

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF SALEM

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 27, 2016

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

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. **Please stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall after services today** to check out ornaments sent to us by the women from our Partner Church in Simenfalva, Transylvania. Proceeds from their sale will be returned to the women’s group in Simenfalva to aid in their projects there. Take home a remembrance from our Unitarian partners and forebears in our faith!
3. The Membership Committee is coordinating **Fall Circle Suppers December 9, 10 and 11.** 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 Today and December 4th.** Contact Anna Tally at 802-417-1080 if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer as a host.
4. **RE MITTEN DRIVE:** Our Annual mitten drive will begin **December 1.** 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.

5. **Discover the Salem Philharmonia Orchestra Friday, December 2, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm** and experience great symphonic music performed in welcoming concert settings by outstanding musicians from your community. Pre-concert talk at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Concert at 7pm in the Sanctuary. For more information, see <http://www.salemphil.org/concerts/upcoming-performances/>.
6. **Our Holiday Bazaar** will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, December 4**, one week from today! After each service, buy cookies to go with your coffee and shop for gifts and goodies. There will be a wide selection of gift baskets, hand-crafted items, baked goods, jams & jellies, and so on. The Women's Alliance is in charge, and the proceeds go toward filling our building's needs. **Set-up time is Saturday, December 3, from 10 am to 2 pm**. Please bring items you're donating during that time; second-best time is first thing Sunday morning.
7. **Chalica, a UU holiday celebrating the Principles**, one each day for seven days, **begins December 5**. 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!
8. **Child Dedication** is happening on **December 11** 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>.
9. **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](http://redcrossblood.org) using sponsor code uusalem, or call (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](mailto:uu4peace@gmail.com), UUCS drive coordinator

10. **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](mailto:uu4peace@gmail.com).
11. **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!)
12. **We are still accepting donations for the Refugees.** Please stop by the Social Justice Table to see what is needed. Thank you.
13. **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](mailto:vickicunningham11003@gmail.com).
14. **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](mailto:Christi@uusalem.org).
15. **Did you notice a change in our website at [uusalem.org](http://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](mailto:webteam@uusalem.org).