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Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Monmouth County, Lincroft, New Jersey

December 2016

December's Theme: *PRESENCE*

This is the first, the wildest and the wisest thing I know: that the soul exists and is built entirely out of attentiveness.
~ Mary Oliver

The moment one gives close attention to anything, even a blade of grass, it becomes a mysterious, awesome, indescribably magnificent world in itself.
~ Henry Miller

At the end of the day: do others feel loved in your presence? This is the spiritual bottom line.
~ Masin Kipp

Sometimes, people can go missing right before our very eyes. Sometimes, we lose sight of ourselves when we're not paying enough attention.
~ Cecelia Ahern

When you love someone, the best thing you can offer is your presence. How can you love if you are not there? The most precious gift we can offer others is our presence. When mindfulness embraces those we love, they will bloom like flowers.
~ Thich Nhat Hanh

Learn me slowly; be patient with my pages.
~ Pavana

Soul Matters ~ Rev. Virginia Jarocha-Ernst

Dear friends,

December dawns with such seriousness this year. I think it is evidence that 2016 has been a rough year for religious liberals. Yet I find myself hoping to end this rocky year strong. I want to stick the landing of 2016, despite the flawed tumbles that proceeded it.



This past Sunday (Nov. 13) when our service was 'standing room only' someone quipped, "What is bad for the country is good for Unitarian Universalism." It is true that our churches and meeting houses were full to overflowing all around the country the Sunday following an ugly and devastating election season. This fact makes me sad, and strangely hopeful at the same time.

Week after week some of us do show up to be the voice of liberal religion in this world. We show up to offer what love we can, and to take in the hope a Beloved community shares in the best and worst and middling of times. UUCMC's doors are open every Sunday of the year as a place of love and hope when you are winning or losing life's contests. I am so grateful to all who are here even when there is no urgent catastrophe shaking us up. And I am grateful for every new or returning person who takes that brave step to show up and participate. A ministry like this is all about presence. Showing up for one another and for all who need us, day after day, week after week is a spiritual practice that will sustain us through the toughest times.

I know that when you give the gift of your presence on a Sunday, or for a group, or a committee, or even just to read an email and stay connected, there is more hope in these darkest of days. Your presence really matters more than you know. Thank you for your love, your presence and all the hope that you inspire!

Happy, hopeful Holidays to each and all,

Rev. Virginia



Sunday Services

One service at 10:30am

December 4

Presence and Resistance

Rev. Virginia

In a recent conversation with several Christian colleagues, there was a discussion of Jesus' presence in their worship and in their daily lives. This made me wonder: What, or who is present in our gatherings? What do you call the spirit or energy that seems to linger in our Earth Room? Is it as radical as the teacher named Jesus? *Music by Core of Fire, Roots and Wings, and Louise Chernosky.*

December 11

All the Feels: UU Source #1

Rev. Virginia

This service will be the first in a series exploring the Unitarian Universalist sources of our faith. We begin with the "Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life." *Music by UU Singers and Louise Chernosky.*

December 18

One Light, Many Colors: A Multigenerational Celebration of Lights

From Nov. 1 to Jan. 15, there are 29 Holidays celebrated by the world's religions. All of them deserve our full attention, yet on this one Sunday, we honor as many as we can instead! While there are so many candles to light, it does fill us up with hope that we can be who we are, and love and honor those who are different too. *Music by Just Folk, Chalice Singers, and Louise Chernosky.*

December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

4 pm – **Family Service** including our pageant, Christmas in the Barn, with a part for every child.

And don't forget to bring the babies! In the UU tradition, we believe that every child is the hope of this world. *Music by Chalice Singers and Louise Chernosky.*

8 pm – **Lessons and Carols.** *Music by UU Singers, Elaine Held, Louise Chernosky.*

A reception will follow both services.

Candle lighting for new children: Please send names of new children and babies to Lisa@uucmc.org.

December 25

Brunch-style potluck for those who want a friendly place to drop in Christmas morning

Friendship, coffee, tea, and juice, plus some homemade cookies will be waiting for you this morning. Please bring a brunch-style offering to share. You are also invited to bring a short (3-4 minutes) meaningful story or poem to share. In the spirit of Unitarians, **people of all faiths are welcome.** Join us and have a meaningful start to your day.

Sunday Dialogs — 9am (coffee 8:45am)

December 4 – “Gender, Sexuality, and Transgender Politics”

Heather Hills, Trans Activist and Musician & Liza Minno Bloom, Gender Studies Professor

This dialog will introduce participants to important concepts around gender and sexuality. These include the difference between sex and gender, transgender identities and politics, and the ways that gender and sexuality intersect with other identity categories such as race and class.

Heather Hills is a 19-year-old transgender music artist. She is just beginning her career; she makes sure to speak about her experiences as a trans woman of color to actively fight stigma surrounding the community.

Liza Minno Bloom is an educator and Racial Justice and Indigenous Solidarity Organizer. She teaches Gender Studies at Georgian Court University.

December 11 – “Climate Sanity from Paris to Marrakech & Beyond, With a Few Bumps Along the Road”

UUCMC Climate Change Action Team: Lynn Dash, convener

In recognition of the first anniversary of the UN Paris Climate agreement, our congregation’s CCAT discusses updates on climate impacts and international efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, from the Paris agreement of Dec. 12, 2015 to Marrakech in Nov., 2016. We’ll include participation by UUs as credentialed observers at UN talks and advocates at the national level, and we’ll address the prospects for continuing momentum in the face of powerful deniers in the recent election.

UUCMC members, compelled by the moral, ethical and survival imperative to act on climate change, formed a climate-specific action group as part of our Social Action Committee. CCAT acts to increase awareness of climate change and to work toward solutions within and outside of our congregational walls. We have representation on the national UU-UNO/Commit2Respond Climate Action Team network as well as the Monmouth Community Climate Coalition.

December 18 – “Progress and Future Challenges: Arrests, Racial Disparities, and Criminal (In)Justice”

Jasmine Crenshaw, ACLU-NJ Organizer

Last May, Jasmine Crenshaw led a Dialog about the December, 2015, ACLU-NJ report, “Selective Policing Racially Disparate Enforcement of Low-Level Offenses in New Jersey.” Shining light on the racial biases of the criminal (in)justice system in 4 different NJ municipalities, Jasmine will discuss what this means for communities of color, as well as possible policy changes. In this Dialog, Jasmine returns to discuss social justice in the context of the 2017 political landscape.

Jasmine Crenshaw is driven to expose and work to dismantle systems that oppress our most vulnerable populations. Through her work with the ACLU-NJ, she works to bring reform to the Newark Police Dept. and helps to devise and implement policy and advocacy strategies to achieve social justice for all.

December 25 – No Sunday Morning Dialog
January 1 – No Sunday Morning Dialog

See you on January 8, 2017



Religious Exploration Ministry

Building Bridges

Michelle McKenzie-Creech,
Credentialed Director of RE



Our theme this month is Presence, not to be confused with presents. Although, learning how to be present for yourself and for others can be a gift. One way to be present is with your body, but what you are thinking and feeling also affects your presence. Have you ever been riding in a car and your mind wanders and you find that you kind of forget where you are? It happens to me all the time! Learning to be fully present in the moment means that you are using all of your senses to focus on where you are and what you are feeling in a given moment.

The practice of learning how to be present can help us understand and work through our feelings. If we know how to focus ourselves, no matter what is happening, we can make good choices. It has even been said that learning how to be present can help us become the people we want to be. Meditation is one way to practice being present, and there are lots of ways to meditate. One of my favorite ways to teach children mindfulness is by using a fun book called No Ordinary Apple by Sara Marlowe. The book teaches children how to eat an apple mindfully and is a fun way to teach us how to slow down and appreciate the simple things in life. Check it your at your local library, or I have a copy you can borrow.

"Your presence is the most precious gift you can give another human being."

~ Marshall Rosenberg

In community,
Michelle



Religious Education News

RE REjoices:

We will be having a multi-gen holiday party on December 10th, 5-7:30pm. It is a potluck, and **everyone in the congregation is invited**. We will have food, drinks, bingo, crafts, a sing-a-long, and fun for all ages.

Our **Christmas Eve service at 4pm** is geared for families with children. We have a pageant with your children as the stars. We sing familiar Christmas tunes and light a candle for all of our loved ones that were born or adopted this year. Children can also be part of the Chalice Singers (see page 8). Please come join us.

RE REquests:

You should be receiving an email looking for volunteers for our holiday party. Many hands make easy work! Please consider signing up for one of the openings. As always, your help is much appreciated.

RE REminders:

The youth are working on the same themes that are covered in worship and Covenant Circles. Share with each other what you have discovered about yourselves and your faith.

Some **RE** dates to **RE**member and **RE**cord:

Dec. 10 at 5pm: Holiday Party

Dec. 24 at 4pm: Holiday service with a children's pageant

Board News

Board of Governance 2016-2017

Interim President	Joan Farkas	Treasurer	Tom Smith	VP at Large	Alicia Malave-Diaz
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Secretary	Jan Boyarin	VP at Large	Steve Vitale	Council Moderator	Judy Bolton

From the Board of Governance:

As we all reel from the outcome of November’s election, we want to reinforce to all that ours is a place of community, love, peace and decency. Whoever you are, however you found this place, you are welcome here. To that end, please be sure to join us for the Interim Congregational Meeting on **December 4th** after service as we join together to create a congregational covenant. Now more than ever, we need to share how we can support this community and how the community can support us. As we enter into the coming holiday season, opportunities for fellowship, music, social justice, laughter and giving will arise. Please be generous and kind to each other and to all who feel vulnerable and abandoned.

We would like to thank Bob and Maxine Guenther for their commitment to helping improve the lighting in our Earth Room and Rick Goldberg for his continued help in organizing the information needed for this congregation to thrive.

Yours in Community,
The UUCMC Board



People looking for a friendly place to **drop in Christmas morning** are welcome to a brunch-style potluck at 10:30.

There will be friendship, coffee, tea, and juice, plus some homemade cookies. You are invited to bring a brunch-style offering to share. Please also bring a short (3-4 minutes) meaningful story or poem to share.

In the spirit of Unitarians, people of all faiths are welcome.

Join us and have a meaningful start to your day. Marinel is **looking for a few volunteers** to help her. Please email her at baykoof944@aol.com. *Thanks!*

Bus Trip for March on Washington

Two busloads of UUCMC Members and friends will be heading to Washington, DC, on 1/21/2016 for the **Women’s March on Washington**.

Although the March is organized and sponsored by women, the sponsors want to be clear that this event is open to all as evidenced by this information from their page “This is an **INCLUSIVE** march and **EVERYONE** who supports women’s rights are welcome.” It will be a peaceful human rights march from Lincoln Memorial to the White House to remind the new presidential administration that love, peace and unity are American values that must be maintained.

The bus will leave from UUCMC at 5am and return late that evening. Cost is \$70 dollars per person and seats are filling up fast. To reserve your seat, the **money must be in by January 1**. For more info or to reserve your seat, please contact Joan Farkas at jbfarkas@verizon.net or Carolyn Weaver at cjweaver55@hotmail.com.



UUCMC Solar System’s Lifetime Performance (since 9/22/06)

Reading taken 11/1/16

Total:	119,629 pounds of CO ₂ pollution avoided
108,755	184,887 pounds coal consumption avoided
Kwhrs	
produced	326 barrels of oil consumption avoided

Committee News



Committee Chairs

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Community Life	Heidi Bruhin	Membership	Betsy Sunada	Social Action	Tony Giordano/ Elizabeth Sowell-Zak
Denominational Affairs	Rich Held	Music	Liz Tortorella	Sunday Morning Dialog	Linda Stehlik
		Program	Jane Reskof		

SOCIAL ACTION

The Social Action Committee meets in the East Room the **first Wednesday**, Dec. 7, 7pm. Don't like what is happening? **Get involved.**

Share the Plate: UULMNJ was our recipient for October and received a check for \$896.75. For December, we will share half our Sunday offerings with Family Promise of Monmouth County, a great organization that provides temporary housing, food, and other services such as help with finding a job and housing. Some UUCMC members helped out at Middletown Methodist Church in hosting homeless families the week of November 27.

We are looking for someone to serve as liaison with Family Promise. If interested, see Anne Shramko or Elizabeth Sowell-Zak.

We will host the Mitten Tree again this year. Recipient(s) to be announced soon.

We continue to provide lunch and four or five volunteers to help serve it at the **Bayshore Lunch Program** in Keyport on the second Monday of each month. If interested in joining us, contact Barbara Vallin.

Thanks to Vanessa Merhi who organized our CROP Walk participation. Our members raised more than \$2000 to help alleviate hunger.

The next movie in the Social Action film series is **Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic?** on Dec. 11 at 5pm in the Community Rm. (See p. 10.)

Get involved!

Email: socialactionuucmc@gmail.com

CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION TEAM

Climate change impacts are getting worse and affect the most vulnerable of the world's people. It is more important than ever that people at every level advocate for strong climate action.

At the international level, 9 UUs from other congregations went to Marrakech, **COP 22**, as credentialed observers of the UN talks there to solidify goals for greenhouse gas emissions. Our own CCAT was instrumental in having the UUA President, Rev. Peter Morales, sign a letter to the chief US negotiator, Jonathan Pershing, urging a strong position on this moral, ethical and survival issue. After input from fellow UUs, the final copy was signed by Pres. Morales and hand-delivered to the State Department in Washington.

What's Next after Marrakech?

Recognizing the first anniversary of the Paris Agreement of 12/12/15, UUCMC's CCAT will present an update on climate at the **Sunday Morning Dialog** on December 11 at 9am. (See page 3.) We are all needed to keep our country accountable and protect the web of life.

CCAT meets on Dec. 5 at 1pm in Lincroft. RSVP climatelynn@gmail.com

"**Years of Living Dangerously**", the documentary series on climate change, has entered its second year--now on National Geographic channel 10 pm on Wednesdays. Well worth watching. The episode on Dec. 7 features the grassroots volunteer non-partisan Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL). www.citizensclimatelobby.org

Post-election climate and global climate: **People seem energized to act for social justice in many realms post-election.** CCL's website has received 8 times the interest as before and many chapters are experiencing record attendance. *Come join us!* Next meeting: Saturday, Dec. 10 at 11:30am at UUCMC. "Action is the antidote to despair."

Questions? climatelynn@gmail.com

From the Racial Justice Task Force:

"His election strikes fear into the hearts of the vulnerable, the weak, and above all the many varieties of 'other' whom he has so deeply insulted. The African American... The Hispanic... The female... The Jewish... The Muslim..."

"In January, a man of integrity will leave the White House and then we will witness the inauguration of a con."

So says the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, the architect of Moral Mondays and president of the North Carolina NAACP, at a speech given on Sunday, Nov. 13 at Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C. He talks of our need to stand up and fight and to not give up and is currently on tour with The Moral Revival. From its website:

"**The Revival: Time for a Moral Revolution of Values**" is a national, multi-state tour to redefine morality in American politics. They are pushing a broad social justice agenda that centers on five key issues areas: the economic liberation of all people; access to quality education for every child; healthcare access for all; criminal justice reform; and ensuring historically marginalized communities have equal protection under the law. Our goal is to support state-based fusion movements to combat extremism in state and national politics, and to be a catalyst for a resurgence of political activism in order to end poverty, racial inequalities, and the most pressing issues in our country.

To listen to the **speech** in its entirety, go to <http://www.breachrepairers.org/#livestream-section>.

Rev. Barber also recommends that everyone read **Langston Hughes** at <https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/poem/let-america-be-america-again>.

UUCMC Winter Common Read

The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement is Overcoming the Politics of Division and Hate

by The Rev. Dr. William Barber II and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove

The UUA describes their Common Read: "*The Third Reconstruction* offers helpful, practical guidance for engaging with justice movements. It challenges us to ground our justice work in moral dissent, even when there is no reasonable expectation of political success, and to do the hard work of coalition building in a society that is fractured and polarized." The author is the leader of NAACP, N.C., who is remembered as a lauded speaker at the Democratic National Convention 2016.

See Donna Koloski for a copy of the Winter Read available for purchase or loan at Coffee Hour. **Discussion: Feb. 16 at 1 pm** in the East Room

SPRING COMMON READ ~ **Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis** by J. D. Vance. Discussion will be in April.

Standing Rock

20 UUCMC members are beginning to discuss how we might support the Native American water protectors at Standing Rock in their resistance to the Dakota Access PipeLine (DAPL).

An article explaining Standing Rock by a UU minister in Arkansas is at uuasouth.blogspot.com/2016/11/call-for-clergy-to-standing-rock.html, and there's an excellent 8-minute film, "Mni Wiconi: The Stand at Standing Rock" at www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FDuqYld8C8&t=8s. The UU minister in Bismark, ND, suggests that those wishing to make donations can confidently do so at the Oceti Sakowin (Sioux) Camp website, www.ocetisakowincamp.org.

Denominational Affairs

An excerpt from the UUA's president's Election Reflection

"This is a time to take a deep breath and a long view. Our role as religious progressives committed to democracy, compassion and human dignity is to help bend our culture toward justice. ...Issues like marriage equality and civil rights. The laws change when attitudes change. Our role is to help change attitudes, to lead by example."

The UU Central-East Region's webinar for December:

Tuesday, December 13 - 1-2 pm EST

Wednesday, December 14 - 9-10 pm EST

Melanie Davis, UUA OWL Program Associate, and Amy Johnson, from United Church of Christ, help religious educators and OWL facilitators acknowledge diverse faith perspectives among participants while remaining true to the values and intent of OWL sexuality education.

Access the webinar by going to www.uua.org/central-east and clicking on the "Events and Webinars" link.

Curiosity Club

Saturday, Dec. 3rd, noon-2pm in the Community Room
All are welcome to bring a bag lunch to enjoy while we watch a DVD sermon presented by psychiatrist Dr. Jack Zak entitled "**Comfortable Misery**". The sermon will address how the complementary approaches of science and religion can learn from each other.

Winter Path to Membership Series

Are you wondering about membership at UUCMC? Find out about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism, and meet other seekers on the journey. We meet noon to 1pm in the East Room.

Email Lisa Arcoleo (lisa@uucmc.org) to sign up. It's important to know if you need childcare.

January 15	Welcome
January 29	Grow
February 12	Participate
February 26	Serve

Think About Gift Cards for the Holidays

Grandkids, nieces and nephews, favorite teachers, mail carriers, just about anybody on your list will appreciate **gift cards from UUCMC**. AND they are convenient to buy, easy to wrap and inexpensive to mail! It's win-win!

UUCMC stocks gift cards that make great gifts:

Kohl's	Amex or Visa
Macy's	iTunes
JCPenney	Amazon
Dunkin Donuts	Bonefish/Outback/Carrabas
Panera Bread	Gap/Old Navy/Banana Republic
Starbucks	Dick's Sporting Goods

And many, many, more

We can also order from hundreds more retailers. Try it out to see how easy it is. *Thanks!*

Community Life Meeting

All are welcome to join us in the East Room on Sunday, **Dec. 11**, at noon. We welcome participation at Sunday coffee hour, soup luncheons, and special events. Come share your feedback and ideas about hospitality. If you can't make the meeting, but are interested, contact Liz Tortorella, Community Life Committee member.

MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!

The music and dance this month will offer a sonic contemplation of "presence." UU Singers will perform Brahms' setting of Heyse's text, "Waldesnacht," which describes being present through the direct sensory experience of nature. Later in the month, Dan Forrest's setting of Howard Thurman's text, "The Work of Christmas," exhorts us to be present to the pain and suffering in our world as we strive to be agents for healing. To celebrate the Solstice, Just Folk will sing Peter Mayer's "Where is the Light?" which reminds us that during the darkness, "the light's inside of me." We will also have special offerings from Core of Fire as we explore the connection between presence and resistance.

All children are invited to sing with Chalice Singers this month! There are two opportunities to participate: On December 18, please arrive at 10am to practice "This Little Light of Mine," which will be performed in the service that day. Then, on December 24, please arrive at 3:30pm before the 4pm service to practice "Rise Up Shepherd." Both songs are available in advance from Louise (music@uucmc.org). Chalice Singers does not conflict with the pageant; children can participate in both parts of the service.

Many of our musical groups remain open throughout the year, and newcomers to our congregation are invited to get involved at any time. Please visit our website to learn more (<http://www.uucmc.org/participate/music-programs/>).

Louise Chernosky, Music Director
music@uucmc.org

SAVE THE DATE

February 12th, 4pm, in the Earth Room

Violinist Joel DeWitt and pianist Evan Schwartzman will present a concert of four works for violin and piano:

- Mozart violin Sonata in A Major, K526,
- Poulenc violin Sonata in d minor, FP119,
- Three Places in New Jersey, a suite for violin and piano by Evan Schwartzman,
- Prokofieff violin Sonata in f minor, opus 80.

This is a fund-raising event benefiting UUCMC.

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Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15th of each month at 12n. Please submit articles to uucmc@uucmc.org.

This newsletter is for news and articles about the activities of the congregation. All submissions should be <150 words.

The newsletter can be accessed via our website at www.uucmc.org. Click on News and then Newsletter. Copies are available without charge in the foyer.



UU Buddhist Meditation

EARTH SANGHA

Every Thursday from 5:00-6:30 and every Friday from 10:30-12. Come, come, whoever you are to the Earth Room for sitting and walking meditation... to find our center, to find our moments of peaceful abiding, to face our own suffering.

The goal of this Zen Buddhist sitting group is to sit with ourselves together. All are teachers, all are students...bowing to our inherent complexity and love.

For more info, email Elaine Held at evdplate@gmail.com.

Tai Chi for Beginners
 Mondays, 6:15 pm, Community Room

Recognize the "qi" in your body. Learn the practice called "nanlaoshu" or "the art of how to grow old." It enables us to strengthen and straighten our bodies, increase flexibility and improve our general health and well-being. No sign-up necessary. Open to all. \$5 donation.

Dan Ciaglia: danciaglia@gmail.com.

LINCROFT ZEN SANGHA

The Lincroft Zen Sangha is a community of practitioners in the Soto sect of Zen Buddhism. Our intention is to live out the *life* of a Bodhisattva, realizing the awakening of ourselves and serving all others. On **Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Earth Room**, after a short Zen Buddhist liturgy, we sit zazen for three 25-minute periods, with a short walking meditation between periods. (**NOTE: We are not sitting on December 28th.**)

Beginning instruction is offered at **6:30 pm** before service and sitting begin. All are welcome. *Please email us to let us know of your first visit.*

Info: <http://lincroftzen.org> (See the "First Visit" tab) or info@lincroftzen.org

Adjunct Group

Monmouth Center for World Religions and Ethical Thought (MCWRET)



MCWRET is still completing plans for a January program. In the meantime, we recommend "visiting" theinterfaithobserver.org. It is full of rich material including videos that demonstrate pro-active interfaith work.

"He drew a circle that shut me out - Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout, But love and I had the wit to win: We drew a circle that took him in!" ~ Edwin Markham

www.interfaith-mcwret.org

Contact Joe Ritacco (MCWRET) jritacco@comcast.net or Kristine Binaco (UUCMC & MCWRET) uubooklover@verizon.net.

Upcoming Events!

Social Action Film Series

Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic?

December 11th at 5pm
UUCMC Community Room

This 2010 American documentary film exposes the effects of plastic bags and other plastic consumer merchandise, and its effects on land ecosystems, the marine environment and the human body.

Email Dan Ciaglia with questions:
danciaglia@gmail.com



Annual Multigenerational Holiday Extravaganza

Join on Saturday, **December 10th** from 5-7:30pm for our Holiday Extravaganza. We will share a potluck meal together, hear a story, make crafts, play bingo and sing carols! **Bring a dish to share** and be ready for some all-ages holiday fun!

Sixth Annual New Year's Labyrinth Walk

On New Year's Day after Superstorm Sandy, SisterCircle along with Maxine & Bob Guenther created a labyrinth and healing meditative space in the Earth Room. It was open to the public. Refreshments and conversation were available in the Community Room. About 25 people came that year. We have continued the tradition ever since, and the number of participants has grown each year. We anticipate a need to start the year with renewed hope and healing this year more than ever.

We need people to **help set up** after service (12pm-3pm), welcoming people who come to walk (3pm-6pm), and helping to clean up (6pm-7pm). If you can help keep this tradition going, please sign up during coffee hour or contact Ann Sherwood: acsherwood@att.net.



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