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**SUNDAY SERVICES—11 AM—SANCTUARY
ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Dec Worship Theme: “What Does It Mean To Be A People of Expectation?”

As people of expectation, we reflect (or maybe we project) on what is coming. We make preparation, we make choices and take action based on expectations.

We also contend with situations where our expectations are in conflict with those of others, and situations where the outcome fails to match our expectations. We realize we can choose what we expect, and our expectations can strongly influence how we live our lives. Do we rule our expectations or do they rule us?



Dec 6 - “Great Expectations and Not-So-Great Expectations”

In Dickensian England, the phrase "having expectations" meant you expected to inherit wealth upon the death of a relative. Which seems both crass and morbid to us. But what do we mean by expectation? What happens when we expect too much? Or too little? In this dark time of the year, we explore authentic expectation.



Worship Leader: Rev. Matt Alspaugh / Worship Associate: Gina Vance

Dec 13 - “Making Our ‘Moral Bucket List’ ”

David Brooks, in his recent book, *The Road to Character*, claims that we spend much of our adult lives building “résumé virtues” at the expense of “eulogy virtues.” We concentrate on career skills at the expense of the “eulogy virtues” people talk about at our funeral—“whether [we] were kind, brave, honest or faithful. . . . capable of deep love?”



The service will examine how we might focus on and develop “eulogy values” to live by.

Service Leader: Karen O’Malia / Worship Associate: Linda Mohn
Chalice Lighter: Sarah Lown

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Dec 20 - Solstice - "Calling Back the Light"

Winter Solstice is the day when the sun begins to climb back up in the sky, offering more light each day. For many of us, Winter Solstice carries deep sensual hope and anticipation for brighter times to come. We'll celebrate the day with poetry, song, drumming, and light.



We will hold a child dedication ceremony. Families with children who have not been dedicated into our Unitarian Universalist faith tradition are welcome to participate. (Contact Rev. Matt Alspaugh for more information.)

Worship Leader: Rev. Matt Alspaugh
Worship Associate: Carole McWilson

December 24, 5pm - "Christmas Eve Candlelight Service"

We celebrate Christmas with a multigenerational Candlelight Service, full of readings and carols, a pageant, a visit by St. Nick, and other surprises.



Note new time - 5pm.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Matt Alspaugh and Kristina Spaude
Musician: Nanette Kaplan-Solomon

December 27 - "Expected and Unexpected Gifts"

Sometimes the things we receive are just as we expected, and sometimes they are a complete surprise. We explore how expected and unexpected gifts (of grace) play into our lives.

We will follow this service with a variation on our tradition of a Boxing Day white elephant gift exchange, combined with discussion. Please bring one (or two) (badly) wrapped (regifted, white elephant) gifts to share.



Worship Leader: Rev. Matt Alspaugh
Worship Associate: John & Christine Gulgas

Hearing Devices

There are hearing devices available for those who might need them during the service. Check with the Greeters for location.

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Mission Statement

Our Mission is to build a diverse and transformative spiritual community, help people live lives of wholeness, and promote justice, peace, and religious freedom.

Unitarian Universalist Association Principles and Purposes

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to 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 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

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Friday, 9am-3:30pm

Sunday, 9-11am and 12:30-4:30pm

Thank UUs

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Louisa Berger and other Women's Alliance members for sponsoring and organizing the wonderful Thanksgiving dinner held at the church Nov. 22. A big thanks also to the youth who helped set the tables and the many people who jumped in to do dishes by hand since our dishwasher was broken. We are grateful!



The UUYO community is not the only one that appreciates your efforts. The YSU and Oberlin students and members of Frackfree Mahoning Valley were Very Thankful for the amazing Thanksgiving feast and for all the friendly folks they met! The guests felt very welcomed and talked about great conversations they had during their time with us. Our Wonderful UUYO community knows how to welcome and knows how to put on a Thanksgiving feast!

Stationary Bike on Offer

Jack Brizzi, Sr. has a stationary bike he would like to give to a member of the UUYO community. If interested, see Jack at coffee hour on Sunday.

Cookie Walk

If it's December it must be time for the annual Women's Alliance Cookie Walk, which will be held in Channing Hall following the church service on December 21st.



A large assortment of homemade cookies, candies, pastries and other sweet treats will be available to purchase by the pound. The selection varies from year to year, but you can be sure to find goodies suitable for gifts for friends, neighbors, teachers, a shut-in or care-facility resident, or for your own holiday entertaining. All bakers, not just members of Women's Alliance, are invited to contribute their favorite holiday treats.

Please bring donations to the kitchen before church on December 21st and make sure to let us know ingredients for the sake of those who have allergies.

Matt's Musings

December is a time of expectations, anticipation, hope, and surprise. For Jews, Hanukkah celebrates the rededication of the Temple (with its unexpectedly long-lasting lamp) after the Maccabean victory about 160 BCE. For Christians, Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. For many others, the Solstice is the pivotal day, on which the sun begins its gradual climb in the sky and days begin to lengthen.

There's a lot to look forward to at UUYO this December. We'll be having a Winter Solstice celebration on Sunday, December 20, which will include a Child Dedication Ceremony. This is a Unitarian Universalist ritual in which we recognize infants and children coming into our faith. Our Christmas Eve service has been moved up to 5pm to be more family friendly, and will include a pageant, a visit by St. Nick, and other surprises.

We'll have our Gingerbread House-making party on Friday, December 18 at 6:30pm. This is a fun group activity for the children, but adults (not just parents) are welcome too. Our annual Cookie Walk, hosted by the Women's Alliance, will be Sunday December 20, at 12:15pm.

Two concerts happen this month: Jeremy Avalos, a classical guitarist from the University of Akron, will be with us Sunday December 6, at 1pm. The band Burning Sage, who performed at our Solstice service last year, will offer a concert the evening of December 20, at 6 pm.

UUYO will host the Wick Park Neighborhood Planning meeting on December 3 at 6pm at the church. If you are curious about the neighborhood or want to get involved, this is a good place to plug in. We are also participating in the Enabling Racial Reconciliation in Greater Youngstown, which will have an organizing meeting December 9 at 4pm (location still to be determined). Finally, we are working with others in the larger community to offer a Certificate of Qualification for Employment legal clinic. The CQE helps those who have a conviction that makes it difficult to find work to be more employable. Planning for this clinic begins in December.

In this busy month, be sure to set aside a little time for the care of your own spirit. I'm taking an overnight solo retreat at a hermitage in early December, just to create such a space. But even one quiet hour set aside for reading, writing or reflection could be a great gift to the self.

See you in church!

Dear Members and Friends of UUYO,

The year feels like it's moving so quickly! Today it is still rather warm, even though stores are filling with Christmas decorations and snow feels like it's some ways off. (Living in NE Ohio, I know that it might well not be – hard to say!)

I have been enjoying experimenting with some things at UUYO – a new style of Intro to UU/Newcomer's Circle discussion for the first time in November and will be repeated in December; trying a Sunday afternoon Explorations group; organizing a Pastoral Care meeting; and hosting a discussion on racial justice work that the congregation could participate and/or engage in are the biggest things from November.

About racial justice – part of the work that I am most interested in engaging at UUYO this coming year is anti-racism, anti-oppression, and multiculturalism work (also affectionately referred to in good UU-acronym fashion as ARAOMC). We had a brainstorming session about opportunities in the congregation and community to engage in more work in this area. I'm considering offering a course in the spring on whiteness and being white and what that means but also looking to explore some other options. I'm looking for ideas and want to know about other ideas, so please feel free to contact me! Ideas are welcome for adults and/or multigenerational activities (and Becky is curious about ideas for RE).

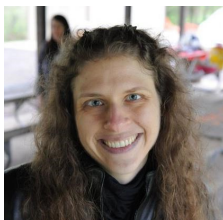
Other ideas suggested at the meeting include exploring options for conversations on race in the greater Youngstown community, focusing on infant mortality (as part of an initiative being developed by the Ohio Department of Health), and partnering with United Returning Citizens to offer a program for former inmates to improve their opportunities for getting a job, and possibly having a Universal Café on these topics or race and racism in the Youngstown area more broadly.

I am really excited to see the passion and the dedication of members and friends of UUYO for this work. In December, our worship theme will be "Expectation." My own life experiences have taught me that expecting particular things to happen or be can often lead to disappointment, but seeing possibilities and opportunities fills me with hope and shows me how I can be supportive of creating the changes I hope to see.

One aspect of the expectation of the season of Advent is making space inside for the holy or sacred or something-bigger-than-our-own-being. It's a time of reflection – reflecting on what we want and hope for and how we can be closer to G-d. This month I'll be thinking intentionally about those things I hope for and want for the world, as I think all of these things are tied together. The ways that we are called, the places where we find resistance, these are the things we need to listen to and hear both within ourselves and our community. This is how we will grow and change, and the practice of making space to listen is an important one to cultivate.

I am looking forward to the days ahead together – and to seeing you in church!

In faith,
Kristina Spaude



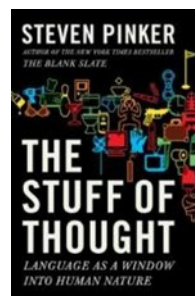
Winter Solstice—Dec 20

We are delighted to announce that Burning Sage, who performed music last year for UUYO's Winter Solstice service, will return this year for a full concert on the Winter Solstice, Dec 20. Doors open at 5pm. The show will start at 6pm.

Tickets cost \$17 in advance and include a dinner with pasta & meatballs. Christin Keck, author of the Cassie Rivers Adventures series, is sponsoring the show. By the way, the show coincides with the church's annual cookie walk, which will continue during the concert. More information is available at: <https://www.reverbnation.com/burningsagemusic>.

Book Club—Wed, Jan 20, 2016

The UUYO Book Club will not meet in December.



We will gather again on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at the home of Melissa Smith to discuss *The Stuff of Thought: Language as a Window into Human Nature* by Steve Pinker. "In this exhilarating new book, Steven Pinker analyzes how our words relate to thoughts and to the world around us and reveals what this tells us about ourselves. How does a mind that evolved to think about rocks and plants and enemies think about love and physics and democracy? Why do we threaten and bribe and seduce in such elaborate, often comical ways? How can a choice of metaphors start a war, impeach a president, or win an election? Why do people impose taboos on topics like sex, excretion, and the divine? What does the peculiar syntax of swearing tell us about ourselves? Why do some names thrive while others fall out of circulation? How do we control the amount of information that we absorb? And what good does this actually do us? Pinker answers all these questions and many, many more. He shows us that language really can tell us unexpected and fascinating things about ourselves."

Later in 2016 we are considering the following titles for discussion:

The Wright Brothers by David McCullough

At Home: A Short History of Private Life by Bill Bryson

Orwell's Cough: Diagnosing the Medical Maladies & Last Gasp of the Great Writers by John Ross

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Blood and Beauty: the Borgias by Sarah Dunant

Contact **Louisa Berger** for further information (bergermom@gmail.com).

Farmers' Market—Saturdays—10 AM—1 PM

We are located at 901 Elm at Baldwin. This is to be near the Community Coop Grocery Store. Items are from local farmers. You can also visit us on Facebook. If you have any questions, contact **Jim Converse**, Market Manager, at 330-518-6970 or jwconverse@gmail.com.



Alcoholics Anonymous

We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM at the church in Schweitzer Lounge.

Stretch and Creative Movement

Tuesdays—5:30—7:00 PM—Channing Hall—**Susan Miracle**

Vegetarians of the Greater Youngstown Area

Our meeting will be on Sunday, Dec 6, at 4 PM at the Church. The cost is \$3 with a vegetarian dish to share and \$6 without a dish. Please bring your own place settings. For more information, find us on Facebook or call **Chris Flak** at 330-318-2400.

Explorations—Small Group Conversations at UUYO

Explorations are monthly small groups that help people go deeper into the monthly themes (although we do vary widely). We have three groups at present.

Please contact the group leader for more information.

Two groups are discussion groups on this month's topic of Expectation. Wednesday Dec 16 - 7pm - 8:30pm - contact **Sarah Lown** (sarah.v.lown@gmail.com, [330-518-0844](tel:330-518-0844))

The second group is a spiritual writing group, on next month's theme of Resistance. Monday, Dec 7 - 7pm - 8:30pm - contact **Liz Hill** (liz@lizhill.net, [330-333-1619](tel:330-333-1619))



Reminders

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the January 2016 newsletter is Dec 17, 2015.

If you have any church keys that you are not using, please return them to the church office. Thanks!

If you would like to receive the UUYO Weekly Update by email, please send a request to office@uuyo.org or see Heather.

Intro to UU - Sunday, Dec 13 at 12:15pm

Join us for a brief discussion about Unitarian Universalism, UUYO, and you. This is a particularly useful gathering for visitors and newcomers, but people who've been around awhile are welcome too! Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us in Schweitzer Lounge, about 15 minutes after the service ends, and stay for as long as you'd like. See **Kristina Spaude** (kspaude@uuyo.org) for more information.

Women's Alliance - Saturday, Dec 19 at 12:30pm

The December meeting of Women's Alliance will be held Saturday, December 19th at The Fifth Floor Restaurant, 201 East Commerce Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44503. All women of the church are invited to attend. Contact Louisa Berger for further information (330.746.6897).

At the December meeting we will report on the Thanksgiving dinner and provide a preview of the Cookie Walk which will take place after church on Sunday, December 21st. Please think about what wonderful baked goods you might want to contribute to the cookie table.



An election was held at the Women's Alliance meeting on November 14, 2015; officers for 2016 are President: Eugenia Pierce; Vice President: Margaret Haushalter; and Secretary-Treasurer: Louisa Berger. New officers will take their positions in January 2016.

Contact **Louisa Berger** for further info (bergermom@gmail.com).

Writing as Spiritual Practice

Mon, Dec 7, 7- 8:30pm

We'll reflect on the January worship theme, which will be "Resistance." We will then have a time to "free write" individually, with the option of sharing our reflections with one another. All are invited, regardless of writing experience. Bring a pen and notebook and a willingness to explore. Led by Liz Hill, liz@lizhill.net, 330-333-1619.



Care Team

UUYO's care team is available for short-term assistance. This could include transportation, visits, cards, phone calls or casseroles in time of need. For member news or assistance please contact Jeanne Tucker (330.652.0308).

Hospitality Team Schedule for the Month of December:

Team 1 is responsible for the dates of Dec 6 & Dec 13.

Liz Hill - Communicator
Gary Davenport - Communicator
Laura Andy Neal Edman
Beth Foster Jan Grigsby
John Gulgas Monica Hite
Christine Gulgas Marty O'Leary
Jim Rogers Peg Tomm

Team 2 is responsible for Dec 20, Dec 27, Jan 3 & Jan 10.

Jan Schnall, Communicator
Ralph Malmer Marcia Malmer
Millie Brewer Lynn Coleman
Kate Fitzgerald Margaret Haushalter
Cathy Kajut Gerard Kelly
Kadey Kimpel Alison Locketti
Jon Locketti Sarah Lown
Patricia Natali Trudee Weatherby
Anita Wesler

For questions, contact **Linda Mohn** (lmohn2005@yahoo.com) or **Carole McWilson** (carolemcwilson@aol.com).

Share the Plate

This program designates half the loose collection at Sunday services to one specific charity per month. In an effort to ensure continuity of this worthwhile practice, the Board approved, by consensus, adoption of the following policy:

Recommendations for recipients of Share the Plate will be solicited from the congregation (forms on back table in Sanctuary), and must be submitted, in writing to the UUYO board for final approval. To ensure that the process is effective and fair in selection and distribution, the following criteria regarding the submitted organization/charity must be met:

- Must be a 501(c)3 nonprofit.
- Must have low administrative costs.
- Must have a mission consistent with UUYO Mission Statement.
- Must have clearly defined parameters about how, and to whom, donations are distributed.

In November, the Share the Plate recipient was Sojourner House. This organization offers protective shelter to women and their children in the Mahoning Valley who are fleeing an abusive environment and who cannot safely remain in their current residence.

In December, we will share the plate with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mahoning Valley.

BBBS matches children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships with caring adults (Bigs). These relationships change their lives for the better, forever.

See <http://bbbsmvonline.org/>.



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Bits from the Board

At the annual meeting in January, the Board will have a by-law change for consideration. Over the last couple of years we have been adjusting to having the Board elect its own officers rather than the congregation specifically electing a treasurer, vice president, and president. This has been working very well and now the Board plans to formalize the remaining details so the by-laws and reality are synchronized.

We are still working through our 2016 stewardship program and hoping to close an income gap for 2015. As I announced at the service on 11/22, the Board is requesting that members consider giving an "extra month" for 2015. If we all can manage to do that, we'll be in much better shape as we close out the year. We are working to minimize the dependence on large fundraising events to meet our operating budget, which means we need to depend on our members to meet our income needs as much as possible through regular giving, whether or not they pledge each year. Anyone who can manage to do more than an extra month - that's great!

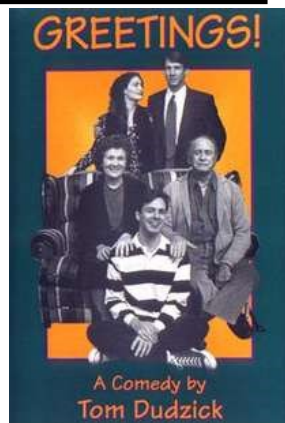
Other contributions are welcome as well, such as continuing assistance with facility maintenance and participation in church activities. If you have a suggestion for new or expanded activities and would like to help make those suggestions happen, you can let Matt or me know and we'll help you get started.

Thanks to everyone and Happy Holidays!

Andy Crabb, Board President

"Greetings!" at KSU Trumbull Theater

Jack Brizzi, Sr. invites you to the Kent State Trumbull Campus Theater's Dec 4 performance of their Christmas show, "Greetings!," directed by the new theater director, Eric Kidow. Free tickets are available through Jack; a \$10 donation to UUYO would be appreciated. The show starts at 8pm. A group gathers for dinner at Enzo's restaurant at 6pm. Please see Jack for more info.



Reflections

Welcome to the crazy-busy time of the year! While preparing for December's Children's Chapel, I came across a resource listed in the Explorations packet for December's church theme of Expectations.

The book is called Unplugging the Christmas Machine, by Jo Robinson and Jean Coppock Staeheli. I ordered three copies (the extra two



as early Christmas presents for my mother and sister-in-law!) because this is exactly what I have been looking for in my own life. The tag line of the book reads, "A Complete Guide to Putting Love & Joy Back Into the Season." I think many of us get overwhelmed by all of the "have-to's" of the season- the *expectations* that come along with the holidays. I will have this book read before December 1, so I can let go of many of the expectations I put on myself, so hopefully I can enjoy the holiday season. Perhaps next year, we can plan a workshop on Unplugging the Christmas Machine, so we can all be in this together!

Part of enjoying the season, however, is being with friends and family, doing seasonal activities. We are planning on having our 2nd Annual Gingerbread House-Making Party on Friday, December 18 at 6:30. I will provide graham crackers as the building foundation, as well as pizza and cocoa for enjoying. If attendees could, please bring a container of frosting as well as some candies or snack items that could be shared and that would make good gingerbread house decorations.

In other news, in November, I "sponsored" three of our junior high youth at our first (in a very long time) youth Con. It was a great experience for me to see the older youth running the Con, and to see some of the traditions and rituals that make it fun for the kids. All of our youth who attended said they had a great time! I was glad I had gone, as I met some very nice youth sponsors and another DRE or two, but I was also able to see how these events are run. This spring, the weekend of March 11-13, the Social Action Con (SAC) will be held at UUYO. There could be potentially 80 youth spending the night on our church floors, but also volunteering to do a service project in our neighborhood! The Youth-Adult Committee planning this event is looking for suggestions for projects that could be helpful in the Youngstown area. If you have any ideas, please let me know and I can pass that information along.

I wish for everyone a healthy, truly enjoyable, expectation-free holiday season!

-BeckyAnn Harker, Director of Religious Education

Gingerbread House Party

UUYO will host our 2nd Annual Gingerbread House Making Party on Friday, December 18 at 6:30pm. BeckyAnn Harker will provide graham crackers as the building foundation, as well as pizza and cocoa for enjoying. If attendees could, please bring a container of frosting as well as some candies or snack items that could be shared and that would make good gingerbread house decorations. All are welcome.



Classical Guitar Concert, Sunday, Dec 6 at 1pm

Please join us as Jeremy Avalos returns to UUYO to present a program spanning Elizabethan music written by the famed lute player John Dowland to contemporary guitar art music written by the Cuban guitarist and composer Leo Brouwer. In between will be pieces by J.S. Bach, the nineteenth century Italian child prodigy of the guitar Giulio Regondi, and the eminent Spanish composer Joaquin Rodrigo. The recital will consist of about an hour of music in total, and there will be a brief intermission about half way through. UUYO will accept free will donations to be split between the musician and the music program at UUYO.



Information about Mr. Avalos' studies and portfolio can be found here: <http://jeremyavalos.com/>

Singing before the Service: Sundays 10:40am

Join us as we warm up our voices! Even when a few of us sing beforehand, the whole congregation sings better that Sunday.

Marcellene Hawk or Beth Foster will play, and we'll sing the hymns of the day, and add Christmas carols to the mix.



Enabling Racial Reconciliation in Greater Youngstown Wednesday, Dec 9 from 4-8 pm

Matt and Kristina have been participating in a group led by the Rev. Jim Ray called Enabling Racial Reconciliation in Greater Youngstown (ERRGY). The purpose of this group is to get more people in the community talking about race and racism, starting with getting people together to talk and hear each other's experiences. The outcome, we hope, is that people will be able to help each other in meaningful ways and begin to transform the community. Members from various churches will be participating, as well as people from different professional and other backgrounds. The Youngstown police department has been contacted and they plan to have some officers participate in these groups, for example.

A training will be held on December 9 for people who are interested in helping organize these meetings - learning how to find an appropriate space, publicize and network to bring people in, and so on. The training is open to all who are interested and is no charge.

Please contact Matt (minister@uuyo.org) or Kristina (kspaude@uuyo.org) for information on the location (still to be determined) and to RSVP. We would love to have a few people from UUYO participate!



**Worship Associates Team Meeting - Sunday Dec 13 at 1pm
Youth Room**

Our Sunday worship gets planned and led in part with the help of Worship Associates, as part of our Shared Ministry at UUYO. If you are curious about this process, and are thinking about getting involved, please come to our Worship Associates Meeting on December 13. We invite people to help out in multiple ways from researching topics to reading in services to designing whole services.



At this seasonal meeting, we consider our monthly themes through Winter and Spring, and we will divide into smaller monthly teams to support worship for those months. If you want to know more, contact Sarah Lown (sarah.v.lown@gmail.com) or Matt Alspaugh

**Care Team Meeting
Sunday, Dec 13 at 10am in Schweitzer Lounge**

Pastoral care is an important part of the life of UUYO. We are re-energizing our Care Team and wanting to increase the number those who offer care and support to our community. We plan to get together monthly for brief meetings to check in, periodically assess how things are going, brainstorm ways to be supportive in the community and to each other. If you have questions, would like more information, or want to participate but aren't able to make it, please contact Jeanne Tucker (tuckertalk@aol.com) or Kristina Spaude (kspaude@uuyo.org).



Pastoral Care

If you have a pastoral care need, or know of someone in our congregation who might have a need, please contact Rev. Matt (minister@uuyo.org) or the church office (office@uuyo.org, 330-746-3067)



Poinsettia Orders

Help make our sanctuary beautiful for Christmas. You can order red poinsettias, which will be used to decorate the church for Sunday, December 20, and Christmas Eve, and then take them home to enjoy. Complete the order blank below and turn your orders and payment in to the church office.

The absolute deadline for orders and payments is Sunday, December 20. Payment may be made by cash or check (checks payable to the church). Contact Jan Elias at jaelias@ysu.edu or 330.757.3503 with any questions. You may request white or pink plants, but these colors cannot be guaranteed.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Size	Price	Quantity	Sub-total
6 ½" pot (1 plant)	\$9.95	_____	_____
7 ½" pot (2 plants)	\$19.95	_____	_____
8 ½" pot (3 plants)	\$27.95	_____	_____
		Total	_____

_____ It is ok to list my name in the order of service as a flower donor.



December 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 WPNA 3pm	4	5
<u>Service—11am</u> <u>VS-4pm</u> <u>FF— 6pm</u>		<u>S&CM—5:30-7pm</u> <u>AA—7:30pm</u>				
6 <u>Service—11am</u> <u>Jeremy Avalos Guitar</u> <u>Concert (SA) 1-3pm</u> <u>VS 4-5pm</u> <u>FF— 6pm</u>	7 Writing as Spiritual Practice 7-8:30pm	8	9 Board meeting 6:30pm <u>ERRGY 4pm—location</u> <u>to be determined</u>	10	11	12 Women's Alliance 12:30pm
		<u>S&CM—5:30-7pm</u> <u>AA—7:30pm</u>				
13 <u>Service—11am</u> <u>Intro to UU 12:15pm</u> <u>WA Meeting—1-2pm</u> <u>FF— 6pm</u>	14 UU Leadership Institute 6:30pm	15	16 Explorations 7pm	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 Gingerbread House Event 6:30pm	19
		<u>S&CM—5:30-7 pm</u> <u>AA—7:30pm</u>				
20 <u>Service—11am</u> <u>Cookie Walk 12-9pm</u> <u>FF— 6pm</u> <u>Solstice Concert —6pm</u>	21	22 Winter Solstice	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 5-6pm	25 Merry Christmas	26
		<u>S&CM—5:30-7 pm</u> <u>AA—7:30pm</u>				
27 <u>Service— 11am</u> <u>FF— 6pm</u>	28	29	30	31	No Book Club Meeting in December.	
		<u>S&CM—5:30-7pm</u> <u>AA—7:30pm</u>				

FF—Frack Free / S&CM—Stretch & Creative Movement / VS—Vegetarian Society / WA—Worship Associates / WPNA—Wick Park Neighbor Association / ERRGY—
Enabling Racial Reconciliation in Greater Youngstown