

Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento ~ Week of Dec. 22-29, 2024

Sunday December 22

9:30am - Exploring Unitarian Universalism (Social Justice) - Fahs Room

10:30am - A Circle Service for All Ages “Yule—Gather Round for Warmth, Joy and Light” - Sanctuary & Online *led Rev. Dr. Roger Jones*

5:00pm - Yule Celebration for Winter Solstice with CUUPs - Fahs Room. Everyone is welcome at the Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPs) Yule Celebration. Come celebrate the return of the light! Bring a potluck dish to share. This year we'll be making ornaments as part of the celebration. Contact Laurie Jones or Leanna Pierson at cuups@uuss.org

Monday December 23 ****OFFICE CLOSED****

Tuesday December 24 ****OFFICE CLOSED****

7:00pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service “In the Presence of Love” - *Rev. Lucy Bunch, Rev. Dr. Roger Jones, Worship Associate Karen Sparrow, Music Director Anthony Tavianini, Pianist Irina Tchantceva with special musical guests. Altar Design by Molly Stuart*
Everyone is welcome at the manger. Join us for an ancient story, traditional carols, our musicians, a special message for all of us, and singing “Silent Night” by candlelight! There is no Zoom for this service. There will be no RE or childcare available for this service. All ages are welcome.

The Christmas Eve Offering will be given in its entirety to the Creation District, an arts-based drop-in program for homeless and at-risk youth and young adults in downtown Sacramento.

Wednesday December 25 ****OFFICE CLOSED****

Friday December 27 ****OFFICE CLOSED****

Saturday December 28 ****OFFICE CLOSED****

Sunday December 29

10:30am - Sunday Service “Kwanzaa: Celebrating Community, Collective Responsibility, Purpose, and Faith” - Sanctuary & Online led Rev. Dr. Roger Jones

10:30am - Soul Kids - Contact: re@uuss.org

Staff and Minister Availability

Our Ministers are available for pastoral support or just to get acquainted. To schedule an appointment email Rev. Roger: rjones@uuma.org or Rev. Lucy's calendar: calendly.com/revlucyb. Days off: Monday

*Rev. Roger will be here part of the day on Dec. 27 & 31 and available by email.

Our office staff (office@uuss.org or 916-483-9283) are available to respond to your phone calls and emails weekdays 8:30-4:30. Religious Education Coordinator CrystalFountain@uuss.org. Pianist irina@uuss.org and Music Director anthony@uuss.org.

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December 23 – January 2

How You Can Help

Help UUSS Mercy Pedalers Spread Holiday Cheer! No one shows gratitude like the homeless neighbors we serve! Please come to our cart in front of the entrance and pick up a copy of a list of winter supplies the homeless desperately need in this cold weather. We will bring supplies to them for you.

Nominating Committee: Curious about working with others to support and grow our UUSS community? The Nominating Committee is available after service to discuss leadership opportunities available for 2025 and beyond! Stop by our table after services. Or send your questions to

Nominating@UUSS.org

Our Community Partner for December Family Promise

Ways to Donate to the Shared Offering

- Text your amount to (916) 619-0903 (a first-time setup is required, but after that it's very easy)
- Online: Visit uuss.org/donate
- Credit card: Call the church office – (916)483-9283
- Mail a check to UUSS, 2425 Sierra Blvd, Sac 95825

Sunday Morning Programs at UUSS

Join us before the service at 9:30 AM at UUSS

- **First Sunday Labyrinth Walk - Meadow**
- **Second Sunday** - Sermon discussion with Lue & Peter, 9:30-10:15, Fahs Room
- **Third Sunday** - Qi Gong/Tai Chi (Covered Patio)
- **Fourth Sunday** - Exploring Unitarian Universalism: Justice, Fahs Room. (Dec. 22) NEW: We repeat Exploring UUism on Zoom, first Tuesday of each month, 7pm.
uuss.org/online

Coming Up

New Year's Day Labyrinth Walk and Potluck Brunch
Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Join Rev. Lucy Bunch for a Labyrinth walk to start the New Year. Lucy will provide a

reading and question to prompt your reflections. A finger labyrinth is available for those who prefer it. Then we'll share brunch together. Bring a breakfast dish to share if you can; coffee & tea provided. Bring a friend and join us for this tradition! Contact *Rev Lucy* if you can help with set up or clean up.

Saturday Stitchers and Crafters Sat., Jan. 4 at 10:00am, Fahs Classroom. Bring sewing, coloring, beading, knitting, or any other portable craft and join us! Bring your favorite hobby or just come, sit a spell and soak up some positive energy! Contact: stitchers@uuss.org

Mindfulness Meditation--Join Rev. Roger on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays of the month at UUSS or at www.uuss.org/online at 6:00pm. **Next one: Jan. 8**

Save the Date: Sun. Jan. 19, 12:00-1:30 at UUSS
"Understanding Age-Related Health Changes: Facts, Questions, Answers" Led by Olga Sukhenko, UC Davis Geriatrics Clinical Nurse Specialist and UCD Geriatric Resource Nurses. As part of their presentation, they will answer questions that are submitted ahead of time to Glory Wicklund or at the Connections table. No charge, but \$5-10 donations to support Adult Enrichment programs are welcome.
adultenrichment@uuss.org

Registration is now open for the UUSS Women's retreat: Honoring Women's Stories Feb 7-9. Check out the weekly message or the web site for a [link to registration](#). Contact womensretreat@uuss.org

Holiday Generosity at UUSS Our staff have been working hard to serve everyone in UUSS with dedication and grace. The Board of Trustees and ministers invite you to **join us in contributing toward a cash gift for our non-clergy staff.** To make a gift, you may write a check to Roger Jones and send to church, or hand it to him at church. Cash is welcome too! Please don't write your check to UUSS, since those donations are handled by our staff—let's try to keep this a surprise!) If you have questions, please contact Rev. Roger.