

## CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP

December 2024

### Monthly Message for All Ages

What is the most loving, life-affirming choice  
I can make in response to life's circumstances?"  
Only when my knowledge is combined with  
uncountable others does Truth emerge.

### OUR MISSION

To be a welcoming diverse congregation that  
values spiritual growth and service to the local  
and world community.

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We are a "church" as derived from the Greek word  
ekklesia, which means an assembly of people – a  
community. We believe in the **Seven Principles**  
which are grounded in the humanistic teachings of  
the world's religions.

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every  
person.
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human  
relations.
3. Acceptance of one another and  
encouragement to spiritual growth in our  
congregation.
4. A free and responsible search for meaning  
and truth.
5. The right of conscience and the use of the  
democratic process within our  
congregation and in society at large.
6. The goal of world community with peace,  
liberty, and justice for all.
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all  
existence of which we are a part.



### December Calendar of Events

Services and Book Club are also on [Zoom](#)

\* 12/1 Sunday. 9:00 AM Board meeting in the  
dining room. All Are Welcome

\* No December Book Club

### NOVEMBER EVENTS



Mammogram Van



Laurie McKnight, Executive Director  
[ChildrenAwaitingParents.org](http://ChildrenAwaitingParents.org)



Rev.,

Susan Woods and Arny Stieber met on Zoom  
with Alia Shinbrough UUA to discuss program  
options for small UU congregations.



1<sup>st</sup> U's based Girl Scout Troop organized and  
served Thanksgiving dinner to community members

## Thanks

A special thanks to Marcia Burrell & Win Ihlow for donating the new stove.  
Thanks for Elle LaPine for the cabinets next to the stove.  
Thanks to Jane Wenham for cleaning the Society each Sunday.

### SUNDAY SERVICE CONVERSATIONS

10:30 AM in the building & on [Zoom](#)

Dec 1st Rev Tanya Adams  
Dec 8th Rev Kurt Hohmann  
"Yuletide"  
Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Rev Bud Adam  
Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> Rev Andrea Abbott  
Dec 29<sup>th</sup> NO SERVICE

### Pastoral Care

Rev. Bud Adams is the minister to call if someone needs pastoral care. If you or someone else you know needs to speak with a minister please contact Bud at (315) 395-1926 or (315) 637-0468. His email is [bud.adams.1@juno.com](mailto:bud.adams.1@juno.com)



**Completed Stove Renovation.**  
Macia Burrell & Win Ihlow donated the stove. Ellen LaPine purchased the side tables. Arny Stieber & Gary Carroll (Arny's friend) installed the range hood and wall covering.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE** – Nancy Hallock.

We continue to collect hats, mitts and scarves for distribution by the Lioness. We will continue to collect cans and coins on Sundays. We will contribute whatever we can to the new after school program that will housed at 1<sup>st</sup> U.

**MARKETING COMMITTEE** – Susan, Paul, Katie, Amanda, Arny

- \* Reminder - wear your 1<sup>st</sup> U hoodies and T's, not just to Service but everywhere!
- \* Susan and Arny had a Zoom meeting with our UUA rep. (See picture above).
- \* We now have very attractive, pride color UUA book marks for give aways at events. They have the Seven Principals on one side and our Sources on the other.
- \* We hope to be working with a professional web designer to update our web site.
- \* If you have ideas on how we can let others know about our openness and acceptance to all beliefs, please let a committee member know. *Our message is greatly needed in this time of division, distrust and fear.*

**MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE** – Win, Ellen, Paul W., Paul S., Arny.

- \* Furnace room 1 has been reorganized.
- Thanks to Steve Garlow for providing the name of a great plumber!
- \* The main water valve is now working.
- \* A new lever valve, after the water meter, has been installed.
- \* Shut off valves were installed in the upstairs bathroom sink.

### **BOOK CLUB**

No December Meeting

### **PALESTINE- Our Taxes Pay for Slaughter.**

**An Opportunity for Us to Live Our Seven Principals.**

*Compiled by Arny Stieber*

Our Seven Principals guide us in our relations. The first Principal is: The inherent worth and dignity of every person. Our fourth Principal is: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning. I'm always open for discussion. Please contact me (voice or text) 734-216-1814

See previous Newsletters for background information. Current information is below:

- \* <https://ifamericansknew.org/>
- \* [Zionism and Propaganda](#)
- \* [What Does This Say About Ourselves?](#)

If you're interested in doing something, here are some suggestions.

1. Familiarize yourself with Palestine. What is typically presented by U.S. corporate media is Israel's version of history and current events.
2. Become familiar with the [BDS Movement](#)

3. Contact your federal politicians (President, Senators, Representative) by email and/or phone. Their contact information is on their web sites. Once you fill out their email form, it's saved, so repeated contacts are easy. The people of Palestine are being slaughtered, starved and brutalized every day and our politicians need to be reminded that ***our tax dollars (\$4 billion/year and \$24 billion more this year in weapons) are the major funding source for the death and destruction.*** Tell them our tax dollars need to be spent on WE THE PEOPLE vs. death and destruction.
  4. Attend seminars and actions in support of Palestine. U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights: <https://uscpr.org>
  5. Support individuals and groups that speak up for Palestine. [If Not Now](#) and [Jewish Voice For Peace](#) are two groups of mostly young Jewish people who aren't afraid to condemn Israel.
  6. Go to my [web site](#). I post something every day on Palestine.
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Reading Suggestion

**Rest is Sacred**

**Reclaiming Our Brilliance through the Practice of Stillness**

Concise, potent, poetic messages of inspiration, direction, and encouragement for you to embrace rest and reflection as a deep spiritual practice.

Author: [Octavia F. Raheem](#)

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**NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

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