


# 2018 Holiday Guide



Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation at **Shelter Rock**  
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# Holiday Guide to

*This is a Season for Celebration  
at the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock*

*Please plan to join us for a full array of services and  
community events marking holidays and holy days.*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018, 11:00 AM**

**The Rev. Ned Wight**

***Preparing for the Holidays***

Hanukkah is fast upon us (December 2-10), Solstice arrives in 19 days, and Christmas shortly thereafter. This tends to be a season of frenzied activity as our consumer culture kicks into high gear. In addition to marking Hanukkah in word and music, Rev. Ned will explore the possibility of “unplugging the Christmas machine” (quoting the title of a book by Jo Robinson and Jean C. Staeheli about “putting love and joy back into the season”). The annual Holiday Decorations Party, Women’s Group Holiday Sale and RE Art Reception will follow this Worship Service.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018, 11:00 AM**

**The Rev. Ned Wight**

***What About Handel’s Messiah?***

This time of transitional ministerial leadership at UUCSR invites all sorts of hopes and expectations for the new minister. It’s easy to have these build up into a messianic vision of someone who will come and solve all our problems and fulfill all our dreams. How might the congregation prepare more realistically for its next ministerial leader, laying out areas of strength, areas of concern, and areas of opportunity? How might we strengthen the foundation upon which this new leadership can build? Ned will offer an assessment of where we are in our interim work and what tasks lie ahead. This year’s Messiah Sing in the Worship Room follows UU Café today. Singers and listeners are most welcome.

# Worship Services



## **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018, 7:30 PM**

### **The Rev. Jennifer L. Brower and the Cosmic Orchestra**

6:30 PM Supper (\$4)

7:30 PM Soulful Sundown Service

8:30 PM Songs of the season (and a sing-along) with the members of the Cosmic Orchestra

Holiday reception to follow

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018, 11:00 AM**

### **The Rev. Dr. Natalie M. Fenimore**

#### **Family Holiday Service**

#### ***Giving Birth to the Light***

As Unitarian religious educator, Sophia Lyon Fahs, has written “Each night a child is born is a holy night...” In the darkness of the winter season we celebrate the stories of the potential of all children to bring the light of truth, justice and love into the world. This universal truth is seen in the birth stories of Jesus, Moses, The Buddha and other religious and spiritual leaders which we tell to enlighten us. Our First Grade Religious Education class will present the Nativity Story.

## **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2018, 7:30 PM**

### **The UUCSR Ministry Team**

#### ***Winter Solstice Worship Service*, Chapel (RE Wing)**

#### ***The Longest Night of the Year, A Spiritual Place***

At this Solstice Service we will take time to honor the creation we are part of, meditate on our life's passage into another year, and celebrate the ritual of burning the Yule Log together. Willow will be singing at this Worship Service.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018, 11:00 AM**

**The UUCSR Ministry Team**

***Stories and Carols for the Heart***

Stories and songs that warm the heart are integral to the Christmas season. The Ministry Team will share their favorite seasonal stories, and the congregation will have a chance to request their favorite carols to sing together. Since it is the 23rd of the month, we will also remember persons cut off from community in solitary confinement.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018, 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

**The UUCSR Ministry Team**

***The First Christmas Reimagined***

(The 5:00 p.m. service is designed especially for families)

This year's Christmas Eve services reimagine what the first Christmas might have been like from the diverse perspectives of the characters in the original nativity story: Mary and Joseph, the animals in the stable, the star, the angels, the shepherds, the wise men and the baby. Reflections, carols and anthems will lead us into our traditional candle lighting and singing of "Silent Night." The Jazz Ensemble and the Children's Choir will participate in the 5 PM Family Service, and the Choir will take part in both services. All are welcome.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018, 9:00 AM**

**Cello Da Silva**

***Peace and Meditation in the Chapel***

Please join us in the Chapel for a brief time of reflection and meditation on peace in a time of conflict and turmoil.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018, 9:00 AM**

**The Rev. Jennifer L. Brower**

***Poised on The Threshold***

In the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, which were often quoted by our Minister Emeritus, The Rev. Dr. Barry M. Andrews, "The years teach much, which the days never know." This Sunday morning, poised between the end of one year and the beginning of another, we gather in worship to reflect upon and share some of what we have learned through the passing of time about life and goodness, the Spirit and truth, meaning and what matters, and to express our hopes for the days ahead. Come, bring a quote or a reading or your own moment of epiphany to share.



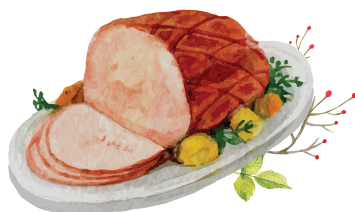
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# Holiday Dinner DONATION DRIVE

**Your donations will put Turkeys and Roaster Chickens on the plates of families served by the North Shore Soup Kitchen and the AIDS Center of Queens County.**

**Visit the donation table in the Main Lobby after Sunday Worship, or mail your check payable to UUCSR with “Food Drive” on the memo line.**



## Holiday Cards for Incarcerated Individuals



The Social Justice Committee of UUCSR and the Worthy Now Prison Ministry at the UU Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) are joining forces to send holiday cards to CLF members currently incarcerated.

***We need your help!***



### Find a bunch of simple holiday cards with white envelopes

- **Do not** use cards that are lumpy or 3-dimensional.
- **Do not** add glitter or stickers.
- **Do not** use markers – pen only.

### Write a message - Here are some message ideas:

- We have not forgotten you.
- We carry the flame!
- Thinking of you this holiday season.



### Sign only your first name

- **Do not** add your last name.
- **Do not** include your address within the card

### Place your card into a plain white envelope, seal, and add a stamp

- Your envelope should have no designs or color. It needs to be all white
- **Do not** address the white envelope
- **Do not** include your name and address in the return address area
- **Do add a stamp**

**Place all your sealed and stamped envelopes in the large, holiday wrapped box in the Main Lobby by  
Sunday, November 25, 2018**

The Social Justice Committee will send all the cards together in one package to the CLF office. Between December 10 - 13, CLF staff and volunteers will personally address each stamped, blank white envelope and send them to our 990 incarcerated members. They will use the CLF address as the return address.

Questions? Contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche (516.472.2977 or [cderoche@uucsr.org](mailto:cderoche@uucsr.org))

To learn more about the Prison Ministry at the CLF, go to **[www.WorthyNow.org](http://www.WorthyNow.org)**



WOMEN'S GROUP

# Holiday Sale

Sunday, December 2, 2018  
12 Noon - 3:00 PM

Main Lobby

*Jewelry • Trinkets • Gift Items*

*Featuring Handmade items  
from UUCSR Quilting and Love & Stitches Group  
Scarves, Hats, Mittens*

*Please deliver new and gently used items for sale  
to the box in front of Sharyn's desk.*

*All proceeds support the  
Women's Opportunity  
Rehabilitation Center*

*Contact Sharyn to sell or help  
516.472.2960 or [sesposito@uucsr.org](mailto:sesposito@uucsr.org)*

The RE Committee presents the annual

# HOLIDAY DECORATIONS PARTY

Sunday, December 2, 2018

12:30 PM • Social Hall

\$5 per person

HOLIDAY CRAFTS,  
MUSIC AND A  
VISIT WITH SANTA



BRING A BATCH OF  
COOKIES TO SHARE

*Drop off cookies in the Social Hall  
before the Worship Service*



# Holiday Luncheon

**Strathmore Vanderbilt Country Club**

260 Country Club Dr., Manhasset, New York  
516-944-0755

**Friday, December 7, 2018 - 1:00 PM**

**\$30 All Inclusive  
Payable at the Door**

Sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Lobby.  
Questions? Ben Bortin [bbortin@uucsr.org](mailto:bbortin@uucsr.org) or  
516.472.2934

*All members and friends of UUCSR are invited!*

UUCSR MEN'S GROUP  
PRESENTS



RICHARD BOCK  
PIANIST

GERRY MATUSEWICZ  
FACILITATOR

# SING - ALONG DESSERT TASTING PARTY!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 7:00 PM

VEATCH BALLROOM, \$5 DONATION 

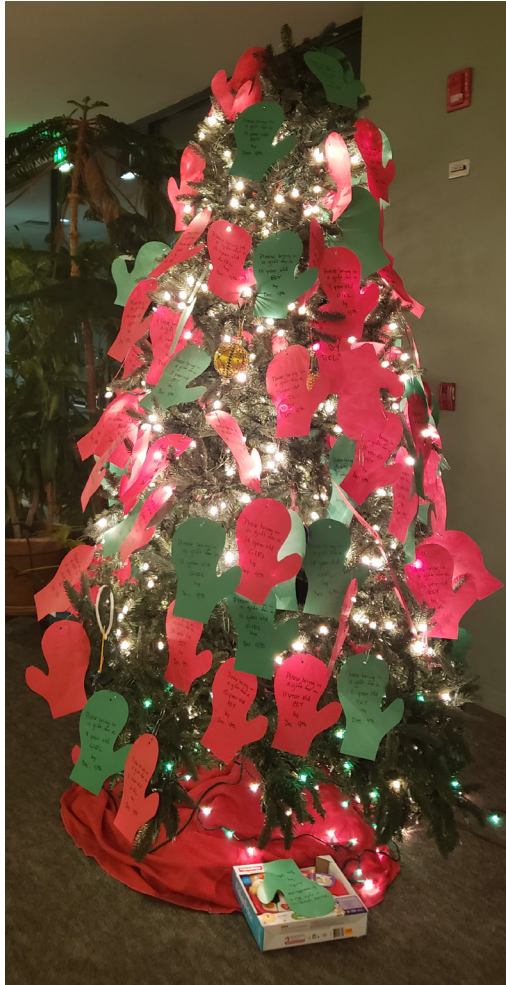
**BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE!**

**Caroling • Holiday Beverages • Dessert Tasting**

Register with Sharyn at 516.472.2960 or [sesposito@uucsr.org](mailto:sesposito@uucsr.org)



# ANNUAL MITTEN TREE



Our annual Mitten Tree toy drive provides holiday gifts for children of clients at the AIDS Center of Queens County. The tree is in the main lobby now, so please take a mitten and include your chosen recipient in your holiday shopping. Then simply tag your unwrapped gift with the mitten and return it under the Mitten Tree in the Lobby by Sunday, December 9.

***Thanks so much for your participation!***



MUSIC AT SHELTER ROCK PRESENTS

George Frideric Handel

# Messiah Sing

The Orchestra at Shelter Rock  
Stephen Michael Smith, Conductor

The UUCSR Choir

*with*

Professional Soloists:

Meagan Brus, soprano

Blythe Gaissert-Levitt, mezzo

Michael St. Peter, tenor

Brace Negron, bass baritone

**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

**1:30 PM**

**UUCSR Members: \$5**

**Non-Members: \$8**

**Under 18 years old: Free**

Come sing along, or just listen.

Musical scores will be provided at no charge

Ample, free parking | Fully handicapped accessible

# PEACE › LOVE › JOY

We aspire to be  
a loving religious community  
where we can grow spiritually  
and build a more just  
and joyful world.



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## POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

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UUCSR congregants may dedicate poinsettias on the chancel at holiday services to memorialize loved ones, recognize special occasions, or celebrate the season.

Please contact Lea Titza by Tuesday, December 18, 2018 to order plants at \$25 each ([Ltitza@uucsr.org](mailto:Ltitza@uucsr.org) or 516.472.2975).



## **SATURDAY INN COOKING**

**Saturday, December 22, 2018**

**9:00 AM in the Main Kitchen**

Join the Saturday INN Cooks as they prepare a delicious Holiday Meal for the INN.

Get that warm holiday feeling by cooking for others, especially those in need.

**UUCSR**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
*Bash*

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**ROCK INTO 2019 WITH OUR UUCSR FAMILY!**

**Monday**  
**December 31, 2018**

**8:30 PM – 1:00 AM**

**Social Hall**

**Scrumptious, Catered**  
**Buffet & Dessert**

**Fine Wine Selection**

\$65 p/p for members

\$70 p/p for non-members

*Cocktail Hour in the Gallery with Bruce Torff on Piano*

*PopRock with His Boy Elroy to bring in the New Year*

**Music with**  
**great dinner**  
**and dance**  
**tunes**

**Adult Reservations and Payment Required by December 28**

**Please fill out table assignment form with Sharyn**

**Register by mail or with Sharyn at 516.472.2960 or [sesposito@uucsr.org](mailto:sesposito@uucsr.org)**



## OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PRINCIPLES

We affirm and promote:

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

### **Vision Statement**

We aspire to be a loving, religious community where we can grow spiritually and build a more just and joyful world.

### **Mission Statement**

We gather together in religious community:

- To live, honor and promote the 7 Principles of Unitarian Universalism.
- To nourish the spiritual needs of current and future members.
- To grow a diverse and multigenerational religious community, bound together with love.
- To commit our time, talents, and unique resources to building a just and compassionate world.
- To celebrate the joy of living, lifelong-learning and building lives of worth and purpose.

Jennifer L. Brower, *Minister for Pastoral Care*  
Natalie M. Fenimore, *Minister of Lifespan Religious Education*  
Ned Wight, *Interim Senior Minister*  
Adam Barshak, *Congregation Operations Administrator*  
Joan Minieri, *Executive Director, Veatch Program*  
Stephen Michael Smith, *Music Director*

### **UUCSR OFFICERS**

Klaus Masuch, *President*  
John Ryan, *Secretary*

Mark Hartman, *Vice President*  
Brian Muellers, *Treasurer*

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