



NEWSLETTER

UUUCSV TO STUDY - ESCALATING INEQUALITY



Delegates at the 2014 General Assembly (GA) in Providence, RI, selected “Escalating Inequality” to be the 2014-2018 Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA.)

The CSAI is an invitation for congregations to take a topic of concern and engage it, reflect on it, learn about it, respond to it, comment on it, take action – each in their own way. A CSAI is NOT a statement –it is a question

UUUCSV will begin to engage on the issue with a **Wednesday, January 7, open planning meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the church.**

The Social Action and Justice Committee (S&J) is convening the meeting, but it is important that all

elements of the church should be involved, including Adult Education, Lifespan Faith Development, the Worship Committee and any other interested group. Everybody in UUUCSV is invited to this initial planning session.

The UUA has prepared a thorough study guide with many options for ways to approach the project, and all suggestions are welcome. Given that escalating inequality includes not just the economic aspect but also classism, racism, fair wages and a number of other problems, there’s plenty to engage our interest and concern. Please plan to meet with us on January 7. It will be a lively discussion.

Read more at: <http://www.uua.org/economic/escalatinginequality/>

Covenant Group News

Our spiritual theme for the month of January is **GRACE**. A second chance.

Generosity. Forgiveness. A warm welcome. A gift. Extra time. Being alive. Self-acceptance. Something undeserved and unearned. These are some examples of what we mean when we speak of grace.

- ~ How have we experienced grace in our lives?
- ~ What does it mean to be a gracious person?
- ~ If all of us were perfect, we would have no use for grace.

But since none of us are perfect, we can either focus on our comings, or we can graciously accept ourselves as we are and get on with our lives as best we can.



Reminder -

There will be a Covenant Group Advisory Committee Meeting on **Sunday, January 25** from **12:20 - 1:20** in the sanctuary.



VEGETARIAN-VEGAN POTLUCK DINNER



Sunday, January 25, 2015 @ 4 p.m. at the UUCSV

Bread in 5 Minutes!

Fresh bread is easy, store the dough in your fridge and bake it when you need it.

Mary Haskins, member of the UUCSV will take you through the steps of making a bread dough that can be stored in your fridge. When it is time for bread all you have to do is grab some dough, shape it, and bake it. It really is that easy and delicious too!

Come out and enjoy another Vegetarian - Vegan Pot Luck Dinner and Bread Demonstration.

Questions may be directed to Zelda Zadnik at zelda111@shentel.net or Mary Haskins at mehaskins@gmail.com

Families Are Always Welcome!

MYSTERY PALS

Sign Ups Are Underway at the LFD Counter!

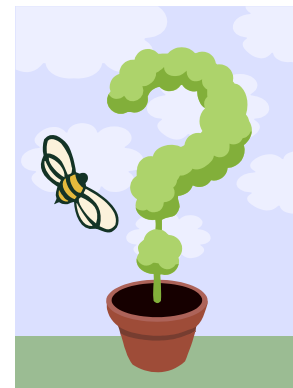
Beginning January 4th, we will embark on our first Mystery Pals Program to support the development of multigenerational friendships! Mystery Pals is a five-week pen-pal program that links adults/youth with younger "friends."

Registration is required; so matches can be made ahead of time. Participants are asked to honor their commitment, for you can imagine the disappointment of not receiving mail from your Mystery Pal! Registration forms will be available at church on the Mystery Pals table in the lobby in January and **must be returned to church no later than Sun., January 18th.**

Each pair of participants will be sent their "code name" by postcard ("Squirrel," for ex) and correspondence will be exchanged by being brought to church beginning on **Sun., January 25th.** Younger friends address mail to their older counterpart (for Adult Squirrel, for example), and older friends address mail for their younger counterpart (for Young Squirrel). On **Sun., March 1st,** after the service we will celebrate and take pictures of our pals, as the mystery identities will be revealed.

Ideas for correspondence might include (but are not limited to) describing a pet or favorite animal, relating an experience, sharing a drawing or photograph, telling about a hobby, writing a poem...the possibilities are endless.

If you have questions you may contact **Cory** at 717-487-8036 or via e-mail at corythedre@gmail.com.



January Birthday Children

Wolf Bashian	1/8
Lily Keitz	1/18
Sam Ellingsworth	1/20
Lola Young	1/23
Sophia Smith	1/24
Ny Neese	1/27

The ideal man bears the accidents of life with dignity and grace, making the best of circumstances. Aristotle