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## Sunday Services | January 2026

### Jan. 4 | *Going Softly*

In case we have come barreling into the New Year, resolute with purpose, power, and productivity, let us take a moment to pause. To resolve to move more slowly. To be softer. And to hold on to the power of vulnerability.

— *Rev. Eileen Casey-Campbell*

### Jan. 11 | *Service for the Animals*

In this service led by the Animal Ministry team, we celebrate the sentience of animals. Humanity has a long, complicated history with non-human animals. How should we treat animals today, both wild and domestic? What does it cost us—or what can we gain—by treating them the same way we want to be treated?

— *Adam Durand*

### Jan. 18 | *No One Stands Alone*

As we celebrate the bold life and work of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us remember that he was not a lone hero but the representative of an entire movement, spanning nations and generations. Power, when it moves toward justice, is broad and diverse.

— *Rev. Eileen Casey-Campbell*

### Jan. 25 | *Beginning Again in Love*

In this season of Power, let us honor one of the cornerstones of community—the power of accountability. When we bind our lives together in community, we need to get good at apologies, forgiveness, and beginning again in love.

— *Rev. Eileen Casey-Campbell*

❖ **Services begin at 10:30am** ❖

*Worship will be online and in-person at First Universalist Church. Check our website for more updated info! Please join us – Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/131764422>; Phone number: 1-646-558-8656 with Meeting ID: 131 764 422. ❖*



## Halfway Around Together

*A Message from  
Rev. Eileen Casey-Campbell*

Dear Ones,

As we enter the frozen season and our theme of Power this January, I'm struck by the thought that we've gone halfway around the sun together, you and I. Even though it's the start of the year, I've always felt like January is a middle place, not a beginning. Our church year sets it that way; so do academic calendars. When I consider my farming roots, it is certainly not the beginning. It sits in the dark, cold, slow part of the year, where life waits in expectant possibility.

At the midpoint of this year with you, I am finding myself filled with gratitude. I am so grateful for the growth and health I've seen in you all—and in myself. I'm also grateful for the challenges of growth and change, and our striving to meet them.

I am grateful for what we've managed together in a few short months, and even more, I'm finding myself grateful for the possibilities that lie sprawled ahead of us in our shared future. As we hover in this middle space of the year, a dark and quiet space, now is the time for taking stock of where we've been and dreaming up where we'll go.

My hope in January is that we might practice, at the small scale of ourselves, the type of power we dream of for the cosmos. May we practice justice in our own lives. May we practice goodness in our own thoughts. May we practice peace in each breath. And may a universe of possibility spring forth from the microcosm of our own hearts.

With care,

Rev. Eileen ❖



## Ritual of Release

*Submitted by Justin Wilson, Congregational Life Coord.*

On Sunday, January 25, following the church service, we will be holding a Ritual of Release for Room 21, the former YRUU room. Those interested in attending are invited to meet in Room 21 for this ritual.

For many years, dedicated congregants utilized this space to nurture the spirit of youth, facilitating their religious and personal growth. With fewer youth and congregants in recent years, the space had turned to storage.

As we look to revitalize this space for current and future youth and congregants, let us take time to honor our history and hold space for the many memories built here. ❖



## EcoJustice

*Submitted by Sarah Singal*

The next meeting of the EcoJustice Group is Sunday, January 4, noon, in the Clara Barton Lounge. All are welcome.

We are looking for people who own electric cars of any sort, who can offer advice about what works well and what doesn't. Please contact [ecojustice@uuroc.org](mailto:ecojustice@uuroc.org). Thank you in advance! ❖



## New Year, New Spiritual Offerings

*Submitted by Justin Wilson*

Starting in January, we have exciting new offerings to foster connections and spiritual deepening.

Our **Newcomer's Gathering** (formerly UU and You) will shift to the first Sunday of the month, following the church service. If you are new to Unitarian Universalism or our church, you are welcome to drop in to one of these gatherings to learn more, starting on January 4.

On the third Sunday of the month, we will host a new Drop-In, **Open Spiritual Connection Circle**, starting on January 18 after the church service in the Chalice Room. This monthly gathering, open to all, will focus on deepening our faith and identity while connecting with one another in spiritual vision. Topics will generally tie into our worship packet themes and recent sermons. We hope to see you there.

Also, see page 5 for details about our new Dinner Church offering, combining the nurturing of our appetites and our spirits in one evening!

And if you are interested in joining First Universalist as a member, our next **New Member Ceremony** is on February 8! ❖



## A Service Auction for ALL: Feb. 1, 2026!

*Submitted by Ann Rhody*

Whether you've been a member for years, or you're brand new, YOU are encouraged to be a part of our annual Service Auction on February 1! We'll gather after the service to bid on events, services, and items donated by members of the church, raising funds to support our church's operations.

You can participate as a donor, a bidder, a volunteer, or all of the above!

Or you can attend just to witness the food and fun, and you might win a free door prize!

Remote participant? You can use a proxy form to bid in advance, and watch the action online!



### Key dates:

- January 1: The online donation form is active! Donate your event, service, or item using the form at [uuroc.org/auction](http://uuroc.org/auction).
- January 20: Deadline for donations
- January 25: Catalogue of items available
- January 30: Deadline to submit proxy forms
- February 1: The BIG DAY!!

### We need YOU!

We have many volunteer opportunities in the following areas:

- Set up
- Proxy team
- Tally/clerk help
- Lunch (bringing food, set up, and clean up!)
- Tech support

To volunteer, ask questions, or get more info, contact Ann Rhody at [auction@uuroc.org](mailto:auction@uuroc.org)! ❖



# Drop-In Discussion

Submitted by John Lukes

Drop-in discussions are held Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm via the church Zoom account, and in-person on the first Sunday of each month in the Chalice Room at 9:15am. Phil Ebersole is the contact for in-person discussions. Contact [DropInDiscussion@uuroc.org](mailto:DropInDiscussion@uuroc.org) for the link, or look on [uuroc.org](http://uuroc.org)!

## Sunday, Jan. 4 | Humans Assisting Humans

*\*In-person\**

Since the “Enlightenment,” religious thought has redefined itself, becoming more secular. As editor of the *Universalist Herald*, David Damico has noted a wide variety of viewpoints concerning how “Universalism” can be interpreted as a form of Humanism. David will facilitate a discussion related to the slow lessening of religious reliance and a refocusing on humankind.

## Jan. 6 | UU Whale Coast Alaska Tours

Join MJ Curry, Jenny Cos, and fellow travelers to hear about amazing Alaska tours that are hosted by UU Alaskan congregations. Our presenters will describe their experiences on the tours and answer questions. These are fundraising projects for the Fairbanks, Anchorage, Juneau and Sitka UU congregations and are wonderful opportunities to get to know local Alaskans in their communities. All are welcome!

## Jan. 13 | A NYSCU 2025 Bicentennial Recap

Richard Reed will be re-visiting his time at the Bicentennial weekend celebration of NYSCU, the New York State Convention of Universalists ([nyscu.org](http://nyscu.org)) which was held in Canton, New York, this past October.

## Jan. 20 | UU Acronyms, Jargon, & Other Terms

What is FIAC, COM, NomCom, UUA? Why do so many Unitarian Universalist churches start with the name “First?” What do our leaders mean by the words Polity, Covenant, Worship, and Faith in a UU setting? Join Rev. Michelle Yates to consider these and more. Bring your related questions and/or email her your questions ahead of time at [edu@uuroc.org](mailto:edu@uuroc.org).

## Jan. 27 | Emerson and Transcendentalism

Ralph Waldo Emerson believed in religion without churches or creeds, independent of majority opinion. He was a major influence on Unitarian Universalism and on U.S. American culture. Phil Ebersole will briefly present his core ideas and lead a discussion.

Have a topic for us? Contact our team with your proposal at [DropInDiscussion@uuroc.org](mailto:DropInDiscussion@uuroc.org). ❖



## Social Justice Circles: We Gave!

Submitted by Chris DeGolyer

In early November, *Family Promise of Greater Rochester* (FPGROC) sent us the Christmas wish list of a guest family of seven. More than 25 people quickly signed up to provide the gifts wanted, and by the end of November we delivered a carload of beautifully wrapped gifts! Many thanks to everybody for so enthusiastically jumping in and making this family's holiday bright. Some of the gifts and their givers are shown above. ❖



## Social Justice Plate: Foodlink

Submitted by Joy Leccese

Our January Social Justice Plate Offering is designated for *Foodlink* and will be collected on January 18.

Foodlink has a 46-year history of mobilizing a diverse network of community partners to address both the symptoms and root causes of food insecurity throughout the Greater Rochester and Finger Lakes region of New York. They advocate for equity and creating healthy futures for every community we serve. In light of recent challenges with Federal funding, your generosity is needed now more than ever.

Please contribute to support this important work. More info can be found at [foodlinkny.org](http://foodlinkny.org). ❖



## Open Listening for All: Sponsored by the Rochester Theater Organ Society

*Submitted by Charlie Courtsal*

Bring yourself, family and friends to listen and watch members of the Rochester Theater Organ Society practice some of their favorite pieces on the pipe organ in our sanctuary.

From 1:30-4:30pm on Sunday afternoon, January 18, community organists will sign up to play the Hope-Jones, just for fun. Usually they play on the Wurlitzer organ at the Rochester Museum and Science Center, but it is under renovation at this time. So, we invited them to come to First Universalist. Church members are welcome to come and go, walk up to the console and speak with the organists, and listen as well for this free event.

They will probably be back on March 1 and April 5, so mark your calendars. Contact Charlie Courtsal with any questions. ❖



## Dinner Church

*Submitted by Rev. Eileen Casey-Campbell*

Join us in the Clara Barton Lounge on Tuesday, January 20, for a new and different way of worshipping! Come at 5:30pm to help prepare food and set up, or gather at 6pm for dinner, stories, songs, and meditation. This is a service for all; children and their noises are welcome! Please feel encouraged to bring a friend. ❖



## Coffee Hour News!

*Submitted by MJ Curry*

The Coffee Hour Team (formerly known as MOCHA) is thrilled to see the increase in the number of folks attending church this fall and staying for refreshments. The team has made changes with an eye toward easing traffic flow and optimizing how we offer refreshments.

- We've put a (regular) coffee stand on a small, tall table near the piano in the Clara Barton Lounge, so if you don't need decaf, you can head directly past the crowd at the counter. Also, if the carafe of regular on the countertop is empty, please check the tall table.

- We've added a round table for six, close to the library.

- We're increasing coffee hour teams to 3 people, up from 2, to reduce the amount of time volunteers spend, especially cleaning up after coffee hour. If you aren't available before the service but can help with clean up, please contact MJ Curry to learn how to sign up and get instructions. Even if you can only pitch in after the service, we'd love to have your help.

- We are setting out slightly less food, and starting to remove it around 12:15pm, still giving everyone half an hour to get a snack and drink. This allows our team to finish clean up earlier, as folks sometimes have stayed until 1:30pm. It would be a big help if you can put your dirty dishes on the metal cart by the kitchen door as soon as you're done with them.

- We love your donations of home-baked goods or other items; if possible, please label homemade items with ingredients (a post-it note is fine). We are also happy to have food leftover from events (up to 3 days) before a Sunday, but please use the labels on the refrigerator door to note the date and contents.

Thank you! ❖

# NYSCU 2025

Submitted by David Damico

In the very name of our denomination it is undeniable that Universalism is part of our history, and a study of our principles shows it to be a huge part of our theology. Looking back at the beginnings of Universalism in America from the early 19th century to the present, the meaning of Universalism has morphed but the one consistent thing throughout is that “love” has always been at the center. It is with this message that the 199th Annual Meeting of the New York State Convention of Universalists was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton, in Canton, NY, on October 24–26, 2025.

This year's keynote speakers were Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt (UUA President), and Rev. Dr. Adam Robersmith (UUA Board of Trustees). Their message was “Two Centuries of Love at the Center.”

Rev. Dr. Adam Robersmith and Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt shared a keynote that included a look back at how those calling themselves Universalists believed, acted, and worshiped, and how things have changed over the past 200 years. Throughout the entire history of Universalism, “Love” was always at the center.

The opening event on Friday evening was held at the Canton Church, where many attendees gathered to hear the opening talk, “The Universalist Church, the founding of St. Lawrence University and the Theological School,” given by Prof. Joseph T. Jockel, (Professor of Political Science and Canadian Studies, St. Lawrence University).

The attendees moved to the church social hall for socializing. The volunteers from the Canton church were wonderful hosts. The theme of the evening was “UU Spirit Night!” encouraging everyone to wear their local congregation's shirt or other garb. A gathering of those dressed in their church's shirts was held in the sanctuary and a photo was taken. A cake was also presented by Ann Rhody and Karen Dau for NYSCU's 200th anniversary.



On Saturday morning the sanctuary was packed. The stained glass shone, and the warm woodwork created a cozy and relaxing setting. The church was built with exposed timber and curved structural ribbing, giving the space a sense of intimacy and strength.

The convention opened with worship led by Rev. James Galasinski, Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, and Rev. Dr. Adam Robersmith.

The keynote began at 9:15am and Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt spoke to the theme: “Two Centuries of Love at the Center.” The focus was how love has always been a Universalist theological imperative with the question, “How is that love evident in our UU Congregations today?” A transcript of the keynote will be present in the *Universalist Herald* in early 2026.

The keynote was followed by the annual business meeting which was very upbeat. As editor of the *Universalist Herald*, I also had a chance to speak.

Several workshops were held, most attended was one where Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt and Rev. Dr. Adam Robersmith presented “Leading with Love at the Center.” This was based on Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt's book, *Love at the Center*. Books were available at the gathering.

Other workshops were offered including:

- “Good Trouble,”
- “How are our congregations showing up to promote justice, equity, and compassion in these times”,
- “Stewardship Roundtable: What practices has your congregation found to be effective in today's stewardship campaigns?”
- “What challenges do we face as we seek to fund our churches' missions,”
- “History preservation, ideas and action.”

Closing worship was held in the sanctuary by Rev. James Galasinski (UU Church of Canton).

This year's NYSCU was welcoming, educational, and a boost in confidence for all in the current situation in our country. If you'd like to share your UU values in a friendly space with UUs from distant locations, you'd enjoy everything NYSCU has to offer. We hope you will consider attending in 2026!

The 200th meeting of the NYSCU will be held in October of 2026 in conjunction with the annual Unitarian Universalist Weekend at Silver Bay. Stay informed at [nyscu.org](https://nyscu.org).

Note: More NYSCU 2025 photos can be found on pg. 11 ❖



# November New Member Sunday: Welcoming Three New Members!

*Submitted by Justin Wilson*



*First Universalist was thrilled to welcome new members (left to right after Rev. Eileen) Nathan Kauffman, Jay Joslin and David Coon to our congregation at our latest New Member Ceremony this past November!*



## Other November Happenings!

*Submitted by Connie Valk*



*A group gathered for a vegan lunch in November. Katherine Matice's daughter, Lilly, was the photographer!*



*First Universalist members demonstrated their support for Rural & Migrant Ministry by attending a fundraiser dinner on November 20 at Temple B'rith Kodesh. Pictured (left to right) Kathy Russell, Richard Reed, Pam Jacobstein, Donna and Tom Anderson, Theo and Steve Munson. Others present included Beth Ares, Barbara Brody, Joyce and Dick Gilbert, and Connie Valk.*

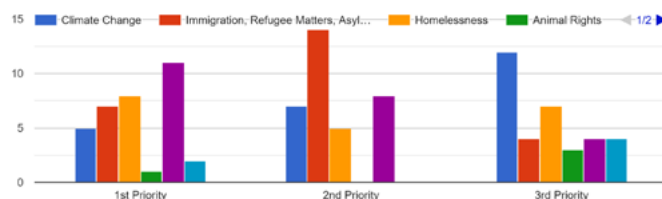
# FIAC: Whole Church Survey Results

Submitted by Connie Valk, Joy Leccese, & Becky Elwell

First of all, we offer thanks to the 34 members of the congregation who completed the survey online. Here are the charts that reflect the survey results:

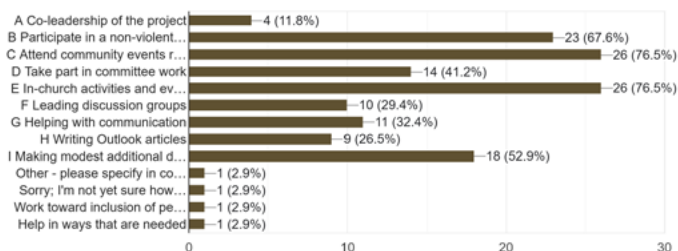


4) Please rank the following based on your interest, willingness to experience.



Question 4: Note that responses for “protecting our democracy...” is represented by the purple color, and “other, please specify...” is represented by the light blue color.

5) Please select any way(s) you'd be willing to participate in your project area: 34 responses



As the online survey revealed, an emphasis on “Saving Our Democracy” and “Immigrations, Refugee Matters” along with a continuing focus on “Homelessness” came to the top.

Along with those who completed the survey, passionate emails came from two members who advocated to continue our former projects focused on Homelessness (with one asking to also continue the focus on racial justice), and one who completed a paper survey emphasizing the need for the congregation to focus on climate change accompanied with a two page menu of the many ways the congregation could participate. We also received two phone calls from members who said that we need to choose a project with options for those who cannot participate fully, because of physical or time obligations. We appreciate ALL of your input.

Important to know is that we are not yet there for

choosing the Whole Church Project(s). Our *Faith In Action Council* (FIAC) is still gathering information. There will be Focus Groups after the new year, and then, with input from our minister, we'll be able to choose our next Whole Church Project(s) for the coming church year.

FIAC thanks Michael Casale and Dave Van Arsdale for supporting FIAC with data collection, charts, and guidance. ❖

## Nominating Committee

Submitted by MJ Curry, Chair

Our congregation is fortunate to be supported by so many dedicated and talented people. That's what it takes to keep a church alive, vibrant, and growing! It also takes leadership.

The congregation gets to elect individuals for these leadership positions at the annual meeting in early June: the Board of Trustees, the Committee on Ministry, and the Nominating Committee.

The Board of Trustees oversees the business of the church. To serve on the Board, a congregant must be a member and have been active in the congregation for at least one year. The term of service is 3 years. A trustee can be re-elected for another term. The Board meets at least monthly, sometimes less frequently in the summertime.

The Committee on Ministry focuses on the overall health of the congregation; it works with the minister, the board, and other leaders to further the church's mission. To serve, a candidate must have been a member for three years; a member may serve one 3-year term.

The Nominating Committee develops a pool of candidates for each open elected position, and works to find delegates for official denominational meetings (General Assembly, NYS Convention of Universalists). To serve, a candidate must have been an active member for 2 years. The term of service is 2 years, and a member may be re-elected once.

Please speak with any committee member (MJ Curry, Rachael Baldanza, Eileen Fernández, Grant Fish, Dwight Montague) or email [nomcom@uuroc.org](mailto:nomcom@uuroc.org) if you would like more information or to put yourself forward for a committee position. ❖



# Queer Corner: The Gender of Trees

Submitted by Willow Shirtz



Quite some years back, I recall a UU sermon at a different congregation that was about the spirituality of trees. It was nice, for what it was, but it lacked a queer perspective. Namely, it talked about how trees were symbols of various faith's spirituality, without addressing just how queer trees are from a human perspective.

I suppose that needs some explanation, as most of us are not arborists, and even those of us who are one kind of LGBTQIA+ or another may not be up-to-date on just how wildly trees violate heteronormative assumptions about sex and gender.

In one sense, this lack of understanding on most people's part is understandable. There is a rich literary tradition of anthropomorphizing everything around us, the science and biology of it all be damned. An easy example of this is the story of the ents and entwives in Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* saga. He made these powerful anthropomorphic trees, for his mythos, he split them into a clear binary divide, and had the male ents long for their lost female ent wives.

With that example of why everyone misunderstands trees out of the way, let's talk about what they actually are.

Some trees do roughly match up with human notions of the gender binary. Arborists call those trees dioecious, which means that they are examples of trees that have but one gender, male or female per individual tree. However, even this one example doesn't fully map onto human expectations of gender, because just like the frogs in Jurassic Park that famously switched genders, many dioecious trees will switch from one gender to another, should the need arise.

Trees that contain both male and female parts in separate flowers are called monoecious trees. There are also cosexual trees, which have male and female parts in the same flower. Confusing the matter even more, are polygamous trees, which could have individual trees express themselves with one gender of flower, the other, both, or cosexual flowers.

Confused yet? It gets wilder. Some trees are capable of self-pollination. Others aren't.

The fun part of all of this? Cis-gendered trees are by far the minority! Globally, 75% of all trees are co-sexual, 10% are monoecious, 10% polygamous and 5% dioecious.

In other words, trees that exist in a strict gender binary are in the vast minority of all trees; this is made worse by the fact that, as mentioned previously, many trees are literally capable of switching from one binary gender to another, no medical intervention required.

This tells me a truth about nature, and our reality that the enforcers of heteronormativity don't want you to know. Not only is existing outside the gender binary normal, and natural, but some species do naturally transition from one gender to another, and violate rigid definitions of a gender binary in ways that take quite an explanation to understand.



So next time you hug a tree, smile! Odds are you are hugging a being from the genderqueer community!

Primary Source: [fieldreport.caes.uga.edu/news/are-your-trees-boys-or-girls-or-both](http://fieldreport.caes.uga.edu/news/are-your-trees-boys-or-girls-or-both) ♦





Committee Chair MJ Curry

## Spotlight on Committees & Groups: *Nominating Committee*

Submitted by MJ Curry, Chair

In our UU community, so much of the heart and hands-on work happens behind the scenes — in our committees. That's why the Communications Committee is presenting *Spotlight on Committees & Groups*, a regular newsletter feature that celebrates the people and purpose behind these vital teams.

Each month, we'll lift up one committee's (or group's) mission, share what they're working on, and highlight ways you can get involved. Whether you're passionate about justice, music, spiritual exploration, care and connection, or the logistics that keep us running smoothly — there's a place for your gifts. Whether you're new to our congregation or have been here for years, we hope *Spotlight on Committees & Groups* will inspire you to get involved in a new way.

We hope this series will deepen your understanding of how we live our UU values through shared leadership and collaborative service — and maybe even spark your curiosity to join in!

Let's build beloved community, together.

**Current Chair & Members:** MJ Curry (chair), Rachael Baldanza, Eileen Fernández, Grant Fish, Dwight Montague

**Your committee's mission or purpose:** To match qualified and suitable candidates to open positions

on the Board of Trustees, Committee on Ministry, Nominating Committee (all terms begin in June); the UUA General Assembly (June); and NYSCUU's annual convention (fall, usually October).

**Committee responsibilities:** To discuss open positions on the Board of Trustees, Committee on Ministry, Nominating Committee; the UUA General Assembly; and NYSCUU's annual convention with interested congregants. We aim to match qualified congregants with these specific positions; share descriptions of the committee responsibilities with potential candidates; and answer questions or send interested folks to the right place to get answers.

**Something you wish people knew about your committee:** We are interested in maximizing transparency in our process. We invite congregants to attend one of our Zoom meetings, to put themselves forward for the committees we support, and talk to us about serving on a committee without fear that they will instantly be committed! It often takes some time to consider committee service, discern which committee may be a good fit, and make a commitment.

**One big/special project your committee has been working on lately:** Asking current Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee members whose terms are expiring if they will serve a second term; if not, to identify eligible, suitable, and interested candidates for terms beginning June 2026.

**Are you looking for new members?** No

**Are members voted on by the congregation or do they volunteer?** Candidates to be members of the Nominating Committee are approved by the Board of Trustees.

**How often do you meet?** Periodically depending on current task. We've met three times in October/November; we meet again January 12. There is work to be done between meetings.

**How do you meet?** By Zoom

**Are there any special qualifications/talents required to serve on your committee?** Must have been active in the congregation for the past two years and to be a current member (membership may have come during or after the 2-year activity period).

**What is the Committee email?**

[nomcom@uuroc.org](mailto:nomcom@uuroc.org) ✦



# NYSCU 2025 Continued

Submitted by David Damico



A cake was presented by (left to right) Karen Dau and Ann Rhody for NYSCU's 200th anniversary.



Keynote speakers Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, UUA President (above), and Rev. Dr. Adam Robersmith, UUA Board of Trustees member (below). Their message was "Two Centuries of Love at the Center."



## Membership Committee

Submitted by Donna Anderson, Membership Chair

Membership Committee is busy finding ways to connect with our many visitors, planning events for the coming year with Justin, and ways to stay connected to our beloved church community.

Look for info on these upcoming events:

- Grant Fish will have a **training session for ushers and greeters on Sunday, January 11**, after the service in back of the Sanctuary. Hint to new members: this is an easy way get connected to our church community!
- There will be a **Dinner Church Service** on January 20. More details on page 5!

I am also on the Caring Committee and have volunteered to be a liaison between the two Committees. We will be sharing info and hopefully planning joint activities to promote growth and continued care to our church community.

Welcome new visitors! If you'd like more info or to hear from the Membership Committee please send us your contact info so we can reach out to you.

The craft sale is over. Christmas is over. It's time to say happy new year! May 2026 be a good year for everyone! ✨





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**Worship begins at 10:30am on Sundays**

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