

Sunday, Dec. 7 – 9 and 11 a.m.

Days that Live in Infamy – and Other Days that Ought To – Rev. Bryan Jessup

Pearl Harbor Day was Dec. 7, 1941. Sept. 11 is now etched in our memory as “9/11.” These days carry tremendous power in our collective subconscious, as well they should. Yet, as Rev. Jessup will examine, they also are used to manipulate us into the acceptance of war and militarism. They are used to distract us from other days that should live in infamy and inspire us to collectively awaken from the life-threatening spell that fear and greed have cast on this planet. One is Jan. 21, 2010, when, in its “Citizens United” decision, the Supreme Court gave carte blanche to wealthy people and corporations to use their money to sway elections. This, and many others, should “live in infamy.”

Sunday, Dec. 14 – 9 and 11 a.m.

In Gratitude for Our Children – Rev. Bryan Jessup

This service will focus on parents and other caring adults who are considering what they need to do to bring up healthy, happy human beings in our complex times. There will be a naming and welcoming ceremony for children during which parents, godparents, and the congregation will dedicate themselves to supporting children in their journey toward adulthood.

Sunday, Dec. 21 – 9 and 11 a.m.

People Look East – Rev. Bryan Jessup

Dec. 21 is the day of the winter solstice. In the last several decades Unitarian Universalists have again begun to pay attention to natural happenings such as this. The “living tradition” we share draws from many sources, including the spiritual teachings of earth-centered faiths which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Rev. Jessup will address what can happen to us when we stop understanding ourselves as separate and open our hearts to our connection with our planet and all things living. Might our experience be anything like the solstice dawn? Might our “turn around” bring us a glimmer of hope in the darkness of our times?

Wednesday, Dec. 24 – 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve in Story and Song – the Rev. Bryan Jessup

Come for fellowship, music, story and inspiration as we celebrate the birth of the teacher Jesus, who even today reminds us that by making love the center of our lives we can become forces for healing and harmony and can lead lives that are full of meaning and joy. The HUUF Choir led by Elisabeth Harrington will take a major role in this program.

Sunday, Dec. 28 – 9 and 11 a.m.

Cider Sunday – Berty Welty, Veronica Galiani

Cider Sunday is an annual tradition at HUUF, after the religious holidays and before the New Year. Hot cider will be served along with tea, coffee and snacks. Please add to our pleasure and bring a few of your favorite holiday treats and thoughts to share.

The 9 a.m. gathering will be more intimate and contemplative and will be led by long-term HUUF member and leader Berty Welty. The 11 a.m. service will likely be larger in number and presented by Veronica Galiani and Berty. Join us and share in song and celebration with your past memories and future hopes on this special day.