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*We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:*

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

## *December Schedule of Sunday Services*

### **Worship With Us at 11am**

**December 2: What's In Your Loaf, Rev. Jimmie Reese, (Mary Andrews, host)**

*Potluck lunch to follow services.*

**December 9: Meaning and Midrash, Megan Dalby-Jones (Erik Lewis, host)**

On the second Sunday of Advent, we will explore the ancient story through the Jewish practice of midrash. What is the truth of tradition? What is the truth for today?

*Megan is a ministerial candidate. She and her partner came down to Texas so that she could serve as last year's ministerial intern at First Unitarian Church of Dallas. At the moment, the family focus is on Kristi's career. They plan to stay put geographically for the next few years. Megan is enjoying a secular job and her new role as a weekend circuit rider.*

**December 16: Winterfaith (Debbie Cannatella, host)**

Join us in exploring the rituals and traditions of holidays which fall during the later part of the calendar year, including Christmas, Hanukah, and Winter Solstice. Fernando Figueroa, Elihu Edelson, and others share their favorites.

**December 23: Christmas Music Service**

Pianist Stacy Smith will provide accompaniment for singing the songs of the Christmas season. Let her know in advance if you have a special favorite you would like to see included.

**December 30: Guest minister Kelli Clement, topic TBA (Bonnie Horick, host)**

Kelli is a seminarian in Minneapolis, on a path to ministry in a UU congregation.

Hope is like peace. It is not a gift from God.  
It is a gift only we can give one another.

-- Elie Wiesel

## December Calendar

### Sunday, December 2

- Current events forum hosted by John Sims, 10 am, UUFT Building.
- Potluck lunch following services

### Sunday, December 9

- Wildwood concert benefiting PATH at Tyler Women's Building, 7 pm. Admission is donation of food items for PATH pantry.

### Friday, December 14

- All-fellowship holiday party at UUFT building, 7-9 pm. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. (Finger foods preferred.)

### Sunday, December 16

- UUFT board meeting, 12:30pm.

### Sunday, December 23

- No sitting meditation this week.

PATH requests flour and cornmeal to restock its pantry this month. The blanket drive continues throughout the cold-weather months. New blankets can be dropped off at the PATH offices. Gently-used blankets should be taken to any location of The Cleaning Company.

### Guest At Your Table

Continue filling your Guest At Your Table boxes to benefit the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. John Sims will be gathering contributions in late January to send to UUSC in a single submission, but if you prefer to settle up before then, please contact John at 903-894-3364. Checks should be made out to UUSC (not to our local fellowship, please) and may be mailed to John at 18906 Forest Lane, Flint, TX 75762.

## UU'nhurried Family Time in The Country: U-Bar-U

*December 26 – January 4*

The intergenerational kick-back and comfort zone for the whole person, whole life, and the whole family! Re-Create It and Do It Yourself - Come as who you are – Come when you can -- for the best old fashioned simple good times with families and friends. Games, music, hiking, puzzles & poker, campfires: s'mores, songs and storytelling, labyrinth, wildlife, cooking out, treehouse, bocce, biking and bookgroup.

Every day is "nap/read/do-what-you-want/all you want" day. Led by world class UU kick-backers and veteran U-Bar-U'ers, Rita and Bil Cusak of Houston, TX. To register and ask questions, contact U-Bar-U director, Mike Schwab, at michael.lee.schwab@gmail.com or (c) 651-472-2249 or (office) 830-864-8419. 277 U-Bar-U Drive, Ingram, TX 78025

### "Sweep a Floor, Sweep a Heart" - - Humans AS Resources at U-Bar-U

We have many opportunities for humans to re-source themselves in personal work-study, short term professional interns, adult and youth program leaders, and general staff. Artists, builders, geeks, cooks, shoppers, naturalists, and hard workers needed -- anyone who might be interested in engaging with the zen mountain/retreat/camping/service work mode of UUism. This is a capstone UU experience for both young and older adults to bring their religion into deep direct practice.

We seek, develop, and expect the following standards: strong work ethic, elasticity of temperament, compulsion to closure, impeccable circumspection, common sense, common kindness -- all suffused with profound peace, personal integrity, and the common good. As a year round facility, we have opportunities that can fit your personal, school, or work schedules.

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