

Unforeseen circumstances mean that UUpdate will not be published for the rest of this year. In lieu of UUpdate for the week of Dec 16, 2018 we have posted the Order of Service announcements for the 23rd on our website for easy download. Due to the holidays we are unable to do this for the week of December 27, 2018. We wish everyone Happy Holidays.

**December 23, 2018**

The Week Ahead

**Sunday, December 23**

9:15am Social Justice Committee Mtg (F) 9:15-10:15am

9:15am UUFN Bistro (OB) 9:15-10:15am

10:30am Worship & Religious Education

11:15am Finance Committee Meeting (B) 11:45am-1:15pm

**Monday, December 24**

7:00pm Christmas Eve Service

8:00pm Dessert reception (M) 8-9pm

**Tuesday, December 25**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

7:00pm Worship Committee (Bd) 7-9pm

**Wednesday, December 26**

9:00am Panera Coffee Group

6:30pm Zen Meditation (TP) 6:30-8:15p

**Thursday, December 27**

9:00am Hope Dining Room (offsite) 9-1p

**Friday, December 28**

6:00pm 4th Friday Game Night (M-as available) 6-9pm

**Sunday, December 30**

9:15am UUFN Bistro (OB) 9:15-10:15am

10:30am Worship & Religious Education

**Next Week: December 30, 2018 – The Janus Service:  
Looking Back, Looking Forward**

**Presented by: Jane Luke**

In this interactive service, facilitated by Jane Luke, we will discuss our experiences over the last year, and our hopes for 2019.

\*\*\*Sunday fellowship begins at 10:30am\*\*\*

**TOMORROW: Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> At 7pm in Mackinnon Hall**

Join us for our **Christmas Eve Service - O Holy Night!**

**Presented by Rev. Paula Maiorano**

Christmas Eve is special to UUs of all beliefs – Christian, theist, atheist and the continuum between. Through song, story, and thought, our Christmas Eve service is a celebration of all we hold holy.

**The MINISTER is AVAILABLE when needed:**

Please feel free to contact me at [minister@uufn.org](mailto:minister@uufn.org) or leave a message for me at UUFN. With caring regard, **Rev. Paula Maiorano**

**Chalice Circle Program for January through June 2019: Now enrolling -**

The Chalice Circle Program will start January 2019 and continue monthly through June. If you are interested, you are invited to stop by at the Chalice Circle table in Fahs Hall after either the December 2nd or the 9th services in 2018 and fill out a sign up form. To do this online, please see the Chalice Circle website news post at [uufn.org](http://uufn.org).

**Have You Heard? UUFN is an LGBTQ+ Welcoming Congregation!**

Five Practices of Welcoming: Annual Recommitment Process.

Starting in January 2019, our program will be revitalized. Would you like to be a part of this exciting new venture? Individuals of all ages, genders, and sexual orientations are welcome to join our Welcoming Congregation Committee. Contact [socialjustice@uufn.org](mailto:socialjustice@uufn.org) for more information.

**UUFN is selling “Hate Has No Home Here” yard signs**

The price for each "Hate Has No Home Here" yard sign is \$5.

*Signs will be on sale while our supply lasts!*

Contact Kay Elizabeth – (302) 547-1592 or (302) 738-5007.

**70 1/2+? RMD's? QCDs?**

Please remember if you have QCD (qualified charitable distribution) checkbook for your qualified IRA's, etc, the donation will not be credited until the target charity has received and deposited the check and it has been submitted to the bank account of the custodian of your retirement account who has to then transfer the money to the charity! (Whew!)

**The recommendation this year by UUA Legacy Giving is that the charity (UUFN) should be depositing it by December 28, but sooner is better especially with the threatened shut down. Contact our [bookkeeper@UUFN.org](mailto:bookkeeper@UUFN.org) or our [treasurer@UUFN.org](mailto:treasurer@UUFN.org) and make arrangements to get the check to them on time if you will be making these kinds of contributions. (The penalty for not making your RMD on time is 50% of the amount you didn't pay!) And always consult your tax advisor!**

**File Cabinets need a New Home!** - There are two metal file cabinets in the board room that need a new home – **one 5-drawer** and one **dark-colored 2-drawer**. If you want them, please come and get them. If you are willing to make a donation to UUFN for them, so much the better! (^\_^) First come, first served. They will disappear by December 31, 2018.

**First Monday Dharma Talks** - All who are interested in deepening their understanding of Buddhist teachings are invited to gather on first Monday evenings to view and discuss videoed dharma talks. We meet in MacKinnon Hall at 7:00pm till 8:30 pm, every first Monday evening. Contact [donnashand15@gmail.com](mailto:donnashand15@gmail.com) for more information.

**Save These Dates!!!** What's the Board doing? How do I get (or stay) informed? Here's how. Join us!!! Board meetings are held the 2nd Wednesdays of each month at **7pm**. The next meeting is:

**Next Date: January 13** - noon - **Winter Congregational Meeting**

February 10 - noon - Lay Leaders Meeting

**January Circle Suppers** - Join us for some relaxed conversation and a meal at the January Circle Suppers. Circle Suppers are small groups of 6-8 people gathering at a member's home. The host provides the main meal and the other bring the sides/dessert/beverages. It is a great opportunity for extended conversations. Kids welcome! Contact Fellowship@UUFN.org to sign up/info.

**Our Book Club — The Book Bums** - Meet the third Friday of each month at 7:15 pm at the home of UUFN member, Udda Anderson, to discuss a book that a member has suggested. (No meeting in December) Next meeting is **Jan 18, 2019** – the book is **Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup** by John Carrerou (non-fiction) For more information, contact Udda directly or ask the UUFN Office to put you in touch, email officeadmin@uufn.org or call 302.368.2984 during office hours.

**UUFN now has ONE place to go to when you need to submit an article!** If you need to announce anything in the Order of Service, The Weekly UUpdate, The Monthly Connections, or the UUFN Website just go to **http://UUFN.org/willa** and fill out the form! There's even a space to load up an image!

**Light up the Dark** - Do you have suitcases you no longer want or need? We are collecting suitcases for the Chester County Youth Facility. Youth in South Eastern PA, who are in trouble, are sent to this residential facility. When they leave, they take all of their worldly possessions with them, having a suitcase is a big step in positive self-image and attitude.

**Battery and Light Bulb Recycle** - We are completing the campaign to recycle batteries and light bulbs. UUFN turned in about 72 pounds of batteries and about four bushels of light bulbs. This keeps corrosive and toxic materials out of the landfill where they would be a hazard to future generations, and provides some ingredients to make new. We can recycle those materials for you, or show you how to do it yourself.