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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

SERVICES

- Dec 6th** **Vulnerability in the Dark:** As Winter Solstice draws near, Rev. Tracie Barrett explores the themes of vulnerability in this time of lengthening darkness and quiet. Rev. Barrett is Minister of Ritual and Liturgy –Soul Fire: a Unitarian Universalist Ministry.
- Dec 13th** **Yule: The Winter Solstice:** Yule, or the winter solstice, marked the longest, darkest night of the year. Observed annually on December 21, ancient Celts, as well as ancient Germanic tribes, held feasts as symbols of hope that the sun and the warmth would return. By the 5th century, Yule became closely associated with Christmas. During Yule, mistletoe was collected for its healing properties, and evergreen trees were cut down, brought inside, and decorated with objects that served as gifts for the gods.
- Dec 20th** **Waiting for the Mud to Settle:** In a culture that demands our productivity, stillness can be revolutionary. Rev. Tiffany Sapp explores the whys and hows of stillness with the help of the Tao Te Ching and Essayist Pico Iyer's "The Art of Stillness."
- Dec 27th** **The Daring of Dietrich Bonhoeffer:** By the late 1920's, Dietrich Bonhoeffer had established himself as Germany's brightest young theologian. He spent a year studying and traveling in America and went back to Europe on a mission to reform the practice of Christianity. He also opposed Hitler and was interned in 1943, then tortured and finally executed in 1945. Bonhoeffer's life journey is one of the most inspiring stories to come out of the tragic arc of the 20th century.

Church Happenings

Zoom Link

For our safety, the church has committed to holding Sunday Services on Zoom indefinitely. The link is zoom.us/j/92718819188. You can find full instructions below on page 2.

*** Please join us no later than 10:25 so that we may start on time.*

Sharing of Responsibility (Offering)

It's more your responsibility now than ever, because you will need to send a check to the church. Thank you so much for your continued support! PO Box 592, Deland FL, 32721.

Adult Discussion Group

The TUESDAY following the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm.
For information and Zoom link, contact George Crofts at jorjcrofts@gmail.com.

The Open Covenant Group

The TUESDAY following the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:00 pm.
For information and Zoom link, contact Karel Herrington at karel.edith@gmail.com.



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More Church Happenings

Poetry Group

The 2nd Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm. For information and Zoom link, contact Karel Herrington at 510-860-9570 or karel.edith@gmail.com.

Book Discussion Group

The 4th Friday of the month at 10:30 am.

Bring an idea for a book you are currently reading and would like to share.

For information and Zoom link, contact Karen Wolf at 763-213-2403 or kwolfk99@aol.com.

Men's Group

Every Thursday, 7:00 pm.

For information and Zoom link, contact Joe Knott at: joeknottjr@hotmail.com.

Zoom Instructions (Super Easy!)

Click on the meeting link, which for Sunday Service is zoom.us/j/92718819188. Follow any prompts to redirect, open, launch, or join as needed. This "how to" article and video tutorial may be useful: support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting.

You can also call either of these numbers and enter the Meeting ID when prompted: 301-715-8592 OR 253-215-8782. Meeting ID: 92718819188.

If you or someone you know needs technical or moral support, contact John Cupak at 603-305-6056 or Judith Southard at 386-848-1873. They are available on Sunday morning!

Quarantine Tip of the Month

Have a virtual Christmas! You can still do your holiday traditions – tree decorating, present opening, cookie frosting – with your family over Zoom!

SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER: December 27th.