

NEIGHBOURS & FELLOW CREATURES  
The First Religious Society in Carlisle  
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"WE ARE A WELCOMING, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY, STRIVING TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE, NOW AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO SERVICE, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL ACTION. WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER AND FOSTER PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH."

**"Dianiana" Reflections on Ministry by Rev. Diane Miller**

The Season of Peace is anything but in many places. Peace can be brought into being in our hearts, hard as that can sometimes be. Even though the church is a sanctuary and a place of hope, people sometimes stay away when they are having a difficult time. There are many problems the church and its minister cannot solve, but what we offer is solace for the spirit and courage for the soul. Along with times to celebrate, beautiful music, acceptance, and care. Show up and nurture your spirit this month.

See you in church!

---- Diane Miller

**Special Holiday Events**

(See inside for more description)

**Arrangements Workshop for the Greens Sale**

Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-5pm, Union Hall

**Wreath Decorating Workshop for the Greens Sale**

Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-5pm, Union Hall

**Greens Sale!** 10 AM – 2 PM Saturday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

**Advent Wreath Workshop** Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

2:30pm – 4:30pm

**Winter Holidays Concert** Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm

**Farmers Market Holiday Faire** Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

10am-2pm Union Hall

**Christmas Eve Family Celebration** 3pm Monday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

This lively service is for all ages. Miles Kissinger will play violin, there will be carols and rhythm instruments and lots of moving around with a participatory story. New lives will be honored. Led by Diane Miller and Alison Saylor.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Celebration** 5pm December 24<sup>th</sup>

Outstanding holiday music and the Christmas gospel, a homily by Rev. Miller, with the centering calm of candlelight. An offering will further our Social Action outreach. Town caroling on the Green follows our service.

**Upcoming Worship Celebrations**

**Sundays at 10 o'clock**

**The Nursery opens at 9:00 am**

**Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am**

**"LUV the Holiday Season" Rev. Diane Miller.**

Dec. 2 The season of darkness is when we most need voluntary simplicity, uncomplicated celebrations, and loving kindness. We will light the Advent Candles. Children begin in Union Hall on this First Sunday. Tom Rourk is the Religious Journey speaker.

**"Louisa's Legacy" Rev. Diane Miller. Dec. 9**

Louisa May Alcott's most famous book begins with a lament about Christmas – perhaps you will identify with her ambivalence and sense of loss about celebrating in difficult times. Janice Saul will sing "The Stormy Winter," set to a poem by Louisa May Alcott. The Message for All Ages will describe the Social Action House of Hope Stockings project. We will sing a Hanukkah song.

**Christmas Pageant led by Alison Saylor. Dec. 16**

(See description on next page). Rehearsal at 8:30am

**"Humility and Hope" Rev. Diane Miller. Dec. 23**

The story from Nazareth for our times. Duet by Alison Plante and Janice Saul. Diana Rodgers will describe healthy snacks for the Message for All Ages.

**"Waffles and Jazz"** Dec. 30 Sunday Brunch and conversation, enlivened by the Jazz Group, all in Union Hall. No nursery care or religious education -- all ages are welcome at this informal event. No charge for breakfast. See inside for ways you can help Tom Rourk put this festive morning together.

**HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE STAFF!**

If you would like to participate as a chalice lighter in our Sunday morning services, contact Tom Rourk, Music and Worship Committee chair, at [tfrpiano@comcast.net](mailto:tfrpiano@comcast.net)

## Christmas Pageant at the First Religious Society in Carlisle

by Alison Saylor

A Christmas Pageant has been performed in December every year that I have been at the First Religious Society in Carlisle (over 25 years) and probably for years before that too. Over the years the Christmas Pageant has morphed into the present form of an multigenerational, one rehearsal, “traditional” story told in song, narration and costumed actors. Angels can be little kindergarten girls or adult males, or anything in between. Shepherds might fall on the ground when they are surprised by angels, but they are also tough and resilient, and carry sling shots to keep the sheep and lambs safe from wolves. Innkeepers range from being rude to potential guests who do not seem affluent, to “nice” and accommodating problem solvers. Herod must keep a task force contingency of armed guards around him because he gets heckled by trouble-makers, yet all revere the wise Magi who travel long distances from faraway exotic lands seeking an answer to the mysterious star that shines so brightly in the night sky.

All members of the congregation are invited to become a character in the 2012 Christmas Pageant. It is open to all, but there are some unwritten rules that apply. High schoolers get first dibs at being the Magi, and if one of them wants to play Herod, that is usually easy to arrange. We always look for a real baby, and sometimes that helps determine the choice of Mary and Joseph. This year we are delighted to have the roles of Mary, Joseph and Jesus being performed by Margot, Guillaume, and their baby daughter Maxine.

Despite there only being one “real” rehearsal, the work behind the scenes to get the music, script and costumes ready is part of the fun preparations for the Pageant. As Woody Widrick, our minister emeritus often says, it is the process that is important. We are in the process now of finding narrators, actors, coordinators, and costumers. We also greatly appreciate an audience, so please save the morning of December 16 to be part of this special Sunday service.

**Director of Religious Education:** Alison Saylor can be reached by phone at 978-369-5180 or by e-mail at [DRE@uucarlisle.org](mailto:DRE@uucarlisle.org)

## Notes about the Junior Youth Group

The Junior Youth have been busy. We raised \$150 at the Harvest Fair matched by Social Action which gave us \$300 to spend. After much discussion, the youth decided to give \$100 to *Save the Children*. \$50 went to buying a goat for a family and the other \$50 went to a clean water project in a small community to help dig wells, provide water pumps and latrines. That left us with \$200 more dollars to spend. After reviewing 5 projects, the youth choose *The Kid's Place* in Pittsfield, MA. This organization provides housing, counseling and education to children who have been taken from their homes due to sexual and/or physical abuse. The children live on the premises and are offered a range of services to help them find healing and begin to find their way to a more peaceful and joyful life. The youth sent *The Kid's Place* \$200 with a note wishing them Happy Holidays.

In other news, we have continued our journey of meditation, simple yoga poses and discussions about god/the mystery/the beloved. We are doing some art projects to help us pin down how we define these terms for ourselves and what meaning they have in our lives.

The JYG Crop Walk banner is hanging in Union Hall.

And of course, the Pageant is coming and the Junior Youth have lots of idea on how to be involved! We are already planning this with Alison Saylor. I know it will be the highlight of our year!

—Linda Simmons, Junior Youth Group and Coming of Age Advisor

### Office Hours

**Holiday office hours:** The church office will be closed on December 24, 25, 26 and 31. The office will be open on December 27 from 9 to noon or as the occasion demands. Mail and phone messages will be checked regularly.

**Normal office hours:** Monday and Tuesday 8am to noon. Closed Wednesday. Thursday and Friday 8am to noon and 1pm to 4pm. The minister is generally in the minister's Study Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Monday is her day off and Fridays are usually sermon preparation. If you want to be sure to find her, call or email ahead. 617-851-8222. [minister@uucarlisle.org](mailto:minister@uucarlisle.org)

### FRS Snow/Inclement Weather Policy

When snow storms, ice, power outage, or other weather events coincide with Sunday mornings, the FRS policy is to encourage parishioners to decide for themselves if conditions are safe for coming to church. We plan to go ahead with services regardless of weather, adapting the service and religious education as needed. Because we rely on volunteers to clear snow and ice from entrances, come prepared. In case of weekday closing and cancellations, Ann will post changes or cancellations on the church website ([uucarlisle.org](http://uucarlisle.org)).

**Check the Website:** [www.uu.carlisle.org](http://www.uu.carlisle.org)

**Check the Internet:** Closing will be listed on [www.whdh.com](http://www.whdh.com) and [TheBostonChannel.com](http://TheBostonChannel.com) and on our Facebook page. [www.facebook.com/FRSCarlisle](http://www.facebook.com/FRSCarlisle)

## FRS Programs and Announcements

**Holiday Greens Sale:** This is our final week of preparation! We always have room for more volunteers. And we give new folks instructions. In addition, we would like more baked pies, cookies, cakes, breads etc. Also we do need more items to raffle off. Come join the fun! Santa will be on site for photos with children.

The **Coming of Age program** will be offered in January through May 2013 for youth in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The major aspects of this program are pairing youth with adult mentors; discussions that emphasize self-awareness and confidence-building; service to the church and community; knowing what it means and being able to articulate what it means to each youth to be a Unitarian Universalist and a culminating affirmation ceremony.

For more information see: <http://www.uua.org/interconnections/interconnections/45052.shtml> There will be an informational meeting December 16th after the pageant. If you would like your youth to participate or are thinking that you would be a good mentor (and there are so many wonderful mentors in our church) please contact Linda Simmons (lsimmons@mail.harvard.edu) or come to the planning meeting.

The **Social Action Committee** is in process of setting up the Lowell needy children's Christmas project. We have a new Social Worker at the Butler Middle School in Lowell, and we hope to have a list soon. This project will provide a clothing gift and a recreational gift to each child. We expect to work with 4 to 5 families and up to 20 children. Please contact Dollina Borella, [dollina.borellaFRS@gmail.com](mailto:dollina.borellaFRS@gmail.com), 978-771-3732 with any questions and to volunteer to provide a gift. Thank you all for your past and future support

**An Immediate Storm Sandy Relief Project:** The Taunton U-U church will be sending five truckloads of donated materials to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bellport, on Long Island, New York on December 9. Not yet in use as a church, the NY congregation's building in Sayville has become a distribution center for donations. The Taunton church is collecting a variety of goods—some for Christmas giving, some for clean-up and repair needs (see the church's blog, <http://www.firstparishtaunton.org/blog>). We will collect money, not goods, though Sunday, December 2. The Taunton church has said that they will then buy appropriate supplies to be added to the December 9 shipment. We will put out a basket at our November 25 and December 2 services. Donations may also be made by sending checks to the FRS, P.O. 817, Carlisle, MA 01741 (must be received before December 2). Please make checks out to the FRS with "Taunton Storm Sandy Relief" on the memo line. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

**Christmas Eve Offering:** The Social Action Committee has designated three recipients of the Christmas Eve offering—The Carlisle Neighbor Fund, The Stella-Rosie Foundation and a Storm Sandy relief organization. The Neighbor fund was established in 2008 by generous donors. That money was divided between the three Carlisle churches. Each church has made funds available to local people in need, not necessarily church members. The FRS fund has been depleted. The Stella-Rosie Foundation helps Ugandan children who show promise but cannot afford to go to school. Florence and Roger Goulet established the Foundation in August, 2011. Florence grew up in Uganda and most of her family is still there. Her sister is the in-country administrator. The organization is named in memory of Florence's mother, Stella, and Roger's late wife, Rosie, a much beloved FRS member. There are many organizations helping in the Storm Sandy relief effort. For hands-on, immediate help, we are suggesting support of the Taunton church project (see above). Please watch the church Thursday emails for a decision on which organization we recommend for future relief support.

**When you are on Facebook, visit and "like" the First Religious Society in Carlisle.** It is a low volume site with photos of church scenes and regular updates of church events. It is also an "interactive" page where you can post a response, or share recent news with the congregation. Thanks to Tom Rourk for creating it. At this time, Tom, Rick MacDonald, and Diane Miller are administrators of the site. On Facebook, simply type in "The First Religious Society in Carlisle" in the search bar at the top of a page. Or direct from anywhere on the internet, this is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/FRSCarlisle>

**Advent Wreath Making and Caroling, Sunday December 2, 2:30 p.m to 4:30 in Union Hall.** Each year on the first Sunday of Advent, a group gathers to enjoy the tradition of making an advent wreath for their own homes. The Advent wreath is made to sit on a table. One candle is lit each week of Advent in expectation of the holiday and appreciation of things that are dear to us. The center candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Following the making of our wreaths, we will have a reading and a few words about the tradition, share our first candles together, and sing carols. Bring a large plate or plastic platter to hold your wreath (it should have edges to hold a small amount of water), a small candle holder that can hold your center candle, and garden clippers. If you have greens such as pine, fir, spruce, hemlock or other evergreens please bring some branches to use and share. You will need an Advent wreath form and candles; please sign up at Coffee

Hour or through the church office so we know what you need; the cost is small. Wreath forms are re-usable from year to year. This project is enjoyed by all ages; I hope you will come! Please email Molly Sorrows [msorrows@comcast.net](mailto:msorrows@comcast.net) with any questions.

**Coffee Hour Shared Hospitality:** December 2: last names I-L; December 9, last names M-P, December 16: Religious Education Committee, December 23: Q-T; December 30; Waffle breakfast

**Winter Holidays Concert** This FRS annual holiday event celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and the Winter Solstice, will be at 7:00 PM on Sunday, December 2. The program will include many old favorites as well as some new songs and, as usual, those in the audience will be important and frequent participants. All of the church music groups will be on hand, and we'll also enjoy the music of soloists and guest musicians. This event is a multi-generational concert. FRS members and friends are invited to bring children of all ages, and to invite neighbors and their children to join them for this informal celebration. A reception, hosted by the FRS Music and Worship Committee, will be held in Union Hall immediately following the concert.

**House of Hope Stocking Stuffing Project:** On Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday service, the children and youth in our church, with help from Mary Hult and Helen Lyons, will stuff stockings for families living at the House of Hope in Lowell. The stockings were made by the Sharing Foundation sewing project in Roteang, Cambodia. To cover the cost of the filled stocking we'll be seeking a \$10 suggested donation per stocking.

**Winter Market Faire: Saturday December 15 10:00am – 2:00pm in Union Hall** Sponsored by the FRS Environmental Action Committee and featuring the Farmers Market, FRS Jazz Group concert, 'Forgotten Skills' classes, with Lunch served by *Trails End Cafe* from Concord. <http://www.carlislefarmersmarket.org/CFM/Winter.html>

**Christmas Pageant at the First Religious Society in Carlisle Sunday December 16.** The rehearsal begins at 8:30am and the Pageant at 10:00am as part of the Sunday Service that morning. Each year this script-in-hand generational Christmas Pageant is tweaked a little to keep it fresh, but does not stray from the traditional story. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to "experience" our unique Christmas Pageant. For more information please contact Alison Saylor at [dre@uucarlisle.org](mailto:dre@uucarlisle.org)

**A'caroling:** On the morning of Wednesday, December 12, a group will leave FRS at 9:20 to carpool to the VA Hospital in Bedford for holiday songs and carols with the residents. This has become an annual event, organized by Steve and Sue Kirk. Margaret Darling serves as pianist and provides songbooks and great support for the singing. We are usually finished by 11:00 AM. Anyone from the community who would like to be part of this occasion of celebration with our veterans is welcome. A great singing voice is not a prerequisite. Just show up at the front door of the church at 27 School St. at 9:20 AM on December 12. If there are any questions you may call the church office at 978-369-5180.

**Healthy snacks and edible art on December 23** The Religious Education Program is delighted to have Diana Rodgers of Clark Farm fame join us for a special "hands-on" project promoting healthy snacks during a time of year when candy canes and other tasty, but unhealthy treats permeate our and our children's diet. The morning will involve working with fruits, vegetables and other healthy foods to make edible art.

**Each year at the 3:00 Christmas Eve service, we honor the Nativity by reading the names of all babies born to the FRS community during 2012.** If you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, godparent or close friend of a baby born this year and would like the baby's name included, please contact Nancy West with the baby's full name, date of birth and relationship to you. [NancySWest@gmail.com](mailto:NancySWest@gmail.com), or call 978-399-4691.

**Waffles and Jazz Church Brunch will be held once again this year on Sunday, Dec 30 in Union Hall.** This is both a church event, and a community event, bringing in friends and neighbors for a last hurrah of the Christmas week. Last year we had a great turn out of usual suspects and new faces, and we hope to repeat that again this year. The Jazz Group will play, and we will have a special prize for the best (or worst) Christmas Sweater. We need volunteers to help make this work. Jobs will be; Cooking and waffle making, set up, serving, clean up, etc... the usual community meal chores. There will be a sign up sheet at Coffee Hour, or you may phone Tom Rourk at 978 369 5366 to put your name in.

**Five members from FRS represented the congregation at the "Revitalizing Your Church" workshop held at the UU Church in Harvard, MA on November 10th.** Paul Morrison, Art Milliken, Alison and Mike Saylor, and Diane Miller attended. Notes and ideas are being collected and will go to the Parish Committee and other church groups. One point made is that Revitalization needs to be intentional and ongoing, not a single change or project.

**Transgender Film Series continues at the First Religious Society:** As a Welcoming Congregation committed to extending a genuine welcome all who identify as BGLTQ, we have offered speakers, films, and educational programs on gay and lesbian issues over the past several years. We have also offered opportunities for involvement in activism aimed at advancing BGLTQ human rights. This year that commitment continues with film and conversation on transgender topics.

Terminology for human identities continues to evolve. The word "transgender" was first coined to describe those whose gender identity does not conform with their assigned sex, but who have no desire for surgery or hormone treatments. It was meant to distinguish them from "transsexuals", whose wish is to legally and medically change their sex. More recently "transgender" (sometimes simply "trans") has become an umbrella term used to include all people whose gender identity does not conform with dominant conceptions of gender.

Mark your calendar for three more dates for the Transgender Film Series in 2013: Sundays, Jan 27, March 10, April 28, all 4-6 PM in the upper conference room. Popcorn and cider will accompany a film previewed and selected by the team of Margaret Darling, Diane Miller, Jenn Stephens, and Marguerite Shaw. Each screening will be followed by conversation.

Feel free to drop in for any of the films. The ones shown this fall - ranging from light and humorous to deeply moving - have been well received, and the conversation has been rich and informative. Upcoming offerings have won multiple awards and received good reviews. If you would like specifics in advance about the film to be shown, contact Rev. Diane Miller, who will send you an email the week before with film information.

**Carlisle Resilience:** Carlisle Resilience is a weekly gathering of people who are looking for employment, changing careers, and starting new ventures. The group constitutes a talent pool of diverse skills, so if you are looking for talent and skills, or have an inside track on job openings, this is where you might find the right person for the job. If you have expertise you can offer to a group of job seekers, we appreciate having guest presenters. Tuesday mornings at 10 AM the group gathers at FRS. It is a changing group of people from FRS and the larger community. There is a brief check-in from everyone present, and then we delve into an aspect of search in greater depth. Looking for work is complicated. Getting no responses or rejections can be deeply discouraging. Being out of work can begin a cascade of problems. We are here to offer support and encouragement and real connections. Facilitators are Rev. Diane Miller, John Redding and Michael Dundorf. There is hot coffee, and no charge for the meetings. Contact John ([JohnEhRedding@gmail.com](mailto:JohnEhRedding@gmail.com)) or Diane ([minister@uucarlisle.org](mailto:minister@uucarlisle.org)) to find out more, or just drop in.

**Paypal and credit card convenience:** Shoppers can now use their credit cards to pay for purchases at FRS events, such as the Greens Sale. In addition, we have added a Paypal Donate button to our [uucarlisle.org](http://uucarlisle.org) website, under Stewardship and Giving, for on-line donations. While we will incur a fee of close to 3% for credit card transactions, we are happy to provide this added convenience for shoppers and donors.

**'Tis the season:** Please help make visitors feel welcome by saying hello and introducing yourself. Visitors can find out more about happenings at FRS via the email announcements and can be added to the list by completing a card in the front lobby. (They can also remove themselves from the list at any time). The newest flyers about our social action, religious education, music and other church programs are on the bookshelves in Union Hall.

**New Lights for the Town's Holiday Tree on the Common:** Rev. Miller contributed \$300 from a discretionary fund toward the new LED lights for the Town Tree Lighting, a project organized by Ferns proprietor Larry Bearfield with support from the Town and community. The tree will be lit on the evening of Tuesday, December 4, and the North Pole will provide cookies and cocoa in Union Hall afterward.

**Reminder:** If you plan a meeting or an event at FRS, please reserve the space with Ann well in advance of the event. She will then put it on the office calendar and on the website and will cite it in the weekly enewsletter and the monthly newsletter. Please put "room reservation" on the subject line if you are sending the request by email.

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## Pastoral Concerns

We serve as a means of outreach to people in our church who need our special support and friendship. We will arrange rides, visits, childcare, meals or anything else that lends a helping hand during short or long-term crises. If you are in need of this support, or know of someone who needs this support, the Pastoral Concerns contact for November is Nancy Shohet West, 978-399-4691, [nancyswest@msn.com](mailto:nancyswest@msn.com).

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For a complete calendar of meetings and activities here at FRS please go to the church calendar on our website:

<http://www.uucarlisle.org/calendar.html>

All are welcome to attend Parish Committee meetings, except in cases of executive sessions. FRS Committee meetings are open to any interested party. To address a committee on a specific issue please contact the committee chair.

## Hospitality Committees

Greeter Committee: Eva Herndon, Nancy West, Karen Dunkers, Tom Dunkers  
Flower Committee: Pam Hall, Alison Saylor  
Coffee Committee: Pam Fox

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <b>10am-2pm</b> Greens Sale <b>3:45-5:15PM</b> Bellingers rehearsal
<b>2</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service <b>11:00am</b> Coffee Hour <b>2:30-4:30pm</b> Advent Wreath workshop <b>7pm</b> Holiday Concert	<b>3</b>  <b>7:00pm</b> EAC meeting	<b>4</b> <b>9:00am</b> Staff <b>10:00am</b> Carlisle Resilience UH <b>6pm-10pm</b> Christmas on the Common UH <b>7pm</b> M&W committee	<b>5</b>  <b>2:45-3:45pm</b> COA tap class <b>7pm</b> dance rehearsal/UH <b>7:30pm</b> choir rehearsal	<b>6</b>  <b>10am-12pm</b> Garden Club & COA wreath making workshop UH	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>7-9am</b> Men's Group <b>10am-12pm</b> Parents Connection party/UH <b>6-9pm</b> Beekeepers, UH & kitchen
<b>9</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service <b>11:00am</b> Coffee Hour	<b>10</b>  <b>7pm</b> B&G mtg	<b>11</b> <b>9:00am</b> Staff <b>10:00am</b> Carlisle Resilience UH	<b>12</b>  <b>9:20am VA</b> <b>caroling</b> <b>2:45-3:45pm</b> COA tap class <b>7pm</b> dance rehearsal/UH <b>7:30pm</b> choir rehearsal	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>6:30pm</b> potluck & condradance UH	<b>15</b> <b>10am-2pm</b> EAC Winter Market Faire, UH
<b>16</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b>  Christmas Pageant <b>11:00am</b> Coffee Hour	<b>17</b> <b>7pm</b> private piano recital & reception Sanct. & UH	<b>18</b> <b>9:00am</b> Staff <b>10:00am</b> Carlisle Resilience UH <b>7:30pm</b> Parish Committee mtg	<b>19</b> <b>2:45-3:45pm</b> COA tap UH <b>7:30pm</b> choir rehearsal	<b>20</b> <b>11:30am</b> COA luncheon <b>2:30-6pm</b> private piano recital, Sanctuary	<b>21</b> <b>6:30-</b> <b>8:30pm</b> private recital & reception, Sanct & UH	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>9:00</b> Nursery <b>10:00am</b> Worship Service <b>11:00am</b> Coffee Hour	<b>24</b> Office closed <b>3pm</b> children's service <b>5pm</b> Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b>  Office closed Christmas Day dinner. Contact Mary Zoll to sign up.	<b>26</b> Office closed	<b>27</b> Office open 9- noon	<b>28</b> <b>7-9pm</b> Beekeepers, UH	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>10:00am</b> Waffles and Jazz brunch Union Hall	<b>31</b> Office closed					

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