

## Dec. 9, 2018 Announcements

Everyone is welcome to attend our Sunday worship and programs. No registration is required unless noted. As a *Welcoming Congregation*, we include bisexual, gay, lesbian, and/or transgender individuals and families at every level of congregational life. Assisted listening devices and large print hymnals are available. Please ask an usher if you are interested.

### Next Sunday – December 16, 2018

#### Worship Services at 9 and 11 a.m.

##### “Stepping Out and Stepping Up”

Alexis, Intern Minister

Join Intern Minister Alexis this week to consider what faith can call us to do for ourselves and what it calls us to be for others.

#### Forum Group – 9 a.m. – Lower Level-Library/Forum Room

Our own Fran Reynolds will be joined by some of her UU Life Writers group to discuss “Your Story Matters – You Don’t Have to Be Thoreau.”

**Mindfulness Meditation – 10:05-10:45 a.m.** – every Sunday downstairs in the Centering Room or the Schweitzer classroom – or, if the weather is suitable, outside around the Fire Circle behind the church.

### Children’s Religious Education – Dec. 16, 2018

**9 a.m. Spirit Play** – For 3-9 year old children in the lower level.

**11 a.m.** – Older children will begin in the sanctuary with their families and will be dismissed to their classes at 11:15 a.m. Please find your children in the lower level at 12:15 p.m.

**Nursery Care – 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.** – Nursery care for infants and toddlers up to 3 years old is offered in the lower level.

#### UCC hosts Room at the Inn December 9—23

Our Sanctuary and Greeting Area will be available for worship with their items moved to the side. Meetings will be on the lower level.

#### Adult RE continues Tuesdays, 6:30 — 8 p.m.

##### Dec. 11 — The Only Person You Can Change is Yourself

The only way to really change things is to change yourself first. Take some time to reflect on what you might do differently for the holiday you want.

##### Dec. 18 — So It’s Not Going Like You Planned

Take time to prepare for when things don’t turn out as you planned.

#### UCC provides Loaves and Fishes meal on 3rd Sundays

Our next turn to serve is Dec. 16. Please click the pink “Non-RE Signups” button at the top of the church website homepage to sign up to prepare food for this meal and/or to help set up, serve, and clean up. Questions? Email Diane Suhler at [drsuhler@ccis.edu](mailto:drsuhler@ccis.edu)

#### Festival of Sharing 2018-2019 — December

In December the focus is on the “Missouri Student Dental Pack” project. Each box will consist of the following items:

4 child-sized soft toothbrushes (in original package)

2 adult soft toothbrushes (in original package)

1 fluoride toothpaste (6 oz or more) - 1 dental floss (any size)

In 2017, there were requests for 3535 state-wide but only 2922 were provided. Collection boxes are available in the church greeting area. For information see Bonnie Johnson, Festival of Sharing Chair.

#### Honduras Craft Sale Sunday Dec. 16 10 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Come to browse and purchase holiday (or any occasion!) gifts at the UCC Honduras ministry sale. We will feature items from the John Paul II Women’s Sewing Cooperative (in El Pital, Honduras, where the UCC has gone to build latrines since 2009), other native crafts and delicious Honduran coffee. You have the following coop items to choose from:  
*Women’s cross-body shoulder bags — Large aprons — Children’s aprons*  
*Large change purses/cosmetics bags/special items bag — Oven mitts*  
*Regular pot holders — Wall hangings (there will be just a few)*

They can make large carrying bags and purses, tablecloths, and wall hangings to order. For more information contact Caya Tanski at [cayasadhana@yahoo.com](mailto:cayasadhana@yahoo.com) asap. All proceeds go back to this community through the purchase and through our Honduras ministry solidarity work.

#### Coming up this Week

##### Conversations—Wednesday Dec. 12 at noon

Contact Melinda Farhangi at 573-445-6325 for information on the annual holiday luncheon.

##### OWL Parents Meeting — Thursday Dec. 13 at 6 p.m.

##### UU Life Writers—Saturday Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m.

For additional information about UU announcements or for transportation to the church, contact Suzanne Clark, Church Administrator, at 442-5764 or email [uuchurch@uucomo.org](mailto:uuchurch@uucomo.org). Find more information about upcoming events at our website: <https://uucomo.org>