

Classroom News

December 2020

Upcoming Events

- Dec 13th - Virtual Pageant
- Dec 20th last Beacon service of 2020
- Jan 3rd first Beacon service of 2021

Reminders

- Ashley will be away from Jan 1st - Jan 15th. Please phone if there is anything urgent.

What's Ahead

By: Ashley Cole

Hello everyone!

December brings with it opportunities for connection, where we can feel warmed by the joy of community. This, for me has been particularly true this month. I know this December newsletter is a little late in arriving to you, so instead of what will be happening, I wanted to take a moment to share my heart filled thanks for joining us in the first ever virtual Night Tree Party and the virtual Holiday Pageant! Seeing your shining faces and sharing in laughs and music with you all was such a gift. I hope you felt it too.

As we count down to 2021, I send to you all well wishes of good cheer and meaningful moments with loved ones both far and near.

Blessings & Joy,
Ashley Cole
Director, Religious Exploration



Dec Theme - 3rd Principle

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations

Head

With your family read the story *The Rooster Who Learned to Crow* www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/welcome/session13/sessionplan/stories/119792.shtml. After reading it, discuss with your family examples of when you felt supported by your community (church, school, neighbourhood, club, etc.) to learn or grow. What was it they said or did that helped you?

Heart

Colour in the attached 3rd Principle colouring sheet (designed by Kimberlee Carson and shared with permission) and reflect on what you could say or do to help someone you know. Do you have a skill you could teach others? Is there something you could do to help your neighbour? Can you speak on behalf of an issue you are passionate about?

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

Church is a place where you get to practice what it means to be human.

- UU Theologian Rev. James Luther Adams

Hands

Once you have had a chance to reflect on your own or with your family about the ways in which you have been supported, talk to your family about a particular way you can help right now. Can you shovel someones walk way? Can you help an older adult to understand zoom? Can you help cook a meal or a treat for someone? Then go out and do it!

Also join us for our virtual Holiday Pageant on Dec 13th. A truly multi-age pageant based on the classic tale A Christmas Carol! There will be opportunities for audience participation and lots of fun singing so make sure to mark it in your calendar.