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Towson Unitarian Universalist Church

A Welcoming Congregation

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Lutherville, Maryland

December 2009

## Upcoming Services

The theme of our December worship services is hope. -- Rev. Clare

December 6, 2009

The Choreography of Civil Rights in Our Time

9:30 and 11:15 AM

Rev. Clare Petersberger, Carol Mason, Lea Billingsley

First Service Music: Joseph Gascho, piano

Second Service Music TUUC Choir and Joseph Gascho, piano



In Maine, voters in November banned the marriage of gays and lesbians in their state. In Washington, voters in November approved “everything but marriage” when it comes to civil rights for their gay and lesbian citizens. This morning, Carol Mason and Lea Billingslea will present a dramatic reading of the play “Choreography” illustrating the impact of these policies on people. I will share new initiatives at TUUC to reach those most deeply affected by putting civil rights up to a vote.



December 13, 2009

C. S. Lewis and The Star Of Bethlehem

9:30 and 11:15 AM

Rev. Clare Petersberger

Music: TUUC Choir and Joseph Gascho, piano

The Christian theologian, C. S. Lewis, was an amateur astronomer. He had a telescope on the balcony outside his bedroom. With it, he sought “the love that moves the sun and the other stars.” This morning we reflect on Lewis’ cosmology and our own. How does our own quest to understand the universe we inhabit point us to “the love that moves the sun and the other stars?”



December 20, 2009

December Spirits

10:30 AM

Rev. Clare Petersberger

Music: TUUC Drumming Ensemble and Joseph Gascho, piano

Where do you find light at the darkest time of the year? This morning, for our Story for All Ages, the Intergenerational Arts Coalition will present a play in which the holidays of December ponder the relationship of darkness and light. What is the light that all the outward menorah, candles, Yule log, bulbs, kinara, and ball in Time's Square symbolize? As part of the answer, please return your "Guest At Your Table" boxes this morning!

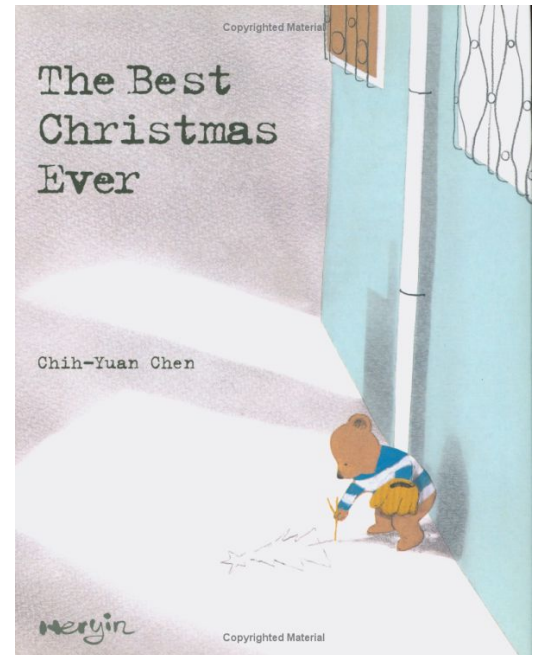
December 24, 2009

The Best Christmas Ever

5:30 PM

Rev. Clare Petersberger and Ms. Joyce Duncan

Tonight's Family Christmas Eve service will begin with our Unitarian Universalist forbear, Rev. Follen, who brought a pine tree into his home and decorated it as part of creating "the best Christmas ever." It will end with a story by Chih-Yuan Chen. In Little Bear's house, his father is out of work. There is no money for Christmas presents. And yet each family member finds a gift that means everything to them. How do WE create "The Best Christmas Ever?"



Lessons and Carols

7:30 PM

Rev. Clare Petersberger, Joseph Gascho, and The TUUC Choir

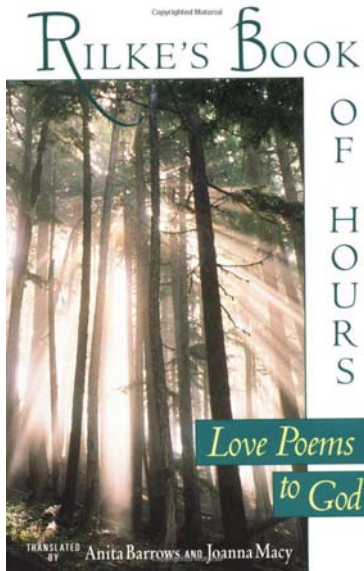
Tonight, we celebrate a Christmas Eve service of "lessons and carols" with Unitarian Universalist readings about the meaning of Christmas and the glorious music of our TUUC Choir.

December 27, 2009

Worship Associates

10:30 AM

Music: Joseph Gascho, piano



January 3, 2010

“You Are ... ”

10:30 AM

Rev. Clare Petersberger TUUC Choir and Joseph Gascho, piano

The twentieth century poet, Rainer Maria Rilke, went to Russia as a young adult. Inspired by the spirituality he encountered, he returned to Germany and wrote poems that address God as “You are.” This morning, we explore some of these poems and how they speak to our own relationship with what we have found to be worthy of our most faithful love.

## Clare’s Colloquoy

By Rev. Clare Petersberger



*“For so the children come and so they have been coming.  
Always in the same way they come born of the seed of man and woman.  
No angels herald their beginnings. No prophets predict their future courses.  
No wisemen see a star to show where to find the babe that will save humankind. ...  
Yet each night a child is born is a holy night -- a time for singing, a time for  
wondering, a time for worshipping.” Rev. Sophia Lyon Fahs*

This reading by Rev. Sophia Lyon Fahs points to a shared understanding we Unitarian Universalists have about the meaning of Christmas. Our religious forbears would have said there was a spark or seed of the divine in every person. Today, our first principle is “the inherent worth and dignity of every person.”

But how does this affirmation find expression in our worship?

Many respondents to the recent TUUC survey observed that there is still a culture of “upstairs/downstairs” when it comes to our worship life. While adults are worshipping upstairs, children are studying downstairs.

And it's not just adults who perceive this gap. One of our students attended a Unitarian Universalist summer camp in which she participated in daily worship services. She had the experience of leading part of a worship service on John Lennon's song, "Imagine." She returned home and asked her mother, "Why don't students worship, regularly, at TUUC?"

Leaders have been imagining ways to build a bridge between "upstairs/downstairs" in order to transmit to the next generation "a time for worshipping" and to create the beloved community of shared values of all ages that we celebrate.

Beginning in January and running through May, the structure of our worship services will be slightly altered.

Everyone will gather for the first ten minutes of worship. And we will begin worship with our Prelude. During the music, all will be invited to light candles. This will symbolize that we arrive at church with joys and sorrows; fears and hopes; concerns and celebrations seeking connection and community. We are grateful to Jay Herzog for commissioning a larger, hand-crafted pottery vessel for our candles!

Opening words, a chalice lighting, and a hymn will follow. Then our students will be sung out to classes. Some weeks our students will choose and deliver each of these elements. Once a month, we will include a story for all ages. Announcements will be moved to the end of the service.

Our 50th anniversary is a good time to be reminded that our children are our future. We want them to know about our Unitarian Universalist way in religion in both religious exploration classes and also in our collective worship life. And, as adults, we need the energy, enthusiasm, ideas, inspiration, and hope of our students! Then, the meaning of these December holidays will be with all of us throughout the year.

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## Board of Trustees

**Catherine Morris, chair**



The focus of our November Trustees meeting was on our finances and some preliminary results from the Committee on Ministry (CoM) on-line survey.

### **Financial Update**

Four months into the year, we were disappointed to learn that our pledges, on target just a month ago, are falling behind projections. The 5% drop in pledge income (only 28% of committed pledge amounts received when we would hope for 33%) translates into a \$14,000 shortfall in revenue if it continues. Several unexpected expenses are also changing the outlook for the year, including repair to our entrance sign and an 11% increase in the staff's health plan costs for 2010. As planned, we continue to dip into our cash reserves to make up the projected \$23,000 budget deficit. We will present an update on our financial outlook on December 13<sup>th</sup> between the services.

## Committee on Ministry (CoM) Survey Results

Tom Farrell, chair of the CoM, summarized some of the preliminary results of the recent survey with about 140 individuals responding. As you'll see from his more detailed report in this Threshold, the overall report card for TUUC is very good. In response to one of the first questions on the survey, a strong majority of respondents said they value TUUC most as a community of shared values. Your responses to questions about the future of TUUC will be very helpful to lay leaders as we continue to work on our long-term plan at a workshop facilitated by JPD staff in December. We are looking forward to a more thorough analysis of the final results of the survey at our December Trustees meeting and a report to the Congregation at our January Congregational Meeting.

## Auction Requests

The Operations Team presented a partial list of auction requests for approval. After considerable discussion of one of the requests – additional funds to pay for a second child care provider for the nursery rather than rely on volunteers – the Board decided to table all requests until after the Auction in compliance with our policies. However the discussion, and particularly the comments of parents who attended, highlighted the importance of reliable child care to allow members with small children to enjoy Sunday services and other activities. It also highlighted the importance of finding a sustainable source of revenue to pay for the staff and programs we value.

## Stewardship Campaign for 2010-11

Finally, we discussed early preparation for next year's Stewardship Campaign. An ad hoc committee of the President, President-elect, Treasurer and Finance Council Chair met in November to lay the ground work. We agreed that we would like to put more emphasis on meeting with members one-on-one over the coming year to launch Gift-based Ministries, increase our connections with one another, and reinforce our shared responsibilities – including our financial responsibilities – to the church.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Please join us.

## Operations Team

**Mike Robinson, chair**

Well, if TUUC has not been busy enough for you so far this church year, be assured that the end-of-year activities will increase the energy and joy that is circulating within TUUC's walls. Meanwhile, speaking of our walls and floors and grounds, may I ask you, fellow UU's, for some help and, maybe, some information.



It is with great sadness that I announce that **John Venables** has decided to step down as our House and Grounds council head. In fact, he had accepted the position on an interim basis, agreeing to help in a time of our need based on his long experience heading up the H & G committee in past years. We are very grateful to John for the service he has provided in this position. Taking care of our building, which, at times, may involve emergencies is a challenge for our lay leaders. What I am asking is if there are those among us who would be willing to help with a couple of specific tasks. First, we need someone who would be comfortable

drilling through a plastic cover and installing a lock on an outdoor switchbox. Secondly, there are some light fixtures that need attending too. Some bulbs that are high up need replacing. If you would be willing to replace or help replace the bulbs, please leave word in the president-elect's mail slot or with the church office. We are actively recruiting willing members or friends who are willing and/or able to help care for our physical plant. Please note that given our current unbalanced budget, we are loath to spend money for handyman tasks. Since some of our current light fixture problems may require service by a skilled electrician, I am asking for the membership's input for a referral to a dependable electrician. If you have had good experience with someone for your home, please pass on relevant contact information for these professionals.

Just a word as our auction is scheduled for Saturday, 11/21. It is the church's policy to not decide on how the auction money should be spent until after the auction revenues are in. It is also practice that we will not use auction revenue for the church's operating expenses rather designating the proceeds for building improvements.

Finally, remember that **COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ARE WELCOME**. Please leave notes in the mailslots next to the church office or leave messages with the office.

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## Youth Religious Exploration

### Youth Religious Exploration

Joyce Duncan



The holidays are fast approaching. Please check the YRE calendar below so you will know the special upcoming services. Another date not so fervently anticipated is January 31. That is the last day we will be able to pay for two nursery care providers due to budget shortfalls. Because of this, the newly formed **Nursery Committee is seeking volunteers to help supervise young children during services and other social events**. As of January 2010, we will exhaust funds to pay for two childcare providers, which are needed to ensure safe and quality care. We are searching for gracious volunteers to care for children in the nursery for one service over two to four consecutive Sundays alongside a paid childcare provider. A sign-up sheet will be located in the main lobby for individuals anxious to spend time with some of our youngest and extremely entertaining church members. If you can help young families out by being part of the childcare team, or for more information, contact Erin Hancock or Karen Fireman at numbers in the directory.

### Upcoming Collection Drives

Santa needs some helpers! Can you help us fill holiday stockings for the men of **Earl's Place**. The following items are needed: razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, bar soap, deodorant, batteries (AAA, AA, 9V), and combs. Future emails will detail when the collection will start and end.

Carol Mason is looking for **donations of new and gently used children's literature** in good condition, fiction and nonfiction, for the Book Nook 'Tots to Teens' Annual Sale, which will be held on Sunday, December 6. She also accepts CDs and DVDs, including computer games. No audio- or videotapes, outdated encyclopedias, or other textbooks, please.

## YRE Calendar

**Dec. 13 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM** Guest At Your Table boxes can be returned

**Dec. 20 10:30 AM** Story for All Ages presented by the Intergenerational Arts Coalition, followed by downstairs activities for children; last day that Guest At Your Table boxes can be returned; (see longer description under Upcoming Services)

**Dec. 24 5:30 PM** Family Christmas Eve service (see longer description under Upcoming Services)

**Dec. 27 10:30 AM** One service only; childcare for ages 8 and below

**Jan. 3 10:30 AM** One service only; childcare for ages 8 and below

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## Music Notes

By Joseph Gascho, Music Director



As we head into December and the winter holidays, we have some great music and arts projects to look forward to at TUUC. On December 6, the talented **Lea Billingslea** and **Carol Mason** will present a dramatic reading and the choir will perform a recent composition of mine. The sopranos in the choir will be featured in one of Randall Thompson's choral masterworks on December 13, and I'm especially looking forward to seeing and hearing the IAC's dramatic presentation, accompanied by the newly forming TUUC Drumming Ensemble on December 20.

To look back a bit, our Pete Seeger/Bruce Springsteen service on November 8 was a real work of love from many contributors and I'd like to thank them again for all the ideas and talents, and for the hours of rehearsal. In many ways, this was a different kind of special music service than we've ever done at TUUC – it was intergenerational, featured folk and popular music, and the choir had a backup role. Twenty people were involved, make it 35 with the choir! I often gauge the size of projects by how much space they take up in my email inbox, and this one not only got its own folder, but filled up with many pages of messages. Thanks for all the emails from those of you who got a lot out of that service.

That service got me thinking about analogies for what a worship service is, and what initially came to mind was an iceberg – what we see/hear/experience in that relatively short service is only a small part of what's really there. There are all the extra rehearsals, the brainstorming, the juggling of suggestions and recommendations, and even more, the talents, stories and experiences of all the performers and contributors, and so on. I was also struck by this idea a month or so ago at the social action service, where people shared stories about their work and passion. Our services concentrate and connect many different stories into one group experience, focusing our energy.

This led me to what seems like a better comparison: people gathering together in worship services can be like lenses – bringing together the light of a wide range of experiences and ideas and feelings, concentrating it briefly at one place in time, at which point creative things happen. The light can become more powerful and

focused, affecting those people strongly and then being sent out again, hopefully in new and transformative ways. I'd be interested to hear your feedback about this idea, and other ideas or concepts you have along these lines.

I think the recent memorial for **Ed Talbott** was a good example of this. People sharing almost ninety years worth of stories, bringing into focus the story of a person's life – it was inspiring to me. The Talbott family did a wonderful job planning that service, and I was glad to be a part of it, and glad that they made great live music such a high priority.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Upcoming Events

### **Sunday, January 10, 2010, Founding Day: Celebrate the Present**

Our Minister, Music Director, and RE Director will create this celebration of our congregation as it is today. The service will include a procession of banners, recognition of members, and special music created for this event, with a reception between the services. A luncheon at the Hunt Valley Inn will follow the service. The Unicorn Gallery will display art of members past and present during January.

### **Sunday, February 14, 2010: Nick Page Music Sunday**

Nick Page, a talented leader who draws music out of ordinary people (yes, even our congregation can sing), will be with us for a very special service on Love this Valentine's Day.

### **March 11, 12, 13, April 13, 14, 2010: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo Directory**

To commemorate the members and friends of our church on our 50th anniversary, we have asked Olin Mills to help us compile a Photo Directory. An illustrated history of our church will be included, with comments from our past and present leaders. Please make sure your photo is included!

### **Saturday April 24 and Sunday, April 25, 2010: Imagine the Future:**

Reverend Bill Schultz, who was UUA President from 1985 to 1993 and head of Amnesty International USA from 1994 to 2006, will be with us this weekend to inspire us for the future. Saturday evening Rev Schultz will join a Q & A session, with light refreshments. Sunday, Rev. Schultz will deliver the sermon. In order to turn the church over to Music in the Great Hall at 1PM, services are scheduled for 9AM and 10:45, with a reception between services.

### **Sunday, May 16, 2010: Endowment Presentation**

The Endowment Committee and experts from the Joseph Priestly District will lead us in focusing on the financial future of our church.

### **Sunday, June 6, 2010, Annual Meeting**

The photo directories will be available at this final event of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.



# Green Sanctuary

Carel Hedlund, chair



## GREEN COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Be sure to stop by the Green Sanctuary green coffee table on Sunday December 13th. We'll be selling Zeke's fair trade/organic coffee, as usual, as well as other treats for Holiday giving. We'll have Fair Trade, Organic Chocolate Bars and Tea from Equal Exchange (a portion of all Equal Exchanges purchases is given to UUSC).

Another great gift is THE BETTER WORLD SHOPPING GUIDE, offered by the Social Responsibility Committee. This book rates over 1000 companies in 75 categories on issues of social and environmental responsibility. Check out categories ranging from Airlines to Cell Phones to Gasoline to Pasta & Sauce to Wine. Find out which companies act in ways that help our planet and are kind to our people, and which companies act in harmful ways.

Green Tip: Check out Washington Gas Energy Services ([www.wges.com/page/wind.php](http://www.wges.com/page/wind.php)) or call 1-888-884-WGES to find out how you can purchase a portion of your electric power from wind energy. Or make a holiday donation toward increased wind generation through Greater Washington Interfaith Power & Light ([http://www.gwipl.org/buy\\_energy.asp](http://www.gwipl.org/buy_energy.asp)).

# Social Action Committee

## HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS

How would you like to do the easiest holiday shopping EVER? Come peruse our selection of Alternative Holiday Gift Cards. Instead of giving a gift of "stuff," give a gift to benefit others this holiday season. The cards are an attractive way to let your family and friends know that you have made this donation in their honor. (A donation of \$5 or more per card is requested.) All donations will be contributed to the charities which TUUC supports. Holiday cards as well as all occasion cards will be available in the lobby between services from Thanksgiving until Christmas.

## GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

We are now well into our annual Guest at Your Table Program, to ensure that the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee can continue its human rights work and that its membership grows. UUSC is an independent, membership-based organization that receives no funding from the UUA. Memberships are \$40 (Individual), \$75 (Dual), \$20 (Senior), and \$10 (Youth, Student).

In recent weeks, our boxes and our Stories of Hope have taught us about real people engaged in their struggles for justice in the US and around the world. It has also taught us about our power to change the world when we support our UUSC and the many amazing people they partner with. On Decemberr 20th, we will be

returning our Guest At Your Table boxes, donation envelopes, or checks. (While we are grateful for all contributions, a check makes our accounting much easier. Please make checks payable to TUUC with UUSC on the memo line. We will close our GAYT program with an intergenerational worship celebration.

## ACTC

December is the month we are assigned to stock the shelves at the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC). Pick up your list of needed foods at the Social Action table in the lounge. Requests for food are increasing -- they have tripled in the past two years.

Since the Social Action Sunday in October, four new volunteers from TUUC are being trained to help at the center. Additional volunteers helped to pack 12 bags for the homeless between services on November 8. We are planning to continue this project monthly. There has been a sharp increase in requests for homeless food bags. A homeless person can receive one bag of ready to eat food per week

## MUSICAL MINISTRY

Looking for participants of all ages for Musical Ministry in December to share at various venues such as East Side Shelter, the Vets Home, or at some retirement homes. We will sing some favorite holiday songs with the guitar and good cheer. If you are interested please call or email Spice Kleinmann, contact information in the directory. Dates will be confirmed soon. Watch for them in the weekly news and thanks!

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Thanks to all who participated in this past Habitat for Humanity year. There was a dedication for one of the Ward St. owners on November 21st. Our own Clare Petersburger performed the service while Spice Kleinmann sang a positive song for the dedication. Once again our volunteerism is vital in helping those less fortunate. If interested in Habitat For Humanity please contact Spice. She is in the directory. Thanks again!

## BETTER WORLD SHOPPING GUIDE

Do you want to make a difference in the world? The Social Action Committee will be selling the BETTER WORLD SHOPPING Guide to help you vote with your pocket book. It is a dedicated to providing people with a comprehensive, up-to-date, reliable account of the social and environmental responsibility of every company on the planet AND making it available in practical forms that individuals can use in their everyday lives. Coming out of more than 5 years of intensive research, this work is based on a comprehensive database of over 1000 companies and utilizes 25+ reliable sources of data to cover everything from the environment to human rights, community development to animal protection. The books sell for \$10 and half of the price goes toward the social action projects at TUUC. You can check out the web site at <http://www.betterworldshopper.com/>

## FEEDING THE HUNGRY - OUR DAILY BREAD CASSEROLES.

Congratulations and Well Done! 68 casseroles were delivered on October 31. January will be the next month with a 5th Saturday, so plan ahead to make or buy casserole(s). There will be a sign up poster in the lobby along with recipes.

Casseroles can be made NOW and stored in the freezers at TUUC. We want to continue to meet or exceed our commitment of 60 casseroles.

## EASTSIDE SHELTER'S CURRENT WISHLIST

A labeled collection box will be in the church lobby.

- Pampers (All sizes)
- Laundry detergent
- Sheets and pillow cases (single size)
- Gently used towels and washcloths
- Welcome packs: Toothbrush
  - Toothpaste
  - Shampoo
  - Soap
  - Deodorant
  - Razor
- Knitting yarn and needles

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## Committee on Ministry Congregational Survey

We had very good participation with 183 members and friends taking the survey. Overall, you were quite satisfied with most of the areas we surveyed. However, as one would expect with UUs, there was a wide diversity of responses and we received many thoughtful and well considered comments.

The Committee on Ministry will be presenting the results of the survey at the Congregational Meeting in January but here is some early information. Our Social Action and Music programs are particularly valued. Most people attend and highly value the Sunday Services and belonging to a community that shares their values. For the details and what wasn't rated so highly you'll have to wait until we've had time to analyze the data thoroughly.

We have about 50 pages of comments to sort through and organize. Thank you so much for this wealth of information! We will summarize the comments for the presentation and pass on their sentiments to the appropriate committees. Your information will be kept private and the comments will not have names attached.

One area we that concerned us was the number of "Don't Know" answers. To address this we will start to insert items in the Threshold to make that information available so you will know. After all, 88.6% of you always or usually read the newsletter.

Although the survey is over, if you have concerns or additional comments, please don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Committee on Ministries. That's what we're here for. We are looking forward to analyzing the survey information and presenting it to you.

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# Inner Life

## LENDING LIBRARY

In preparation for the TUUC 50th Anniversary, we are revamping the library and preparing to set up a new lending system for members. We are currently inventorying the books in the collection. If you have any books borrowed from the library (with a yellow label on the spine stating "TUUC Adult Religious Exploration"), kindly return them at your earliest convenience to a Book Nook volunteer. There will be no fines. Also, please do not remove any books from the library. The library should be up and running in the new year.

Additionally, we are looking for donations of certain books. A list of desired titles and authors will be available in the church lobby in early December. If you have any of the books on this list, please consider donating the book to the church collection. Although we have limited space, we also welcome your suggestions for additional books that should be added to the library. Feel free to send your suggestions to Karyn Marsh via email or drop off the suggestion in the library suggestion box near the Book Nook.

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## Upcoming Events

### HOLIDAY CONCERT, 'TIS THE SEASON!'

Please mark your calendars for Friday, December 11 from 7 - 9 PM. Over 15 of TUUC'S singers and musicians are currently rehearsing instrumental compositions, songs, hymns, & carols. Many are exquisite, unusual pieces that will be new to you, as well as old favorites with which even the most tone-deaf Scrooge will want to sing-along. In addition, **Carol Mason** & her actor-husband **J.R. Lyston** will be reading excerpts from writers as diverse as Ogden Nash, Dylan Thomas, Samuel Pepys, Judith Viorst, A.A. Milne, and of course, Mr. Dickens!. But wait, there's more: Refreshments + Child Care! This event is a fund-raiser for TUUC. Tickets are available at the door, and from our office. We suggest a donation of \$9 for a single ticket & \$5 for every additional adult or 8+ year- old child in your group. Please get the word out, and bring family and friends. Contact: Carol Mason.

### DECEMBER SINGLES POTLUCK

Eat, Drink and be Merry at the TUUC Singles December 19th potluck event at 6 PM. Our super hostess, Sheila Farrell, will supply the desserts. RSVPs are appreciated. To reserve and get directions, call Sheila. She is listed in the membership directory.

## EVENING BOOK GROUP

The Evening Book Group will meet on Wednesday December 2nd at 7:30 PM to discuss *Why We Make Mistakes; How We Look Without Seeing, Forget Things in Seconds, and are all Pretty Sure We Are Way Above Average* by Joseph T. Hallinan. 237 pages, non-fiction. This highly readable book "explores the captivating science of human error--how we think, see, remember, and forget, and how this sets us up for wholly irresistible mistakes." Our book for January 6th is *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by the French novelist and professor of philosophy Muriel Barbery. All are welcome! Please call Mike Robinson at his number in the directory if you have any questions.

## MURRAY GROVE EVENTS

Murray Grove is a UU Conference and Retreat Center



UU NEW YEARS at Murray Grove with Rev Craig Hirshberg – December 31, 2009-January 1, 2010. A FESTIVE, FUN & SPIRITUAL NEW YEARS OVERNIGHT RETREAT for UUs, families and friends. Individuals, couples and groups are welcome! Includes: DINNER • 1920s-theme DANCE LESSONS and DANCE PARTY (any level of inexperience OK!) • RINGING OUT the spirit of 2009 • and MANIFESTING a wonderful 2010! \$75 per person; children under 12 \$50. Space limited – RSVP ASAP! 609-693-5558 or [murraygrove@murraygrove.org](mailto:murraygrove@murraygrove.org)

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Drum and Dance Retreat August 13-15, 2010

Homecoming 2010 September 24-26, 2010

Please ask us about bartering opportunities in exchange for retreat costs.

For information and registration:

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