

***Sunday Services* ~ ALL SERVICES IN DECEMBER ARE AT 11 A.M. ONLY**

December 5 – 11 a.m. only

Beyond our UU Seven Principals: Who are we? – Jamila Tharp

Thinking about her first visit to HUUF, Jamila recalls: “I picked up a brochure and read the Unitarian Universalist Seven Principals. As I read each principal to myself, I felt a resounding, “Yes!” harmonizing with my own spiritual heartbeat. I was intrigued by the idea of a liberal religious faith which I imagined was built upon an interfaith community of members who gathered to grow, dream, hope and act together over their shared values found in these UU principals. I felt hopeful that I could bring my whole self to this community, not having to leave any aspect of [the] self behind to do so. ‘I can be a Muslim here,’ I joyfully thought. I turned and read the Welcoming Congregation proclamation hanging on the foyer wall and then nudged my wife to look as I pointed and announced, ‘Our love is welcomed here! — another aspect of self that need not disappear.’”

Since then, Jamila says she is still wondering about Unitarian Universalists, and in this service will explore the life experiences of both historic and contemporary Unitarian Universalist theologians. She will highlight that which caused in them a change of heart, a new direction, new hope, and a deeper understanding of their own liberal faith.

Jamila is a second-year student at Starr King School for the Ministry and a Unitarian Universalist Candidate for the Ministry.

December 12 – 11 a.m. only

The Christmas Program

Unitarian Universalism has roots in Christianity. Whether you believe in the existence of Jesus or God, this is what our ancestors believed. When we understand where we come from, we are better able to define who we are and what we believe in today. For many people of the world, the Nativity story is still their truth. One of our fundamental principles is to support all people in their religious beliefs, this one included. Please join the children of Religious Education as they perform the Nativity story. The Congregation will sing together as the children act out this holiday, holy day tradition.

December 19 – 11 a.m. only

Crafts, Cookies and Song

We’ll gather together, young and old, to nurture our spirits during this holiday season. We will sing songs and make holiday treats for those who have less than us. We will make cookies for the Night Shelter and the homeless and nibble a few ourselves. Join us for singing and holiday cheer!

December 24 – 5 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Return of the Light

As Unitarian Universalists we draw from many traditions. Christianity is but one of the many traditions that celebrate miraculous births and the Light returning to the World. At this year’s Candlelight Service, we will listen to stories of Christmas and other traditions, sing seasonal songs and culminate our service with a candlelight procession. We will also be lighting candles for those members of our Fellowship who have died during the past year. This early evening service is an intergenerational event and we hope to see all of you there.

December 26 – 11 a.m. only

Cider Sunday

Join us the day after Christmas to share cider, cookies, music and memories of holidays past as well as hopes for future holidays. Cider and coffee will be provided; please bring your leftover Christmas goodies to share.