

Weekly Calendar * Upcoming Activities * Announcements

UUSS Online Calendar

Week of December 7, 2008

Please check the sign board near the office for meeting locations.

Sunday, December 7

8:30am UUSS Holiday Giving Project
9am UUSS Book Store
9:15am Child Care for Infants & Toddlers
9:30am Service: Rev. Kraft
9:30am RE Classes for Children
11:15am Service: Rev. Kraft
12:30pm Catered Lunch:
12:45pm Congregation Conversation
3:30pm Marjorie Francisco Memorial Service
4:30pm Private Rental
5pm Private Rental

Monday, December 8

6pm Property Management
6:30pm Deep Ecology (Offsite)
7pm Men's Group

Tuesday, December 9

10am Ministry Circle
10am Ted's Web Discussion Group
2pm Program Council Steering
6:30pm Private Rental
7pm Sharing the Path with Rev. Kraft
7pm Private Rental
7:30pm Men's Group

Wednesday, December 10

Deadline for Unigram Articles

10am Day Dreamers Group
7pm Choir Practice
7pm Spiritual Journey with Doug (Off Site)

Thursday, December 11

10:15am Alliance: Don Coan
7pm Finance Committee

Friday, December 12

6pm Private Rental

Saturday, December 13

10am American River Parkway Stewards
10:30am Coming of Age
5:15 Holiday Potluck/Tree Trimming
7pm Private Rental (Peru Glorioso)

Sunday, December 14

8:30am UUSS Holiday Giving Project
9am UUSS Book Store
9:15am Child Care for Infants & Toddlers
9:30am Service: Rev. Kraft
9:30am RE Classes for Children
11:15am Service: Rev. Kraft
12:30pm Catered Lunch:
1pm Sharing the Path with Rev. Kraft
1:15pm UUSS Public Forum: Prof. Wm. Darman
3pm Servetus
4:30pm Private Rental
5pm Private Rental

NOTE: UUSS Committee and Activity groups are open to all who are interested or curious. A complete listing of these groups can be found in our *Pathways* brochure, which is on the pamphlet rack near the Welcome Table and on our web page.

Catered lunches, provided by the Napoli Academy, will be offered after the second service today. You need a ticket to exchange for a meal. The ticket costs \$7; there is no charge for tickets for children and guests.

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Next Sunday Service: "Joy and Peace" – The Rev. Doug Kraft. The Christmas season promises joy and peace but too often delivers their caricatures: frenetic fun and dull grumpiness. As we move more deeply into the Christmas season, we'll reflect on the experiences of joy and peace and how to cultivate them, even in Christmas.

Congregational Conversation, led by Colene Schlaepfer, will continue the brain storming about the Campus Development, this time focusing on a list of criteria initiated by the Vision in Action committee. The ideas came from the last Conversation on Nov. 2 led by Mike Malinowski. Please join us after lunch after the late service today, at 12:45.

Serving Lunch to Children at WIND Youth Services--Here's an inspiring opportunity to

deepen our connection with this UUSS community partner. Join with other members in making a good, healthy warm meal for the children once per month. A team's commitment would be 12 meals per year for about 50 youth. See Frieda Jackson and others at a table outside to sign up or learn more, or contact her at deedee.fj@gmail.com or 916-486-9597.

Sharing the Path, every second Tuesday (next one is December 9th), and every second Sunday (next one is December 14th). Rev. Kraft facilitates singing, meditation and informal conversation and sharing about our individual and collective spiritual paths. Meet in Rm 12 on Tuesday the 9th and in the Fahs room on Sunday the 14th.

November 17th through December 24th the UUSS Holiday Giving Project provides items to homeless and other low-income people in the Sacramento community. Needed items:

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Clothing in new or "good-used" condition for men, women and children; Toys, new; Personal Items such as tooth paste, soap & shampoo, and Canned or Dry Foods. Drop your items in the boxes located in the lounge. Cash donations are also appreciated, by check or through the use of our [PayPal donation button on the UUSS website to support the project.](#) about this project, contact Arnie at 332-5980.

Family Holiday Potluck Dinner, Crafts Making & Tree Trimming Party, December 13th. Gather at 5:10 PM; we'll have a blessing and a meal at 5:30. Bring a dish you'd like to share. Elf Patricia will have a signup sheet after church TODAY to list what you'd like to bring and any other way you'd like to help. UUSS will provide coffee, hot water, tea, cold water. Please, if you can, bring dinnerware for your party. Santa and Mrs. Claus may stop by for a visit, and of course the tree will need trimming! Contact Rev. Roger roger@uuss.org

The Friends of the UUSS Book Club and Library invite you to join us in the library next Sunday, December 14th between services and after the 11:15 for a reception to honor JoAnn Anglin on her inclusion in the recently released Sacramento Arts Council Poets on Deck. Goodies will be served.

The UUSS Public Forum speaker, William A. Dorman, Professor of Government, Emeritus, Cal. State University Sacramento, Sunday, December 14th @ 1:15pm, discusses "Election 2008: What Change Can We Expect": Prof. Dorman says that "A citizen incapable of informed political judgments or lacking the courage to dissent is no citizen at all—but merely a subject."

UUSS Harmonies in the Holidays

Come to our community sing-along to harmonize on hymns and old favorites tunes (even a carol or two) this Monday, December 15th. The group meets on the first and third Monday afternoons, Fahs room, 1pm to 2:30pm. Judy Lane, jlane612@earthlink.net or 457-4527.

UUSS Peacemakers are joining the CUUPS/Labyrinth Winter Solstice Celebration and Potluck Dinner on Sunday, December 21st. Also on the 21st, a short UUSS Peacemakers' planning meeting for the 2009 schedule will take place at 12:45pm. All are welcome and suggestions appreciated.

UUSS Alliance program, Thursday, December 11th, features Don Coan as speaker. He will speak about his work with Friends of San Juan de Oriente, a town in Nicaragua that is supported by the group with pottery sales and other items. Coffee begins at 10:15am, speaker at 11am, and a special soup lunch will be provided by volunteers. Donation suggested: \$2.00. Virginia Dunstan 863-5899.

Don't forget to stop at the Unicycle table and see what people are giving away. So far we have people wanting to give away a scanner, a metal plant stand and two camping-style backpacks among other things. If you have something to give away or something specific you want, post it. This is a free exchange so you have nothing to lose! Check us out.

Questions? Shirley Hines 444-6553

UUSS Choir needs singers! The choir rehearses every Wednesday night at 7 pm and sings at the 11:15 am service on Sundays. If you enjoy the Sunday choir, consider being one of us! For information please call May Tucker at 213-6027.

When was the last time you sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "The Messiah"? The UUSS Choir invites you to join us in singing this piece at the Christmas Sunday, December 21st services. Come to the Wednesday night rehearsal at 7 pm prior to 12-21-2008 to practice with us. Please call May Tucker @ 213-6027 if you have questions.

Upcoming Events of Interest to UUS

- Newcomer Member Orientation – Dec. 6th
- Holiday Potluck & Tree Trimming – Dec. 13th
- All-Ages Sunday Services – Dec. 21st
- Christmas Eve Candle Light Service – Dec. 24th
- Family Friendly Dining – January 14th

Ministers' Office Hours

Rev. Kraft is on the UUSS campus Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Contact him for an appointment at 483-9283 ext 201 or by email to doug@uuss.org

Rev. Jones is on the UUSS campus Monday and Wednesday afternoons and during the mornings of Tuesday and Thursday. For an appointment, contact him at 483-9283 ext 203 or email to roger@uuss.org

UUSS shares this month's Community Contribution with the UU Service Committee which encourages our

congregation to give feedback before Feb. 1st on the draft of UU Statement of Conscious. (a copy is posted on the kiosk).

For more information visit:

<http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/index.shtml>. or contact peacemaking@uua.org.



Please check our Lost & Found box in the business office. We have begun to accumulate drinking cups, single earrings, books, cookbooks, bungee cords, and more.