

# Sunday services and other celebrations

**REMINDER:** In December our Sunday morning services will be at 11 a.m. only. Two morning services, at 9 and 11 a.m., resume in January 2018.

**Sunday, December 3 – 11 a.m. only**

**Standing with the Most Vulnerable – Rev. Bryan Jessup**

We have declared ourselves a sanctuary congregation. How are we supporting our decision?  
What does being a sanctuary mean on many levels?

**Sunday, December 10 – 11 a.m. only**

**“Chalica Comes to Life” – Therese Fitzmaurice, acting Director of Religious Education**

In this intergenerational service, children, adults and families will share dramatic presentations on the Unitarian Universalist holiday of Chalica and the seven principles upon which it is based. There will also be music and fun for all ages. Nursery care will be provided for the youngest ones. Therese Fitzmaurice will coordinate this service.

**Sunday, December 17 – 11 a.m. only**

**Hanukkah and Hope for the Oppressed – Rev. Bryan Jessup**

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” This quote from famed anthropologist Margaret Mead (1901-1978) perfectly sums up the theme of this morning’s service by the Rev. Jessup.

**Thursday, December 21 – 7 p.m.**

**Solstice Ritual: The Wheel of the Year Turns to Re-birth – Berti Welty**

Join us as the Oak King vanquishes the Holly King. On this longest night of the year our intergenerational solstice celebration will include decorating a yule log, pondering our wishes for the coming year, singing yule songs, and ritually welcoming the returning light. Bring sacred objects, greenery, mistletoe, and/or candles for the altar. Also bring finger food for our yule feast. Part of the ritual will take place inside. If weather permits, we will have a yule fire outside, so dress accordingly. Arrive at 6:30 p.m. if you would like to decorate our yule log and/or make one to take home.

**Sunday, December 24 – 11 a.m.**

**"The Miracle of Birth and Rebirth" – Berti Welty**

During this intergenerational service we will hear miracle birth stories from around the world and discuss what they have in common. Is this a time of hope, of waiting for something new to be born? What message of Christmas is relevant for us in today's troubled times? We will celebrate the holiday with songs of hope.

**Sunday, December 24 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve celebration – Rev. Bryan Jessup and the Elisabeth Harrington**

The Christmas Eve service will be centered on the songs and stories of the Christmas season. The choir will sing, and there will be other special music. The old, old story of the Child of Bethlehem will be read.

**Sunday, December 31 – 11 a.m. only**

**Cider Sunday – JoAn Huffman and Veronica Galiani**

Let’s end the old year with friends. JoAn and Veronica invite you to sip a cup of cider or coffee and think about the past year’s events, as well as the year ahead. Do you have any New Year’s resolutions? Bring snack foods and goodies as well as thoughts to share.