



12/17/2017  
CALENDAR EVENTS

**Tues. Dec 19**

7:00 pm Ministerial Search Committee  
7:00 pm Mediation with Shell Fischer- Cathy Wolfe-Heberle conducts meditation group

**Wed. Dec. 20**

1:00 pm Covenant Group  
2:00 pm Third Wednesday Covenant Group  
5:30 pm Community Dinner  
6:30 pm Board Meeting

**Thurs. Dec. 21**

6:30 pm Course in Miracles – Darwin’s Fish Room  
6:30 pm Winter Solstice Service  
8:00 pm Chalice Singers

**Fri. Dec. 22**

10:00 am Hat’s With Heart (Knitting & Crocheting Group)  
7:00 pm Ministerial Search Committee

**Sun. Dec. 24**

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service



Jan. 20 Public Retreat

Jan. 27 Chili Cookoff



The Narthex Collection for Dec. is C-CAP. Please place items listed in the Narthex in the basket.



Don't forget to buy your Food Lion, Martin's and Shop 'n Save grocery cards.



Your purchase of eggs helps UUCSV as all funds from sales go to the church. The eggs are in a small fridge in the kitchen.

**If you are a visitor, please fill out a yellow "Welcome Card," found on the Welcome Table in the Narthex and place it in the collection basket or in the basket on the Welcome Table.**



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**FROM THE MINISTER, REV. RUSS SAVAGE**

It's the season of observances and celebrations. Last Tuesday evening marked the beginning of Hanukkah, the eight-day celebration of the restoration of the temple after it had been taken over and defiled by enemies. Next Thursday will be the Winter Solstice, when the earth ends its tilt away from the sun and begins to tilt back toward it, so the days will begin to lengthen instead of shortening as they have been since the Summer Solstice in June.

It's barely more than a week to Christmas, celebrating the birth of Jesus. And then on December 26 begins the week-long observance of Kwanzaa, the modern African-American celebration of values and heritage.

Whichever of these observances speaks to you, may you and all those you love have a pleasant season of celebration. See you in church.

Russ

**December 24, 2017 - There will not be an 11:00 am Sunday service but there will be a Sunday Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm.**

**(NOTE: The church office will be closed December 25 and 26.)**



**We Need Your Photos!**

The team is looking for any and all church related photos that you may have! These are for the web site that potential ministers will see to market our church to them. You don't need to review the pics you submit; our web designer will select the best ones. They can be of any timeframe and format (negatives and prints are fine). You will get credit for using any photos we use.

Send a note to Bob Haskins at [robert.haskins@gmail.com](mailto:robert.haskins@gmail.com) and arrangements will be made to get access to your pictures. Your Ministerial Search Team thanks you for your help and support!

**Your Ministerial Search committee is hard at work. We are approaching the time when we will be evaluating ministerial candidates so communications will be less over the next few months. Stay tuned to this space for updates!**

**GROCERY CARDS**



Grocery cards **will not** be sold in church on December 24 or December 31. Enjoy the holidays and have a Happy New Year!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ONGOING FOR EVERYONE

### Book Club

Join us **Thursday, February 1st @ 1:30 p.m.**

We meet in the **UUCSV Library.**

Questions about our book club may be directed to Cory, Director of Religious Education [corythedre@gmail.com](mailto:corythedre@gmail.com)

### *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving

#### OVERVIEW

Author Debby Irving's recollections of her own experiences of being an American white woman and coming to terms with the complexity of race in the United States.

For twenty-five years, Debby Irving sensed inexplicable racial tensions in her personal and professional relationships. As a colleague and neighbor, she worried about offending people she dearly wanted to befriend. As an arts administrator, she didn't understand why her diversity efforts lacked traction. As a teacher, she found her best efforts to reach out to students and families of color left her wondering what she was missing.

Then, in 2009, one "aha!" moment launched an adventure of discovery and insight that drastically shifted her worldview and upended her life plan. In *Waking Up White*, Irving tells her cringe-worthy story with such openness that readers will turn every page rooting for her and ultimately for all of us.

### Winter Solstice Service, Thursday, December 21 @ 6:30 pm

There will be a Winter Solstice "A Yule Candle Ritual" by Cory Ness, Director of Religious Education - This ritual honors the strengths and qualities that nourish us through the dark and cold of this season. As we are nourished we are able to name the beginnings that may be composting throughout the quiet of our winter. This ritual also allows us to greet our aging with grace and wisdom.

### SoulCollage®

**Facilitators:** Cory & Ashley Ness

#### DATE CHANGE

**Date:** Saturday, February 3, 2018 @ 1 pm - 5 pm

**Location:** UUCSV Narthex & Library

**Cost:** \$10/person includes all supplies

Originated by Seena Frost, SoulCollage® is a process for accessing your intuition and creating an incredible deck of cards with deep personal meaning that will help you with life's questions and transitions.

### SAFETY PIN BOX BOOTCAMP

Join **Cory Ness** and **Marie Francis** as we co-facilitate **SAFETY PIN BOX BOOTCAMP.**

We will begin the 6 sessions on **Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9 a.m. at the UUCSV.**

The cost is **\$54 per attendee** for the entire **6 sessions.**

The money supports **Black Women Being**, which pays

out scholarships to assist Black women in community leadership roles.

*If you are interested and can commit to register and/or pay a scholarship for another individual to attend, that will help us in planning and purchasing the curriculum.*

**Sign up is in the Narthex on the LFD Counter. Last day for sign up is January 7.** You can write a check to UUCSV and mark it for SPB Bootcamp.

*Registration will be refunded if we do not have enough interest for the program.*

Below are links to informative videos about the **SPB Bootcamp** and **Black Women Being:**

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=3AD3mGOVjho>

or google/Safety Pin Box presents #SPBBootcamp - for Groups!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=QkEGAOgitrQ>

or google/Safety Pin Box presents Black Women Being.



**Community Dinner  
December 20, 2017**

The Social Committee is organizing a potluck meal next week which will be held on the evening of the Board Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. We especially want this to be an easy evening for families. Let's come together and share a meal before we do the work of the church.

The Social Committee will provide an entree and asks that those that attend bring a dish to share. For December 20, it will be **Chicken Pot Pie!** You do not have to attend meetings to come to dinner. We do ask you to bring feastware\* so we won't have to spend too much time in the kitchen cleaning up. Dinner will be at 5:30. If you'd like to help please contact Mary Haskins [mehaskins@gmail.com](mailto:mehaskins@gmail.com).

\*Feastware is a place setting for each member of your family.

## SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### Glove, Mitten, Hat and Scarf Tree

The Narthex glove, mitten, hat and scarf tree is ready for your contributions. Thank you to Gina and Evan for their creativity and ingenuity in creating the tree for our annual December collection.

### Guest at Your Table

Also, Guest at your Table boxes and contribution forms will be available at the SAJ table. The theme for this year is 'Small Change is Big Change' so as you have in the past, fill those boxes with change to help UUCSV make some positive changes in this troubled world.