



# Outer Circle

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*We strive to build a beloved community through shared worship, responsible spiritual freedom, exploration and reverence.*

*We are a welcoming congregation, embracing our interconnectedness, engaging with others by living our principles in our community, and working to transform our world and ourselves.*



Rev. Jan K. Nielsen

## Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

As I look toward a new year, I am thinking about my hopes for the days ahead. An old "turning of the year" custom is to honor one's hopes for the future by taking action in the last days of an old year and in the first days of the new – actions that might in some way symbolize our hopes and make more real to our bodies and our spirits our vision of what we wish for the new year.

One of my hopes for 2018 is peace – peace in the heart and peace among people – peace everywhere in our world. While there is much in our world that I know I cannot control, I can choose to take some time each day to invite peace into my heart. So as the year turns, I am taking time to sit in silence and to open my heart to peace. Peace, I know, begins with me – in my own heart.

I wish for all of you peace in the new year – and also laughter and good times and much love. I send all of you my heartfelt gratitude for the many ways you put our values into action here at UUCLR and, with your actions, bring love to life – and to the lives of all of us who gather here and share in our commitment to the ways of love and peace.

New Year's blessings to all of you,  
Rev. Jan



## IIIUUmination Celebration January 27

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### Sundays in January

Join us for Sunday Worship 11:00 am  
The January Theme is "Empathy"

*"If you light a lamp for someone, it will brighten your own path." - The Buddha*

Questions for reflection:

- *What is empathy?*
- *How is empathy different from sympathy?*
- *What does empathy ask of us?*
- *What gets in the way of the ability to empathize?*
- *How might we expand our capacity for empathy?*
- *Why is the capacity for empathy important to living a full life?*
- *How can we show empathy for others through our actions?*

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### Services

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| <b>January 7</b>  | "Evolution of Religion"<br>Guest Dr. Sylvia Ansler |
| <b>January 14</b> | Woodson Walker, sharing the pulpit with Rev. Jan   |
| <b>January 21</b> | Rev. Jan, preaching                                |
| <b>January 28</b> | Rev. Jan, preaching                                |

# In the Life of the Church

## Board President's Note

Winter greetings! Now that the holidays are behind us there is work to do in the next few months. What I will call the "Expansion Team"—which is comprised of the executive team plus Phil Peters, John McNee and Bill Goolsby—will be meeting with the architect this month to begin the process of interviewing contractors. Hopefully some price estimates will be available to all of you in a couple of months.

There is also work to be done to create a fresh vision and mission statement. Please participate in the process -- we want this to be a vision/mission we can all feel represents our present and future. Stay warm as well!

Mindy Morrell  
Board President

### Resources (Continued from Page 1)

"Empathy and the extensive sociability it makes possible helped early bands of hairless, clawless, small-toothed hominids become the dominant mammalian species on Earth. Now that we've reached a population of approximately seven billion souls with wildly differing notions of what's true and what's important, empathy has become a crucial element in helping us learn how to live with one another. Empathy is what made us a successful species in the first place, and now, empathy is what will help us address our many conflicts so that we can survive and flourish." Karla McLaren, *The Art of Empathy: A Complete Guide to Life's Most Essential Skill*.

### Nonfiction Resources

*The Empathy Exams: Essays* by Leslie Jamison

*Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong, Chapter 4 "The Fourth Step: Empathy"

### Fiction Resources

"Glossolalia," a short story by David Jauss

*We Are Water* by Wally Lamb

*Still Life with Bread Crumbs* by Anna Quindlen

## New Mission and Vision Statement

Strategic Planning Committee is developing a new mission and vision statement. Part of that is communicating with the congregation about our shared values. During the month of January, we're going to engage the congregation in a sharing activity. There will be an "Illumination Values Tree" at the back of the Sanctuary. Baskets of paper "ornaments" and markers will be provided. People can help us decorate our tree with their values. This is the first stage of discernment for our new vision and mission.

Your Strat Plan Team

## Concert and Auction Fundraiser

Another SILENT AUCTION is coming up on April 21, so start putting aside some fabulous items! New, unused only please.... there will be a church rummage sale shortly after this for those other treasures you are done using. Start saving your really good items (preferably new or hardly used) to donate to this auction.

This year's concert is by jazz keyboardist Lee Tamboulian - an artist who is very well known to Little Rock jazz enthusiasts! Save the date!

Contact the office if have questions or concerns:  
[uuclr@uuclr.org](mailto:uuclr@uuclr.org)

## Caring and Concerns

If someone would appreciate a card when ill or a family member is ill or happy news like a baby or marriage, just let Shirley Jo Pine know and she will send a card that is appropriate for the occasion.

Contact Shirley at [shirleyjpine18@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyjpine18@gmail.com).

## Your Kroger Card Can Benefit Our Church

If you don't have a Kroger card registered to benefit the church, contact the church office for information. Every little bit donated by Kroger helps the church, and it's easy, since so many of you shop at Kroger already!

# In the Life of the Church

## A Radical Way to Fund the Budget?

Every year, we hold a pledge drive to determine how much money people plan to give to fund the church for the fiscal year starting the following July. We build a budget using this pledge of money to portion out the promised income to fund personnel, utilities, insurance, committee work, and our commitment to the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Always we find that the pledge money is just not enough to meet expenses. So, we add more categories of income (including rentals and Kroger card refunds) to close the gap. But that gap remains. So, we put in one more big category of "fundraisers" to bring the total projected income up to the point where we are comfortable with the budget and ask the congregation to approve it.

Usually the projected profit from the fundraiser must be pretty high to close the income gap. Fundraisers can be fun and a great way to get a service like window washing by a board member or a weekend watching eagles with another member. But wouldn't it be just as fun to hold a silent auction and not have to sweat making enough to close the budget gap? What if the entire profit could be used to fund a special project instead of pay the electric bill?

It is also true that people will pledge less than they plan to give. They may hold back money for the special events like silent auctions, galas or special campaigns.

This year, when our annual fund drive begins in February, we are going ask you to look carefully at your commitment and pledge the entire amount you plan to give. Why? Because we want to do something radical: *build the budget from only pledges*. Any extra money that comes from rentals or Kroger cards or rummage sales will not be used for the standard operating budget. We are also bringing in Prison Ministry and Our House Meals into this budget to operate under Faith in Action. No more Sunday collections to fund these as they will be in the budget.

That is our plan. It will only work if you, the members and friends, understand that when you give to UUCLR, you are not just funding salaries and utilities, but you are funding outreach to the Central Arkansas community through our multi-decade commitment to providing one meal a month at the homeless shelter, Our House. We offer our building to groups like Indivisible, Narcotics Anonymous, Hindu heritage, and others. We now provide a food

## Pledging Already?

Surely not! Planning and budgeting are keys to successful organizations. Therefore, your Finance/ Stewardship Committee is now planning for UUCLR funding in 2018-2019. This fiscal year begins July 1, 2018. We have decided that over a three-week span we will conduct a drive for the upcoming year. It will begin February 18 and end on March 11, 2018. We will need your help pledging (mostly online but with paper forms available) so that the budget can be set and programs can be further developed. Your help is essential for us to do this in only three weeks! We will celebrate on March 17 with our Fellowship Dinner.



## Exploring UU Class

Want to know more about Unitarian Universalism? Rev. Jan Nielsen will lead our next Exploring UU Class to be held on **January 14** after service from 12:15 to 3:00. After a simple lunch, you will be encouraged to join a lively conversation and ask questions as we explore UUism in general and the UU Church of Little Rock in particular. We highly recommend this class for anyone who is considering becoming a member of UUCLR. Lunch begins at 12:15 in the Pehrson Room.

Please register for the class by emailing [uuclr@uuclr.org](mailto:uuclr@uuclr.org) and put *Exploring UU registration* in the subject line. Include your name, address, and contact info. Also, please indicate if you need childcare or have any special dietary needs for lunch that day. You may also sign up on any Sunday at the Visitor's Table.

pantry to Stephens Elementary. And through the leadership of Rev. Jan and our Board and other leaders, we serve as an exemplar of tolerance, acceptance, and ecumenism in Central Arkansas.

So, close the gap. Free the members from having to fund the budget deficit by musical performances, rummage sales, and auctions. We will still do this because we love music, must clean out our closets, and enjoy seeing our leaders scrubbing our windows.

The Annual Fund Campaign kicks off on February 18, so please consider this new approach for your church pledge and support.

Finance and Stewardship Committee

# In the Life of the Church

## Recycle Sunday and Book Exchange January 7

(You do not have to bring something to take something)

Please bring CFL light bulbs, 4 and 8 ft. fluorescent bulbs, empty ink cartridges, and old/outdated electronics (computers, copiers, DVD players, paper shredders, printers, TVs, VCRs, phones, stereos, radios, fax machines, and microwave ovens).

Remember to bring your aluminum cans and metal and leave on the back deck of Thomson Hall. Lance will recycle all cans and metal that are collected and he donates the proceeds to the church. Thank you, Lance!



## New Recycling Standards

Recently, at the UU Cluster meeting, Board President Mindy Morrell was surprised to hear that material put into the recycling containers at church need to be completely free of food. This has been a source of confusion to several of us because we first hear that it is OK and then it is not OK to have grease-stained pizza boxes or scraps of food clinging to plastic containers.

Why this confusion and change may be happening (Forbes.com): Beijing notified the World Trade Organization in July that it planned to ban imports of 24 varieties of solid waste, including types of plastic and unsorted paper commonly sent from the United States. The reason given was environmental protection: Large amounts of dirty and hazardous constituents are often mixed with these materials, which can lead to serious environmental pollution.

Why is China the biggest importer of these recycled materials? A growing Chinese economy uses an astounding amount of raw materials annually and recycling is a good source of cheap material.

In general, most studies agree that recycling is better for the environment. America recycles over 32% of our municipal rubbish, saving over 50 million tons of carbon emissions. In addition, most agree the recycling saves materials and money.

We are now using high-tech methods to sort and separate various materials so we don't make home owners sort it themselves and we don't have to sort by hand at the recycling facility, which is costly.

From simple magnetics to new near-infrared-based spectroscopic waste-sorting systems, a computer is able to determine the color, type, shape and position of each item. Air jets then push particular items from one conveyor belt to another, or into a bin. Numerous types of paper and plastic

## Expand Your Mind, Read a Book!

The Between the Lines  
Book Club will meet  
**Monday, Jan. 1 at 7:00pm**  
to discuss:

***The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd**

For information: Contact Kevin Jones  
501-851-4358 or [kmjones1231@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmjones1231@sbcglobal.net)



## RE-Questors

### Searching for the Best Way to Live

Primary Reference:

**The Nordic Theory of Everything:  
In Search of a Better Life**  
By Anu Partanen

10:00am Sundays in the Pehrson Room  
*Learning To Be The Best That We Can Be*

can be sorted with up to 98% accuracy – better than human workers manage.

So the best response to China's ban is to innovate so we can use more of these materials here in the United States. We also need to clean and separate our materials better so they will be acceptable to China and the growing recycling markets in South Asia and Latin America.

*And don't make our Recycling Team sort nasty, dirty recyclables from containers at the church!*

# In the Life of the Church



## IIIU Umination is Coming!

Everyone is invited to join us for IIIU Umination, our own UU Holiday! The IIIU Umination celebration, which includes a program and dinner, will be held on Saturday, January 27 at 5:30pm. A decorating party will be held the evening before on January 26th. All volunteers are welcome to assist, and it is a lot of fun! Mark your calendars and don't miss out on one of the biggest church events of the year!

This year, as we continue to shine our light to a world that feels increasingly unpredictable and often overwhelming, IIIU Umination will remind us of our power to make a difference and challenge us to think about how we can be better neighbors. Rebecca Roetzel will be coordinating the event in conjunction with the Worship Arts Team, the choir and her husband, Mike. Volunteer help is needed with the program, food prep and clean-up. Please email [rebecca.roetzel@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.roetzel@gmail.com) or call the office at 225-1503 if you would like to be involved.

### Friday, Jan. 26: 5:30 pm

IIIU Umination Decorating Party in Thomson Hall, with supper and adult beverages provided. Many helping hands are needed.

### Saturday, Jan. 27: 5:30

IIIU Umination Happy Half Hour begins (cash bar) **6:00** - Program with catered meal to follow in Thomson Hall.

**Wear your purple and silver, the official colors of IIIU Umination!**



## Southwest UU Women's Conference

The SWUW Conference is being held this year in Austin, Texas  
**February 23-25, 2018**

### BE THE SPARK: KINDLE THE FLAME

Keynote Speaker: Texas State Representative  
Donna Howard

Featured Musician: Kiya Heartwood  
Featured Minister: Rev. Meg Barnhouse

More Information: <http://www.swuuw.org/>

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Fellowship Team Coordinator

We need a new Fellowship Team coordinator. No, this doesn't mean you have to do all the work! You would help to coordinate the people who volunteer for Coffee Hour, hold meetings of your team as needed, and coordinate some regular church events during the year. Most events already have a regular group of folks who step up every year, and there are many others who are willing to help when asked.

In order to keep things running smoothly, this position serves as a point of communication between the Fellowship volunteers and the Program Council. You, or a member of your team, attends the Program Council meetings on the first Monday of the month at 5:30pm. This can be a very gratifying position working with other people in the congregation and you might bring your own creative thoughts for new Fellowship events.



## We Need Sunday Flowers

There is a brand new signup sheet on the bulletin board for the New Year! We need flowers for January and February. Please consider signing up to help. Think of dedicating your flowers to a loved one or friend.

Men, please feel free to sign up too. You know how to give beautiful flowers for people you love... so sign up to bring flowers to the church group you love! The signup board is in Thomson Hall on the bulletin board and there are lots of spaces to be filled by your generosity!



## Vegetarian Potluck

The 2nd Sunday Veggie Potluck is back for the New Year. **The next potluck will be held on January 14, 2018.** Bring lots of great dishes to share so everyone can join us for lunch.

The lunch starts right after service and is held in the Chapel. Volunteers are appreciated to help move food from the kitchen up to the serving tables right after service.

# In the Life of the Church

## Coffee Hour Helpers



We need two coffee hour volunteers for second Sundays. What is Sunday service without a chance to visit friends over a fresh cup of coffee? You may sign up in the foyer or contact Mindy Morrell at [mindymorrell@hotmail.com](mailto:mindymorrell@hotmail.com).

## UU Women's Activity Group

The UU Women's Activity Group (UUWAG) plans activities every month. All women are welcome to join us to get out and about and see gallery shows, have lunch together, and much more ([see Page 7](#)). If you are interested in participating, please email Cas at [casrifkin12@gmail.com](mailto:casrifkin12@gmail.com).



## Dwight Brown Leadership Experience (DBLE) Is Coming to Little Rock

The Southern Region UUA staff will offer Dwight Brown Leadership Experience at the Arkansas 4-H Center in Little Rock, May 20-25, 2018.

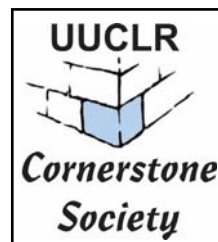
The Leadership Experiences and training ground congregational leaders in Unitarian Universalism and equip them to answer a deeper call to serve. Find complete information about DBLE at :

[www.uua.org/southern/leadership-experiences](http://www.uua.org/southern/leadership-experiences)

If you are interested in attending this leadership training, contact the office at [uuclr@uuclr.org](mailto:uuclr@uuclr.org). UUCLR has funds for leadership development.

## Cornerstone Society

The UUCLR Cornerstone Society recognizes long-time members of the church who have provided generous support by their active presence, their leadership, and their commitment to the goals of the Church.



To be eligible for nomination, the member must be at least 70 years of age and must have been a member of the Church for at least 20 years. Deceased persons who meet the above criteria may be nominated posthumously.

Any UUCLR Member may submit a letter of nomination and brief biographical sketch to the President of the Board. These nominations will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and submitted to the Board for approval. Please contact any member of the Board for further information about a nomination.

*Thank You*

## Plate Donations

How your generosity supports worthy causes!

*Thank You*

Month	Week	Amount	Recipient
July	2nd	\$218.00	Arkansas Interfaith Power & Light
July	4th	\$253.00	UUCLR Our House Dinner
July	5th	\$135.00	UBarU Camp and Retreat Center
August	2nd	\$277.10	Ark Coalition for Peace & Justice
August	4th	\$179.00	UUCLR Our House Dinner
September	2nd	\$260.14	Life Quest of Arkansas
September	4th	\$220.00	UUCLR Our House Dinner
October	2nd	\$ 45.00	Hurricane Harvey Pets
October	4th	\$197.00	UUCLR Our House Dinner
October	5th	\$245.00	Black Lives of UU
November	2nd	\$165.00	The Interfaith Center
November	4th	\$ 76.00	UUCLR Our House Dinner
December	2nd	\$262.00	Women and Children First
December	4th	<u>\$514.00</u>	UUCLR Helping Hands Fund
	Total	<u>\$3,046.24</u>	

# In the Life of the Church

## School Pantry Update

The Faith in Action School Pantry has been open for seven Fridays, starting at the end of October. While there have been a few bumps in the road, we have managed to negotiate the path to running the pantry pretty well and have 19 families signed up. There is a group of volunteers who load the food into the van at the Arkansas Food Bank, unload at Stephens, and then set up the pantry. Our families come by when school is out to pick up a grocery bag with rice, pasta, and canned goods and then select fresh produce and meat.

We have a pending grant with the Arkansas Hunger Alliance to purchase wagons so that the walking families can carry the groceries home. We also will purchase grocery carts to transport food to cars for those who drive.

We have become so efficient on pantry days that we are dividing into two teams to alternate weeks. If you have some time on Fridays between 1:00 and 3:30pm, consider volunteering for Team A or Team B. The sign-up form is on the church web site home page: [www.uuclr.org](http://www.uuclr.org).

Volunteers who have worked at the pantry include: Rhonda Reid, Margot Cameron, Anneliese Maus, Laurie Smith-Prud'homme, Kater Reynolds, Pamela Gibson, Martha Nixon, Dan Danielson, Isaac Smith-Prud'homme, Alyce James, Helen Pate, Nell Matthews, Annie Kleve, Sue McDonald, Chris Thomson, and Karen Walls. I may have missed some names, and I apologize. Thank you all for helping UUCLR live our covenant.

## UU Women's Group January Activity

All women are invited to have fun trying to escape from the Game Room at Mystery Mansion on January 27, arriving at 10:30 and starting at 11:00. We will have one hour to solve the puzzles, crack the code, and find the clues as we work together to solve the mystery! If we have enough people, we will divide up and also use the most difficult room, The Foster Room, which is for history buffs. We are not locked in the room, but if you leave the room for any reason, you cannot go back in. No cell phones allowed! Cost is \$20 a person and you will need to commit by January 14. After the big escape, you are also invited to go out for lunch with us. Please sign up at [doodle.com/poll/refxhi3xgr78ypcb](http://doodle.com/poll/refxhi3xgr78ypcb). Questions? Contact Cas Rifkin at [casrifkin12@gmail.com](mailto:casrifkin12@gmail.com)



## January Birthdays



### Happy Birthday to Members and Friends

Mary Lowe Kennedy..... 1	Mary Underwood..... 13
Marcia Zamora ..... 5	Fred Roberson ..... 15
Allan Ward ..... 6	Jake Tidmore ..... 18
Judy Rickard..... 6	Kasie Bratton..... 19
Gene Slothour-Hudnall.... 6	Theo Segura ..... 20
Valerie Pearsall ..... 8	Jane Bratton..... 26
Barbara Gojer..... 9	Kater Reynolds..... 26
Bill Ventres ..... 9	Emily C. Jones ..... 30
Jack McFarlin ..... 11	Kaye Lundgren..... 31
Mahogany Finley ..... 12	Bob Crick..... 31

Contact the church office at 225-1503 for corrections or additions.



## Young at Heart

Young at Heart welcomes all to our luncheon and program beginning at 11:45pm on Tuesday, **January 9**. The cost of the lunch is \$7.00 per person.

Nan Bernardo will share with us some information and highlights of her legal work in the field of environmental law. Surely we all have questions and concerns about the subject and Nan will attempt to answer from her experiential perspective. Everyone is welcome and all are invited. Come and have a wonderful time with us!

## FORUM

### Sundays at 10:00am in the Chapel

- January 7 "Lake Nixon and Civil Rights"  
Travis Ratermann, Survey Historian,  
Arkansas Historic Preservation  
Program
- January 14 2nd Sunday Share the Plate:  
Single Parent Scholarship Fund, Lori  
Lynch, Executive Director
- January 21 Theme Discussion: "Empathy"
- January 28 "First Aid and CPR for Lay Persons"  
Karen Hart of Carin' Hearts CPR and  
Emergency Response Training

# In the Life of the Church

## Faith Development Offerings Led by Rev. Jan Nielsen

We will gather in Thomson Hall from **12:15 to 1:15 on Tuesdays**. Feel free to bring your brown bag lunches. Newcomers are always welcome. We will finish up with the books below and new books will be chosen. Titles will be supplied soon. The series will run until June 2018. Details are on the church web site under "Classes."

### "Listening for God": Explorations of Short Stories

This group will probe contemporary short fiction for insights, both spiritual and intellectual, about what it means to be human. The format is based on a long-used adult faith development model called "Listening for God" but "Listening for Life" also could be an apt title. Stories are from the volume *The Best American Short Stories of 2015*, edited by T.C. Boyle.

January 16	March 6	May 1
February 6	April 3	June 5

### "How Do You See It?" Explorations of Essays

This group is devoted to exploring contemporary essays taken from the volume, *The Best American Essays 2015*, edited by Ariel Levy. As we read each essay on our own, we will ask, "How do I see it?" and then when we gather, we will invite one another to answer the question, "How do you see it?"

January 30	March 20	May 22
February 20	April 17	June 19



## RE Schedule for January

January 7th, 14th, and 21

### Explorers

We will learn about Christopher Reeve, a UU actor, director and activist. The children will play a game to help them think about how they might complete tasks without some of the abilities that ordinarily help them do it. We will design our own super heroes, imagining what powers and abilities they would use to make the world a better place.

### Coming of Age

Jr. and Sr. youth will explore Universalism as a theological contrast to Calvinism. They will move on to explore Universalist thought as it came to America, followed by Transcendentalism as an encompassing framework.

### January 28

#### CPR and First Aid Class 10:00am in the Chapel

Karen Hart, of Carin' Hearts CPR & Emergency Response Training, will offer a basic CPR and First Aid class for lay people. This class will include training for hands-only CPR, choking

response, intro to AED operation, recognizing stroke, and ways to recognize and assist in an emergency. This class will help every one of us notice and better care for one another.

Monetary donations are welcome and encouraged, and will help support the safety training of our staff and leaders, as well as the faith in action work of our children and youth.

### Blessing Bags

Throughout this month, we will be collecting items for blessing bags for our homeless population. Please donate items as you are able. Here is what we are collecting:

Gallon Ziploc bags	Chapstick
Hand sanitizers	Combs
Bottled water	New socks
Band aids	New underwear
Baby wipes	Gloves
Bar soaps	Hand warmers
Shampoo/conditioner	Granola/energy bars
Wash cloths	Tuna/cracker packs
Toothbrushes	Beef jerky
Toothpaste	Fruit/applesauce cups
Floss	(with spoon)
Deodorant	Trail mix
Menstrual care products	Travel-sized toiletries
Travel-sized first aid kits	work best!



# In the Life of the Church

## Facilities Work Days

**Saturday - January 6**  
**Start at 8:30 am**



We'll do a final leaf cleanup and limb shredding. Bring your rakes and blowers if you have them. If it is too cold or wet, we'll reschedule. If you want to be added to our Facilities email group, contact [uuclr@uuclr.org](mailto:uuclr@uuclr.org)

## Caring Coordinator

If you know of anyone who needs assistance with meals, rides, caring phone calls or cards, please contact the office at [uuclr@uuclr.org](mailto:uuclr@uuclr.org) or call 225-1503. If you have an urgent need, Rev. Jan asks you to call her.



## January Calendar

### Monday, January 1

7:00pm Between the Lines Book Club (Pehrson)

### Tuesday, January 2

5:30pm Rental (Pehrson)

### Wednesday, January 3

5:30pm Finance Meeting (Pehrson)  
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, January 4

10:00am The Van (Off Site)

### Friday, January 5

UUCLR Prison Ministry (Off site)  
10:00am Facilities Team (Office)  
6:30pm ARTEC Support Group (Pehrson)  
9:30pm Rental (Chapel)

### Saturday, January 6

8:30am Work Day  
11:00am Women's Writing Group (Off Site)

### Sunday, January 7

9:30am Recycle Sunday/Book Exchange (Chapel)  
10:00am Children-Youth Programming  
10:00am Forum (Thomson)  
10:00am RE-Questors (Pehrson)  
11:00am Worship (Sanctuary)  
3:30pm Rental (Chapel & RE Wing)

### Tuesday, January 9

11:45am Young at Heart Luncheon (Thomson)  
1:30pm Daytime Covenant Group (Emerson)

### Wednesday, January 10

5:30pm Finance Committee (Pehrson)  
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, January 11

AARP Tax Aide (Thomson)

### Friday, January 12

AARP Tax Aide (Thomson)  
UUCLR Prison Ministry (Off site)  
7:00pm Rental (Pehrson)  
9:30pm Rental (Chapel)

### Sunday, January 14

10:00am Children-Youth Programming  
10:00am Forum (Thomson)  
10:00am RE-Questors (Pehrson)  
11:00am Worship (Sanctuary)  
12:15pm Girl Scouts (Emerson)  
12:30pm Vegetarian Potluck (Chapel)  
3:30pm Rental (Chapel & RE Wing)

### Monday, January 15

2:00pm OUTER CIRCLE DEADLINE

5:00pm Worship Arts Team (Off Site)  
6:15pm Board Meeting (Thomson)

### Tuesday, January 16

12:15pm Exploration of Short Stories  
4:00pm Our House Meal (Offsite)  
5:30pm Rental (Pehrson)

### Wednesday, January 17

6:15pm Social Justice Discussion Group (Chapel)  
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, January 18

AARP Tax Aide (Thomson)  
1:00pm The Van (Off Site)

### Friday, January 19

AARP Tax Aide (Thomson)  
UUCLR Prison Ministry (Off site)  
6:30pm ARTEC Support Group (Pehrson)  
9:30pm Rental (Chapel)

### Sunday, January 21

10:00am Children-Youth Programming  
10:00am Forum (Thomson)  
10:00am RE-Questors (Pehrson)  
11:00am Worship (Sanctuary)  
3:30pm Rental (Chapel & RE Wing)

### Tuesday, January 23

5:00pm Membership Committee (Chapel)  
5:30pm Rental (Pehrson)

### Wednesday, January 24

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, January 25

AARP Tax Aide (Thomson)

### Friday, January 26

AARP Tax Aide (Thomson)  
UUCLR Prison Ministry (Off site)  
5:30pm IIUUmation Decorating (Thomson)  
9:30pm Rental (Chapel)

### Saturday, January 27

5:30pm IIUUmation Celebration (Thomson)

### Sunday, January 28

10:00am Children-Youth Programming  
10:00am Forum (Thomson)  
10:00am RE-Questors (Pehrson)  
11:00am Worship (Sanctuary)  
12:15pm Girl Scouts (Emerson)  
12:30pm Humanist Group (Pehrson)  
3:30pm Rental (Chapel & RE Wing)

### Tuesday, January 30

12:15pm Exploration of Essays  
5:30pm Rental (Pehrson)

### Wednesday, January 31

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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