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A Welcoming Congregation

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CREATE COMMUNITY

Guest at Your Table is the annual fundraiser 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. 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.* There will not be a dinner on **Wednesday, Dec. 27** due to the holiday.

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.



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

Fellowship is sponsoring a Wine Tasting, **Friday, Jan. 12**, 6:30-9 p.m. **Dick and Gail Sphar** will host with **Ken Fagan** preparing food. "New Year, New Wines." Tickets are \$15. Look for our table in social hall to purchase tickets.



Office Closure: Due to the holidays, the office will be closed **Dec. 23 - Jan. 1**. We will reopen Jan. 2. Happy Holidays.

Dec. 24: 10 a.m. One morning service only
"Winter Holiday Survival Guide"

Rev. Gail Seavey

Christmas music at the grocery store, family gatherings centered on booze and conflict avoidance, along with too much false cheer can make this a trying time for Grinches and Bah-Humbugs, Good Willed humanists and religious minorities, introverts and everyone in recovery. Let's help each other find some different ways to navigate the coming week.

Christmas Eve Services

5:30 p.m. Family Celebration:

Every child and adult will receive masks and props to help us tell the Christmas story, sing cheerfully, reverently dedicate ourselves to caring for our children, and light candles in the silent night.

If you would like to participate in the child dedication during this celebration, please let Rev. Seavey know .

9 p.m. Lessons and Carols:

Vigil-Watching and Waiting

Lead by our Christmas Eve Choir and featuring many of our musical members and friends, we explore what it means to keep watch. Carols, songs, and stories carry us through the evening to our traditional candle lighting ceremony.

NURTURE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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 and mercy for individuals. Everyone welcome. Altar set up begins at 6:45 p.m. if you or your kids would like to participate.

Rituals for Daily Life, Dec. 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 is provided.

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.

ACT ON OUR VALUES

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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 **third 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/PqzDpyH 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/.



Help Make the season bright. We are looking for a couple more people to join us as ushers for our Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m. or 9 p.m. service. No experience necessary. Please contact the office at office@thefuun.org or call 615-383-5760 for more information or to sign up.

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.



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.

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.

Committee and Event Leaders **

In order to streamline volunteer opportunities, we ask event and committee chairs to email volunteer opportunities to volunteer@thefuun.org or fill out the online form at www.thefuun.org/volunteer-support/.

BROADER WORLD INVITATIONS

Repairers of the Breach | Poor People's 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/