# **Upcoming Services**

#### One Service at 10:00am

December 24: "Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service," Rev. Coeyman – one service at 4:00pm

December 28: "Celebrating Kwanzaa," Steve Ewart

#### **Visitors**

Welcome! Fill out a blue guest card on the welcome table so that we can make a nametag for you and send you our newsletter. You are welcomed to participate in church activities. Contact Kathy Deligianis, Chair of the Membership Committee, for more information at kduucr@tuxers.net. If you have any questions, feel free to talk with any of our members.

We are happy to be of assistance!

Interim Minister: Rev. Barbara Coeyman	minister@uureston.org
Office Manager: Samantha Jones	
Director of Music: Nichole Hodges-Abbasi	music@uureston.org
Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Courtney Wilson	dlfd@uureston.org
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Rev. Barbara Coeyman's office hours: Monday, 11 am – noon, Tuesday, 6 – 7 pm, Thursday, 1 – 2 pm, and by appointment

> Office Manager Hours: Monday through Friday, 10am – 3pm; Office closed from 12:45-1:15pm for lunch

#### **UUCR Board**

President: Cecile Batchelor Vice President: Caroline Ewart
Secretary: Mary Moulton Treasurer: Casey Carros
Members at Large: Annie Simpson, Mark Hamill, Paul Baumgartner,
Stephen Meyer, and Meagan Pitluck-Schmitt

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# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN RESTON



The Worship Theme for December is "Dark and Light"

"A Multi-Generational Celebration of the Solstice" December 21, 2014, 10:00am

Service Leader: Rev. Barbara Coeyman
Director of Music: Nichole Hodges-Abbasi
Director of Lifespan Faith Development: Courtney Wilson
Accompanist: Nancy Vogelman

#### CREATING SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

Prelude: "Meditation from Thais," Massenet

Philip Kancianic

Welcome

**Board Host Caroline Ewart** 

**Greet One Another** 

**Opening Chime and Call to Worship** 

Rev. Coeyman

**Chalice Lighting** 

The Reavill family

"Words of Unison Affirmation," James Vila Blake (adapted); music by Angela Wiswesser

Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its prayer. This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace. To seek truth in love, and to help one another in fellowship.

\*\*\*Welcoming Hymn: #1073: "The Earth is Our Mother"

#### **CENTERING IN**

Winter Solstice Ritual Part I: Going Into the Dark

Time for All Ages: "All About the Solstice"

Casting the Circle: Reading #446 "To The Four Directions"

Ritual Music: #1063 "Winter Solstice Chant"

Nichole Hodges-Abbasi

Rev. Coevman

Giving Up To The Night

# Stones of Celebration and Remembrance Centering Music

Nancy Vogelman

# Pastoral Meditation and Prayer – Silent Reflection

Musical Response: #123 "Spirit of Life"

Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

#### Winter Solstice Ritual Part II: Returning to the Light

Time for All Ages: "The Everything Seed," Carole Martignacco Courtney Wilson

Hymn Response: #226 "People Look East"

**Bringing Back the Light and Opening the Circle** 

Hymn: #235 "Deck the Halls"

#### **GREETING THE WORLD**

#### Offering

The UUCR collection today is for the Medical Care for Children Partnership (MCCP). For over 25 years, MCCP has funded health care for the children of low-income, uninsured working families in Fairfax County. Please make checks payable to UUCR with memo 'for MCCP'.

Offertory: "Mr. Sun," Don Carlos

**UUCR Band** 

### **Spoken Response:**

We are this church, we are its hands, its heart, its voice.

Together we share the wealth of this community, and sustain it with our gifts.

\*\*\* Closing Hymn: #73: "Chant for the Seasons" (verse 2)

# \*\*\*Extinguishing the Chalice

As members of UUCR we covenant to nurture our shared ministries through acceptance and trust, as we search for meaning and spiritual growth. We commit to engage with the world in pursuit of justice through responsible, loving service.

\*\*\*Benediction:

Postlude: "Winter Wonderland"

"Rocking Around the Christmas Tree"

**UUCR Band** 

Please adjourn to the East Foyer for Social Hour.

\*\*\* Congregation Standing

Printed copies of Rev. Coeyman's sermons are available in the east foyer near the membership book.

#### Please Note:

- As we enter a time of worship, we ask you to please silence your cell phones.
- Hearing assistive devices are located in the back of the sanctuary for those who would like help with hearing the service. Please remember to return them before leaving.

The musicians of UUCR enjoy the enthusiastic support of this congregation! We appreciate the applause and recognition you freely give, many thanks! We would like to ask for a "silent applause" where you rub your hands together to show your gratitude and appreciation. A "silent applause" honors musicians while remaining centered in worship

#### Thanks to:

Board Host: Caroline Ewart Finance Steward: Casey Carros

Musicians: UUCR Band

Greeters: Amy Anderson, Anne Welch, and Hannah Hamilton

*Usher*: Elaine Schwartz *AV Assistance*: John Wilson

Flowers: Given by Jennifer Kancianic, in honor of the Kancianic Family Christmas 2014

Ringing the Steeple Bell: Calder Kancianic, age 2 ¾

- Please stack chairs nine high on the dollies. Thank you!
- Everyone is invited to a Mindfulness Meditation session in the Library next Sunday at 9:15am.

# Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism:

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote the following principles:

- 1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- 4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- 6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.