



THIS WEEK AT UUAC - Fri, Jan. 13th- Thurs., Jan. 19th, 2011



Please join us this Sunday, January 15th, at 10:30 am as our ministerial intern Kate Landis will be in the pulpit with a sermon entitled, "Until We are Not Strangers Anymore."

Longtime member of our community David Hunter's memorial service will be held in the sanctuary this **Saturday, Jan. 14th at 1pm**. All are welcome to attend.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED BY THE CARING COMMITTEE

There are several members of our congregation who are experiencing a health crisis this month. At UUAC we say: "You will be cared for, and you will be called upon to care for others." We are currently providing meals or transportation to four families. Can you help by cooking a dinner for two or three in the coming weeks? E-mail Darrah Bryans at debryans@gmail.com. Can you help by driving a parishioner who broke her ankle to the grocery store or to church on a Sunday in the next two months? E-mail becksh@comcast.net. We can never underestimate how much this kind of helping hand breaks into the isolating nature of a crisis. Thanks.

Religious Education

- We ask that children in the 4 year-old preschool class bring coats and gloves to go out this Sunday. They are doing a lesson on Winter.
- The 1st and 2nd grade classes will be combined this week. They will all meet in the Channing room.
- The 10th, 11th, and 12th grade OWL will meet this Sunday at noon in the Cooney room.

January's Theme for Spiritual Practice

An epiphany is a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience. Epiphanies can be transformational. People who have found a calling or vocation frequently claim to have had an epiphany that led them to it. Their epiphany returns again and again until they acknowledge it. Similarly, when we go through something difficult, (whether it's the death of a loved one, divorce, or loss of a job) we find ourselves sometimes unable to escape painful insights. Epiphanies that uncover the fragility of life or reveal how little we really do control can pierce our view of the world, and can bring us a deeper appreciation for what we have. January's theme is *Epiphany: The Practice of Discovery*. This month, as you explore your new year, you might want to consider some of these questions and reflections found here: <http://www.uuac-sherborn.org/worship/themes.php>.

A Word about our Music Director Transition

The search for our next Director of Music Ministry is under way. In the meantime, we are pleased to share that Laura Jensen, our director for the last six years has agreed to continue to lead the choir for rehearsals and Sunday worship until her retirement later this spring.

Try something new this New Year!

Join ministerial intern Kate Landis for **Spirituality on Stage- Exploring Religion and Ethics Through Contemporary Theatre**. This workshop is open to any adult or youth who wants to read and discuss fascinating, recently-published plays that deal with questions of religion and ethics. We will meet on Tuesdays from 7-9pm, January 10th through 31st, to discuss the play of the week. On February 7th we

will stage a reading of our favorite play for family and friends. Feeling shy? You do not have to perform. Feeling busy? You don't have to come every week, and while I ask that you read the plays ahead of time, they are pretty short. E-mail (intern@uuac-sherborn.org) or call (508-653-1422) Kate if you are interested, so she can get you copies of the plays. Don't miss this great opportunity for exploration and fellowship!



Power of the Quilt Project Quilt-a-thon

Monday, January 16th, 9am to 4 pm, Alliance Hall

Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP mcraigcohen@gmail.com, 508-545-1812

The Power of the Quilt Project, sponsored by the UUAC Social Action committee and the Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild (www.rnqg.org) will hold it's a quilt-a-thon on Monday, January 16th.

Everyone is invited to come help assemble quilts that will be distributed to local chemotherapy centers. No experience is needed. There are many jobs involved in creating a comfort quilt from piecing the top; ironing; pinning; cutting fabric; sewing on labels; to helping fix and serve lunch to all the volunteers. The more volunteers we have, the more quilts we can distribute.

For more information about the Power of the Quilt Project please go to www.uuac-sherborn.org/social/quilt

MLK Jr. Event

You are invited to attend any or the entire two-part event honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **this Sunday, January 15th at the UU Urban Ministry located at historic First Church in Roxbury, 10 Putnam Street.** There will be a 2 pm showing of the film entitled, *Following the Dream Toward a Just Community* (about the controversy over newly arriving Somali refugees in a small city in Maine) with a professional panel discussion to follow with a light supper at 5 pm. At 6 pm, *Hope Out Loud*, an evening performance of music and dance will feature a diversity of performing groups including Gospel by the Boston Community Choir and many others. All our encouraged to attend this exciting free event! [Click here for directions](#)

“The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace, and brotherhood”.
- Martin Luther King, Jr., *Strength to Love*, 1963

Blessings on your week,

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