



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

**January 27: "Grace for Unitarian Universalists," Rev. Judy Zimmerman,** with Steve H, celebrant. "Grace" is one of those words that are difficult to clearly define. What might it mean for Unitarian Universalism, where science and reason often hold sway over the supernatural in shaping understandings of what might be called the holy?

**February 3: "Light without Heat: The Celtic Holiday of Imbolc" Catharine Clarenbach.** In Celtic mythology, the first signs of spring, the snowdrops popping up through the hard ground, were said to be the steps of the goddess Brigid. Spring was considered to be just peeking its head out of winter's grip, thanks to the appearance of Brigid, who over time became St. Bridget, the patroness of Ireland. Come explore with us as we look at this holiday, as well as the transformation of a pre-Christian figure into a saint of justice and protection welcomed into the life of a complex Celtic Christianity.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONNECTION

**The February Newsletter** will be coming out on January 30. Submissions must be sent to [mcuuf1@gmail.com](mailto:mcuuf1@gmail.com) by midnight on January 28.

**Would you like to access the MCUUF Directory online?** Breeze is the online church-management system MCUUF is using. Members and friends can easily access the website and the mobile app to see photos and 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](mailto:mcuuf1@gmail.com) and he will email you an invitation to join and instructions.

**Note from Care Team:** If anyone is having difficulty getting up and down stairs at the Grange, please be aware that we have a wheelchair and assistance to use the ramp when necessary, including during snowy or icy weather. Please have someone alert the greeters, and assistance will be found.

### VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

**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.

**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](mailto:mcuuf.treasurer@gmail.com).

**Dishwashing**—Your help with dishwashing downstairs after coffee hour is always appreciated!

## SOCIAL ACTION

***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.

***FISH Food Bank.*** Our next Unitarian Universalist days to serve at FISH are Feb. 18-20-22. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about this activity, please contact Susan T.

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**Please send your announcements to Brad at [mcuuf1@gmail.com](mailto:mcuuf1@gmail.com)**