



Mid-Columbia Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship
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SUNDAY SERVICES (10 a.m. at the Rockford Grange) This month's theme: "Peace"

December 23, "Blue Christmas," Rev. Judy Zimmerman, with Dan B, celebrant. Winter holidays are supposed to be a time of joy, but for many that's not the case. The holidays bring sadness and reminders of loss and our vulnerability. May this contemplative service be a salve to our tender hearts.

December 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m., Rev. Judy Zimmerman, with Sullivan M, celebrant. We'll sing carols and encounter the Christmas story in new ways in this family-friendly service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECTION

Are you using BREEZE? Breeze is the online church-management system MCUUF is using. Members and friends can easily access the website and the mobile app to see contact information for others, make changes to their contact information, check their annual pledge and giving history (only theirs, not others'), and email or text others in the system. It's easy to sign up and VERY user friendly. If you've not already signed up, please contact Brad at mcuuf1@gmail.com and he will email you an invitation to join and instructions.

The January Newsletter will be coming out on January 2. All submissions must be received by 11:59 p.m. December 31. The **December 26 weekly e-news** will be published early, on December 24. Please submit items by midnight on the 23rd of December.

SOCIAL ACTION

600 Days of Solidarity at NORCOR: Saturday December 22. Called to action by people held by ICE in our local NORCOR jail, activists have been rallying in solidarity since May 1, 2017. Many of you have shown our UU values and brought this congregation's Immigrant Welcoming & Supporting resolution to life by participating in these daily vigils held outside NORCOR.

NORCOR remains the *only* facility in Oregon that has a contract with ICE to hold immigrant detainees, many of whom were residents of Washington state before detention. They continue to be held in inhumane conditions, separated from their families who are regularly denied face-to-face visitation.

Show our support is unwavering by participating in the 601st consecutive day of action. Meet on the corner of W 6th and Webber streets in The Dalles at **noon this Saturday, December 22**. The group will march from there to the grass area outside NORCOR. The rally will finish at 1 p.m. Families are welcome to participate.

New Hood River Warming Shelter Training Dates. Join the MCUUF team and invite your friends to one of the two **additional new-volunteer training sessions** for the

Warming Shelter. Both will be held in the Riverview Room (formerly the Pioneer Room) at Riverside Church: January 26, 9-11 a.m., and January 27, 2-4 p.m. For more information, contact Fran F.

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

Dishes—Your help with dishes downstairs after coffee hour is always appreciated!

Host for Movie Night—we are looking for a fun space for a movie night. If you are willing to host or have a venue idea, please contact Peggy N.

Generosity Committee—The board is looking for members and leaders for a new committee focused on generosity, giving, and fundraising. For more information, please contact mcuuf.treasurer@gmail.com.

Volunteer to lead the creation of a safety policy for our fellowship—Ideally, this volunteer will have an interest in safety. We expect this volunteer commitment to take approx. four to eight hours. If you are willing to help with this, please contact Rev. Judy at jzimmerman@uuma.org.

MCUUF Homestay Program—our fellowship hopes to start a homestay program for short term UU visitors to our area. The program will be modeled on similar successful programs around the country. The program will be organized through the fellowship, with guests contributing to the fellowship in exchange for a homestay. If you are interested in helping organize the program, or if you might consider occasionally hosting guests, please contact Peggy N.

How do you feel touched by an angel this week?



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