



December 4, 2019

**THIS SUNDAY
December 8, 2019**

10:30 a.m. **Cultivating a Practice of Faith**
The Rev. James Galasinski, Pulpit Guest

Worship Associate: Dave Nelson

RE Ambassador: Ron Tavernier

Greeters: Emily Dixon, Peter Brouwer, Debra Mitchell

Social Hour Hosts: Karen Bage, Maria Dickinson, Laura Foster

Collection Counters: Tim Opdyke, Pat Gengo

When are you scheduled as a social hour host or greeter?

[Check the schedule here.](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, December 7

10:00 a.m., Holiday Decorating Party

Sunday, December 8

9:15 a.m., Coffee, Conversation & More

10:30 a.m., Worship & Children's RE

11:45 a.m., Children's Choir Rehearsal

Noon, Holiday Pageant Rehearsal

Noon, Climate Action Group Meeting

4:30 p.m., Advent Spiral Celebration

Monday, December 9

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

7:00 p.m., Social Action Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 10

9:00 a.m., Sacred Texts and Coffee

11:30 a.m., Red Cross Blood Drive

5:30 p.m., Safety Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m., Second Tuesday Chalice Circle

Wednesday, December 11

4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir Practice

7:00 p.m., Jazz Jam Session

Falling Short: We are nearing the end of the canvass campaign...and we still have a way to go to meet our \$265,00 goal. To date 126 pledges have been received for a total of \$251,550. If you have not yet made your pledge, or if you'd like to add to one you've already made, you can do it online [here](#).

Get to Know our Newest Members! Stop by the bulletin board near the name tags to learn more about our newest members.

Children's Choir Rehearsal: Our children's choir for the holiday pageant will be practicing this Sunday, December 8 at 11:45am in the choir room and again next Sunday, December 15 before the pageant. All children are welcome to sing!

Giving Tree Tags: Be sure to bring your tag and gift to the church box with you this Sunday, December 8, since it is the final day to bring them in.

Grace House: is seeking donations of personal hygiene products, cleaning supplies, and paper products for the women who have just arrived at the house. Please place your donations in the purple Grace House bin in the social room.

Pageant Rehearsals: Our holiday pageant rehearsals are scheduled for this Sunday, December 8 from 12-1:30pm and on Sunday, December 15 at 9:30am in preparation for the service at 10:30am that morning.

Many Hands Make Light Work: Get into the holiday spirit and help decorate the sanctuary for the holiday season. Join the welcoming committee on Saturday, December 7 at 10:00a.m. to decorate and enjoy some snacks and holiday spirit. Contact Heather Rousell for more information.

Coffee, Conversation & More: Our climate action group will host another CC& More on Sunday, December 8 at 9:15 in the Romer Room. Join us to learn how to have effective conversations with climate change deniers. Brian Gardam will lead the discussion and there will be coffee and snacks.

Advent Spiral Celebration: Sunday, December 8, 4:30-5:30p.m. Children (and adults) will walk a large spiral of winter greenery and add their light, creating a peaceful start to the festive season. Followed by shared cookies. For more information, contact Sasha Kocho-Williams.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Make an appointment today to donate blood on Tuesday, December 10 here at the church. You can schedule [online](#) or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Safety Committee: The safety committee will meet on Tuesday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the library. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact John Danis.

Save the Date: *Building Beloved Community Beyond the Binary*, an annual conference at the [First Unitarian Universalist Society of Syracuse](#) is scheduled for February 8, 2020, with Keynote Speaker [Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, PhD](#). See the postcard in our social room for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Sunday: Our children and youth will hear a story of a baby, explore anti-bullying, host a guest panel and play board games [Learn more here](#).

Please Register Your Child(ren): Take a moment to register your child(ren) for the 2019-2020 religious education year. [Click here.](#)



IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS WEEK

RE Ambassador: Ron Tavernier

Nursery: Ashley Clover, Coral Pondysh

Spirit Play: Wil Rivers, Rebecca Pickens

Love Will Guide Us: Teresa Vermendi, Shelby Hunkins, Ron Tavernier

MakerSpace: Teresa Vermendi, Shelby Hunkins, Ron Tavernier

Jr High OWL: Jim Williams, Todd Moe

Youth Group: Danny Thomas, Julie VanDuyne



Read about this month's events in our

December Newsletter

COMMUNITY EVENTS

POSTPONED: Youth Mental Health First Aid: Designed to for adults who regularly interact with youth, this workshop teaches a 5-step action plan to help young people in crisis and non-crisis situations. We hope to hold this at a later date. Contact [Teresa Veramendi](#) for more information.

UU the Vote: If you would like to join the UUA's campaign to #VOTELOVE and #DEFEATHATE in 2020, you can text VOTELOVE to 51555 or [sign up online.](#)

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