



**Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County**

**December 22nd, 2019**



## **Living with Awe and Wonder**

Speaker: Rosemary Morrison

Associate: Dianna Poindexter

Sound: Don Gresham

Pianist: Janice Brennan

# Order of Service for December 22, 2019

**Gathering Music** Medley of Christmas Songs

*During the gathering music you are invited to spend time in quiet reflection in the sanctuary.*

**Welcome**

**Prelude** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
13th Century Plainsong, arr. Michael Scott

**Chalice Lighting for Advent**

In this holiday season,  
throughout the year to come,  
and always in our lives,  
may we know we are loved:  
may we share the love we have  
and may we be the love we wish to see.

— David Brennan

**Hymn** #235 Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly

**Our Covenant**

Love is the spirit of this church,  
and service is its law.  
This is our covenant:  
To dwell together in peace,  
to seek the truth in love,  
and to help one another.

**Lighting the Advent Wreath** *Fourth Sunday in Advent*  
by Megan Dowell

**Musical Offering**

*North Pole Express (Ding Dong Merrily on High)* by  
Jon Schmidt, performed by Richard Maddux, Larry  
Guentart, and Michael Lewis

**Sharing Peace**

*In the spirit of peace, please turn and greet your*

*neighbors.*

**Personal Reflection** Dianna Poindexter

**Meditation on Winter Celebrations** by Elizabeth  
Strong

**Silence**

**Hymn** #391 Voice Still and Small

**Sermon** Living with Awe and Wonder

**Speaker** Rosemary Morrison

**Prayer** “We are Seeking Christmas” by Tom  
Schade

**Hymn** #1051 We Are

**Offering**

*After the collection plate has passed your  
row, you are welcome to light a candle of  
hope or remembrance.*

**Offertory** *Christmas Comes Anew*  
Traditional French, arr. Michael Scott

**Hymn** #239 Go Tell It on the Mountain

**Chalice Extinguishing**

## UU CHURCH STAFF

Rosemary Morrison, Interim Minister  
Nicole McCabe, Director of Religious Exploration  
Janice Brennan, Musician  
Maxwell Starkey, Temporary Office Administrator  
Christina Wright, Nursery Coordinator

# THE MERIDIAN UPDATE WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Sunday, December 22, 9:00AM, Forum

*No forum today.*

## Sunday, December 22, 10:30AM, Service

Speaker: **Rosemary Morrison**

Topic: **Living with Awe and Wonder**

## CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 22ND — 28TH

#### Sunday, December 22nd

10:30 AM Worship (S)

#### Monday, December 23rd

7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K)

12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH)

7:00 PM AA Spiritual Experience (FH)

7:00 PM LIMC (101/103)

#### Tuesday, December 24th

*Christmas Eve*

12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH)

7:00 PM Winter Wonder: Carols and Stories

7:00 PM Candlelight Service (S & FH)

*Candles, music, magi, and the magic of the holiday season! This service will warm your heart and the cookies and hot chocolate afterward will warm your tummy. Make sure this service is on your holiday calendar!*

#### Wednesday, December 25th

*Christmas Day*

7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K)

#### Friday, December 27th

7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K)

12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH)

## A LOOK AHEAD...

#### Saturday, January 4th

2:00 PM Rosemary's Ordination Ceremony, S

*Everyone is invited to this important event in our congregation's history. Reception is to follow, and childcare will be provided.*

#### Sunday, January 5th

10:30 AM The Gift of New Beginnings, S

*We celebrate the opportunity to begin anew. What possibility is bubbling up in your life? There will be a Child Dedication Ceremony during this service. Please speak to the Interim Minister if you would like to have your child*

## NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE & FORUM TOPICS

*There is no forum scheduled for Sunday, December 29th.*

### Sunday, December 29th, 10:30AM, Service

Speakers: **Rosemary Morrison**

Topic: **Living with Mystery: Coping in Busy Times**

*This service will give us a chance to slow down, take a breath, and charge our batteries as we prepare for the New Year. What will you leave behind? What are you*

## Room Legend Key

S—Sanctuary, FH —Fellowship Hall,



## CHILD AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

RE Calendar: Nicole McCabe, [dre@uuctc.org](mailto:dre@uuctc.org)

There will be no RE classes for the next several services. Students will remain in service today, December 24th at the candlelight gathering, and again on December 29th.

Rosemary's ordination will be on January 4th from 2 to 5 PM. Amanda Estes and I will be setting up and could use some assistance from any interested youth!

I'm still collecting gift basket items. Contact me to donate.

RE classes will resume on January 5th with a spirit circle celebrating the new year in 101/103. Volunteers are



### ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Reiki is a form of alternative medicine called energy

healing. Reiki practitioners use a technique called palm healing or hands-on healing through which a "universal energy" is said to be transferred through the palms of the practitioner to the patient in order to



# NURSERY

Christina Wright, [Nursery@uuctc.org](mailto:Nursery@uuctc.org)

Genuine compliments can lift someone's spirits. Empty praise is certainly well-intentioned and will have a similar effect. Children will learn the value of their character over their appearance if we tend to complement them more thoughtfully. I found (and appreciate!) this list of suggestions.

- ◇ You light up the room.
- ◇ Your beautiful laugh is contagious.
- ◇ You are an incredible friend.
- ◇ I enjoy your sense of humor.
- ◇ You make good choices.
- ◇ How creative!
- ◇ You inspire me.

— Christina Wright, Nursery Coordinator



*Join us for coffee and conversation in the fellowship hall after the*



**Reminder:**  
there will be no potluck on Sunday, January 5th due to Rosemary's ordination ceremony the