

*In the midst of darkness, light persists.*

~ Mahatma Gandhi

## Greeting one another

- ✦ With hellos & “air hugs”
- ✦ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl

## Gathering our Community

- ✦ Call to Community  
*On a Winter Morning*  
by Barbara Cheatham\*
- ✦ Candles of Community/Prelude/Giving  
*Deck the Halls*  
words & music: Traditional | by Love to Sing Choir
- ✦ Lighting the Chalice  
*In the Bleak and Cold Winter*  
by Amy Russell\*
- ✦ Spoken Affirmation  
*Love is the spirit of this church ... and service is its law*  
*This is our great covenant ... to dwell together in peace,*  
*To seek the truth in freedom ... and to help one another.*

## Expanding our Understandings

- ✦ Advent ~ Nov 27 – Dec 24
- ✦ Saint Lucia Day ~ Dec 13  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
words based on John Mason Neale, Music adapt  
by Thomas Helmore, performed by Dan Althoff  
  
*The History of St. Lucia Day*  
By mercj100  
  
*St. Lucia*  
by Teodoro Cottrau | Elvis Presley, singing  
  
*National Day – Festival of Lights and Re-  
newal*  
Posted by Saint Lucia Government 2021

- ✦ Hanukkah ~ Dec 18-26  
*Light One Candle*  
Words & Music: Peter Yarrow  
Performed by: Peter, Paul, and Mary

- ✦ Practices  
Meditation  
*Hope, Nearly Not There*  
By David Breeden \*  
Musical Response  
*Silent Night*  
music: Franz Xaver Gruber | performed by  
Karen Muller

- ✦ Winter Solstice ~ Dec 21 & Yule ~ Dec 21 - Jan 1  
*Solstice Carole*  
written & Performed by Wyrd Sisters

- ✦ Christmas ~ Dec 25  
*Christmas for Kids*

- ✦ Kwanzaa ~ Dec 26 - Jan 1

## Confirming our Faith

- ✦ Extinguishing the Chalice  
*We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,*  
*The warmth of community or the fire of commitment.*  
*These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*
- ✦ Postlude  
*Kindly remain seated*  
*Progressive Christmas Carole*  
by Paint

## Program Notes

**The Worship** Team, Arthur Norris, Dan Althoff, Jana Norris, Marla Loturco and Michelle Haynes, created today’s Morning Assembly.

**The 2022 giving tree** is where you can sign up to provide some of those pesky supplies like paper towels, etc. that we always seem to be needing. The signup is on the foyer bulletin board.

**Marian Hill is working with the Shelter** to provide finger food for their upcoming Open House this Thursday, Dec 15. If you’d like to prepare something to add to the table, please speak with her.

**The Minister Search Committee** meets this Thursday @ 2 pm in the Alexander room.

**On the Cover** Hand painted Flaming Chalice Christmas tree decoration, designed by Colorado artist Sophia Rose.

## Making It Happen This Morning:

- ✦ Board Rep: *Don Rogers*
- ✦ Greeting us at the door: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ✦ Ask Me Host: *Doug Strong*
- ✦ Leading today: *The Worship Team*
- ✦ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes*
- ✦ Sunday School Leader: *Ellie Dyer*
- ✦ Providing refreshments: *Carole Harner, Jana Norris, Jim Holmes*

Program notes continued back panel

## Welcome Guests

*We are Unitarian Universalists. We are brave, curious, and compassionate thinkers and doers. We are people from many backgrounds who have different beliefs, but shared values.*

*Grounded in more than two hundred years of thoughtful, spiritual communities, we are people of many generations, ethnicities, genders and sexualities, and spiritual backgrounds. People engaged in making the world a better place. People focusing on what really matters – love, justice, integrity, and hope.*

*We are a lay-led congregation. Lay-led congregations have no minister which means members of the congregation manage the various aspects of our church life. Unitarian Universalism has a proud tradition of lay-led churches.*

*We Unitarian Universalists have different beliefs, but shared values. We are Unitarian Universalists, and at the same time we may also be agnostic, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, humanist, Jewish, Muslim, pagan, atheist, believers in God, and those who just let the great mystery be. The diversity of beliefs you'll find in our church community is one of our strengths – we're always learning how to see the world from a different perspective.*

*Learn more about us at your leisure by downloading our app 'Red River UU' from Google Play or the Apps Store.*

*This is who we are. We are glad you joined us today.*



## Next Sunday, December 18, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

### COMPARATIVE RELIGION

A Great Courses Video Series now thru Jan 22

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

### A LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

The Rev Dr Mark Y.A. Davies, *leading*

This week we experience the shortest day of the year for this part of the world. As we prepare for the return of longer days, let us reflect on the ways we can bring light into the darkness of the world like so many who have gone before us and like so many who journey on this earth with us now. You may read Dr. Davies's bio [here](#).

12:15 pm - Calories & Conversations

Our answer to traditional coffee hour!

1:00 pm - The Board of Trustees meets

2:00 - 6:00 - Board games with Texoma Nerds

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# THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022



*Love is the spirit of this church*