, and emotional needs.

Yet imagine yourself arriving in a foreign country with just a bag of clothes, not speaking or reading the language, only knowing your culture which quickly resembles nothing you see around you. You arrive traumatized, leaving your home, family and friends who remain terrorized, oppressed and lacking basic human needs. You are grateful but may also deal with PTSD and survivor's guilt.

My ongoing vision for UUFoR has always been to create a larger volunteer opportunity working with other area faith communities to meet our very new neighbors' needs and the varied needs of families that continue past the government funded three-to-six-month assistance. This process is beginning with volunteers from Temple Beth Jacob and South Congregational Church. In the Concord area so many refugees still struggle to continue to learn English, pay their rent & utilities and feed their families. The poor public transportation and the lack of funding of the "Good News" garage limits finding a reliable used car at an affordable price. This significantly limits our neighbors from accessing better jobs & educational opportunities, independence in food preparation, transportation to meet medical needs, and social needs.

As I have shared, there are many needs. We are grateful that several engaged volunteers were willing to jump right in to help. We would rejoice in more volunteers and continued donations to meet the families' needs. If you are interested in joining us, please email Rev. Bevan C. Tulk uurevbct1@gmail.com or call 603-290-2168. If you choose to give a monetary donation, please call Lea at the church at (603)224-0291. All other donations, including household goods, clothing and furniture, can go to "Overcomers Outreach" at 90 Airport Rd in Concord where it will be freely given to all refugees in need.



Financial Report from Church Year 2021-22

RESULTS

The fiscal year ended on July 31, 2022 with an operating shortfall of (\$22,194.) We had budgeted for a shortfall of about (\$38,000) so this is actually quite a success. We transferred \$15,000 from the Operating Reserve Fund (that had been created with the 2020-21 surplus) to cover most of the shortfall.

INCOME

In total, income exceeded the budget by about \$27,000. Non-pledge donations and rentals exceeded the budget. We also had over \$13,000 in designated income that augmented our operations.

We ended the year with pledges on record of \$274,993 (\$4000 shy of the budget of \$278,912). 93% of pledges had been paid by July 31, with late payments bringing this up to 97% as of November 10. It's not too late to finish up paying your 2021-22 pledge! Make sure you write "2021-22 pledge" on the memo line of your check.

OPERATING EXPENSES

Expenses exceeded the budget by about \$12,000. The program areas where we exceeded budget (Ministerial and Facilities) were covered by designated giving or by reallocating money from program areas that were under budget. The total annual reallocation does not exceed 10% of the total approved budget, which is the limit imposed by the Bylaws.

CAPITAL EXPENSES

Capital expenditures totalled \$7938. This includes:

1. \$4602 in HEPA filters to improve air quality for COVID safety (paid for from operating income)
2. \$3336 in audio improvements for the Sanctuary (paid for with a legacy gift from Tom & Joan McNamara)

Questions about our financial position can be directed to our Director of Membership & Administration, Lea Smith, or our Treasurer, Karen Mayo.

Family Promise Week December 4-11



Another Family Promise Host Week is right around the corner and **WE NEED YOU DECEMBER 4-11!** Volunteers fill a variety of roles such as making a meal (prepare food at home and drop off at the church) and being a host in the church during our host week. If you are curious about this innovative program, have questions or already know you'd like to volunteer, please contact **Pam Mosca** at moscapam4@gmail.com

Family Promise supports families experiencing homelessness and helps low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community based response. Family Promise focuses on three areas of support: homeless prevention, emergency shelter and graduate support services for families once they've found housing. We are one of 13 local interfaith congregations who provide four weeks of emergency shelter in our church throughout the year. Thank you!



THE 45,000 QUILT PROJECT

TRAVELING THE US TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE
INHUMANITY OF IMMIGRATION DETENTION

The 45,000 Quilt Project is a beautiful work of art that brings together the efforts of over 60 immigrant justice activists and artists from across the US, as well as one artist from Mexico. Its purpose is to show the extent of immigrant detention in our country and work toward more humane solutions.

On Display from November 21 – December 19



Open Free to the Public Tuesdays – Fridays from 10 am – 3 pm
Saturdays, 10 am – 2 pm and Mondays by appointment by
emailing office@concorduu.org

OPEN HOUSE/PANEL DISCUSSION

Saturday, Dec 17 at 3 pm - 5 pm

Meet some of the creators of the quilt and hear about making of the quilt and “What is Going On with Immigration in NH?”

International Migrants Day Worship Service

Worship Service Sunday, Dec 18 at 10 am with guest Eva Castillo,
Director, NH Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees



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Our Justice Notes section may include social action programs from outside our congregation. In keeping with the [Tenth Ends Statement](#), we're highlighting programs related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.



UUs Commit to Addressing Ableism

The UUA and [EqUUal Access](#) have announced they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support our Unitarian Universalist faith communities' work for accessibility and inclusion, and expanding our commitments to disability justice. The MOU builds on the historic partnership between the two organizations. It ensures that the UUA will provide more resources and staff to address ableism within Unitarian Universalism and to support equity in the engagement of disabled people in society as a whole.

With the MOU, the UUA and EqUUal Access agreed to:

1. Build up the use of an anti-ableist lens in Unitarian Universalism, and provide resources to UU faith communities for this work;
2. Invest in the leadership of disabled people, and build up the capacity of the UU disability community to create by-us-for-us spaces; and
3. Advance disability justice as a core aspect of the UUA's justice and organizing.

If you published a letter or article in a paper or magazine please share the link with us through Parish Notes at parishnotes@concorduu.org

Letter to the Editor by Darlene Olivo

Concord Monitor Published: 5/29/2022 7:02:14 AM

Cue the irony track <https://www.concordmonitor.com/-46511553>

Gratefulness. Sanctuary Coalition of Southern NH

Submitted by Liz Alcauskas, Sanctuary/Asylum Committee, UU Church of Manchester

Gratefulness. What is it? Do we 'have' it? How do we express it? Can we direct it, to expand it, from our being grateful for something in our life to helping others to use their gratitude in ways to help others? I'll be thinking of these questions all month, as November is the month of Thanksgiving.

Join us on December 6 at 9 am at the Granite State Organizing Project Interfaith Vigil and Jericho Walk at the Norris Cotton Federal Building at 275 Chestnut St, Manchester. If you want to do more than just walking, reach out to Martin Toe, if you would like to help design or lead the program. The vigil will be followed by a meeting of the ISN (Immigration Solidarity Network), at House of Praise, 351 Chestnut street. Please join us for one or both of these events. RSVP not needed. Just show up!



Winter weather is coming!

Sunday Mornings

If a serious storm is expected to create dangerous road conditions on a Sunday morning, our staff will decide whether worship (and Second Hour/Children's Faith Exploration, if applicable) should be canceled, or changed to live stream-only. To prevent our staff or volunteers traveling in dangerous road conditions, the church will remain locked if the service is canceled or [live stream](#)-only. Our target for making such a decision is 7 am, and at the very latest 7:30 am.

If we decide to offer the service by live stream only, or to cancel the service, there are many ways for you to find out:

1. go to our website www.concorduu.org - a notice will be posted on the banner at the top of the page
2. if you are on the eBulletin mailing list, you will receive a notice. If you're not yet on the [email list](#), you can sign up at www.concorduu.org (at the bottom of the home page)
3. check the church's Facebook page [Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord (NH)]
4. call the church 224-0291, then press 4# -- Lea Smith's voice mail greeting will be changed to tell you what's happening (if it's different from the norm)
5. WMUR-TV Channel 9 notices are posted on a crawl at the bottom of the screen -- we will be listed as "Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord"
6. if your cell phone number is in our records, you will receive a text around 9 am.

For events other than Sundays

Group leaders are responsible for deciding whether to cancel their group and should let their group members know. The church parking lot is regularly plowed until 10 pm, but walkways may or may not be shoveled/sanded when you arrive, depending on the storm's timing. Shovels and sand buckets are provided at the entrances. If you are unable to shovel or sand a pathway for your group, you should consider canceling. Group leaders should email lea@concorduu.org if you are canceling so office staff can help keep folks informed of your cancellation via our church calendar, voice mail greeting, and Facebook. (We do not use WMUR except on Sundays.)



Concord Insight Meditation Invite

The Concord Insight Meditation Sangha invites you to join our meditations led by Rae Houseman, guiding teacher. We meet virtually on the **third Fridays of each month from 4-5:30**. For more information, please see the UU calendar, [Contemplative Practices webpage](#) (under "Learning" tab) or contact Doris Hampton: dandmhamp38@gmail.com --we hope to have you join us soon!

Our traditional New Years Silent Self-Led Retreat Saturday, January 7

for more information

Keep an eye out in the eBulletin and January's Parish Notes

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Click on the name of each event for more information or inspiration.



Interfaith Holidays

- [Advent](#) (Christian) Nov. 27 -Dec. 24, 2022
- [Hanukkah](#) (Jewish) - Dec. 18 -Dec. 26, 2022
- [Bodhi Day](#) (Buddha's Enlightenment) - Dec. 8
- [Chalica](#) (UU) Dec. 5 - 11, 2022, first Monday in December and lasts seven days
- [Yule, Solstice](#) (Pagan/Wiccan) - Dec. 21
- [Christmas Eve](#) - Dec. 24, 2022 (Saturday)
- [Christmas Day](#) - Dec. 25, 2022 (Sunday)
- [Holy Innocents Day](#) (Christian) - Dec. 28
- [Watch Night/Freedom's Eve](#) (Christian) - Dec. 31
- [Kwanzaa](#) - Dec. 26 - Jan. 1

Soul Matters Year

DecWonder

JanFinding Our Center

FebLove

MarVulnerability

AprResistance

MayCreativity

June ...Delight

DECEMBER | Special & Ongoing Events

Please see our eBulletin each week and online calendar for the most up-to-date listing of meetings, events, and happenings at concorduu.org/calendar

SPECIAL EVENTS

45,000 Quilt Project & Uncaged Art Display | Tues-Fri 10-3, Sat 10-2, Mon by appointment

Friendly Kitchen Giving Tree | Fellowship Hall until December 21

Fri, Dec 2 @ 6:30 pm | **Games & Chocolate**

Sat, Dec 3 @ 10 am | **Date with Death Club**

Sun, Dec 4 — Sun, Dec 11 | Family Promise Week

Sun, Dec 11 @ 12:30 pm | **Community Luncheon**

Sun, Dec 11 @ 2 pm | **Yule Rehearsal**

Sat, Dec 17 @ 3 pm | **Open House/ Panel Discussion about Quilts & “What is Going On with Immigration in NH?”**

Sun, Dec 18 | International Migrants Day

Sun, Dec 18 @ 12:30 pm | **Community Luncheon**

Sun, Dec 18 @ 2 pm | **Yule Rehearsal**

Holiday Scheduled Events please see pages 8 & 9

ONGOING EVENTS

Mon-Sun @ 7-7:30 am | **Daily Silent Morning Meditation | Zoom**

2nd & 4th Mondays @ 6 pm | **Meditation | Zoom**

Mondays @ 6 pm | **LGBTQ+ AA mtg Come As You Are* | Kent/Thomas Rm 8/9**

Tuesdays @ 6 pm | **Gilbert & Sullivan's Ruddigore Rehearsal (ALL WELCOME TO JOIN) | Sanctuary**

2nd, 3rd, & 4th Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm | **All We Can Save Circle | Kent/Thomas Rm 8/9 & Zoom**

1st Wednesdays @ 3 pm | **Friendly Kitchen Prep & Serve Day**

1st Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm | **UU Friends of Refugees (UUFOR) Committee Mtg | In-person**

Thursdays @ 7 pm | **Choir | In-person & Zoom**

Fridays @ 7 pm | **Youth Group | In-person & Zoom**

1st Fridays @ 6:30 pm | **Games & Chocolate | Fellowship Hall**

3rd Fridays @ 4 pm | **Insight Meditation Sangha | Zoom**

2nd Saturdays @ 4 pm | **Renaissance New England* | Parlor**

Sundays @ 9 am | **Choir | In-person on Sundays when choir is scheduled**

Sundays @ 5 pm | **Augustine Fellowship* | Library**

4th Sundays @ 7 pm | **Caring for Aging Loved Ones | Zoom**

*Support or special interest groups that are not affiliated with the church. They meet in person, hybrid or on Zoom and are open to anyone interested in attending. Check calendar for contact information.



Church Office Hours

We are closed Dec 26-30

Regular Hours (Sept-Mid June)

Tues, Wed, Thurs, and Fri | 10 am - 3 pm

Before stopping by please check web calendar for other days we might be closed.

**Parish Notes Hard Deadline
Sunday, Dec 18**
Please send to ParishNotes@ConcordUU.org



Why donate? Reduce waste in landfills. Clothing is used at disaster sites throughout the US and worldwide. If our refugee families or local homeless shelter needs clothing we can provide it to them.

Only Items Accepted: All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, towels, sheets, pillowcases, curtains, and stuffed toys. Your donations will be redistributed as whole garments.

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MIGRANT TEENS INCARCERATED ART EXHIBIT

Migrant teens incarcerated were assigned to create artworks that depicted their home cultures, architecture and geography. Only a tiny fraction of the 400 works produced were saved. Those artworks are currently displayed at the Centennial Museum at the University of El Paso.

A traveling version of the show has been created right here in NH using prints from a professional photographer. The art, vibrant and moving, shows these young artists' love for their Central American countries.



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