



Weekly Notes

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THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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This Week

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 3.

Mon. December 26

7:00 AM AA
9:00 AM Have a Heart
9:30 AM AA
6:15 PM All Levels of Yoga
8:00 PM AA/Al Anon

Tue. December 27

7:00 PM AA

Wed. December 28

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

Fri. December 30

7:00 AM AA
9:30 AM Gentle Yoga

Sat. December 31

7:30 AM AA

Next Week

Sunday, January 1

NEW YEAR'S REFLECTIONS:

A SERVICE OF WORD, SONG AND PRAYER

Rev. Jan K. Nielsen, preaching

One Intergenerational Service at 11 AM

No Childcare of Church School

10:00 AM Diversity TF Leadership

Parish News

2012 Stewardship Drive Update—Thanks for your generous support of our church. As of Thursday, December 22, we have received **216** pledges for a total of **\$375,924**. 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. Together, we can reach our goal of **\$490,000**.

Membership

Are you ready to make the commitment to become a member?

We will next open the Membership book on **Sunday, January 8**.

Questions? Contact **Martha Winslow**, Member Services

Coordinator, 860.233.3669 x109 or

mwinslow@westhartforduu.org .

Today's Schedule

4:30 PM Men's AA

UPCOMING

Membership cont'd

Volunteer & Activity Fair—January 22, at both coffee hours. (Snow date January, 29th.) Try something new! Put your faith into action! Learn about opportunities to lend a helping hand in and around the church. There will be people available to answer your questions. Areas include: **Social Justice, Welcoming and Hospitality, Spring Rummage Sale, Helping Ministries...and many more!** If you have questions, please contact **Martha Winslow** 233-3669 x109, mwinslow@westhartforduu.org

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 one of our ministers for a brief session after services in **Rev. Jan's** office on the 2nd floor 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.

Social Action

Next Fern Street Film Series: Dead Man Walking—Friday, January 6. Please join us as we revisit this powerful 1995 film directed by Tim Robbins, starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn. This film runs 2 hrs, so please plan to arrive around **6:15 PM. The film will begin promptly at 6:30.** A discussion period will follow. Popcorn, snacks, beverages will be provided. Please feel free to sign up on the bulletin board outside the program center or email sueraggio@gmail.com. We hope to see you there.

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. **Guess the Gay is Sunday, January 15 at 12:15 PM in the Brown Program Center.** Lunch is served! There is no need to sign up. This event is sponsored by the Welcoming Congregation Committee. For information, please contact **Gus Keach-Longo**: KeachG@crtct.org or 860-313-0570.

Community

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