

November 1 – 9 and 11 a.m. Humanist “Saints” and Their Examples in the World – Rev. Bryan Jessup

November 1 is All Saints Day, but many “saints” are not Christian, and many don’t even believe in God. They just dedicate their lives to integrity, compassion, justice and service right here on earth and leave a shining example of the potential for human goodness and courage.

November 8 – 9 and 11 a.m. “Three Treasures” A Conversation with Laotse, Emerson and me – Margy Emerson

Listen in on a conversation among Laotse, the Taoist philosopher and author of the Tao Te Ching; Ralph Waldo Emerson, the “American Taoist” (whose preferred name was Waldo); and Margy Emerson, an instructor for 26 years in the ancient Chinese art of T’ai Chi, which merges a martial art with Taoism. The talk centers on Chapter 67 of the Tao Te Ching in which Laotse names the three treasures that he values above all others — love, don’t overextend, and don’t try to be first. It is excerpted from a chapter of her book in progress.

November 15 – 9 and 11 a.m. Why Bother with Religion at All? – Rev. Bryan Jessup

In our busy time with so many demands on our attention, paying attention to the inner life, asking questions about meaning, reflecting on values, how to live them and pass them along are not things people have much time for. If the name of the game is making money and being secure, why bother with religion at all? That’s a question worth considering. This is “Bring a Friend” Sunday so please do bring a friend.

November 22 – 9 and 11 a.m. Gratitude and Grace – Rev. Bryan Jessup coordinating

In this service several members of the congregation will talk about their gratitude for their lives and for other people and why, in response, they feel called to live with graciousness and compassion toward others. A bread and grape “communion” will be celebrated in mindfulness and thanks for the harvest.

November 29 – 9 and 11 a.m. Do We Have a Prayer? – Rev. Bryan Jessup

The living tradition from which Unitarian Universalism draws comes from many sources. A huge part of the bedrock, though, is scientific realism. Our Statement of Principles speaks of human values, not of God. So do some UUs pray? Can they? Could we make room for them if they did?

