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CREATE COMMUNITY

Guest at Your Table is the annual fund-raiser for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), which changes people's lives for the better through its many programs. Collection boxes and brochures are available at church or go online to donate at UUSC.org. Charity Navigator gives UUSC its highest rating for financial management, transparency and accountability.

Joe and Joan Moore Award Nominations—This award was established a number of years ago to recognize individuals who have displayed long-term service at three levels: to the church, to the community in the name of the church, and, to the Unitarian Universalist denomination. This award is in honor of two members who demonstrated those traits for many years, **Joe Moore** and **Joan Moore**. We are now accepting nominations for this prestigious award until **Friday, Jan. 5**. To fill out the online nomination form, see thefuun.org/joe-and-joan-moore-award.

Join us for catered Wednesday Night Dinners, 6 p.m. in the social hall. **The fourth Wednesdays** are potluck. To help cover expenses, the catered meals are \$8 for an adult, \$5 for a child. Your first meal is free. *You are invited to share the meal whether you can pay or not.*

Inclement weather closure: Should there be inclement weather, please look for an announcement of campus closure at www.thefuun.org or through our social media accounts. The office will be closed **Dec. 23 - Jan. 1** for the holidays. We will return to the office on Jan. 2. Happy Holidays.



Celebration of Life: Jean Dedman's memorial service will be **Saturday, Dec. 23** at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

For all FUUN activities, see thefuun.org/church-calendar/

NURTURE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Safe Haven Family Shelter: FUUN has been serving food to families at Safe Haven for 27 years. This is a great experience for individuals, families, and covenant groups. Food is brought to the shelter in downtown Nashville on the **3rd Tuesday every other month** at 5:45 p.m., and volunteers leave by 6:45 p.m. Next date is **Jan. 16**. We feed up to 40 family members. You can pick a date and what you'd like to bring at signup.com/go/PqzDpvH or at the Social Justice table in the social hall on Sunday mornings. For more information, contact Pat Lynch at safehaven@thefuun.org, or see www.thefuun.org/volunteer-for-safe-haven/.

Rituals for Daily Life, Dec. 7 and 21, 7 p.m. Thoreau Room. Bring what is weighing you down, lifting you up, and/or what is just very present for you right now. We will work with it to co-create a feeling of support, of being heard, and an increased sense of well being. Rituals often help create ease and clarity, affirm what works, and release things that are not best serving you. Childcare provided.

Chalice Fire Yule Ritual for Justice and Mercy, Sunday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m. social hall. We call justice and mercy out of the dark of winter solstice: Justice for our institutions & Mercy for individuals. Everyone welcome. Altar set up begins at 6:45 if you or your kids would like to participate.

End of year contribution information: Financial contributions can be made online, by mail, or during our services before the end of the year. Contributions **received** before or on **Sunday, Dec. 31** will be treated as 2017 gifts. Contributions received on Monday, Jan. 1 or after will be treated as 2018 gifts.

Snowflake Tree- Christmas Gift Program for foster children: Help fulfill the Christmas wish list for a foster child this Christmas. It's easy. See <https://www.thefuun.org/snowflake-tree/> to peruse the children's Christmas wish lists or stop by the social justice table in the social hall on Sunday morning. The due date for the presents is Dec. 17. Email snowflaketree@thefuun.org or call Charity Kimbrell at 615-481-4053 to indicate your top two choices. Instructions: Do not wrap or label gifts. Purchase the gifts listed. Put gifts in a bag with the name of the child. You may also give cash or gift cards for others to buy for those not chosen.

ACT ON OUR VALUES

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Help make the season bright! Join us as an usher for our holiday services. No experience necessary. Please contact the office at office@thefuun.org or call 615-383-5760 for more information or to sign up for:

- ⇒ **Christmas Eve morning** – 10 a.m. service: greeters, ushers and hospitality (refreshment center) positions available or
- **Christmas Eve night** – 5:30 p.m. or 9 p.m. service: usher by handing out the Order of Service and welcoming all who attend.

Food Table Operator: The Habitat for Humanity Social Justice team is looking for people to volunteer at the food table **Jan. 7, 14 and/or 28**. If you can do both services (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) on your day, that would be great, but if you can only do after the 9 (8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.) or 11 a.m. service (10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.), we will appreciate it. Duties include setting up the table, helping serve the food, taking money, counting the money at the end, and cleaning up. All money raised at the table will go to FUUN's Habitat for Humanity build in 2018. We will give you written information on how to run the table before your day.

Bulletin Board Designer: The Stewardship committee is looking for an individual with design skills to create the campaign bulletin board. The committee will meet **Thursday, Dec. 14, 6:30-8 pm**. In addition to four to five meetings, additional time would be needed to develop ideas and work with the committee to refine them. Desired qualifications: design experience and the ability to work with the committee.

Worship Committee is looking for new folks to join our lively group. For more info, talk to co-chairs **Valerie Martin** or **Elaine Bailey-Fryd**, email us at worship@thefuun.org, or just come check out our next meeting on **Tuesday, Dec. 5, 7-8:30 p.m.** in the Fireside Room. We have lots of fun planning the worship services with our wonderful ministerial team.

Help the Fellowship Committee with our mission of "building community." Many hands make light work. If you can help us organize an event, participate in cooking for an event (group cooking at the church), or help with clean-up for an event, please let us know at fellowship@thefuun.org. We are building our list. Even if you can assist for two hours,

once a year, we need you. Thanks for donating your time to our community.

Help needed for Room in the Inn: If you can help, the direct sign-up link is <http://signup.com/go/mFL53e>. If you need help signing up or have any questions, contact **Scott Weaver** at socialjustice@thefuun.org.

Be an office assistant: The FUUN Office is seeking help on **Tuesdays, 1-5 p.m.** to answer the phone, greet guests, and help with projects that support the staff. We offer lots of appreciation and chocolate. Please contact **Mary** in the office at office@thefuun.org or [615-383-5760](tel:615-383-5760) for more information.

Call for Christmas Choir Singers: Do you love to sing at Christmas time? Have you sung in the FUUN Christmas choir in the past? Did or do you sing in choir in high school or college and are missing the experience of losing yourself in the music? Christmas choir is open to singers with choral experience age 16 and up. Our theme this year is watching and waiting. **Rehearsals:** (Childcare available, email mu-sic@thefuun.org to reserve childcare) are **Thursday, Dec. 14, 7-8:45 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19, 7-8:45 p.m., and Thursday, Dec. 21, 7-9 p.m.** **Service is Sunday, Dec. 24** at 9 p.m. Sign-up at www.thefuun.org/christmas-choir/.

Children's Choir Director: FUUN's Children's Choir is in need of a new volunteer director. The ideal candidate for this position has a desire to bring choral music to children ages 8-16. They have excellent musical skills, knowledge of good teaching practices, and proficiency at guitar or piano. Excellent classroom management skills and a love of working with children required. Please see www.thefuun.org/childrens-choir-director/ for the complete volunteer description.

BROADER WORLD INVITATIONS

Portara Presents Mid-Winter Triptychs Concert, Sunday, Dec. 10, 4 p.m. See www.thefuun.org/portara-2/ for details. Celebrate the season with exquisite choral masterworks, holiday favorites, and new pieces to broaden your winter musical horizons. Artistic Director **Jason Shelton**.

Repairers of the Breach | Poor Peoples Campaign: Mobile Course in Public Theology and Activism: National initiative to train and educate faith leaders: Jewish, Muslim, Protestant, and lay leaders who will pursue policies and organizing strategies for the good of the whole. At The Temple, Congregation Ohabai Sholom on **Friday, April 13, 2018, 1-5 p.m.** Read more at www.thefuun.org/repairers-of-the-breach/