



Weekly Notes

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January 8, 2012

This Week

Mon. January 9

7:00 AM AA
9:30 AM AA
9:00 AM Have a Heart
6:15 PM All Levels of Yoga
6:30 PM Writing Circle
7:00 PM Policy Board
7:30 PM Buddhist Wellsprings
8:00 PM AA/Al Anon

Tue. January 10

3:00 PM Small Group
6:30 PM Women's Divorce Support
7:00 PM AA

Wed. January 11

7:00 AM AA
9:30 AM Gentle Yoga
10:00 AM Creative Hands/Knitting
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thurs. January 12

5:00 PM Women Gather
6:00 PM Faith Like a River

Fri. January 13

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

Sat. January 14

7:30 AM AA

Next Week

January 15, 2012

Services at 9 & 11 AM

10:00 AM Diversity Task Force
10:00 AM Nominating Committee
10:00 AM Intern Evaluation
12:15 PM "Guess the Gay" Welcoming Congregation Lunch
12:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
1:00 PM UU Players
4:30 PM Men's AA

Parish News

2012 Stewardship Drive Update—As of Thursday, January 5, we have received **228** pledges for a total of **\$389,024** towards our goal of **\$490,000**. If you haven't sent your pledge in yet, please send it right way so that we can complete plans for our 2012 budget. You can drop your pledge form in the box today or mail it. We will also gladly accept your pledge by email at lbortolussi@westhartforduu.org or by phone at 860.233.3669, Ext. 103. Remember: every pledge is important; we need gifts of all sizes. Thank you for helping to keep strong this church we all love.

Today's Schedule

10:00 AM Coming of Age Mentor Circle
10:00 AM Connections Team Meeting
10:00 AM Intern Evaluation
12:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
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

Membership

Volunteer & Activity Fair—January 22, at both coffee hours. (Snow date January, 29) Try something new! Put your faith into action! Areas include: Social Justice, Welcoming and Hospitality, Spring Rummage Sale, Helping Ministries...and many more! Questions? Contact **Martha Winslow**, mwinslow@westhartforduu.org or 860.233.3669 x109.

Minister's Q & A Session, January 22, after each service. Do you have questions about our church and what's involved in being a member of our faith community? Join **Rev. Jan** in her office for a brief session after services to ask any questions that are on your mind. Refreshments provided. Children welcome! Contact **Martha Winslow**, Member Services Coordinator, for more information at mwinslow@westhartforduu.org or 860.233.3669 x109.

Community

Save the date! Women's Retreat: February 10, 11, 12, 2012 Senexet House, Woodstock, CT. Come for a relaxing weekend that will nourish your soul. (Friday afternoon after 4PM through Sunday afternoon.) Cost for the weekend: \$195; one night only \$105. Sign up on the bulletin board or by contacting **Martha Winslow**, Member Services Coordinator, 233-3669 x109 or mwinslow@westhartforduu.org. **Deadline to sign up: January 22, 2012.**

20s and 30s Kick Off Potluck! -Attention members and friends in your 20s and 30s! Have you been looking for opportunities to connect with other young adults? The Universalist Church is forming a **Young Adult Group**! You are invited to a kick-off potluck lunch on **January 29, at 12:45 PM** in the Brown Program Center. We will share food and fellowship, get to know each other and talk about how a Young Adult group might best serve **you!** Singles and couples welcome. Child care will be provided with advance request.

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Social Action

Guess The Gay! Come join True Colors for this fun, funny and interactive game of “Guess the Gay.” We will bring a panel of people of differing orientations and genders. You bring your curiosity and questions. Together, we will explore (and explode!) the myths and stereotypes we grew up with. We’ll identify ways that individuals can ally for each other and advance a social justice agenda. **Sunday, January 15, at 12:15 PM in the Brown Program Center.** Lunch is served! No need to sign up. Event sponsored by the Welcoming Congregation Committee. For information, contact **Gus Keach-Longo**: KeachG@crtct.org or 860-313-0570.

What if your grandmother from the old country had been treated the way immigrants are today? Please join us at our next session of **Fertile Ground** for an enlightening discussion on the immigrant experience with **Chris George** of Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS). This community-networking breakfast series will meet on **January 21** in the Brown Program Center. A continental breakfast starts at **9:30 AM** and the program follows from 10 to noon. Chris George will also be available the following Sunday, **January 22**, after church services to offer more information about IRIS and answer your questions about sponsoring a refugee family.

Volunteer Opportunities at the Hands on Hartford Soup Kitchen-Our church supports the community soup kitchen in downtown Hartford with a monthly dinner that we prepare and serve. We work from 4:30–7PM, typically on the third Monday of the month. It’s fun and very rewarding. For more info or to sign up to help with an upcoming meal, email **Cindy Schafer** at cindyschafer@att.net.

Annual Red Cross Blood Drive to be held on **Thursday, February 23, 1:30 to 6:00 PM**-To donate blood, make refreshments, or help at the drive please contact **Edie and Rob Thompson** at 860.206.3312 or eat0617@comcast.net.