

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF SALEM

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 18, 2016

For the most up-to-date information, please verify dates and times on the online UUCS calendar: uusalem.org/news/calendar

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1. **The Social Justice Team is having a Fundraiser selling “Safety Pins” at their table to show people “You are SAFE with Me”.** Please come by and show your support for our team and your community.
 2. **RE MITTEN DRIVE:** We are accepting donations until **Dec. 24th**. Our goal is to fill the whole Christmas tree with mittens, hats and scarves! Items will be donated to people in need in our UUCS community and Family Building Blocks. Thanks for your generosity.
 3. **On December 23**, we will host a **Red Cross Blood Drive** in the Fellowship Hall. This is an important time to give blood as holiday donations sharply drop off even though the need increases. We have been given 40 slots to fill between 1-6pm. This is also a 2RBC event; a Double Red Blood Cell collection. Please remember to eat a couple of hours before donating. Last time, several people were turned away because they hadn't eaten before giving. To sign up to donate on December 23, go to redcrossblood.org using sponsor code uusalem, or call 1-800-733-2767 or sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Please share this far and wide so we can have a completely filled blood drive schedule. For more information contact Angela Gross uu4peace@gmail.com, UUCS drive coordinator.
 4. **Family Christmas Eve Celebration: 5:45 — 6:25pm, Saturday, December 24th.** Come enjoy a service geared for families of all ages. Following the service there will be an ornament making craft and refreshments. Our traditional Candlelight Service follows.

5. **There will be no formal Christmas day services. UUCS will be open** for coffee and light refreshments and discussion on how UU's have influenced **Christmas from 10:30-11:30am**. If you can share gluten free goodies for that day, they can be dropped off in the UUCS kitchen any time during the week before Christmas. Thank you. For more information, contact Angela Gross uu4peace@gmail.com.
6. **Please join the Dances of Universal Peace for a Global Peace Dance in Salem, Dec 31.** Celebratory and ethnic dress encouraged. Every dance fully taught. No partners necessary. **We will begin dancing at 8:30** with a potluck break at 10pm. More dancing at 10:45. If you can, please bring food to share. Dancing and food will be in the UUCS Fellowship Hall. Please bring a bell or noisemaker to ring in the New Year at midnight! \$10-15 donations gratefully received. No one turned away due to lack of funds. ****Child care NOT provided.** Children are welcome under direct parental supervision. Contact Angela uu4peace@gmail.com if you have questions. .
7. **There will be no formal New Year's Day services. UUCS will be open** for coffee and light refreshments **from 10:30 to 11:30am**. If you can share gluten free goodies for that day, they can be dropped off in the UUCS kitchen any time during the week before New Year's Day. Thank you. For more information, contact Angela uu4peace@gmail.com.
8. **We are still accepting donations for the Refugees.** Please stop by the Social Justice Table to see what is needed. Thank you.
9. **Did you notice a change in our website at uusalem.org?** Check it out! It is now mobile friendly and includes Google calendars of events and meetings. Use the search function at the top, if you cannot find what you are looking for, contact the webteam at webteam@uusalem.org.