

# Classroom News

November 2020

## Upcoming Events

- Nov 13th - 15th CUC Regional and National Gatherings.
- Nov 28th - Virtual Night Tree Party, 6pm start
- Dec 13th Virtual Pageant

## Reminders

- Sign up for the night tree party by sending an email to Ashley Cole at [dre@beaconunitarians.org](mailto:dre@beaconunitarians.org)

## What's Ahead

By: Ashley Cole

Hello everyone! I hope you are looking forward to some upcoming CYRE & Beacon events as much as me! The first is the Annual Night Tree party, this year held virtually. The Night Tree Party will be on Nov 28th, 6pm drop in chat, 6:30pm story & craft, 7pm carol sing along. If you are interested in attending please email me at [dre@beaconunitarians.org](mailto:dre@beaconunitarians.org).

Also this November we will begin planning for a virtual pageant. We need narrators and musicians and actors - oh my! What fun! Our current plan is to adapt the classic tale A Christmas Carol with a bit of a Unitarian Universalists twist! If you are interested please send me an email.

I'm also interested to hear from families who participated in the People's Ecochallenge. How did it go? If you didn't register you can still participate by choosing one action to do help care for the earth. Send me a photo or a short email to let me know how it went. Looking forward to co-creating beloved community programming with all of you!

## Nov Theme - 5th Principle

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process  
within our congregations and in society at large

### Head

With your family read the story The Wise Teacher's Test (A Buddhist Tale from Jakarta) [www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/tales/session2/sessionplan/stories/123165.shtml](http://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/tales/session2/sessionplan/stories/123165.shtml). After reading it, reflect on experiences in your life that you knew to be right or wrong. What made you feel that way? Did others agree or disagree with you? What did you do in those situations?

### Heart

Colour in the attached 5th Principle colouring sheet (designed by Kimberlee Carson and shared with permission) and reflect on ways we can choose to do what we know to be right even if our friends, schools or governments may not agree.

If you practice lighting a chalice, use these words with your family:

*Our conscience is our innermost compass and guide.*

*The right of conscience is what enables you to say,  
whether out loud or just to yourself,*

*"No, that isn't right, and I'm not going to go along with it."*

- Rev. Peggy Meeker, Brockport UU Fellowship

### Hands

Join us for our annual night tree party, this year held virtually. In past years, the night tree party has been a celebrated tradition that includes the reading of the story Night Tree by Eve Bunting while crafting animal friendly treats such as seedy pine cones and popcorn/cranberry garlands. The night concludes with a round of singing classic carols in the moonlight. This year we will provide a similar structure that will gather on zoom from the comfort of our own homes. The Night Tree Party will be on Nov 28th, 6pm drop in chat, 6:30pm story & craft, 7pm carol sing along. If you are interested in attending please email me at [dre@beaconunitarians.org](mailto:dre@beaconunitarians.org).