



Weekly Notes

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This Week

Mon. December 5

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

Tue. December 6

7:00 PM AA

Wed. December 7

7:00 AM AA
9:30 AM Gentle Yoga
10:00 AM Creative Hands/Knitting
12:15 PM Listening for God
7:00 PM Finance Advisory Team
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thurs. December 8

5:00 PM Women Gather
6:00 PM Faith Like a River
7:00 PM Transgender Support

Fri. December 9

7:00 AM AA
9:30 AM Gentle Yoga

Sat. December 10

7:30 AM AA

Next Sunday

Sun. December 11

Services at 9 & 11 AM

10:00 AM Coming of Age Mentor
10:00 AM Creative Hands Sale
10:00 AM Diversity Task Force
12:00 PM Creative Hands Sale
12:15 PM Diversity T.F. Film
12:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
12:45 PM Young Adult Brainstorming
4:30 PM Men's AA

2012 Stewardship Drive Update—As of Thursday, December 1, we are at 59% of goal, having received 148 pledges totaling \$291,434 towards our pledge goal of \$490,000. We know that nearly all of us were affected by the October storm and power outages and that some of us are just now beginning to get caught up with things like paperwork and pledge forms. If you haven't yet had a chance to send yours in, please send your pledge today. As we complete our 2012 budget planning, we need to know we can count on your pledge. Every pledge is important. Your gift will make a difference. **Thanks for your continued support of our church.**

Today's Schedule

10:00 AM Connections Team Meeting
10:00 AM Diversity Task Force Leadership
10:00 AM Leadership Orientation
10:15 AM Minister's Q&A
12:00 PM Deacons Decorate Sanctuary
12:15 PM New UU Class
12:15 PM Minister's Q&A
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.

Children in grades 3-6 remain in the service for Music Sunday.

Last day to sign up for the Christmas Pageant-

There is a sign-up sheet for the Christmas Pageant (Christmas Eve Service at 4:30 PM) on the Church Activities Bulletin Board. It is important that children **attend both rehearsals on Sunday, December 18 and Wednesday December 21.** Children in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade may participate.

Last day to turn in books for the book drive-to benefit the "Third Grade Promise" (3rd graders reading at grade level) by giving new books to all 3rd graders at Sanchez and Kennelly Schools in Hartford. Collection box is under the Connections Bulletin Board in the glassed-in entryway. If you can't make this deadline, email Sally at soxman@westhartforduu.org.)

UPCOMING

Poinsettias will adorn our Sanctuary for the Holiday Services on **December 18.** To order, please submit an order form to the church office with your check made payable to "The Universalist Church". Indicate on your check "**Poinsettia**". **DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11.**

Faith Development

Listening for God—Wednesday, December 7, 12:15 PM. Join **Rev. Jan Nielsen** for a lunchtime discussion of *Safari* by Jennifer Egan, a short story from *The Best American Short Stories 2010*, edited by Richard Russo. Bring a bag lunch and beverage to this "drop in, come when you are able" group.

Membership

Are you ready to become a member? We will next **open our Membership Book on December 11** during the postlude at both services. If you are ready to make the commitment, please contact **Martha Winslow**, Member Services Coordinator, 233-3669 x109 or mwinslow@westhartforduu.org to learn more details.

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.) More information coming soon. If you have questions, contact **Martha Winslow**, Member Services Coordinator, 233-3669 x109 or mwinslow@westhartforduu.org.