



Weekly Notes

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THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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This Week

Mon. January 30

7:00 AM AA
9:30 AM AA
9:00 AM Have a Heart
3:00 PM Policy Board/Core Staff
6:00 PM Evening UU Bible Study
6:15 PM All Levels of Yoga
7:30 PM Buddhist Wellsprings
8:00 PM AA/Al Anon

Tue. January 31

7:00 PM AA

Wed. February 1

7:00 AM AA
9:30 AM Gentle Yoga
10:00 AM Creative Hands/Knitting
12:15 PM Afternoon UU Bible Study
7:00 PM Finance Advisory Team
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thurs. February 2

6:45 PM Women's Voices/Journeys
7:00 PM Transgender Support

Fri. February 3

7:00 AM AA
9:30 AM Gentle Yoga
6:30 PM UU Players
7:00 PM OWL Meeting

Sat. February 4

7:30 AM AA

Next Week

February 5, 2012

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Services at 9 & 11 AM

10:00 AM Coming of Age Mentor
10:00 AM Diversity Task Force
12:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
1:00 PM UU Players

Senior High Youth Group Souper Bowl Fundraiser – In Fiske Hall after the service. The youth are offering delicious soups for sale to eat here or take home to enjoy while watching the big game. Bring your own reusable containers to help the environment and save some money!

Today's Schedule

10:00 AM Teacher's Meeting
10:00 AM Chris George Q&A
12:00 PM Chris George Q&A
12:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
12:45 PM Young Adult Potluck
1:00 PM UU Players
4:30 PM Men's AA

Important! Visitors with children-For safety reasons, please fill out a visitor card (clipped to the back of the pews) and send the card to the classroom with your child.

UPCOMING

Parish News

2012 Stewardship Drive Update-As of Thursday, January 26, we have received **237** pledges for a total of **\$397,234** towards our goal of **\$490,000**. Thank you for helping to keep strong this church we all love.

Our annual **Hymn Sing** will take place on **February 26!** It is a unique service during which we will sing many hymns (both familiar and unfamiliar) and members of the congregation are invited to speak about why certain hymns are meaningful to them. This service is most effective when several people speak from the heart - so if you have strong feelings about, memories of, or attachments to any particular hymns, please consider participating as a speaker! If you would like to be a speaker, contact **Ted Hine**, Director of Music or sign-up on the bulletin board. You may also use this sheet to request specific hymns to be sung during the service.

Thanks to the generosity of **Phil and Harriet Gardner**, the Universalist Church is now in possession of a beautiful set of Mollenhauer baroque-style recorders. The collection consists of a tenor, an alto and two sopranos. Our Director of Music, **Ted Hine**, is looking for individuals with experience playing the recorder (or any other woodwind instrument) who might be interested in forming a recorder consort; the purpose of this ensemble would be to perform simple and fun early music both during services at the church and (possibly) elsewhere. Please contact Ted if you have any questions or would like to participate!

Church School

New Sanchez School Connections Outreach-We seek new or gently used items to give as gifts to all ages for Sanchez School's Holiday Shopping Spree. We will collect and hold items until the end of the year. Please leave them in the box under the Connections Bulletin Board in the glassed-in entryway. Thanks!

Items needed for Fiske Hall Kid's Zone– Small bean bag chairs & puzzles for kids in grades K-2 to make Fiske Hall more inviting for children during fellowship hour.

Membership

Martha Winslow, Member Services Coordinator
mwinslow@westhartforduu.org, 860.233.3669 ext. 109

Bring A Friend Sunday/Pancake Breakfast February 12 . Invite a friend who's not already a member to enjoy worship and church fellowship with us! Eat a sweet stack of flapjacks and get a taste of our church community at our pancake breakfast after each service.

Minister's Q & A Session, February 12, after each service. Do you have questions about our church and what's involved in being a member of our faith community? Join one of our ministers for a brief session to ask any questions that are on your mind. Refreshments provided. Children welcome!

Are you ready to become a member? We will next **open our Membership Book on February 12** during the postlude at both services. If you are ready to make the commitment please contact Martha Winslow.

Community

Rummage Sale Plus-Friday, April 20, 6:30-8:30 PM; Saturday, April 21, 9 AM-12:30 PM 11:15 AM-12:30 PM Saturday 30-GALLON BAG SALE for \$10; Book BAG Sale for \$5. Info call: Rose Anne, 860-236-4492 or Maria, 860-217-1580. To volunteer: sign-up sheets are in Fiske Hall after services. *Each item must be in good condition, books, cds, movies, household & kitchen items, linens, toys, decorative items, sporting items, collectables & d jewelry. Furniture & large items can be dropped off the week of the sale. Please, no baby car seats, cribs, carriers, high chairs, electronics, records, magazines, encyclopedias or text books. Drop off Items M-F in the portico before 3 PM and on Sunday mornings.*

Faith Development

Build Your Own Theology starts February 9! Join your fellow seekers for this **10-part series** in which we will reflect upon our most deeply held values and beliefs. **Thursdays 7-9 PM February 9, 16, 23; March 1, 8, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 26.** *Open to members and friends ages 16 and up! Led by Intern Minister, Megan Lloyd Joiner.* Questions? mljoiner@westhartforduu.org or call 860-233-3669 x101. Only 5 spaces left!

Join us for a monthly **Evening UU Bible Study on Monday, January 30, 6-7:30 PM.** Introducing our **Afternoon UU Bible Study** starting **Wednesday, February 1, 12:15-1:15 PM.** All are welcome, no prior reading necessary.