

## December Services

**Sunday, December 4 - 9 and 11 a.m.**

**What we Choose Is What we Are – Our Commitment to Our Values Makes a Difference – Rev. Bryan Jessup**

Unitarian Universalists are often referred to as heretics and we proudly embrace that label. It comes from the Greek *hairetikos*, which means “able to choose.” What we choose, however, makes a difference. We are responsible for our choices. Our greater culture operates off a thinly disguised paradigm of “win/lose,” or if we drift into revenge, “lose/lose.” Can we choose another paradigm? Can we choose to do everything we can to create a world in which collaboration, cooperation, celebration and survival become our guiding values?

**Sunday, December 11 - 9 and 11 a.m.**

**Dealing with Life’s Dragons - Dr. Scott Sattler**

Mystics are known for their emphasis on valuing spiritual practices that lead to experiencing the Divine as opposed to accepting institutionalized religious dogma as absolute truth. Since the beginning of recorded history, mystical traditions have existed as sub-currents within the larger religious structures. This talk will share the speaker’s perspective and offer practices on dealing with life’s dramatic dragons that continually confront us on the physical, mental and spiritual planes.

Dr. Sattler has been an active member of Humboldt County’s Garden of the Heart Sufi Community. He has also conducted Sufi choirs for more than 20 years.

**Sunday, December 18 - 9 and 11 a.m.**

**Reality and the Miraculous – Rev. Bryan Jessup**

In a community that becomes truly effective, members learn to be authentic with each other and grounded in the material reality of their situation in life. They learn to work with the resources they have to create experiences and realities that embody their ideals. While this “reality based” interaction often requires letting go of wonderful, but unworkable plans, it often gives birth to something greater than expected – a creativity and a genuine relationship that feels better than “magic.”

**Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service – 5:30 p.m.**

**Rev. Bryan Jessup and Elisabeth Harrington**

With candlelight and song, in this service we will celebrate the birth of the teacher Jesus and the spirit of courageous love and healing that he brought to the world. The choir will sing. We will read messages of hope. Our candles will light the darkness.

**Sunday, December 25 – 2 p.m. only – Christmas Potluck**