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**Sunday, December 4, 10:30 AM. *Childcare and RE at 10:30***

**“Conflict Avoiders’ Anonymous”**

**Rev. Dr. Leisa Huyck**

Conflict often arises during the holiday season. Some people get a charge from fighting while others avoid confrontation at all costs. But neither angry fighting nor avoiding conflict helps us build honest, loving relationships. How can we handle conflict in ways that enhance relationships rather than destroy them?

**Sunday, December 11, 10:30 AM. *Childcare and RE at 10:30***

**“Pageant: “Would You Like to Hold the Baby?”**

**Karen McCarthy, Dir. Of Religious Education, and the Congregation**

**Sunday, December 18, 10:30 AM. *Childcare and RE at 10:30***

**“Light One Candle”**

**Rev. Dr. Leisa Huyck**

What do the Occupy movement, Charles Dickens, and a first-century Jewish rabbi named Yeshua have in common? Come and find out as we enter the fullness of the Season of Light.

**Tuesday, December 20, 6:00 PM. *Childcare Provided***

**Winter Solstice Celebration and Potluck Following**

On Winter Solstice the sun begins its return to the north and the daylight hours will begin to lengthen at last! All who are interested in celebrating Yule and Winter Solstice are welcome to attend our family-friendly evening of joy and merriment! We will gather to celebrate the return of the light and the turning point in the wheel of the year. The celebration will be followed by a potluck. Bring yourself, your loved ones and your little ones! Childcare will be provided for children who are too young to participate. If you can stay for the reception, please bring a dish to pass and something to drink. If you have questions regarding the Winter Solstice celebration, please contact Sarah Montgomery (231) 690-7931.

**Saturday, December 24, (Christmas Eve). *Childcare Provided***

**Rev. Dr. Leisa Huyck**

**5:00 PM Family Service: “The Light of Love”**

Carols! Stories! Joy! Come celebrate Christmas Eve with children of all ages, in this family-friendly service. We will sing Silent Night by candlelight.

**7:00 PM. “Singing The Light of Love”**

Unitarian Universalists may believe many different things about the meaning of Christmas, but most of us seem to love to sing Christmas carols anyway. What is that about? What holds us together at Christmas time? This service will be full of song, ending with Silent Night by candlelight.

**Sunday, December 25, (Christmas Day) 10:30 AM. *Childcare and RE at 10:30***

**“Christmas in Story and Song”**

**Rev. Dr. Leisa Huyck**

Come hear Christmas stories from peoples around the world, including our very own elders.

**Sunday, January 1, 2012 (New Years Day) 10:30 AM. *Childcare and RE at 10:30***

**“Celebrating a New Year”**

**Holly Knibbs**

A brief survey of New Year’s celebrations through history and around the world. Why is it important to mark this holiday? How does it affect the rest of our year?

**Sunday, January 8, 2012, 10:30 AM. *Childcare and RE at 10:30***

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## Rev. Leisa's Reflections

We come now into the Season of Light, when, near the end of December, the peoples of the Northern Hemisphere welcome the return of the sun. It is the time when many cultures celebrate the Winter Solstice. It is also the time when Jews celebrate Hanukkah, or the Festival of Lights; Christians celebrate Christmas; and African-Americans celebrate Kwanzaa. All of these celebrations have a place in Unitarian Universalism, *if we have a genuine connection to the traditions from which they come.*

For some people, this time of year is full of joy and celebration. They make special foods and sweets, give and receive special gifts, decorate their homes, play special music, visit with friends and family, go to parties, and generally have a very good time.

For others, the holiday season stretches ahead as a fearful chasm of loneliness and misery. They may be estranged from their families, or live so far away from any loved ones that they are all alone. It is terribly painful to be lonely and sad when it seems like everyone else is having fun. For people who live with depression or other mental illnesses, the pressure to be happy at this time of year can be unbearable. Suicide rates climb at this time of year.

Parents of young families are often both joyful and sad at this time of year, plus exhausted, as they try to do everything just right. Many parents question the

commercialism of the holiday season but don't quite know how to keep from getting sucked in: how do you make children feel loved and valued without caving to the pressures of the marketers? How do you teach children to give and receive with love and joy, without succumbing to the disease of consumerism?

It seems to me that we need to give ourselves permission to feel whatever we feel about the holidays, and talk openly about it. If you are feeling down, would you like to get together with others who are feeling the same? If you are a parent and you are trying to resist the seemingly inexorable tide of consumerism, would you like to talk with other parents about ideas? If you are feeling joyful and don't quite know what to do with all your energy, would you like to help create some celebrations?

If any of these things are true for you, please let me know. We will get you pointed in the right direction. We can create a support group for those who are sad. We can create a support group for parents. We can always use volunteers who want to make parties. Whoever you are, and whatever your need, you are welcome—and loved—here.

Blessings,

*Rev. Leisa*

### ALL ABOUT US

#### **Congratulations**

Bob Hicks for his 30 years of performances with the Traverse Symphony Orchestra.

Kathy Prentice for her dedication in bringing the Beads for Life sale to UUCGT each year which financially empowers the Rwandan women in their country.

Ken and Judy Weaver on their recent 50th wedding anniversary.

#### **We Are Mindful Of**

Paula Hartmann as she recovers from foot surgery which requires her to stay off her feet for weeks.

Nancy Landfair in her struggle with medication for relief from Parkinson

symptoms.

Pat Light, whose 90-year old mother is recovering from surgery downstate.

John Ort following his recent carpal tunnel surgery.

Mary Anne Rivers, whose 93-year old mother recently fell and is having end of life difficulties.

Gene Rundell, who was recently admitted to Munson overnight to check his heart and pacemaker.

Fred Schaafsma, who, after 6 weeks of chemo and radiation downstate at the U. of M. hospital, is home and out and about; and Rebecca, his constant companion and support.

#### **Sad:**

Sad to note that Connie Hoffman lost her companion - her puppy.

#### **Grateful**

Arline Howe is grateful that her youngest daughter, Peggy, survived a car accident on November 22nd. Peggy lives in Denver, is married and has a grown son back home living with her. Recently had neck fusion surgery because her surgeon had told her that she needed to have it done soon for, should she fall or be in an accident, she could become paralyzed. She has now had an accident. A woman pulled out in front of her at an intersection in Denver, both cars were more or less totaled and Peggy taken to the hospital on a board to stabilize her neck. They tell Peggy her neck seems to be stable. She has yet to see her own surgeon to look further into any problems. Lots of medication for pain for the whip lash even with all the airbags deploying.

—Arline Howe  
Pastoral Care

## From the President...

### Board of Trustees Report for November 15, 2011

Happy Thanksgiving. One of our nation's best holidays and traditions.

The Board of Trustees met on November 15 and established the Local Community Needs Outreach Committee as a standing committee of our congregation. This is an ongoing program meeting the mission of our congregation. The committee is currently led by Penny Ort and served also by Kay Sturgeon, Shari Cope, Karen Culp, Jackie Belko and Liz Bruning.

Boy, don't I have a warm heart every time I look at the bulletin board on the far side of the social hall to read the thank you letters that our congregation receives month after month from organizations aided by our community outreach program. The letters tell the story of how much our generosity is appreciated. The thank you letter for the money for the grandmother raising her young grandson to buy him a bicycle will warm your heart cockles. Thanks to our Outreach Committee and all of our generous congregation.

Our Congregation has just received a letter of appreciation and certificate signed by President Peter Morales from the UUA in recognition of UUCGT as a Merit Congregation in Support of the UUA Annual Program Fund. More heart puckering cockle warming. Thanks to you all for the generosity of your pledges and to Dan Orr and the Stewardship Committee of last year for helping to make this happen for the first time in several years. We are doing well and can all feel very proud of that.

Our board met with the board of the Petoskey Unitarian Universalist Congregation in October and we have written a letter to UUA to recommend that congregation for full membership in UUA and to offer our assistance in information and service exchange.

The Sunday Services Committee, our dedicated and truly Service committee, needs new members after the departure of Holly Knibbs who is stepping down after many years as chair person. Holly, the congregation is so much in awe and gratitude for all of your leadership in putting together all of our wonderful Sunday services for all of these years. We admire your energy, imagination, music, humor and skills and we appreciate your service beyond words.

Mary Van Valin, Gretchen Kronk and Charlotte Shea are also stepping down from the Sunday Service Committee after years of service and contributions beyond call of duty and we give them our appreciation and thanks. Dear Mary, Gretchen, and Char, we really have not the words to express our complete gratitude for all you have done for us all.

In fact, several of our committees need more help and new faces. Think of how you may best serve. Committee work and volunteering is what keeps us strong.

—Max Old Bear

### ADULT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

#### Men's group

UU Men's group will not meet in December due to various holiday activities. Our next meeting will be at Ruby Tuesday's on Monday January 16, 2012. Questions? Call Mark Gustafson at 929 9608

### Women's Resource Center Toy Project

By the time the December Beacon comes out, the children in R.E. will be getting ready to head downtown to get their toy shopping assignments...to shop for a baby or for a child their own age or perhaps for a doll or building set. Thanks to your generosity, we will gather on Saturday morning, December 3 to choose toys and wrap them for the children spending the December holidays at the Women's Resource Center shelters. We will also deliver the gifts that you've provided for the children at the shelter to wrap for their mothers,



along with our prettiest wrapping paper and bows. Thank you for once again helping to brighten the holidays.

# Chautauqua

## ~ Discussion Series ~

*A sample UUCGT program supported by LEAP!*

Members, Friends and Visitors:

The Chautauqua Discussion Series is open to all and often publicized to the public. Please support fellow members that make this series possible and keep the history of this movement alive. Join us and bring a friend; all are welcome. Need child care to attend?—Please call the office.

Unitarian Universalists strive to help develop citizens who are informed, effective, just, inclusive, compassionate, and secure in their practice. Early Unitarians, such as Emerson, Parker and Susan B. Anthony, led stimulating citizen discussions in the 19<sup>th</sup> century Lyceum/Chautauqua movements as first started on the east coast of this country. The Chautauqua movement remains alive and well today from east to west coast. We carry this tradition, as

human development is at the heart of the Discussion Series at UUCGT, with twice-monthly topics/questions that lead us naturally into meaningful conversation—*Chautauqua!* A topic for discussion is facilitated through a stimulating question drawn from insight and background from the facilitator. This series is designed to promote meaningful dialogue and perspective taking. The topics selected encourage us to look deeper within, and to come to know ourselves as well as the strangers among us. Discussion norms will be provided for this venue to ensure emotional safety, respect, and a decorum that appreciates all voices for the common good. Come join in the mix!

—Judy VanDeWeghe  
LEAP! Committee Chair

## Crossing Borders

Please join **Sarah Montgomery**, life-long learner of comparative religion, to consider the value of looking deeper into how religions are alike and different and share many common values with other diversity markers. Peter Morales, UUA President, in this month's UU World suggests that learning to *Cross Borders* is spiritual practice and he uses that metaphor to suggest that crossing the borders of class and ethnicity requires discipline and is something we should do together. And so, in connecting with others different from us, we connect with the world. Sarah believes that discussing and sharing views of religion, ethnicity, and class are good places to begin to strengthen connections--to empower the diverse OPEN congregation that we may hope to be.

### **Wednesday, December 14**

**7:00- 8:00 p.m.**

Wrap up follows

Crossing Borders--Beyond Proposal One--  
*Are We a Welcoming Congregation?*

### **Wednesday, December 28**

**7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Wrap up follows

Crossing Borders—Local Relationships--  
What groups have we formed relationships with?  
And should we do more?

## MINDING THE STORE

### Beacon Transitions

Hi everyone,

My name is Stan Cain and I am your new *Beacon* Editor.

First off, I think we all should give a big thank you to Jim Cook for serving as *Beacon* editor for the past ten or so years. Also, I want to thank Jim for his patient assistance to me during the transition period. I wish him well in his other transition from Munson to outside employment.

I am looking forward to being your new editor. If anyone has any questions or comments, please let me know either in person, through the *Beacon* email address, [beacon@uugct.org](mailto:beacon@uugct.org), or the *Beacon* box in the office. I plan to keep the current deadlines for *Beacon* submissions as outlined by Jim in the November issue. Misty Sheehan has graciously volunteered to be assistant editor and to fill in for me as necessary.

I am a relatively new member of the congregation, but have already met some of you. I have been very warmly received and am looking forward to continuing to develop my relationship with UUCGT.

—Ed.



## MUSICAL NOTES

### THANK YOU FROM THE MUSIC TASK FORCE

We each wish to thank those who have done so much to keep our strong musical tradition alive here in the past months when Kevin Tarsa was away, and then, after he left our congregation to do his internship in Massachusetts. We are worried we may miss someone,

but want to call attention to those who've done so much to assist us. So . . . . . A Big Thank You to:

Those who coordinated music on the Sundays we did not: Andy Evans, Bob Hicks, Mary Ann Rivers, and Nan Worthington.

Barb Berry, who has assumed responsibility for the care, maintenance and tuning of our piano.

To the string players who played Bartok August 28: Keri Alspaugh, Amelia Burke, Forest Jarvis, Nancy Peterson, and Chris Williams.

To our loyal pianists: Gary Deavel, Treva Jaffe, Holly Knibbs, Joan Sheard, and Kathy Booker-Sheahen.

To Paul & Paula Ward for lovely instrumental music October 2.

To our drummers Amelia Burke and Sarah Montgomery, and the Vocal Ensemble for lending a Native American accent to our October 23 service.

To our beloved Vocal Ensemble and their stellar performances under Nancy Flanagan and Andy Evans.

To Andy Evans, for directing the Vocal Ensemble November 20, and playing and singing with Adrienne Evans, Theresa Evans and Holly Knibbs October 30.

To singers in small ensembles and soloists over the past many months: Esprit Autenreith, Shelley Burnes, Nellya Chinn, Cindy Edmonson, Bob Hicks, Jim Horrocks, Rachele Rosi-Kessel, Holly Knibbs, Lynn McAndrews, Karen McCarthy, Richard Miller, Mary Ann Rivers, Donald Pyne, Kathy Booker-Sheahen, Lucy, Aidan & Maureen Voss, and Bill Wells.

To our Impromptu Orchestra for lovely music on Resumption Sunday and to Jim Horrocks for conducting them.

To the members of our Music Director Search Committee: Jim Horrocks, Don Pyne, Judy Weaver, Bill Wells, and, *ex officio*, Leisa Huyck.

To our new Interim Minister, Leisa Huyck, for supporting our music program and singing enthusiastically, and to you, our beloved congregation, for doing the same!

*Shelley Burnes, Holly Knibbs, and Judy Weaver*

## SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTION

There are many things that we can do to help human rights all over the world! Here is an “easy” thing to do to help—and it does truly help!! If you are able, join me on Sunday, Dec. 4, after services. I will have a copy of emergency situations from Amnesty International that need our help. When nations or organizations of oppression, receive letters from around the world, they know they are being watched. This letter writing campaign has shown to be effective in helping to stop injustices, torture, and even free the wrongfully imprisoned. Join me after services. I will have names, stories, addresses of where and to whom we should write. If you have any stationery, please bring some. I look forward to seeing you then. Thanks! <<http://www.amnesty.org/en/individuals-at-risk/join-the-urgent-action-network>>;

On Nov. 8, many Traverse Citizens voted—38 ½ % voted. That is really as many as the presidential election in 2007. Why so large a turn out in an “off” year? Because there was a VERY important issue on the ballot! Should Traverse City be an open, welcoming community for ALL? That ALL includes gays, lesbians and transgendered. Should we accept all in our community, accept them all equally? Our congregation has voted twice on this issue and agreed unanimously to be welcoming to all! Not everyone feels like we do.

There are some in our community, and elsewhere, that feel they need to teach others how to act, that their behavior is actually wrong and that they know the correct behavior. They do not feel this is an invasion of privacy; they feel this is their duty to tell others. The vote showed that 66.3% of the population disagrees with them! Unfortunately the argument will not stop with the vote.

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They feel they speak from God and so keep it going.

It then becomes our opportunity to graciously let them be. We know well how we feel, and how most feel in this community and around the nation. But arguments do not help. Our moving on, accepting back those that fought us, as one with us on possibly other issues, sets the tone for our basic feelings: all are equal and accepted, appreciated for what they can contribute to all of our well being. We answered with the vote. Now we can act consistent with that vote.

But, let us not forget the main issue of this contested election: the gay, lesbian and transgendered among us. This election, being always so contentious, is really very hurtful! It is very hard to stand quietly while the other side calls one terrible names, insults, accuses them of wanting “special” rights when all they want is equal; talks about some agenda, an unknown, unexpected intangible; but worse, accuses them of immoral acts and imposing themselves on others, including pedophilia. All this is untrue and very hurtful to the many among us who, like us, are good friendly citizens. They need our understanding and encouragement, and our personal support. They do not stand alone! We really do accept and love them as we love and care for the rest of our friends and neighbors. It is very hard to be the object of Hate. I know, been there, done that. Not fun!

Thanks to our congregation who came out and voted YES!!!! Many, many of us did. I saw some of you at the polls. Many thanks! Also many, very many, came to actually help with getting out the message and getting out the vote! That was a lot of work and well done! I cannot name all that helped, I do not know all that came to help, but I can say thanks!

Now that we have voted, and we see that voting has power, let us not forget this lesson for the next election. Many complain about how things are economically, etcetera. We can change things if we vote and help get out the vote. We need to begin if we expect a better situation in the future. Thanks again!

And I look forward to seeing those of you who can join me on Sunday, Dec. 4, for the letter writing campaign, putting our words to work to help free some of the unjustly imprisoned. Thanks!

—Emmy Lou

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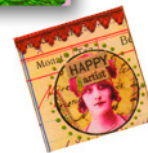
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## Lifespan Educational Adult Programming **LEAP NEWS!**

**The Sermon Project: *Our Living History Through Stories and Words*.** Beginning in December, the LEAP committee has agreed to publish Rev. Dr. Leisa Huyck's sermons for public transmission in both hard copy and electronically on the UUCGT website. LEAP proposed the Sermon Project to Leisa, the Sunday Service Committee, and Board President Max Old Bear and it was agreed to unanimously. This practice is common to congregations universally and is especially important during our interim period of education. An attractive rack has been purchased from LEAP funds for the display of the sermons that our interim minister sends forward for publication. Read, reread, and return should you wish, and let's encourage our visitors to take a copy with them!

**2012: Chautauqua Discussion Series and Transition Team Members** have collaborated! During the months of January, February, and March, various TT members will use the Wednesday evening venue for twice-monthly Chautauquas to explore *transition topics* through the familiar question format that we've grown to enjoy. Rev. Leisa and TT members feel this is the ideal venue to go

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## From Your Director of Religious Education: Winter Holidays Are Coming!

“The function of ritual ... is to give form to the human life, not in the way of a mere surface arrangement, but in depth.”  
~ Joseph Campbell

The winter holiday season is filled with various rituals, some fondly remembered from our childhoods, and others rejected because they no longer mesh with our beliefs. Many Unitarian Universalists find this time of year a bit difficult. How can we engage in the celebrations that surround us, and still stay true to our UU identity and values? Here are some ideas:

**Attend the UUCGT All-Ages RE Pageant!** On Sunday, December 11, we'll present “Would You Like to Hold the Baby?” by Joyce Poley and Frank Henning, a Unitarian Universalist telling of the Christmas Nativity story with music, costumes, scenery, and ... well, pageantry! It's not too late to be involved!

**Attend the Winter Solstice celebration** to experience a nature-based observance of the turning of the wheel of the year, at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 20 at UUCGT. Learn more about Winter Solstice (Yule) here: <http://www.circlesanctuary.org/pholidays/SolsticeArticle.html>

**Learn about Winter Holidays like Chanukah** ([http://www.chabad.org/kids/article\\_cdo/aid/354748/jewish/Chanukah.htm](http://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/354748/jewish/Chanukah.htm)) **and Kwanzaa:** <http://www.holidays.net/kwanzaa/index.htm>

Talk with your family or reflect about how Unitarian Universalists can find meaning in these holidays. UUism draws from many sources, including the wisdom of the world's religions, and transcending mystery and wonder affirmed in all cultures.

**Keep your Unitarian Universalist identity in mind when giving holiday gifts.** Consider giving something that reflects your UUism, something from a fair trade organization, the Unitarian Universalist Association bookstore (<http://www.uuabookstore.org/>), or the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee store <https://secure.uusc.org/store>. You may even choose to make a charitable donation in lieu of a gift, or give someone the gift of your time or service instead of an object.

**The UU World Magazine offers lots of resources for UUs to find meaning at this time of year:** <http://www.uuworld.org/spirit/articles/2337.shtml> and <http://blogs.uuworld.org/parenting/2010/12/06/celebrating-the-winter-holidays/>

**Remember to take care of yourself** in the flurry of holiday activities: allow yourself some quiet time, get enough sleep and exercise and healthy food, and consider whether you really have to do everything you're planning.

How will you “do” this holiday season?

**Questions? Concerns? Joys? Want to volunteer?** Contact Karen McCarthy, Director of Religious Education, at 231-947-3117 or [dre@uucgt.org](mailto:dre@uucgt.org).

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deeper with topics and invite engaged, civil discussion that should both matter and should motivate us during this interim/educational period. Your attendance and participation will be greatly valued and needed! A seasonal winter schedule of these topics/questions and facilitators will be posted and sent to the Beacon in early January---so please mark your new calendar and make a commitment to participate!

**2012: UUCGT READS!** Get ready to connect with others through this *all- congregation* book group in the New Year! Rev. Dr. Leisa Huyck has enthusiastically selected a must-read book for us: *A House For Hope, by Rebecca Parker*. LEAP is planning for an electronic book discussion blog and other live book discussion groups will be provided as well,

beginning in January. We hope to have a collective gathering and celebration in April for all readers. Please contact me if you are willing to form a small book group in your home, at church, in a coffee shop, etc. Discussion topics will be provided with a common schedule for all. Get your copies early and be ready to join in with UUCGT READS.

Thank you for supporting these initiatives and special thanks for *leaning forward*.

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#### December 2011

- 01 Thurs Music Committee; Holly Knibbs, 6-7PM  
01 Thurs Vocal Ensemble; Shelley Burnes, 7-9PM  
03 Sat WRC Project; Kathy Prentice, 8AM-2:30PM
- 04 Sun "Conflict Avoiders' Anonymous," Rev. Dr. Leisa Huyck, Service @ 10:30AM**  
04 Sun Pageant Rehearsal; Karen McCarthy, 12-2PM  
04 Sun \* Mindfulness Meditation Group; Fleda Brown, 2:30-6PM  
06 Tue \* Bridge Group; Christie McGue, 1-4:30PM  
07 Wed Peacemakers Needleworkers; 1:30-3:30PM  
07 Wed Wednesday Nite Supper; Mary Kiner, 6-8PM  
07 Wed \* International Folk Dancers; Mary Van Valin, 7-8:30PM  
08 Thurs Vocal Ensemble; Shelley Burnes, 7-9PM  
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- 20 Tue Winter Solstice Celebration and Potluck; Holly Knibbs, Sarah Montgomery, 6PM**  
20 Tue UUCGT Board Meeting; Max OldBear, 6:30-9PM  
21 Wed Peacemakers Needleworkers; 1:30-3:30PM  
21 Wed Hannukah Party; Seth Castleman, 6-8PM  
21 Wed \* International Folk Dancers; Mary Van Valin, 7-8:30PM  
22 Thurs Vocal Ensemble; Shelley Burnes, 7-9PM
- 24 Sat "The Light of Love," Rev. Dr. Leisa Huyck, Christmas Eve Family Service, Service @ 5PM**  
**24 Sat "Singing The Light of Love," Rev. Dr. Leisa Huyck, Service @ 7PM**

- 25 Sun "Christmas in Story and Song," Rev. Dr. Leisa Huyck, Service @ 10:30AM**  
25 Sun \* Mindfulness Meditation Group; Fleda Brown, 5-7PM  
27 Tue \* Bridge Group; Christie McGue, 1-4:30PM  
28 Wed Peacemakers Needleworkers; 1:30-3:30PM  
28 Wed Wednesday Night Supper; Mary Kiner, 6-8PM  
28 Wed \* International Folk Dancers; Mary Van Valin, 7-8:30PM  
28 Wed Chautauqua; Judy VanDeWeghe, 7-8PM  
29 Thurs Vocal Ensemble; Shelley Burnes, 7-9PM

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- 01 Sun "Celebrating a New Year," Holly Knibbs, Service @ 10:30AM**  
01 Sun \* Mindfulness Meditation Group; Fleda Brown, 2:30-6PM  
03 Tue \* Bridge Group; Christie McGue, 1-4:30PM  
04 Wed Peacemakers Needleworkers; 1:30-3:30PM  
04 Wed Wednesday Nite Supper; Mary Kiner, 6-8PM  
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05 Thurs Vocal Ensemble; Shelley Burnes, 7-9PM
- 08 Sun TBA, Service @ 10:30AM**  
08 Sun \* Mindfulness Meditation Group; Fleda Brown, 2:30-7PM  
10 Tue \* Bridge Group; Christie McGue, 1-4:30PM  
10 Tue Sunday Services Committee; Holly Knibbs, 6-7:30PM  
10 Tue Finance Committee; Kay Sturgeon, 7-8:30PM  
11 Wed Peacemakers Needleworkers; 1:30-3:30PM  
11 Wed Wednesday Nite Supper; Mary Kiner, 6-8PM  
11 Wed \* International Folk Dancers; Mary Van Valin, 7-8:30PM  
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