



# UU News to Know

January 6, 2016

## This Sunday

Sunday, January 10  
10:30am, Worship Service  
& Children's RE

All My Relations  
Rev. Joel Miller, Interim  
Minister

Greeters:  
Bobbi Haldane  
Sally Vrooman

Chalice Lighters:  
Tim & Carol Opdyke

Worship Associate:  
Sarah Bentley-Garfinkel

Kitchen Cabinet Advisor:  
Stevie Michaelson

Social Hour Hosts:  
Phil & Caron Collins  
Amy McFarland

Collection Counters:  
Pat Gengo  
Tim Opdyke

## This Week in RE

**RE Ambassador:**  
David Bradford

**Nursery:**  
Anna Dickinson  
Emma Bentley-Hicks

## Search News

Find information and updates from our Ministerial Search Committee on their new [Ministerial Search](#) webpage. It can be reached from the Our Church drop-down menu.

## Church News

**Winter potluck sign-ups continue this Sunday:** Come to the Information Table and get your name in for a group meal at someone's home. We need hosts first, then folks will sign on to bring a dish and the fun begins. More info will be available at the table. See any Welcoming Committee member for details or send us an [email](#).

**Newcomers' "Get-Acquainted Coffee":** If you are a newcomer who has attended one or more of our services in the present or in the recent past, you're probably curious to know more about us. The Welcome Committee cordially invites you to an informal newcomers' "Get-Acquainted Coffee" before the service, in the Romer Room, at 9:15 AM, on January 10. For more information, see a committee member at the welcome table in the social room, or [email the Welcome Committee](#).

**Citizen's United:** The Supreme Court decision on Citizen's United opened a flood gate of big money that has eroded our impact as voters; witness - in the first phase of the 2016 presidential election, fewer than 200 families contributed nearly half the donations to presidential candidates. Learn more about how our church can join with others in supporting an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that firmly establishes humans, not corporations, with the unalienable rights of personhood by clicking [here](#) and by voting on a resolution of support at the Congregational meeting on January 31.

**Mark your calendars for Thirty Days of Love**---a time for love,

**Spirit Play:**

Todd Moe  
Eileen Wheeler

**Signs of Our Faith:**

Susan Powers  
Kathy Wyckoff

**Toolbox of Faith:**

Heather Rousell  
Ruth Baltus

**Building Bridges:**

Relani Prudhomme  
Ginger Storey-Welch

**Youth Group:**

Julie VanDuyne  
David Bradford

**The Week Ahead****Friday, January 8**

6:30pm, Jr. High OWL session

**Sunday, January 10**

9:15am, Newcomers Coffee  
10:30am, Worship &  
Children's RE  
Noon, Jr. High OWL session

**Monday, January 11**

Noon, Mindfulness  
Meditation

**Tuesday, January 12**

1:30pm, Outreach Committee  
meeting  
5:00pm, Welcome Committee  
meeting  
7:00pm, Chalice Circle

**Wednesday, January 13**

10:00am, Library work day  
4:00pm, Interim Shared  
Ministry team meeting

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community, and prophetic action with Standing on the Side of Love. This year's 30 days, from January 16- February 14, will be centered on racial justice as it intersects with other social justice aspects including immigration justice and LGBTQ equality. After you sign up on line [here](#), Standing on the Side of Love will send you weekly messages and calls to action from our justice partners. Join UUs from all over the country for 30 days of thoughtful reflection and inspiration.

**Family Game Night and Potluck:** Balance the winter darkness with a fun-filled evening of family games on Friday, January 22. Come to the church Social Room at 6:00p.m.with a dish to share for a potluck dinner, OR show up after dinner at 7:00p.m.for when the games begin! This event has been a huge success in the past so don't miss out. Bring your favorite family game, bring a friend, and don't forget your potluck packs to help reduce waste and clean-up. See you then! Questions? Contact [Wil Rivers](#).

**A Message from the Worship Committee:**

Some of you may have noticed that we have been blowing out the community candle during the service-a practice that, in the past, has not been a tradition in our church. We are doing this because Joel has an allergic response to the burning candle. We want to inform the congregation of this in the event that any of you have been curious.

**Giving Tree Final Report:** Canton's Church and Community Program ran a rewarding Giving Tree program this year, serving more than 150 families and providing more than 400 children with gifts of clothing, toys, books, and stocking stuffers. This is the largest number of families the program has served so far, reflecting the economic hardships our neighbors face. For more details and some pictures of what was collected, please [click here](#).

**Religious Education News**

**Equipment Needed:** The RE program is in need of an iron and ironing board. If you have one or both that you are willing to donate, please contact Carol via [email](#) or phone. Thanks!



**JR High OWL:** We will have our final class this Friday, January 8 at 6:30pm. We will be covering the topics of Communication and Reviewing. They will also be preparing for their end of program celebration.

**This Sunday:** Our children and youth will be learning about

sacred spaces, continuing to learn about memorial rituals, putting their faith into action, learning about Buddhist meditation practices and continuing to plan for an upcoming service.

[Details about Sunday's classes here](#)

## Community News

### **Community Net Metering Information Session - Monday, January 18th, 7-8pm at the UU Church:**

Businesses, non profit organizations, and individuals who rent or own their properties and are interested in accessing the financial and environmental advantages of solar energy are invited to attend an information session. Members of the Canton Sustainability Committee will be on hand to explain initiatives being explored to create a Community Net Meter Project in Canton. For more information contact Carol Gable at (315) 212-6563.

### **A Factoid from the Environmental Action Committee**

Did you know...

That recycling one aluminum beverage can save enough energy to run a 14 watt CFL bulb (60 watt incandescent equivalent) for 20 hours, a computer for 3 hours, or a TV for 2 hours?

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