

Hunger

The theme for the November services is hunger. Hunger is more than an empty belly—we can hunger for beauty and freedom, peace and truth. This month the theme questions to consider touch on what you need to truly nourish yourself, and what “nutrients” society requires to be healthy and whole.



**NOV
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Friends in Hard Times

Rev. Debra Thorne

Eight years ago in Chicago I watched the inauguration of Barack Obama, in a room of Unitarians, some of who had marched alongside Martin Luther King in the great civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery. It was a day of unimaginable joy. This next American election has been unimaginable in a very different way. How do we understand the forces at play and support our American friends and neighbours?

**NOV
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Hunger for Peace

*Rev. Debra Thorne,
John Hagen and Guests*

Why do we engage in fighting, and with the same breath, yearn for peace? In the human dance between conflict and harmony is a struggle to live at a deeper level. Let this be a time to renew our desire for peace between nations and peace in our souls. Through

music and readings, the longing for peace breaks through, feeding our hope, strengthening our will.

**NOV
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Hungry Ghosts

Rev. Debra Thorne

Children who are loved and surrounded by a safe and nurturing community grow with an ability to connect to others. On the other hand—according to Dr. Gabor Mate, physician and writer—trauma, abandonment and neglect have a direct effect on the human body and mind, and are the underlying reasons adults become addicts.

- The choir sings

**NOV
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SOUL FOOD: Bread for LIFE!

Service Co-ordinator: Joan Morris; Guest Speaker: Anne Morrison
This talk will explore how unfulfilled yearnings are sometimes even more depleting than going without food,

by preventing us from experiencing true contentment in life. Join Anne Morrison as she explores how tending to our yearnings is the universal food that fuels our life energy and enables us to experience inner peace. We all hunger to experience our own worth and have our yearnings fulfilled.

- The choir sings

Anne Morrison is a former member of the Beacon Unitarian Church and a current member of the First Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo. As a community developer and a therapist, Anne has over 40 years' experience facilitating ways for people to transform inner pain so that they can stand tall in their own magnificence. Anne currently conducts individual, couple and family therapy, as well as therapist training and supervision, from her serene Chemainus home office. Anne's website: annemorrison.ca

Minister's Message



Rev. Debra Thorne

This month Unitarians across Canada are speaking out on the Trans-Pacific Pipeline and on a National Affordable Housing Strategy. I am using my message space this month to share with you two public letters. One was a statement calling upon Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to reject the Trans-Pacific Pipeline, written by the Unitarian Ministers of Canada.

Rev. Debra Thorne

The second letter I encourage you to send to your MP, and the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, as the government is working on a National Housing Policy at this moment. The Unitarian Church of Ottawa and the Vancouver Unitarian Church have been working hard for years to prod the government into creating a National Housing Policy. It is time that all Canadians had access to safe affordable housing.

—Rev. Debra Thorne

**To the Honourable Chrystia Freeland,
Minister of International Trade and
The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau,
Prime Minister and
TPP-PTP.Consultations@international.gc.ca**

We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers of Canada, call upon Prime Minister Trudeau to reject the Trans-Pacific Partnership. The TPP, if approved, would prevent Canada from protecting our environment.

In 2012 the Province of Quebec placed a moratorium on fracking due to mounting concerns that the toxic process of extracting natural gas is a threat to community drinking water. In retaliation the oil company operating in Quebec used the NAFTA agreement (which TPP would strengthen) to sue Canada for \$250,000,000 in lost future profits.

Under NAFTA corporate lawyers in Washington and New York are dictating to our Parliament what it can and cannot legislate. Canada is currently facing \$2.6 billion in lawsuits from corporations because of environmental legislation allegedly interfering with profit-making of foreign corporations. TPP will include more countries. Our Parliament will be receiving instructions from Tokyo.

*Respectfully,
The Rev. Samaya Oakley, President,
Unitarian Universalist Ministers of Canada
Statement created by Rev. Fred Cappuccino and
affirmed by UUMOC Members October 2016*

**To the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos,
Minister of Families, Children and Social
Development**

As a Unitarian Universalist, I believe that decent and affordable housing is a basic human right. Our Unitarian Universalist principles call us to uphold the inherent worth and dignity of all peoples, and to work for justice, equity and compassion in human relations. Specifically, our resolution of 2010 called for “public policies to address and overcome disparities between rich and poor,” in order to ensure secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing for Canadians (<http://cuc.ca/resolutions-2010-affordable-housing>).

At this time, we commend the federal government for initiating its consultations on a national housing strategy. We are pleased that work on this crucial area of national, provincial and municipal social and economic policy has finally begun.

We believe that adequate and affordable housing is a basic human right; this fundamental principle should guide the national housing strategy process, its vision, themes, and outcomes. Furthermore, we affirm that the strategy must give priority to ensuring the availability of secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing to those without housing and to members of groups particularly vulnerable to homelessness and marginal housing conditions.

We implore you to use the attached analysis and recommendations of our *Poverty Awareness Working Group* of the First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa to help inform and inspire the creation of a truly just, equitable and effective national housing strategy that will enable Canadians to access secure housing they can afford, and that meets their needs.

Board Bitz



Audrey Taylor

If September started the church year off in a positive way, October followed up with lots of business for the Board to consider, and good work to do.

We began with a request from the New Westminster Homelessness Coalition for Beacon to become an official member. The Coalition is a group of representatives from various organizations in New Westminster who meet quarterly to discuss and share information. Membership is \$5.00 a year. The Board voted to become a member. David Kristjanson is our temporary liaison and we are wondering if this is a position someone from the congregation would like to take on.

Next, we reviewed the minutes of the June Coordinating Council and set a date for our next bi-annual meeting. We will meet on Nov. 15th from

3–5 pm at the Minister’s office. Each Beacon committee is asked to send a representative to the meeting to share what is happening in their committee and to take back to their members the information shared by other committees.

Given the July resignation of Terry McComas from the Refugee Task Force, the Board of Directors and Beacon membership, the Board decided to send Terry a letter thanking him for his considerable contributions to Beacon and wishing him the best.

The Board then accepted a motion by the Refugee Task Force to disband the Task Force, as their primary mission of bringing a Beacon sponsored refugee family to Canada has been accomplished. The Settlement Team, headed by Nancy Rupert, Marilyn Meden and Carol Woodworth, will take on the responsibilities of financial management and reporting to the Board and the CUC. There are other Beacon members who are also

members-at-large of the Team and they are all working hard to help the Al Rbaai family settle into their new home here in New Westminster.

Our next board meeting will be Nov. 13th. By this time, the Stewardship Drive will be complete and we will have had our Congregational Budget meeting. It will be time for us all to be looking to the new year and all the joys and challenges it will bring.

Please consider pledging generously to Beacon. We are a remarkable community and totally self-funded. If you haven’t already picked up the information provided by the Stewardship Committee, please do so, to see where all the money goes. Beacon is a good investment in your community.

—Audrey Taylor



Beacon Unitarian Church

Sunday worship services and religious exploration classes are held at the Sapperton Pensioners Hall, 318 Keary Street, New Westminster. Services start at 10:30 am. More info at www.beaconunitarian.org.

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OUR VISION

CONNECT

With Compassion & Respect

INSPIRE

Learning & Spiritual Growth

TRANSFORM

Through Joy & Justice

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to celebrate the worth and dignity of all people and to live in conscious relationship with the earth.

For inspiration, we draw on the world’s great scientists, artists, humanists and theologians, as well as on our personal experiences.

So we are inspired to create greater equality, greater justice and greater hope for our world.

Let's Connect

We can all do our part to reach out, acknowledge one another and deepen the connections with one another.

As we care for one another, our whole community is enlivened.

(First Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo newsletter)



Joan Morris

Getting to Know U

The fall is a wonderful time to reconnect and make new connections. A big welcome to the visitors who have come along to a Sunday service. There is a wonderful opportunity for those new to the church to meet with our minister, Rev. Debra and a few Beacon members to get to know each other better and

learn a bit about Unitarian and Beacon history. The Connections team is planning a Getting To Know U Tea at the home of Helen McVey at 515 11th St., New Westminster, on Saturday Nov. 5th from 1–3 pm. Please let Joan Morris (joanmorris@telus.net) or Rev. Debra (minister@beaconunitarian.org) know if you are interested in attending.

Circle Dinners

Our first Circle Dinner event for the new church year was held Saturday, October 1st and was a great success. Over 40 people gathered in six Beacon homes to share dinner or lunch.

A Circle Lunch at the Morris home in Fort Langley ended with a walk through the village to the Historic Fort on a rainy afternoon.

Others met for dinner, for good food and conversation. One host commented: “Our circle dinner had deli-



L–R: Helen McVey, Jason and Nancy Rupert, Regina Ogmundson (Photographer and host: Bev Lock)



Post Circle Lunch walk, October 1. L–R: David Kristjanson, Marylke Nieuwenhuis, Jasper De Roche, Joan Morris, Elizabeth Campbell, Joyce Gudaitis. (Missing: Ev Morris)

cious food as well as thoughtful conversation. We enjoyed sharing the great tastes, our stories and our opinions on a variety of topics. Thanks, everyone.”

Mark your calendars for the next Circle Dinner on Saturday, December 3rd. Contact Donna Hamilton at donna-h@telus.net to be sure you are on the list.

Name tags

For anyone who needs a name tag, please let the greeters know, or Phil Campbell, who is the name tag creator.

New Member Ceremony

At a Sunday service early in December we will have the pleasure of welcoming several new members to our congregation with a new member joining ceremony. Stay posted to hear more about our members-to-be.

—Joan Morris, on behalf of the Connections Committee:

Jean Donaldson, Susan Tarras,

Joyce Gudaitis, Phil Campbell,

Rev. Debra Thorne and

Donna Hamilton (Circle Dinners)

Food Bank – Job Opportunity



John Hagen

We are having difficulty getting enough bodies at the food bank some days. There are two areas where help or backup would be welcomed.

1. A computer literate helper to input the names of our clients as they line up to get their food.
2. People to guide the clients in selecting their food items as they advance through the line.

Neither job is onerous, involving 3 to 4 hours every 2 weeks. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Please call John Hagen at 604-521-1335 or talk to him at church if you can help.

—John Hagen

Religious Exploration Program for November

Welcome to November! In RE we are in full swing and have plenty to look forward to. By the time you read this, we will have had our Sunday morning pumpkin decorating which I'm sure will be really fun! In November we will be continuing the program as usual and have the lovely Nancy Rupert joining us as a volunteer teacher for the Children's Community.

In other news, we have some cookbooks for sale! We found some cookbooks that were made as a fundraiser a few years back and we are looking to sell the remainder of them (picture on page 7). *Beacon's Treats and Eats* will be available by donation on Sunday mornings. Please look out for them or talk to Ashley about owning your very

own! The book features favourite recipes of Beacon members and friends. Money raised will be used towards a social justice project.



Ashley Cole

Finally, I wanted to share some information that was passed on to me at our last RE Committee meeting—last year the children & youth raised some money to support the sponsor family from Syria and some of that money was used to buy Mohammed a new bicycle. The family will be meeting this week with members of Beacon to discuss what to use the remainder of the funds for.

Wishing you a warm and bright November!
—Ashley Cole



The Beacon Religious Exploration (RE) program is taking orders for the 2017 issue of the Multifaith calendar. The Multifaith Calendar offers insight into the world's major faiths—a window that gives not only accurate information on each of the major holidays and festivals, but detailed historical information of these faiths and their relationship in time.

Beautiful and varied artwork, on the theme of "Love & Compassion", illumines each month.

Calendars sell for **\$15.95**, with \$6/calendar going towards the RE social justice project. To order, please speak to, or email Laura Redmond (lauraredmond2@telus.net) by December 4th. **Makes a beautiful Christmas gift.**

**The gift that gives twice...
Order by Dec. 4th**

Regular Beacon Events

We invite you to explore these great ways to connect to the Beacon community and yourself!

Soul Matters Groups delve into the monthly sermon themes—"Hunger" for November. Part personal sharing, part spiritual deepening, the groups meet monthly either at 1 pm or 7 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Contact Rev. Debra Thorne: minister@beaconunitarian.org.

Humanist Discussion Group meets the last Sunday of the month at 7:30 pm at *The Astoria Retirement Home* (2245 Kelly Avenue, Port Coquitlam) to discuss a wide range of current topics.

Sunday, October 30: Al Sather will lead a discussion called *Evolution Misbehaving*. Menopause is limited to humans and toothed whales. In all other mammals, death follows at the end of their reproductive life. This appears to be a case of evolution misbehaving. Or, is it?

The topic for Sunday, November 27th has yet to be decided, but we will be looking at many ideas at the October meeting.

Contact Marilyn Medén for more information: m.j.meden@telus.net or 604-469-6797.

Join the Beacon Choir for musical fun and skill development. Rehearsals are every Tuesday at 7:30 pm at Miller Park School in Coquitlam. Contact Charlene Dubrule, choir director, at 604-464-3992 or char4myc@shaw.ca.

Lunch Bunch meets every Thursday at noon, year-round. Bring your own lunch and share in lively and topical conversation. Contact John Hagen 604-521-1335.

Book Club meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7 pm

(except for December, which has been moved to the 5th Thursday). For location details contact Bev Lock: 604-525-6791 or lockbev@gmail.com.

Book Line-up:

November 24: *Monkey Beach* by Eden Robinson

December 29: *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson

January 26: *Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver

Beacon Writers' Group meets the third Saturday of each month from 1–3 pm. For more information and location, please contact Janet Pivnick at janpivnick@gmail.com or Marilyn Medén at m.j.meden@telus.net or 604-469-5697. See sidebar for more information.

Saturday, December 3rd: Attend a Circle Dinner and connect with other Beaconites in a relaxed setting. For more information contact Joan Morris, joanmorris@telus.net.

Saturday, November 5, 1 pm: Attend a 'Getting to Know U' session to meet other newcomers and deepen your knowledge of how Beacon functions and what Unitarianism is. We will be meeting at the home of Helen McVey at 515 11th St. in New Westminster on Saturday Nov. 5th from 1–3 pm. Please let Joan Morris (joanmorris@telus.net) or Rev. Debra (minister@beaconunitarian.org) know if you are interested in attending.

Help out on Sunday mornings as a Coffee Host (contact Glenn Wootton, woottongg@gmail.com), **or sign-up as a Sunday Morning Greeter** (contact Susan Tarras: starras@telus.net).

Soup Lunch

Sunday, November 13th, after the service.



Coordinating Council Meeting

At least one member from each committee is requested to attend. All are welcome. Tuesday, Nov. 15th from 3–5 pm at the Minister's office (the Lunderville's residence).

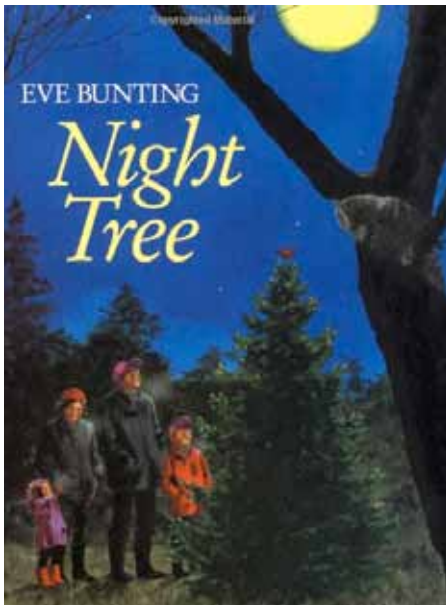
Beacon Writers' Group: Sat. Nov. 19

Our first meeting was a planning and exploring meeting. We decided to use Beacon's themes as possible inspiration, to focus on a spiritual groping for meaning and to turn our attention to content rather than critiquing writing style.

Our second meeting was on Saturday October 15th. We shared what was meaningful for us, mainly on the theme of Rootedness, and introduced the November theme, Hunger.

Newcomers are welcome. Bring writing to share, possibly on the theme of Hunger. You are also invited to bring writing prompts for our December theme, Expectation. Contact Marilyn Medén or Janet Pivnick for more details: m.j.meden@telus.net 604-469-6797, or janpivnick@gmail.com

Special Events



Night Tree Party – Christmas gifts for our feathered and furry friends

“Night Tree” is a story by Eve Bunting that tells of a family’s annual Christmas tradition of making edible ornaments for neighbourhood wildlife, and using them to decorate a tree in the forest. At our party, you can string cranberries and popcorn on thread, or add peanut butter and seeds to pinecones. Later we’ll go outside and hang our ornaments on a tree and sing carols in the moonlight.

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2016

Time: 5:30–8:00 pm

Place: Home of Peggy Lunderville (Close to Gaglardi exit on Hwy. 1)

Phone: 604-522-3001

Bring: Warm clothing, a flashlight and a contribution of food to eat & share.

Who: All welcome, all ages.

RSVP: Ashley Cole, sundayschool@beaconunitarian.org. If you forget to RSVP, please come anyhow!



Advent Wreath Social / Potluck Lunch

Join Peggy Lunderville in making an advent wreath out of cedar boughs and candles. The advent wreath becomes an important part of the Sunday morning services in December. We’ll also sing a few carols and enjoy a potluck lunch. Please plan on joining us for this special celebration!

Date: Sunday, November 20

Time: 12:30–2:30 pm

Place: Home of Peggy Lunderville (Close to Gaglardi Exit on Hwy. 1)

Who: All ages, all welcome

Bring: A contribution to the potluck lunch

RSVP: Peggy Lunderville, 604-522-3001 or prlunder@gmail.com



Beacon Cookbooks by donation! See RE article pg 5.

Peggy Lunderville’s Retirement Party

will be from 5 to 10 pm on Saturday, November 26th, hosted by Allegra Sloman in New Westminster.

Peggy would be most happy to be joined by her friends from Beacon. RSVP to Peggy at **604-522-3001**.





Sue Sparlin co-stars in new feature film *The Glove* Nov. 27th at 6:30 pm at The Rio Theatre on Broadway in Vancouver

Sue invites you to attend and to buy tickets in advance to help promote the film to other venues for a longer run. Tickets are available for less than \$14 online at <http://riotheatre.ca/movie/the-glove/> or by phone to 604.879.3456.

Christmas Art Talent Show

Sue Sparlin is also performing in a family-friendly show Nov. 19–Dec. 11. Attend the Burnaby Village Museum Heritage Christmas then take in the show onsite. “Christmas Art Talent” is a tale about a young artist who prevents the sale of an art forgery to a wealthy art buyer (played by Sue).



In the feature film *The Glove*, Sue Sparlin plays the role of Bridget with Aiden Cumming-Teicher as her grandson Brian.

UU Young Adults in Greater Vancouver



If you grew up playing Pac-Man on the first home computers, bloomed during the Pokeman craze, or know what a Power Rangers’ Deluxe Double Morphing Rescue Megazord is—then guess what? You are probably a Young Adult!

The Unitarian Universalist movement defines Young Adults as ages 18–35; it’s the next step after you graduate out of Youth Group or a great place to start your path and meet some peeps in this specific age range. North Shore Unitarian, in collaboration with other Lower Mainland UUs, are revitalizing the social and spiritual programming for this group now! If you have a strong interest in participating or shaping the vision of this group, please get in con-

tact with our Minster, Marcus Hartlief (marcus@northshoreunitarians.ca) or Lindsay Hindle (lindhindle@gmail.com) or Doug Sabourin (doug.sabourin@gmail.com)

Join us next month for a social evening on Friday November 18th: 5:30 pm dinner at the Wallflower on Main St. followed by live music with Hannah Epperson (\$12) performing at The Fox Cabaret (19+). Friends are welcome! Please RSVP by Nov. 10th so we can arrange reservations and tickets. RSVPs can be made through our local Facebook page or through text message to Lindsay Hindle (Ph/text: 778.231.4959).

Important Young Adult Contacts:

Local Facebook Group: UU Young Adults in Vancouver

National Facebook Group: Canadian Unitarian Universalist Young Adults

National Youth & Young Adult Ministry Development: Asha Philar (asha@cuc.ca)

The Movable Feast is coming to New West!

Once a month, the folks at the Vancouver Church get together for an evening of visiting & eating.

In November, the *Feast* will be held at El Santo, 680 Columbia Street on Nov 26 at 6 pm. El Santo is 2 blocks from the New West Skytrain Station. All are welcome! Please RSVP to either Karen Bartlett (Karen.bartlett@ubc.ca) or Diane Crosby (dcrosbie@uniserve.com).



Central American Community Development Project



The First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto has been working on development projects in Central America since 1997 with the goal of building understanding between people and improving the social, economic and living conditions in the poorest areas. We have helped build schools, houses, and training and community centres.

Over 100 Canadian UU's from 22 congregations—New Brunswick to British Columbia—have travelled to Central America to help hard-working people improve their lives. Working alongside Guatemalans, Hondurans and hundreds of Canadian volunteers from other walks of life, we have helped our hosts achieve their dreams.

This year, we would again like to extend an invitation to all UU's across Canada to join us for an unforgettable experience, building schools in the mountains of Honduras. There will be three trips this winter: January, February and March. Please join a two-week trip, beginning January 7, February 4 or March 4, 2017. Construction and Spanish language skills are not required but would be welcomed.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please e-mail me directly (richardkirsh@sympatico.ca). Thank you,

Richard Kirsh, Chair, Central American Community Development, First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto

2017 Hungary/Transylvania Choir Tour and Unitarian Pilgrimage

In 2010, twenty-five Unitarians (including 16 singers and choir director Alison Nixon from the North Shore Unitarian church) enjoyed a truly life-affirming trip to Hungary and Transylvania, the birthplace of Unitarianism. It's time for another trip!

The dates for the next tour are Friday, May 26 to Monday, June 5, 2017. The itinerary includes Debrecen, Eger, Kolosvar (Cluj), Torocko (Rimetea), Hodmezovasarhely, and Deva. Costs are not yet finalized but expect to be in the range of US \$1,300 to \$1,500 for the basic tour with all transportation, accommodation and most meals included on arrival in Budapest. Return airfare from Vancouver is additional.

Please contact Brian Welwood (604-988-1135) or Alison Nixon (604-947-0120) about this tour.

Franci Louann wins 2 contests!

Franci Louann, thanks to support of Beacon members, has been making more artistic submissions. Her poem on a Shakespeare

theme, "Life as a Mortal Coil", won second prize in the Burnaby Writers' Society contest. Her contour drawing, "Mr & Mrs Santa #3" (in blue), was chosen by the City of New Westminster for its holiday card for Parks and Recreation use. The "Santa Series" (six drawings) will be part of Franci's first solo show at the NW library this December. Christmas art cards are \$2 or 10 for \$15. You may see these at Century House Artists' Fair on December 3rd.

Visit www.francilouann.com.



Notice Board

DOG-SITTER NEEDED

I am in need of someone to care for my dog while I'm out of town during the holidays from around December 7 through December 25. Can swap pet care, barter, or pay someone willing to help. Stacy Finch, natdoc2be@gmail.com (778) 302-3710



Nyla

TIRES FOR SALE!

Set of four summer tires (only one season's wear). Perelli 195/60R15. Purchased new for \$340+tax. Open to offers. Please call John Hagen, 604-521-1335.

2ND HAND CAR WANTED

Please call John Hagen, 604-521-1335.

Beacon Calendar: November 2016

Note: Calendar entries are truncated—view the complete entries on the Beacon web site calendar page.

Beacon Calendar

Nov 2016 (Pacific Time - Vancouver)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10:30am - Worship 7:30pm - Humanist	31	1 7:30pm - Choir practice	2 1pm - Worship	3 12pm - Lunch Bunch	4	5 1pm - Getting to Know
6 Theme: Hunger 10:30am - Worship 1pm - Board meeting	7 7pm - Spirit of Life	8 7:30pm - Choir practice	9	10 12pm - Lunch Bunch	11	12
13 10:30am - Worship 12pm - Soup Lunch 12:30pm - Congregatio	14 7pm - RE Meeting	15 3pm - Coordinating 7:30pm - Choir practice	16 1pm - Soul Matters 7pm - Soul Matters	17 12pm - Lunch Bunch 1pm - Connecting and	18 5:30pm - Young Adults 7pm - Youth Group	19 1pm - Beacon Writer's 1pm - Christmas Art
20 10:30am - Worship	21	22 7:30pm - Choir practice	23	24 12pm - Lunch Bunch 7pm - Book Club	25	26 6pm - Movable Feast
27 10:30am - Worship 6:30pm - The Glove 7:30pm - Humanist	28	29 7:30pm - Choir practice	30	1 12pm - Lunch Bunch	2	3 5:30pm - Night Tree 6pm - Circle Dinner