

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF SALEM

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 20, 2016

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

1. **The Social Justice Team will be selling “Safety Pins” at their table to show people “You are SAFE with Me”.** Please come by and show your support for your community.
2. **Do you have one Sunday a month** (or every other month) to spend time with our UUCS children? **PLEASE talk to Christi** about the many opportunities in RE to give to our community and receive so much back in return! (Hugs, gratification you helped someone have a great Sunday, shared learning and MORE!)
3. **We are still accepting donations for the Refugees.** Please stop by the Social Justice Table to see what is needed. Thank you.
4. **Love Facebook?** Want to help UUCS? We are looking for a replacement for our retiring UUCS Facebook administrator. As UUCS Facebook administrator, you would generate posts to inform the community of congregational events and news and educate the community about UU principals. Through Facebook we connect the congregation with UUs across the state, country, and world. Posts would be expected at least once a week. Contact Vicki Cunningham at vickicunningham11003@gmail.com.
5. **We will not be having RE classes November 27th,** due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. It is a volunteer day off.

6. **The Membership Committee is coordinating Fall Circle Suppers December 9th, 10th and 11th.** Circle Suppers are potluck-style gatherings at members' homes. Hosts provide their homes to gather in, and guests bring food to share. These are a great opportunity for an evening of fellowship and fun with a handful of members and friends of UUSC. Hosts decide the menu and call/email people who have signed up. **Signup at the welcome table on November 20th, 27th and December 4th.** Contact **Anna Tally** at **802-417-1080** if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer as a host.
7. **RE MITTEN DRIVE:** Our Annual mitten drive will begin **December 1st**. 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.
8. **Chalica, a UU holiday celebrating the Principles,** one each day for seven days, begins **December 5th**. Chalica kits are available from RE for \$7. The kits include 7 votive candle holders and the supplies to decorate and create a special candle holder for each of the UU Rainbow Principles. Information and ideas about how to celebrate are included! Money goes toward RE projects!
9. **Child Dedication** is happening on **December 18th** at our holiday service. Anyone interested in having your child(ren) participate in this special ceremony, please talk with Reverend Rick Davis or Christi Olsen, DLRE for more information. Please pick up a Child Dedication Pamphlet in the RE hallway. More information is available on the UUA website at <http://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-do/celebrations/births>.
10. **Coming of Age is for 7th-9th grade and only offered every other year.** This is an opportunity for your youth to spend time articulating their spiritual beliefs with the help of a mentor and a UU curriculum. **The classes begin in January and will culminate in May** with a Credo (statement of belief) and project presented to the congregation. We need a minimum of four youth to make this program possible. Please register with Christi@uusalem.org.
11. **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.