

UUCL Weekly Update

This Sunday, Dec 17

Program, 9:30 AM - Join us for our annual intergenerational Mitten Tree celebration. Bring warm hats, scarves, gloves, socks, etc. to decorate the tree. They will be given to the needy in our community. Also return the filled guest at your table boxes to be placed under the tree. Remember that contributions of \$125 or more are matched by the Shelter Rock congregation of Long Island, doubling your contribution to the Unitarian Universalist service committee for their work around the world.

Worship Service, 11:00 AM - "Sounds of the Season" Our choir's annual gift to the congregation.

Sunday in Faith Development: Dec 17

Adult Faith Development at 9:30 a.m.

Soul Matters Sharing Circle (downstairs Library) Join Lori Herndon and explore more deeply our question this month: What does it mean to be a community of hope?

Whether or not you have taken our theme packet home to explore the breadth and depth of courage, join our sharing circle for an hour of reflection, listening, sharing and growing. Each month our theme packets are available on our website and at the welcome table in the lobby.

Children's Religious Exploration at 9:30 a.m.

NO RE this morning! All families are invited to participate in our annual Mitten Tree Program in the sanctuary.

As you are able, please consider bringing a donation of new hats, mittens, scarves, underwear

or socks to adorn our tree. After we ceremoniously 'decorate' our tree with our warm offerings, they will be donated to one of our Lawrence's community organizations for distribution to those in need.

Children's Activities at 11:00 a.m.

All families gather in the sanctuary. After the Story for All Ages and Meditation (about 11:15), children under 9 will be sung out of the service and will go to the Beatrix Potter Room for play, friendship building led by Mary Beth Musick and Jillian Schwartz. (Sometimes being in community is challenging and we get to practice our 7 promises with one another!)

Help UUCL Grow

Please remember to put your name on a Connection Card every Sunday, so that our Connections Team can accurately track our attendance, growth, and visitor follow-up.

Announcements as they appeared last week.

Art in Founders' Hall - Jan Gaumnitz is our featured local artist this month.

JOB OPENING in the UUCL Nursery Join our nursery caregiving team Sunday mornings from 9:15-12:15. Must be available 2-3 Sundays per month and pass background check. For more information or to set up an interview, contact Bonnie Blosser at ufl.dll@gmail.com

Faith in Action the October Community Connection total is \$711.52, and will be awarded to Parents as Teachers. Check will be cut and will be delivered by a Social Justice Team member or sent by mail, and will be reported in the next announcement. Thank you, Congregation!

Computer Monitor Needed: Bob Harper, Technology Team, needs a monitor for the Recording Computer in the A-V Booth. Please contact him if you have one to donate. jrobertharper@sbcglobal.net or 785-830-6474.

UUSC Guest-at-your-table boxes Bring filled box back Dec. 17 to the Mitten Tree, donations will be then sent to UUSC.

Soul Matters Sharing Circle: Dec 17th at 9:30 a.m. “What does it mean to be a people of Hope?” Packets with options for you to reflect more deeply on this topic are available at our Welcome Table.

Amazon Smile – Shop AND give back to UUCL. There is currently a link on the UUCL home page that connects directly to the Amazon website. Or you can search for Amazon Smile in a search engine, use your Amazon account login information. For purchases, including gift cards, Amazon donates a percentage to the UUCL.

Congregation-wide Workshop Mark your calendars, sign up in the lobby for the Workshop on Jan. 20 from 9:30-3:00 with Rev. Lisa Presley, our Transitions specialist from MidAmerica Region. More information will arrive soon via an eblast. She will present information on options, answer questions, and lead us in small group sharing. Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch. Childcare will be provided with a reservation. Please attend and take an active part as we begin this important process.

Lawrence Interfaith Refugee & Immigrant Ministry (LIRIM) is hosting a community discussion of *Detained and Deported: Stories of Immigrant Families Under Fire* on Sat., Jan. 13, 4:00- 6:00 p.m. at the Lawrence Public Library auditorium. This book, by award winning author Margaret Regan, gives a humanizing and rare glimpse into the lives of those caught up in the U.S. immigration enforcement cycle, with special attention focused on the separation of families and the treatment of women. Please join us for this timely discussion. For more information, contact LIRIM@gmail.com.

December Community Connection: Headquarters Counseling Center. A national suicide prevention lifeline crisis center that serves people from all over the state of Kansas. Programs are operated by volunteer counselors, who are trained and supervised by our Director of Counseling, Kristin Vernon. Their commitment is to provide the best possible service to anyone that reaches out to us for emotional support. We opened in 1969 as a drug crisis center for teens and young adults in the Lawrence community.

The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act (H.B. 38) would force states to honor any other state's concealed carry permit, even if that state does not allow concealed carry or has more stringent permits. As it goes to the full House floor, now is the time to act. Other issues include the tax bill, the Dream Act, and net neutrality. Here are numbers to call your representative, whatever your opinion—

Sen. Moran 202 224 6521, Rep. Jenkins 202 225 6601, Sen. Roberts 202 224 4774, Rep. Yoder 202 225 2865

Pastoral Care Associates Deb Russell Deb@Ks-Russells.com
or Rev. Jill Jarvis, 816.853.6530 or jjarvis1@kc.rr.com.

UUCL Transportation Connection for rides to/from UUCL or medical appointments, call (785)842-7529 and leave a message.

Please be considerate of all those who have chemical and fragrance sensitivity and abstain on Sunday mornings from scents of any type. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

