



KUUUC NEWS

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The theme for
January is:
Possibility



Worship in January

January 6

Burning Bowl

Rev. Ken Jones

Green Sanctuary/Social Justice Councils
Worship Council

January 13

Socialism and Utopia

Don Gallagher

January 20

Martin Luther King Jr.

Todd Schaefer

Membership Council

January 27

Our Spirit of Life

Jan Jaffe

KUUUC needs folks interested in outreach through our website and newsletter. No prior knowledge is required—we'll provide the training. Call Jim 509-929-3238.

Want to be a **Worship Associate**? The Worship Council is providing a Worship leader Training with Rev. Ken Jones as facilitator. We invite those who are interested in participating in this capacity to join us at KUUUC on Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 9:30 until noon.

Upcoming Special Events

RE COUNCIL

Mon, Jan 7—7:00 p.m.
KUUUC

OUR ENVIRONMENT

Tue, Jan 8 - 6 p.m.
United Methodist Church

WORSHIP ASSOC TRAINING

Sat, Jan 12—9:30 a.m.- Noon
KUUUC, Rev Ken Jones, Leader

WILD GIRLS FINAL MEETING

Sun, Jan 13 4:00- 5:00 p.m.
KUUUC, Zendo

ELLENSBURG VEG SOCIETY

Tue, Jan 15—6:00 p.m.
IOOF Hall

OUR ENVIRONMENT

Sat, Jan 26 - 9:00 a.m.
United Methodist Church

Possibility, January 2019

A Prelude to the New Year
From Our Worship Resource: Soul Matters

What Does It Mean To Be A People of Possibility?

Of all our topics this year, possibility is arguably most central to our faith. It has distinguished Unitarian Universalists from the start. Historically, when others saw depravity and sin at the core of human identity, we saw potential--sometimes with hardly any boundaries. When many were preaching that this world was fallen, and we should look instead to the hope of an afterlife, we found ourselves falling in love with the possibility of heaven on earth. Theologically, you might say that we were the people that believed that God hadn't given up on any of us and so we shouldn't give up on each other or this world. Psychologically, it's led to us being a people of "why not?" Why not give people another chance? Why not fight what seems a losing battle? Why not risk a little failure? After all, to us the possible has always seemed more likely than not!

So that's our religion. But what about us personally? How open have you been recently to "Why not?" How's your faith in possibility doing? As we honor our religion's trust in what's possible, we need to allow space for the reality that trusting possibility isn't so easy for many of us. Here's how one Soul Matters member puts the challenge:

"When I think of possibility, I think of all the people and opportunities we close the door on. Such as: 'I will never see eye to eye with my sister.' 'I couldn't possibly leave this job to start my own business' 'I will never have close friends like I had where I used to live.' 'I will never really make a difference, so why bother?' 'UU's will always be a small faith.' "

We tell ourselves so many small things about who we and others are. And we know that's not really because we're pessimistic. More often than not, it's about protecting ourselves. There's comfort in convincing yourself that the work is hopeless; that way you don't have to try and risk failure, hurt or disappointment yet again.

All of which is to say that maybe being a people of possibility has more to do with being a people of vulnerability and courage than we've thought. The work isn't just about believing in possibility. It's about being willing to endure a few wounds along the way. It can hurt to be hopeful. Especially with all that is going on in our world and society right now, we need to make room for that.

So maybe the question this month isn't "Are you ready to lean into possibility?" but "Who's beside you and who are you bringing along?" "Who have you gathered to patch and pick you up when the path gets bumpy?" After all, no one makes it down the road of possibility alone.

And perhaps that's the real secret: remembering that "Why not?" is something we all have to say together.



What is Guest at Your Table?

Guest at Your Table (GAYT) is UUSC's annual intergenerational program to raise support for and awareness about key human rights issues. Since UUSC works in over 25 countries, with over 75 grassroots partners, there are thousands of individuals involved in and who benefit from the work that our members make possible. The program is an opportunity to celebrate grassroots partnership, support human rights, and learn about just four of these individuals – the “guests” in Guest at Your Table.

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is a 78-year-old human rights organization grounded in UU values and committed to advancing human rights, dismantling systems of oppression, and uplifting and affirming the inherent worth and dignity of all people. Our eye-to-eye partnership model centers the experiences and wisdom of front-line communities, and we partner with grassroots groups around the globe to support those facing human rights abuses, humanitarian crises, and displacement due to climate change.

2018-19

***Reminder - This year's Guest at Your Table is
Justice Across Borders and is active now.***

For thousands of Central Americans making the dangerous journey north to escape gang violence, gender-based assault, and increased militarization, the road away from danger is paved with injustices. Recognizing the difficulty and duration of this journey – and believing that human rights should be recognized before, during, and afterward – this year's UUSC Guest at Your Table theme for 2018-19 is **Justice Across Borders**.

Justice Across Borders

From the Northern Triangle of Central America, to deserts of Mexico and Arizona, to detention centers in the United States, the road away from danger is paved with injustices. Partnering with grassroots allies along the Central American migration trail, UUSC addresses root causes, supports migrants in transit, and protects the right to seek asylum. Join with UUSC for Guest at Your Table to learn more about UUSC's and our nation's involvement in Central America – historically and presently – and our courageous Migrant Justice partners.



Guest at Your Table 2018-19 Sample Worship Service

JUSTICE ACROSS BORDERS



Religious Education in January

Date	When	What
Jan. 6	during the service	Chalice Seekers (2nd-4th grade) RE, childcare for Chalice Children (infant-1st grade)
	4:00 - 5:30 pm	Middle school RE class at KVVUUC in the Zendo
Jan. 12	5:00 - 6:00 pm	Catholic Mass at St. Andrew's for the Middle School RE Class
Jan. 13	during the service	Chalice Seekers (2nd-4th grade) RE, childcare for Chalice Children (infant-1st grade)
	10:00 - 11:00 am	Orthodox Divine Liturgy at Prophet Elijah for the Middle School RE Class
Jan. 20	during the service	Chalice Seekers (2nd-4th grade) RE, childcare for Chalice Children (infant-1st grade)
	4:00 - 5:30 pm	Middle school RE class at KVVUUC in the Zendo
Jan. 27	during the service	Celebration Sunday (in place of regular RE and childcare): guest speaker Don Gallagher will join all ages of children in the zendo



General Assembly 2019 June 19-23, Spokane, WA

The Power of We

In a time of great challenge and heartbreak in our world, what does our faith demand from us? At this year's General Assembly we will explore the power, possibility, purpose, struggle and joy of finding the path forward together as Unitarian Universalists. Attendees will leave inspired, with the tools needed to carry on the work into their own congregations and communities. Join us as we work for collective liberation inside and outside our faith.

LOCAL NEWS

Wise Words

Circle Suppers are hosted potlucks. The host chooses a date and decides how many folks can be accommodated. Those who sign up are contacted and receive a general category of food to bring so that the meal will be reasonably balanced. The cozy setting of a home, the intimacy of sharing a meal, the extra time for conversation.

Sign-up sheets are available on Sunday. Please see Janet Adams

Think in ways you've never thought before.
If the phone rings, think of it as carrying a message
Larger than anything you've ever heard...
When someone knocks on the door, think that their about
To give you something large: tell you you're forgiven,
Or that it's not necessary to work all the time,
or that it's been decided that if you lie down no one will die.

[Robert Bly](#)

Bee Garden Buzz

A Berry Berry Good Thought

For winter berries, explore the Holly and Magnolia Collections. Various selections of holly, (see image below) display winter interest from fall until the magnolias bloom in spring. Hollies that are native to the United States include American holly selections and the deciduous, winterberry holly zone 5 - 9), which boasts clusters of red-berries long after the foliage is gone. ,



"Nature has undoubtedly mastered the art of winter gardening and even the most experienced gardener can learn from the unrestrained beauty around them."

- Vincent A. Simeone



“We Are Still In” for bold, compassionate global action for Climate Justice!

Representatives of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) recently wrapped up two weeks of advocacy and public witness at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) concluded its 24th session (COP24) in Katowice, Poland.

In 2015, the UUA’s governing body, General Assembly, affirmed support for a strong, compassionate global climate agreement. The COP24 was focused on defining the “rule book” for implementing the Paris Agreement, and the UUA COP24 advocates on the ground in Poland continued to press for fairness, ambition, and enforceability in the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement.

Meanwhile, the Trump Administration’s focus at the COP24 consisted of trying to weaken acknowledgement of the scientific reality and urgency of the climate crisis, and promoting “unapologetic utilization” of coal, oil and gas in a panel that was disrupted by US youth and numerous representatives of communities on the frontlines of climate- and environmental injustice.

The UUA denounces the moral failure of the Trump Administration to take the necessary actions to address climate change.

“Multilateral action on climate change is the single most important moral decision of our time,” said the UUA United Nations Office Director, Bruce Knotts. “We either move quickly to address this existential threat of climate change or we consign the planet and all life on the planet to a living hell on earth.”

The UUA joins other faith communities, as well as businesses, universities, and local government leaders in saying “We are still in”. We are still committed to implementing --- or better yet, surpassing --- the US commitments to the Paris Climate Agreement and limiting global climate change to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Moreover, we are committed to Climate Justice.

The UUA holds firmly the belief that multilateral climate action must honor and heed the leadership and wisdom of those who are most impacted by extraction, pollution, and climate change. Community-based solutions that protect the rights and address the needs of most-affected communities are essential to enacting a Just Transition through and beyond this climate crisis.

The time to act is now. The words of this message sent to the leaders of the UNFCCC COP 24 by the International Interfaith community feel apt:

“Wielding the language of courage and hope over fear and despair, we, as faith communities, continue to uphold the vision of a future of wellbeing and mutual flourishing for humanity, future generations and all creation.

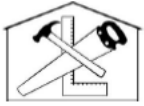
We invite you to join us in a common pilgrimage to seek and live out alternative social, economic and political pathways towards a carbon-neutral, sustainable and equitable world. It is within our grasp if we act now!”

Are you Ready to Join the UUA in taking action for Climate Justice?

1. **[Set up your account](#)** on Create Climate Justice Net, the UU community organizing platform for climate justice mobilization (make sure you scroll to the bottom of the link to see the 5 Tips to Get Started)
2. **[Sign up for a tutorial session](#)** to learn how to navigate and fully utilize this powerful new resource!

Stay tuned for another invitation in early 2019! The UUA has just established an Organizing Strategy Team with Rev. Karen Brammer leading as the UUA Senior Associate for Climate Justice. This is an exciting shift that will enhance the staff support and intersectionality of UUA climate justice ministries. So, gear up for a year of bold and compassionate action for climate justice, from the UU grassroots to the UUA headquarters! Another invitation to join the UUA in taking action for climate justice will be sent in early 2019 through Create Climate Justice Net (so make sure you set up your account!).

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If you have a skill/service you would like to advertise to our congregation, contact Jim at 509-929-3238.



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- Specializes in beginner & hobby adult lessons
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