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December Services

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Snack Schedule

12/04	Heutte family
12/11	Bernadette Paradis
12/18	Amy Rutten
12/25	

Wish List for HUUF:

We are looking for some tools to have on hand for a "church tool box". If you have any extra hammers, screwdrivers, pliers, etc., please give them to Luke Rutten.

December 4: Judaism: A Personal Journey: Wendy Greenberg reflects on her personal journey in Judaism and how it guides her life. Service Coordinator: Susan Hauser

December 11: UU Community Voices: Parenting in a Judeo-Christian Society: As part of our UU Community Voices series, HUUF members Paul Kivi, Nina Rudnick, Emily Williams and another guest reflect on how to raise UU children in a country where a majority of people identify themselves as Christian. Service Coordinator: Paul Kivi

December 18: The Reason for the Season? Reflecting on our Christian roots, Mae Gibson Wall considers reasons that we who do not identify as Christians might still celebrate Christmas. She will also explore ways to celebrate that are authentic and meaningful to us and our living faith tradition. Mae is in her final year of seminary at Meadville Lombard Theological School. She interned with the UU Congregation of Duluth last year and is currently serving Mesabi UU Church in Virginia as their ministerial intern. Service Coordinator: Bernadette Paradis

December 25: 7:00 PM -- Christmas: A Soulstice for the Soul: At this evening service, speaker Amy Rutten will suggest that there are ways that we can find light in this season of darkness, be it through the birth of Christ, the celebration of the Winter Solstice, or composting. Find out how these three things are related and how they can fuel your spiritual rebirth, and celebrate the warmth of the season with your UU community. Service Coordinator: Amy Rutten

“Introduction to HUUF” Dinner

At 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 13, at 522 America Ave, Bemidji, there will be an informal meal and discussion about HUUF and our fellowship. Anyone interested in learning more about HUUF and Unitarian Universalism is invited to this meal and discussion hosted by HUUF’s membership committee. Friends, visitors and members are cordially invited to attend. The more the merrier! Childcare is available upon request. To RSVP, just contact Tricia Andrews, 444-8936 or andrews@paulbunyan.net, by Friday, December 9th.

Prairie Star District News

Regional Governance for the 21st Century Proposed

November 12, 2011 marked a historic day for Prairie Star District. We took the first step toward building a governance structure for the 21st Century; one that leads a thriving, future-oriented religious organization. At our meeting, the PSD Board unanimously voted to work collaboratively with the Boards of the Central Midwest District and Heartland District to create a regional governance entity to replace the three individual districts. Our three boards are the first in the UUA to make this bold and creative proposal.

Creation of a new regional entity is an opportunity to form something more than a geographically larger district. The Board believes that by collaborating with our partner districts to the east, we can accomplish more than any one district can do by working alone. A regional entity, with one governance Board rather than three separate district boards as we have now, will also free more of our funds for programming.

The new regional governance structure will be on the agenda for approval by PSD Delegates at our 2013 Business Meeting. This gives us nearly 18 months for study, planning, congregational feedback, and communications. We will need to create entirely new regionally-oriented, processes for visioning, accountability, fiduciary responsibility, and communication.

I'm sure you have questions about how this transition will impact you and your congregation. (For background information see <http://www.psduua.org/drupal/content/regionalization>)

Comments about PSD programming and service issues should be directed to Nancy Heege (nheege@psduua.org).

We are embarking on an exciting journey. I look forward to making the journey with you. I know I can speak for the PSD Board in pledging to communicate fully, openly, and often as we move forward.

Peace and blessings,

Kathy Burek
President, Prairie Star District

WhaleCoast Alaska 2012

Have you always dreamed of visiting Alaska? Are you curious about the lifestyles of Alaskan UUs? Do you enjoy getting to know your fellow travelers? If so, WhaleCoast Alaska 2012 is for you! Four Alaskan UU fellowships invite you to experience our eco-cultural and spiritual program this summer as we celebrate our 15th year! See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Sitka with friendly homestays and unique tour activities. See wildlife, including moose, bear, whales, bald eagles, seals, and caribou. Visit Denali National Park. Experience Native Alaskan culture. Enjoy all that our beautiful state has to offer. Programs led by Dave Frey, member of the farthest north UU congregation. To find out more about your Alaskan trip of a lifetime, visit www.WhaleCoastAK.org, email dfrey@whalecoastak.org, or call 907-322-4966. We would love to share our Alaska with you!

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